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Sunday January 1st 1860 I went to Church twice there was a young man name Thomas preached twice the reason preached morning and afternoon is Mr Hoskin had selected the very same text Mr Thomas preached from so Mr Hoskin told him he must perform his duty in the afternoon, Mr H did not expect any assistance but Mr Claydon (a friend of Mrs Hoskins) heard that Mr Wortley could not come, so he very kindly sent Mr Thomas, from his style of preaching I believe we should like to have him for a curate, he made two excellent sermons, very impressive and plain, I have reason to think he is a good young man. Elliot Sheldrick came up after dinner, and rode to Duxford with Jane Harriet & Joseph after supper. Annie Emma & Helen Maynard called in after tea. Annie & Emma looked very pale. I think George spent the morning at Mr Hatton's lodgings.

Monday 2nd I went to Langley for orders, it was very dirty but fine so I enjoyed the ride more than I have done for some time past. Elliot Sheldrick was at Janes when I came back but I did not see him, he was shut up in the parlour alone and very quiet, I should not have known he was there only Harriet whispered and told me, I was not to say any thing about it. they were busy in the shop when I came home at ½ past 7. I started rather earlier, I had a Village boy with me, John was obliged to go to Linton with a load of goods for the Union.

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Tuesday 3rd We were very busy getting up the orders. I was in the shop until past 9 O'clock. Mr Hatton came in and was planning a Charade for Miss Whites Christmas party tomorrow. Miss White came in for some shop goods and invited me to go.

Wednesday 4th We were still very busy and did not finish packing the goods until 10 O'clock nearly. George & the boy assisted me. Mr Hatton called here before he went to Mr Whites, they have got the Piano he hires. Elliot Sheldrick & Jane called for Sarah Ann, they went to tea, George went before me, it was past 11 when I went. there was just upon 20 in the party, I think most of them enjoyed themselves. Elliot Sheldrick & Emma Maynard could not agree, Elliot wanted to kiss her under the "Miseltoe" they had quite a skuffle, Emma called him "a beast" and ran up the stairs quite in a pet to wash her face, this was not very pleasant, I think Elliot is very much too fast, so George & several others think too. I took a part in a "Charade" with George, Mr Hatton, Jack Farnes & Sarah Ann, we made them laugh at our ridiculous nonsense. I think Miss G Farnes is rather sweet upon Mr Clark. Annie was not there she has a bad face. We broke up at ½ past 1 (A.M.) George & two or three more stayed about an hour longer. Mrs Peters was sleeping with Mrs Maynard for company. Jane and Sheldrick walked to Duxford

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Thursday Jany 5th I was up at 6 O'clock and getting ready to start the goods off in the horse & cart to Langley. Mr Hoskin brought the new school mistress & her mother they went to Cambridge by train, and came over here in Mr Hoskins carriage, he introduced the mistress (Miss Southey) to us, she borrowed a saucepan, Knives &c, &c & a jug, as her goods have not yet arrived from London, she is from Whittings College of Chelsea and bears a very high character, from her appearance I should think she is a very agreeable young person, she looks about 22 or 23 years of age. unfortunately it was a wet and uncomfortable day. Mr Hoskin came for Sarah Ann Missionary box there was not quite so much in this year as there was last I was busy in the shop all day, after supper I unpacked 2 Boxes & half of Candles, it was past 10 O'clock when I finished. - - -

Friday. 6th I was again very busy, Sarah Ann and I were weighing up sugar until 9 O'clock. George and Mr Hatton went to Mr Oslars to spend the evening I was sitting up until a $\frac{1}{4}$ past 12 O'clock for him.

Saturday 7th George went to Cambridge and did not get home until after 3 O'clock. Mrs Maynard heard of her husband he has been rather better the last few days. Mrs Henry Maynard says he has been

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more cheerful, this intelligence makes Mrs Maynard more cheerful, in the last letter from himself, he said the medicine he had been taking did not agree with him at all, it made him quite ill, it was not a bit like Mr Princes, so he left of taking it, since then I suppose from Sarahs letter he has been better. We were not very busy in the shop, I mean serving customers, I was up at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 & did not finish in the shop until the clock had struck 11. I was very tired when I went to bed.

Sunday 8th Mr Hoskin was over in time to open the Sunday school. Miss Southey came in soon after we began, and took an account of the childrens attendance. I went to church in the morning, stayed at home with Mrs Maynard in the afternoon she was very poorly with her head so did not go out any where. Sarah Ann went to church in the morning which is rather unusual for her to be able to do. Elliot Sheldrick came over with the Duxford folks to dinner. I saw sufficient in the evening to convince me they (Jane & Elliot) are "sweethearts" Jane was seated on his knee, little did they think I saw them have a sly meeting of the lips, I was the only one that was in the room with them, I was reading the book the Revd Mr Blackwell gave me. Mr Hatton came to tea, Joseph went home to Orwell he walked there in the morning, John went with the pony and gig in the evening to meet him, they got home about 8 O'clock. Annie, Emma, Helen and Robt Maynard Junr

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Mr Charter (their visitor from London, one of the teachers in Alberts school, I should think he is about 20 years of age and looks, not a little conceited) Miss Georgina & Kate Farnes & their brother Jack, all came in, in the evening, Sheldrick and Jane did not go in to speak to them. I went to bed a little after 10 O'clock left the men visitors up smoking. I fear we have not spent this day properly.

Monday Jany 9th. Plough Monday. Miss Southey commences at the new schools. Mr & Mrs Hoskin were over here at 9 O'clock, as soon as his carriage arrived some few of the most ignorant people began to abuse him (not to his face) about the schools one man Will Holland a good-for-nothing fellow half threatened to break the windows, they don't like to pay the ^d1 per week for their childrens education however superior it may be, no doubt they will soon think different. Mrs Hoskin came in and had a cup of tea in the evening. George started to walk to Triplow & Newton, John drove Edwin to Cambridge in the pony & gig, when he came back and fed the pony and himself, he followed George, they got home about 4 O'clock. At ½ past 6 the night school was opened, which is to be 3 times in the week (Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays) it is open for boys and young men that cannot go in the day time. the charge is 2d each per week. they had

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not been in long before the alarm of fire was given, I went to the door and saw it was Mr Geo Barkers¹ farm opposite his house, it was not long before I heard it was the stable and slaughterhouse in flames, not long after that I heard some of the horses were burnt, caused by the lantern falling amongst the fresh littered straw, the horse knocked it down while the man had gone out. George had been and come back with James Sheldrick for some pails. Sarah Ann, Mr Hatton, Georgiana Farnes & Jack were going past just at the time it broke out. This was a few minutes before 7 O'clock & the place was all down some time before 8, there were 6 horses burnt to death and the horsekeeper had a narrow escape, he kept in the stable trying to get the horses out until the smock frock he had on began to flame and was obliged to creep under the poor horses as they stood at the door before he could make his escape. horses are such obstinate animals in a case of fire, it is almost impossible to make them move. George & the men were dressing a bullock in the shop at the time and were obliged to drag it out as well as they could, it seems a most Miraculous thing to me that it was stayed there, not 2 yards from the stable (almost joining) stood an old thatched barn belonging to some thatched cottages in the next yard to the fire, these were all saved, Sarah Ann went to James Jacksons, and helped them tie

¹ <https://capturingcambridge.org/museum-of-cambridge/museum-exhibit-stories/whittlesford-scrapbook/>

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some of their goods up. Mr Jackson keeps the poor mens club book, so SA brought that home with her. I suppose Mr Robt Maynard was a very able man there and rendered great assistance. Jack Farnes pleased the old women to see him run up the ladders like a squarill as they said, Mr RM Jack & George with other men were on the ridge of the thatched buildings pouring water down the roofs of them, fortunately it was a still night, and plenty of assistance or the consequences might have been much greater. Mr Barker was at his daughter Lois Anns (Mrs Smith) at Burwell. Mrs Shead sent her dog cart (a new one) here, I suppose it was in the barn next to the fire. The places where Mr Jackson lives belong to John Shead he was from home, and his Mother very ill in bed not able to move, she has suffered from inflammation in the liver, although unable to get up, she gave orders what the men were to do if their places were to take fire, they were to have the stable doors open and the horses ready to turn them out at a moments notice &c &c. Sarah Ann went in knowing how ill she was, Mrs Oslar was with Mrs Shead, SA says Mrs Shead was very calm, she told them she was sure she could not move herself, she must be carried away if there was any danger, Jane her servants was to wrap the silver up & do something else. I went there for SA after the fire was over but

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she had gone from there, the servant told me she was never so much frightened in her life before, she was afraid to tell Mrs Shead how bad it was, (Mrs S did not know the worst of it until afterwards) Sarah Ann says Jane was down stairs alone crying & trembling with fright. I went to have a look at the ruins about 9 O'clock it was a disturbing sight to see the poor horses almost burnt to a cinder, some with their legs off and others with their heads off; there was a 36 gallon barrel of beer just arrived when I got there and the men where (*sic*) then busy at that. Sarah Ann, Mr Hatton, Georgiana Farnes and her brother Jack went to Mr Robt Maynards to have a rehearsal of the "Charade" to come off at their party tomorrow, they went but could not do much in it, after what had happened, Sarah Anne came home about 11 O'clock, not very well.

Tuesday Jany 10th. George and I were busy in the shop with the orders all day. I received a letter and a pair of White Kid gloves from cousin Edmund, he forgotten to leave them with this brother Charles when he came from Epping he will be in Cambridge tomorrow and will leave them then. I suppose he thought I should want the White Kids for a party. I did not go to Mr Robt Maynards, they came it almost too grand for me, John went to Duxford with the Sociable to fetch Jane and Harriet, of course they came

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up in full dress I should suppose, I did not see them. Joseph came up here to sleep and said Elliot Sheldrick was with them. Edwin came over from Cambridge. he walked from Shelford Station. George went about ½ past 8 O'clock. I was in the shop until 9 getting up orders. Mrs Peters slept with Mrs Maynard.

Wednesday Jany 11th. I heard them come home about ½ past 3 (AM) from Mr Robt Maynards party. Elliot Sheldrick left with Edwin for Cambridge by the ½ past 9 (AM) train, Elliot has gone to follow his old occupation until he can meet with something different, Jane and Harriet went to the station with them and then went on to Duxford. I was busy with the Triplow orders until 4 or 5 O'clock and then delivered them by Candle light, we did not get back before 9 O'clock. I am not sorry I stayed away from Mr R M's party, no doubt I should have been very tired, as most of the others seem to be, I think altogether there was about 30 there.

Thursday Jany 12th I rode to Sawston, it was very dirty I was busy in the shop until quite late. Sarah Ann was very queer, I suppose it was the effects of Tuesday's frolic. Miss Holliday of Duxford sent an invitation by her brother Tom to all of us, to go there to Tea on Tuesday next, but as our party is to be on Wednesday Sarah Ann could not give a decided answer. Jane was here.

Friday 13th George was book-keeping all day, he has neglected them so long which makes him very much behind with them. I don't think he has made a Xmas bill yet, I fear this would annoy his father very much if he knew it. in the evening after 8 O'clock George &

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Mr Hatton went to Mr Oslars and did not get back until past 12 O'clock. I was sitting up for him.

Saturday Jany 14th. George went to Cambridge. We were not very busy in the shop. I have not felt very well the last few days. Mrs Maynard was rather uneasy about Mr Maynard as he has not written for upwards of a week and she is afraid he is too unwell to write.-

Sunday 15th. I went to school in the morning and stayed at home the remainder of the day & nursed myself. George went to Waterbeach. it rained very fast in the morning. I did not go to Church at all. in the evening Mr Hatton, some of the down street folks & some of the Farnes's came in. Mr Hatton had tea and supper here. Miss Sarah Holidays party is to be tomorrow on account of ours being on Wednesday:- John drove Harriet Jane and Joseph home to Duxford in Mr R Maynards Sociable as it was so very wet and uncomfortable.

Monday 16th Sarah Ann rode to Miss Holidays to tea with Annie & them Mr Charter with them. I proposed going after we closed the shop with the pony and gig so Sarah Ann and I come home together. George did not get back from Waterbeach until a few minutes before 8 O'clock (PM) so Mr Hatton George and I rode down together, the wind was very cold, we left the pony at Harriets. Jane was not at the party, I suppose she wanted to write to her Sweetheart or something of the sort. We enjoyed ourselves much, the evening was spent in dancing and talking singing &c with the ladies, some of the gents smoked & soforth - We broke up about 10 O'clock. I went

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home with Harriet and fetch the pony and gig, and called for Sarah Ann, George and Mr Hatton had gone on with the Miss Farnes's Miss White & Miss Jay. SA and I overtook them about the milestone. Jack Farnes rode home with Annie and her party, then walked back to meet his sisters. Mr Clark's horse was waiting for him when we came away. Mrs Maynard had a letter from Mr Maynard, he has been staying with Mr Bowman at Abergavenny for a week and this is why he did not write earlier, he seems better than when he last wrote. Sarah Ann had the head ache nearly all the evening she looked very pale. it was about 2 O'clock when we went to bed. Jane was up writing when I went to fetch the pony. We quite startled her when we went in, she did not expect us so soon. Mr Holiday vaxinated (*sic*) Sarah Ann from Miss Holiday.

Tuesday Jany 17th I was tired from the effects of the party last night. at 8 O'clock George went with Mr Hatton and Jack Farnes to Mr Clark's at the Flour Mill. he took the Key of the house with him, I think it was about 1 when he came home: I believe he is very tired he said he did not get to bed very early Sunday Night. Edwin drove him from Cambridge to Watrbeach in a nice little turnout a hired one. Edwin came to Cambridge again directly. We went the pony and gig to fetch Jane from Duxford, as she wanted to be here to prepare for the visitors tomorrow.

Wednesday 18th George was very queer all day. he was busy at his books: from 5 to 6 O'clock the visitors began to arrive. Thomas Holiday and his sister were the first two. They were

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not all here that were invited, there was from 20 to 30 present. Mr & Mrs E. F. Oslar both came to tea, there was a charade or two, dancing &c &c. I'm afraid they did not enjoy themselves so much as they have done former years Edwin from Cambridge & Miss Hopkins from Waterbeach both came by the ½ past 7 train. We sent for Harriet and Joseph in the pony cart, they came up about 9. the party broke up about 3 O'clock, the down three folks went about an hour earlier.

Thursday Jany 19th. Edwin and Bessie went by the Parly train at 9.30 A.M. Harriet went to Duxford after Breakfast Jane stayed until the next morning. Sarah Ann Jane & Mrs Peters were busy clearing up after last nights frolic.

Friday Jany 20th I was busy in the shop as I generally have been lately, I find plenty and even more than I can do since Mr Maynard has been away. The fox hounds met in the park today about ½ past 11 it was raining very fast but there was a good many people there, they did not find a fox all day. Sarah Ann went to Mr Oslars for tea, George and I went after 8 Oclock, we sent the Sociable to Duxford for Jane and Harriet (Harriet did not come) Edwin came by the evening train, Mr Hatton went to London in the morning & back at night so we five rode down in the Sociable together. about 11 Oclock I came home for a piece of Mr Hatton's music Mrs Maynard & Mrs Peters had not long gone to bed

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so Mrs Peter was rather alarmed until I called at the foot of the stairs and made myself known. Mr Ellis of Triplow was there, he has had about £2000 left him he is rather gay and seems to be trying to spend it as fast as he can, he smokes about a pound weight of cigars in a fortnight, an elder brother of his, has had £4000 and he is just opposite to his brother, that is much more careful. The younger one told me he had been to 21 parties this Xmas, he is capital company in a party very agreeable and ready for any-thing. him and I took a part in a Charade with George Mrs Oslar & Sarah Ann, the word was "Candle stick". After the charade we had dancing again while we were acting, Jack Farnes was taken very poorly with indigestion mixed I believe with a love pain. poor fellow I suppose it was it was distressing to see him, they took him into a separate room he was quite isterical (*sic*) groaned and kicked very much they gave him some neat brandy which soon relieved him and he was then anxious to have more so he did which made him quite silly, he began dancing but looked very queer the remainder of the evening, Annie and him had a little talk together at supper time, Annie was acting very heartless to him and very cruel too, as she has done to others before him. I fancy he was jealous

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of some one then present, as Sarah Anne was sitting next to him and could not help over-hearing them as they talked rather loud, she heard him say he should like to have a duel with some one in the room. Sarah Ann thought he meant Hatton. he also said that unless Annie said a certain thing to him he would leave Whittlesford next week. I know Mrs Farnes & Jacks sister is precious mad with Annies behaviour to Jack: we had a very pleasant evening Mr Oslar has conveniences for such a party, the rooms are large and a capital floor for dancing I enjoyed myself very much, more so than I expected I should.

we broke up about ½ past 3. We started out without Jack expecting he would follow but he did not.

Wednesday February 8th It is such a long time since I have written that I am afraid I must pass over much that has transpired which I have quite forgotten, we have been very busy in the shop since Mr Maynard went down to Wales, that I have not had time to write, have been in the shop until 9, 10 & 11 O'clock at night, after that time have not felt the least fit for writing or any thing else. Mrs Farnes had her Christmas party a week after Mr Oslars. neither George nor I went. George had a push on the back of his neck and

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a bad cold, I was busy weighing up Sugar. Edwin and his friend Mr Canham came over, went back to Cambridge next morning. I went to Cambridge instead of George, Mr Maynard was just coming from the Railway Station as I was going into the town, he looks very much better for the change, when he came in, he seemed quite overpowered and began to cry.- am afraid he is not quite so well now as he was then, the stock in the shop is so disordered, I think it has upset him again. George is very poorly still has one or two more pushes broke out. Mr Hatton returned to Dedham last Monday week. Jack Farnes is about going to sea again, he went up to London to see the captain of a vessel last Saturday & returned today, he does not know for a certainty when she will sail but thinks about the 20th inst, and is bound for the Cape of Good Hope² & the East Indies, his position will be third mate. Sarah Ann went to Duxford to tea last Monday and to hear a lecture at the National School Rooms Duxford by Revd Mr Whiting (Miss Charlotte Markbys intended). Emma Maynard went with her, I walk over for them

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after I came out of the shop, Emma and I walk greater part of the way home alone. Annie Helen & Robert were there too, also Kate Farnes. I met Miss Jay & Mrs White and her two children when I was going. Last Monday week I had a miserable cold & wet ride to Langleigh, our pony was taken ill the Saturday after he came home from Cambridge, so I borrowed one of Mr Whites horses & Mr R Maynard's gig. Charles Monks youngest daughter (Fanny) was Married about three weeks ago to a Mr Nottage a miller at Lofts Mill where the Monks family were (*sic*) brought up at, the home must seem very familiar to her again. Last Saturday I did not feel very well, so I stayed from church all day on Sunday, Sarah Ann too, we both had some medicine. Jane and her "Sweetheart" Mr Elliot Sheldrick Joseph & Harriet came over to dinner did not get back until late at night, last Monday I went to Triplow & Newton for orders as George was not well enough. Yesterday Jane, Sheldrick, Miss Farnes & Sarah Ann & Emma Maynard went to

² South Africa

Cambridge in the Sociable to hear some body do some-thing. I'm sure I don't know what, they dined at Edwins lodgings with him & Mr Canham, bye

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the bye Jane & Sheldrick went elsewhere to dine, I suppose by themselves, they did not get home until just upon one O'clock in the night, we had all gone to bed. today Mr Maynard has been gardening. Mrs M has been in to see Mrs Shead who is very ill, have not heard how she is tonight. I written a long letter home last Sunday it is a long time since I wrote to any one, but I thought they would like to hear from me, and I had been waiting for an opportunity for a long time, I don't like letter writing on Sundays. Frank Elderton called upon me a week today, I scarcely knew him, his dress was very fast, he had on a scarlet cap, a red & black Vest & a Ring. he talks of leaving Mr Ballard of Cambridge the 24th inst unless Mr B comes to his terms. he came round with two boys delivering handbills & posting them at the Villages, of their annual selling off, if he leaves he thinks of going to London.

Thursday Feby 9th Mrs Maynard did not get up until after breakfast, she has had a weazing (*sic*) on her chest for some time past, last night it disturbed her so much she could not sleep. I have

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been to Sawston for orders and called upon Dr Prince to ask him to call & see Mrs Maynard & George next time he came to Whittlesford, he is now in the house with them (½ past 8P.M.). Mr Maynard seems rather dull today I hope he will not be worse. Mrs Maynard has been to the cottage lecture. Mrs Brand of Sawston says her son Edward is much better than he has been. Sarah Ann was highly amused with last Tuesday nights entertainment at the Town Hall Cambridge by an Electro Biologist³, he "mesmorized" four boys to the gratification of the audience, one or two collegians went on to the platform, but he could not act wholly successful on them, he told the audience he could not perform on all alike. Sarah Ann has been assisting me in the shop.

Feby 10th Friday. Sarah Ann ~~and her cousin Emma Maynard~~ went to Duxford to tea with Jane and Harriet, I did not get out of the shop until ½ past 8 O'clock, then went to fetch her, had supper there and got home again a little before 11 O'clock. Mr Sheldrick (Janes sweetheart) was there, he came from Ipswich, was going to Wisbeach, so left his luggage at Cambridge station and was going back next morning.

Saturday 11th George was going to Cambridge but it turned out such a heavy Snowstorm he was afraid to venture, we were not very busy in

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

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the shop. I did not get done until 11 O'clock Sarah Ann was very tired indeed, she had been assisting me nearly all day.-

Sunday Feby 12th Sister Polly's birthday I wish her many happy returns of the same. I went to Church twice Mr Margetts preached in the morning & Mr Hoskin in the afternoon. Edwin came over with Jane & Harriet from Duxford, the latter two & Joseph returned early in the evening. Sarah Ann had a bad head ache in Church in the afternoon so we went up the Duxford Road as far as the hand-post Edwin, Jane, Miss Jay & Miss White with us. Harriet & her mother went out for a walk in the afternoon and was caught in a Snow Storm which made Mrs M feel cross & irritable, the consequence was after Mr Maynard had gone to bed George & his mother had a tremendous quarrel and used very disgraceful language, this so upset poor Topsy that she was quite hysterical (*sic*), making the second time since tea, I fear she has caught a bad cold. Edwin was not long before he came home, he had been to see Jack Farnes, but of course had to go down the street for him.-

Monday 13th. Sarah Ann was too unwell to get up to breakfast, she looked very ill, I think her mother & George too were frightened last night when they

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saw the state she was in. Jack Farnes left by the Parly train for London, he came to bid us goodbye I was gathering up some Tar so could not shake hands with him. Mr Isaac Mole came in just as we were at breakfast, he was staying at Mrs Farnes Edwin returned to Cambridge by Rail.

Tuesday 14th. St Valentines day. George had a very smart one from his Bessie. Mr Headley saw Mr Nash last Saturday about the piece of ground next door, he is not willing to part with it unless Mr Maynard will give him £100 for it, as he does not want to sell it. Mr & Mrs Robt Maynard & their family have been skating on Mr Towgoods meadow, Mr Adams (Mr Kettles friend) and one or two others with them. Mrs Maynard went to tea with Mrs Farnes, Emma went to Duxford.

Wednesday 15th The down street young ladies went out Skating again today. Mrs Farnes & Mrs Maynard went to the cottage lecture, tead with Mrs R Maynard and went to the revival meeting next door in the evening, Sarah Ann seems very poorly. Mr Prince sent George, his father & Mother some more medicine. Joseph came up for something last night after 8 O'clock I had just come out of the shop so dont know what he wanted. Mr M has been busy the last two day getting wood away from

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the flour Mills which he bought some months ago, Mr Pamphilon is pulling the old buildings down.- Mr Thos Barnes ?died? this afternoon. The news of the death of the Revd Mr Graham of Hinxton, arrived at Duxford either yesterday or today, he died very suddenly of diseased heart, which he has suffered from for about 12 months, the Revd Gentleman his wife and daughters I think are in Italy, at any rate they are from home, it is a sad thing for Mrs Graham, she is such a kind lady to the poor. Mr & Mrs Hoskin were both here, Mr Hoskin was wondering what he should have to do for a Master at the night school as Mr Tinworth is unwell. Miss Southam has two pupil teachers one is a Miss Stanley from Cambridge, her father a scalemaker⁴ in Wheeler Street Mr Headly came up to say he did not go to Royston as proposed on account of Mr Tickle having gone, he suppose to have some conversation with Mr Nash about a piece of ground that Mr M wants, Mr Headly said he would go tomorrow, he don't seem to have very great hopes.-

Thursday Feb 16th. Sarah Ann had a smart Valentine from London, don't know who sent it. Mrs Maynard had a letter from Henry to say his wife was prematurely confined at ¼ before two o'clock in the morning on the 14th inst – the child, dead, his wife at present

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is going on very nicely indeed Mrs Wilson was with her they are both very much disappointed.- There was a man & his Mother from Withersfield come to make enquiries about the Duxford business, he seems willing to take it at once if he approves of the place after he has seen them, and will give an answer by post at once, Mrs M thinks he talks rather cunning. he don't want a large business just enough to get a living, he has never been used to the trade, has hitherto been a farmer, but now fancies a business, he has a wife & one child. he was here nearly an hour, after they left here they were going to Duxford to look at the shop. I should be very glad for some one to take it.- Mrs Farnes is very vexed with Annie Maynard, Jack gave the Key of his writing desk to Annie & told her she might go to it whenever she liked, & take from it what she thought proper, so she went the other night & took something out & yesterday Annie went to get a certificate which Jack wrote to her for, so Mrs Farnes told Annie, if Jack had not sufficient confidence in his Mother to write to her for what he wanted, he might go without, and she would take no more notice of him, she also gave Annie a little talking to, just to let Annie know a little of her Mind, Annie said Jack had written to Emma & not to her. Have been writing to Polly.

⁴ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/wheeler-street/1-2-wheeler-street/>

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Feb 17th Mr Headly came up to say, Mr Tickle had seen Mr Thurnall of Royston, & Mr Tickle told Mr Headly, that Mr Maynard could not have a piece of ground to build upon, Miss Hollicks affairs were all settled & that it could not be done, Mr Headly advised Mrs Maynard to go & see Mr Tickle herself so Sarah Ann & her Mother went down that way to look at a piece of ground against Mackeys which belongs to the parish & coming back they saw Mr Tickle, Mr Headly went with SA & her mother, so he made Sarah Ann run after Mr Tickle & stop him, he was very pleasant and after some conversation jocking (*sic*) &c with Topsy, he said Mr Maynard was to stake the piece out he should like, and he would come in the morning and look at it, Mr Headly was not with them during the interview, so he came up after they got home to know the result, he was quite pleased with what Mr Tickle said. Sarah Ann went to Mrs Gellatly's at the Paper Mills with the idea of staying to tea, when she got there Mrs G was not at home, so after tea she went to spend the evening with Miss Jay, I went to fetch her home.

Saturday Feb 18th George went to Cambridge, his Mother was vexed with him because she wanted

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him to see Mr Tickle, Mr T disappointed them in not coming, so George wrote a note to him in the evening, we heard he was going to London & might not be back for some time, so he sent a message back to say he should be back at Whittlesford Monday & Tuesday & would attend to Mr M's affair before he went. We were not very busy in the shop.-

Sunday Feb 19th. Sarah Ann and I went to spend the day in Cambridge with Edwin, we drove there. ~~there~~ and was in time to go to Christs Church in the morning, we met Edwin and Mr Canham near the "Little Rose"⁵ where we put up at. We called at Mr Moules & he promised to get us an order to go to Kings College Chapel in the afternoon. We enjoyed the service in the morning the Revd Mr Robinson preached he is considered a very good preacher. I have heard him before at Whittlesford. we went to Edwins lodgings to dinner, had beef stake & Roll'd pudding after dinner Mr Canham went to give a lecture to the children at the ragged school. Sarah Ann Edwin & I called for Mr Isaac Moule in the afternoon to go to Kings College Chapel⁶. we were rather behind our time so Mr Moule had gone, just before we got to chapel it began to rain. Mr Moules second wife as is to be Miss Mary Ann Brooks his forewoman was with him

⁵ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/trumpington-street/37-trumpington-street-the-little-rose-public-house/>

⁶ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/kings-parade/chapel-kings-college-cambridge/>

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the service at the Chapel was similar to ~~what~~ the Cathedral services, the organ has been under repair for the last 9 months consequently we did not hear it, but the singing was very good, it is a splendid building, after the service was over we went to look at the altar-piece (The taking of our saviour from the cross. just as we came out there was a heavy snow storm, the wind was very high, Edwin had to run after my hat for me, I was holding the umbrella over Sarah Ann we made the best of our way to Mr Moule and stayed with him until it was nearly over we had a glass of wine and then went up to Edwins to tea, as soon as tea was over we went to see Mrs Allen and was there about ½ an hour, then went up to the Little Rose to the pony, had a glass of grog & came off about ½ past 7 or ¼ to 8. got home about 9, the Duxford folks were just preparing to go, John was putting the horse to. they had been gone some time when George and Sarah Ann left went to bed and left me waiting for John to come back, he came at last with the news that some one had been breaking into the shop and stolen all the money, they did not miss any thing else at the time, Joseph was going into the shop to fetch my linen to send back by John, he was some time looking for the Key of the shopdoor. Jane was impatient, so went in a pet to undo the

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door, but like Joe, she could not find the Key & in looking round the room she saw all the cupboard doors open which she knew were shut when they left the house, they at once sent for the policeman and had the house thoroughly searched two or three times over. I went up stairs and told George and Sarah Ann the news and it was decided that John and I should go down for the night, when we got there Jane and Harriet were rather alarmed, and poor Joe had been trembling like a leaf and was quite delighted when he saw us go in. The thief or thieves had broken the outside shutter down of the door leading into that end of the house nearest the gates, the Key was in the door so they broke a pain of glass to get their hand in to unlock the door and shoot the bolt at the bottom of the door this is the way they got in, and when they left they locked the door and put the shutter up again after them. They found the Key of the shop door in a little cotton box and a bunch of Janes private Keys from up stairs. we sat up until quite late talking about it.--

Monday Feby 20th. We did not miss any thing but money and a few figs which were taken out of the shop window and stood on the counter. at Breakfast time Mr Ames the policeman came to see if he could find any foot-marks.

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he found some, which were boys. and on looking round the premises, he found they tried two other places to get in before they succeeded, they began to scrape the putty from the window against the desk in the shop, they left that and tried the little pantry window. Mr Ames came again after breakfast and Mr Maynard was then there and we were looking for the instrument they used to open the desk and cash box, Mr Ames opened the closet in the passage outside (while Mr M & I were seeing what had been done) and found a rivetting hammer, which corresponded exactly with the impressions in the desk & cash box, moreover there was the putty and paint off the desk on the hammer, Mr Ames went to Linton to inform the superintendant what had happened, but before he went Harriet missed a shilling from her dress pocket (two sixpences) and before the day had passed Joseph's pocket had been searched and a shilling took from his purse. we have strong suspicions that the boy Ward is connected with it, every thing seems to have been done in the same way as he robbed Mr John Holliday Mrs John Holliday & her niece & Swan Wallis came in, in the evening while I was there. I asked George Lofts (Revd Margetts man) if he would go and sleep there for a time, and we would pay him a shilling a week

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if he could oblige us, he came up next morning to say he would do so. I had been making Joseph's bed wider to make room for two people. I slept there that night and came up to Whittlesford next morning after breakfast.

Tuesday Feby 21st. George went to Triplow and did not get home until about 9 O'clock last night, in the morning he waited at home expecting Mr Tickle would come about the piece of ground opposite. he seems willing to left Mr Maynard have it & has given his consent. In the afternoon I attended Mr Thos Barnes's funeral, I saw him in his coffin, he was very much wasted. Mr Ames came up in the evening, he said the superintendant was at Duxfd in the morning, they had been to the boy Ward but could not find any thing out, except that either the boy, or his friends, must tell a lie after he came from chapel in the afternoon he said from 4 to ½ past 6 O'clock he was up in the fields feeding his sheep, another boy was up with the sheep and said Ward had not been there all the evening, these two boys were seen and questioned separate, the boy Stickwood said he left the fold, Ward came to his house at ½ past 6 to read a book. Wards Father & Mother said he was at home, so some of them must tell lies which looks very black against Ward. in the

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afternoon some man gave Mr Ames two Wine bottles which he found hid in a straw stack a little way up Hunts road. These bottles we can swear to, one having Mr Maynards private mark on the lable (*sic*) of the other (which has been scratched off corresponds exactly in shape with what we have one of them had a cork in, a seal with the makers name on, and in looking down the cellar we miss two if not more bottles of Wine. he left here to go to the public houses in the village to make further enquiries.

Wednesday Feby 22nd We were all behind with the Triplow & Newton orders, Joseph came over and went to deliver the goods, it was quite late when they got back, but they were not gone so long as usual, I went into the stable to feed the pony and saw "old Tom" perspired very much and was sure he must have been driven very fast so I scolded both John and Joseph for their cruelty and set John to rub old Tom down well with straw after accusing John for some time of driving fast. he said it was Joseph that drove, although Joseph was there all the time, he did not say it was me driving, but let John bare the blame, it was nearly 10 Oclock when they left here for Duxford, John went to sleep with Joseph. Joseph was too vexed with me to say good night, he is a very cruel boy.

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Thursday Feby 23rd I rode to Sawston for orders and then went on to Duxford to see if they had heard any thing more about the housebreakers and called upon Mr Ames and he shown me the two empty Wine bottles, but could not near any thing more of the thieves. I stayed dinner with them at Duxford, in the afternoon Sarah Anne was busy, and went up the Duxford road to meet Jane who came to tea, and I went home with her and stayed allnight.

Friday 24th I came from Duxford before 7 Oclock and so much enjoyed the walk that I advised Sarah Ann to do the same thing next morning so after we came out of the shop I went to Duxford for the night. Sarah Ann went in the afternoon to tea, Annie and Emma were there waiting for Robt to fetch them, he came rather late.

Saturday 25th Sarah Ann and I came over in time to open shop and very much we enjoyed the walk too, George went out after we got home. after breakfast he went to Cambridge, we were not very busy in the evening in the shop.

Sunday 26th I went to School in the morning with the idea of going to Church, but as I was passing Sarah Ann called me in to ask me to drive George part the way to Cambridge, he was going to Waterbeach to see his Bessie, had been to the

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Station but was too late for the train, so I drove him just through Trumpington, it was a cold ride back, in returning I overtook Mr Blunson⁷ (at Mr Lillies Cambridge.) he asked me to take a lady up that was walking on before him as far as Shelford. I did so and a tolerable size she was too with her bunch of "Crinoline" &c about the size of George's Bessie. George will return in the morning. In the afternoon I went to Church. Edwin came over about dinner time, with Harriet. Jane came on before them, they went back to Duxford shortly after tea.

Monday Feby 27th I had an uncomfortable ride to Langley, it was raining and snowing alternatively nearly all day, I was late starting and did not get home until after 9 O'clock (PM) I was very poorly all day, at night Sarah Ann made me a glass of grog and a warm bed. I called upon Mrs Nottage⁸ (Fanny Monk as was) she gave me a piece of her wedding cake to bring home, she is living at Lofts Mill where her father and grandfather lived, it must seem familiar to her again, its only about a mile from Elmdon.-

Tuesday 28th We were very busy all day with the Langley orders, George was not very well so he left off about 9 (P.M.) Sarah Ann and I kept on until 11 O'clock. I felt better than I did the day before.

Wednesday 29th We were again very busy, Harriet came up in the afternoon but went back directly

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after tea, and sent Joseph up between 8 & 9 O'clock it was 20 minutes past 11 O'clock when I came out of the shop. - - Sarah Ann was very tired.

Thursday 30 March 1st I was up about 6 O'clock to load the cart and start them off to Langley. Mrs Nunn had to go with Joseph as John was taken ill on Tuesday and unable to come to work. they got back about 8 O'clock.

Friday 2nd I was busy in the shop weighing up. Mr Maynard has been very busy removing the old ??barnes?? &c that he bought at Whittlesford flour Mill in the autumn, and yesterday Mr Pamphilon began to pull down the old loft over the cellar and is going to rebuild it with the materials from the flour mills.-

⁷ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/parkers-piece/4-regent-terrace-parkers-piece/>

⁸ 1861 census George Nottage, 27, miller and farmer, Wendon Lofts, Essex

Saturday 3rd George went to Cambridge and did not get home until about 5 O'clock. I was very much engaged in the shop being alone consequently could not get on with the weighing up. Sarah Ann went with Miss Southam the Schoolmistress to see Mrs Gellatly in the afternoon and to look over the Paper Mills Miss S & Sarah Ann too were very much pleased with their visit. we were rather busy in the shop. Sarah Ann and I did not get to bed until quite late

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Sunday March 4th I received a long letter from dear Mother which had taken her 3 days to write am happy to hear they are both well, she tells me Sister Elizabeth has again changed her residence but did not say where too, they heard from Mrs Ilott they are all well at Norwich and want father to go and see them. Louisa has not met with a situation at present. The cow at home is better of her lameness, they are breaking the young pony in that father bought just before Sarah Ann & I went to Buckden. There was a letter from Henry with two advertisements of shops to be let at Cardiff enclosed which he had answered. I suppose thinking one of them would suite me, but as we think it best for me to remain here until the affairs are more settled and George married Mr Maynard wrote to Henry to that effect. I went to church twice here and to Duxford church in the evening with SA it is a long time since I went to church there. Mr Elliot Sheldrick came over ~~with~~ J to see Jane in the afternoon we went to Duxford together after tea, after Sarah Ann & I came out of the church we went & had supper with Jane & Mr Sheldrick then came home & went to bed directly, left George up writing. Elliot Sheldricks next journey is into Wales. Harriet and Miss Georgie Farnes have gone to Cambridge to see Edwin & Mr Canham, will stay there all

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night. Sarah Ann fancies Jane will be married in the summer. Sheldrick did not succeed very first rate at Wisbeach, he is going to take a parcel from here to Henry & his wife.-

Monday March 5th George went to Triplow and Newton and did not get back until past 5 O'clock he walked there and the boy went with the pony and gig to meet him we expected him back about 3 O'clock, and because we thought him late he was quite affronted.

Tuesday 6th We were busy about the orders Sarah Ann & I, George was doing something else, we kept on until late at night.

Wednesday 7th I went with the Triplow goods in the morning it snowed and rained part of the time, I walk'd over the fields back it was very dirty and the wind bitterly cold. When I came in Joseph had been here about an hour, he came with the intention of taking the goods. Mrs Maynard went to the cottage lecture. John is better he came to work yesterday. Joseph went back to Duxford about ½ past 7 O'clock. Yesterday week we had

some very heavy gales of wind, which blown several large trees down and a great many small ones.

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Thursday March 8th I walked to Sawston for orders it was very dirty and the wind high and rained and snowed some part of the time. I bought a couple of fowls for Mrs Maynard and gave 4/- for the pair. I walked because we sent the pony to Chesterford to be clipped, the boy brought the pony back and said the man was going out, but we were to send the pony again tomorrow and the charge would be 10/- of course he will not be done at that price. When I came back from Sawston Jane and Miss Farnes were here but went away before dinner. I had a head-ache all day and after dinner I had a sleep on the sofa nearly all the afternoon, I expect I caught cold yesterday last Tuesday Miss Sarah Simmons came to tea and Mr Maynard walked home with her.-

Friday 9th I was busy in the shop weighing up My cold is no better, but my head is not so bad as it was yesterday.

Saturday 10th George went to Cambridge and was very cross the rest part of the day. we were not very busy in the shop. On Thursday last Mr M was digging in the garden, and was obliged to come in he felt so unwell, we were afraid of another fit, he has been stooping very much lately and the doctor says he must not do so.

PAGE 36 (*the newspaper cutting mentioned is not in the diary*)

Sunday March 11th I was very queer with my cold so did not get up until about 12 O'clock Georges Bessie, Edwin Maynard & Mr Canham came they all went to Duxford church and did not get here until we had begun dinner. They all went to Church in the afternoon and left me at home housekeeper. Mr & Mrs Robt Maynard came in when they came out of chapel in the evening Emma, Helen & Robert were with them. Miss Georgie Farnes came to tea. Mr Kettle too from Duxford. Jane, Harriet, Joseph & Mr Kettle rode home in the Sociable as it was raining. I went to bed about 9 O'clock. Mr Maynard did not like them leaving the premises alone so long at Duxford. Sarah Ann had the head ache. The enclosed slip of news I received from dear Hannah, in a newspaper this morning, as her husband's name is in it I suppose she thought it would be interesting to me.

Monday 12th Edwin, Mr Canham and Bessie went to look at the new schools with Sarah Ann, then went off by the 9 O'clock train. S.A. went to the station with them, I think it very strange George did not go, he was rather cross with his mother about Edwin's account, so he seemed affronted and would not go, Bessie was disappointed. - They have at last agreed to have another assistant in the shop for a few months until the Duxford business is done and we have took stock.-

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Tuesday March 13th There was a letter from Bessie. She has been making inquiries about a youth that was apprenticed to a Mrs Meed at Waterbeach he is a son of Mr Lofts a shopkeeper at Hinxton. Mrs Meed does not say any thing to recommend him. I think it will be far better to have some one living further away from this business.

Wednesday 14th Mr R Maynards birthday. Annie came down this morning to ask SA to go to their house to tea in the afternoon Sarah Ann had gone out for a walk with her father, but went there to tea and did not get home until ½ past 10 O'clock I had gone to bed. Mrs Maynard went to the cottage lecture, I went for a walk after supper, I think it done my cold good. The policeman (Mr Ames) came up about ½ past 8 (P.M.) to know whether Mr Maynard would prosecute the boy Ward (the same boy as robbed Mrs John Holliday) as Joseph had caught him in the Duxford shop and took an orange from him which he had been stealing from the Window or off the counter. Joseph locked the shop door & put the key into his pocket then locked the back door left the boy in the shop and went and told Jane, they sent for the policeman at once and had the boy searched, he gave Mr Ames some very impudent answers. George is going to Duxford in the morning to make further enquiries.-

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Thursday March 15th Fred Maynards birthday his mother sent him a book for a present. The carpenters & bricklayers have finished the loft over the old cellar except putting the window in, it is a much more roomy place than the old one was. Jane came over this morning to see what was to be done with the thief, his mother had been up to see Jane and hoped she would have him flogged. George had gone to Duxford when Jane came I suppose he had gone to the station when Jane was coming past. Sarah Ann went part the way back with Jane before dinner. Mrs Maynard went down the street to see old Mrs Smith her Mother-in-law. In the afternoon went to a parish meeting at the church, fresh officers were chosen. Mr Robt Maynard has been very poorly with a bad cold ever since Sunday last.

Friday 16th I received a letter from sister Kate Hall yesterday, she says her husband has been very seriously ill with the "Diptheorie" for about a month, but is now quite well again and able to attend to business his mother was very kind to Kate and him also dear Jenny was too, her servant left her when she was most needed, so Kate found enough to do I've no doubt. Louisa has not yet met with a situation, but has found a Beau a Mr ?? Stammers?? a draper in a wholesale house in Norwich his age is 20. She has been to his home

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about 16 miles from Norwich. Kate does not speak much in favour of him at present and I think Louisa might wait a little longer before she hases (*sic*) a "Sweetheart". Sarah Ann drove over to Chesterford called at Duxford for Jane, they went to see Miss Mary Ann Burleigh an old sweetheart of Georges, she is going to be married to a Mr Satch a Widower living in London he has one daughter 13 years of age, the wedding is to take place next Tuesday. Sarah Ann came home about 7 O'clock her mother was rather uneasy at her being out so late with the pony and having to drive from Duxford alone, after she got home she was very poorly with a pain in her side, so went to bed before we came out of the shop, after we closed I was weighing up Sugar. I had to clear the supper things away after George & myself the rest had all gone to bed. In the afternoon Mr & Mrs Maynard went down to the park to pick some chips up.

Saturday March 17th George went to Cambridge had scarcely any thing to do but did not get back before 3 O'clock and then he was cross because it was so late, he called to see a young man at Mr Ballards in Petty Cury where Frank Elderton lived who is leaving there next week and wants a situation he has been a little used to the Grocery, but George thinks he would prefer a situation in the Drapery line, he was apprenticed in Norwich. Sarah Ann has

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been very poorly and went to bed early in the evening. We were busy late in the evening, it was 10 minutes to 11 when we came out of the shop, I had to clear the supper things away again. There was a letter from Henry and his wife, I believe Henry's was concerning family affairs. Sarah Ann had a line or two from Mrs H Maynard thanking her for the fancy box SA sent her for a present by Elliot Sheldrick. SA thinks Elliot went to Crumlin about last Thursday week, Jane has had a piece of poetry from him of his own "an address to Crumlin" a good deal of it I dare say is about Jane as that is where he first met her, he is now at Swansea, I have still a very bad cold. Mrs Ward the mother of the boy that has been stealing the orange from Duxford shop has been up this afternoon pleading very hard to get him off by paying a sum of money it is not for the value of what the boy took that Mr M wishes to have the boy punished for, but for the hopes that it would do him good for the future, it seems a great trouble to his mother, but I don't think it would be doing justice to let him escape unpunished even though it is a trifling offence, I feel sorry for the poor Woman, I believe she is a straightforward & honest person, she was a regular customer of ours when I was apprenticed at Duxford and we always found her straightforward, she is afraid the boy will be transported after being so recently in prison, am sorry is punishes her so much.

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Sunday March 18th Sarah Ann received a letter from Miss R Gellatley of Scotland thanking her for her last letter and the piece of Music she sent her from Edwin. SA is better than she was yesterday but not quite well yet. My cold is not much better. George received a letter from Mr Allen of Histon, he does not know of a young man to suite us. Jane Harriet and Josphe came over to dinner and went back about 7 O'clock. George went to Mrs Farnes to tea I think as he went with her to Duxford church & came home at 10 O'clock. Sarah Ann and I had a talk this morning about taking a business next spring. Mr & Mrs M Jane & Harriet went down the street after they came from church in the afternoon to see old Mrs Smith & Mr R Maynard. the former they think is gradually getting worse & is dropsical, the latter has had a very bad cold but is a little better. I have not been out any where to day. Mr Kettle has been to Cambridge & brought a book from Mr Canham for SA (which she asked him to get for me. Mr Kettle was at Miss Farnes when George came home. - -

Monday 19th George went to Triplow & Newton he walked there and John went to meet him in the pony & gig, he got back a little earlier about 4 O'clock. We or Sarah Ann Mrs and Miss Farnes Mrs R Maynard & Annie to look at an assortment of Bonnets that Messrs Hall & Ilott sent for selection

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Topsy sold four of them like a good girl as she is sometimes, herself & I were up until ½ past 11 O'clock selecting hats and bonnets we intend keeping. Mr & Mrs M & George went to bed before we had our suppers, it was nearly one O'clock when we went to bed. Mrs Farnes stayed tea.

Tuesday March 20th I & Sarah Ann were up at ½ past 5 O'clock. Sarah Ann went for a hard days work at the washing machine. I went for walk up the Duxford road before we opened the shop, in the afternoon I sent 3lb of yard Butter with the Bonnets &c to Kate & Jenny. I had the head ache in the evening and had been very busy allday so I went to bed about ½ past 8 O'clock and Sarah Ann brought me a bason (*sic*) of chicken broth to me in bed. She is very tired & does not feel very well herself.- George is very grumpy. This is Miss Mary Anne Burleighs wedding day. it has been windy & raining part of the day.

Wednesday 21st I did not feel very well in the morning and afternoon but felt better after I came back from delivering the Triplow and Newton goods. Annie Maynard came to tea George went home with her after supper. I asked Mr Maynard to advance my salary after next month, he alone cannot decide to do it.

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The policeman came up last night at 11 O'clock to say the boy Ward is at home and some one must be at Linton as today, so Mr Maynard went took Joseph with him, the boy was sentenced to one week imprisonment and then to be flogged his father came up this morning at 7 O'clock to know whether Mr Maynard intended going to Linton we told him yes, he wants to have the boy flogged. I written a few lines to Mr Ilott before 7 O'clock this morn. S Anns head ached in the morn but is now better. Mrs M went to the cottage lecture. It has been rather an uncomfortable day. Austin came to whitewash the new loft and Pamphilon came to put the window in. Sarah Ann received a letter from Edwin inviting her and four or five more to go over to Cambridge some time before Friday to see some American views shown by an American, it was a long letter all about it. Edwin wants them to go to his lodging to dinner and tea he has one spare bed, and thinks he could get two more in the town some where, then go to breakfast with him next morning. I think is very thoughtless of Edwin to propose such a thing, as of course such frolicking cannot be done without a great deal of expense attending it.

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Thursday March 22nd. Just as we had about done breakfast Mr Hollick of Linton came in, he had a cup of coffee and was in the village about an hour, then went to Whittlesford station to meet some friends of his coming by train. George had a letter from Edwin and the addresses of three young men that want situations, George has answered all three of them. I rode to Sawston for orders and heard that one of the Rickards of Babraham is coming to open a shop at Sawston. When I came back Mrs Maynard was poorly with her old complaint, she went to bed soon after tea. After supper I made the Langley order book up. In the afternoon Sarah Ann went out with her tracts, and to see her Grandmother Smith she looks very ill.

Friday 23rd. Mr Maynard went to Royston to see Mr Thurnall the solicitor. John drove him part the way there as he was too (*sic*) for the train, and Mr M walked all the way home, John was just about starting to Harston station to meet him as he came. Mr Pilgrim has been to Royston and wants £3 a year taken off his rent, and Mr T says the piece of ground is worth 30 times whatever Pilgrim wants his rent reduced thus at £3 a year for 30 years would be valuing the land at £90 which is an extravagant price. Mr T advises Mr M to see Pilgrim and ask him the lowest he will take off his rent, George went to the parish meeting at the church in the afternoon which was adjourned to the "Exhibition" public house

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till the evening, George went there and did not get home until 20 minutes to 11. Mr Maynard has said something to Sarah Ann about raising my wages, he gives me more than he ever gave any one else before, and he thought I should have been satisfied, by this I imagine he thinks me too covetous, it is two years since I had an advance, and I thought my services were worth more. - - -

Saturday March 24th George went round to a few of the farmers collecting money for the parish, before he went to Cambridge which made it 10 O'clock when he started. Mrs Farnes & her son Isaac went with him and for a wonder he got back by 4 O'clock. In the evening SA told me George had engaged with a young man as Junr Assistant to come next Monday, he has been living with a Mr Twist, Grocer, on the Market Hill, Mr T speaks very highly of him. We were rather busy in the evening, George & I were serving in the shop alone nearly all the evening. Sarah Ann came & helped me weigh up in the morning. -

Sunday 25th. I went to the school & to Church twice. Edwin came up with Jane & Harriet just as we had done dinner, they went to Duxford church which made them so late. At tea time

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the Revd Mr Hoskin came in to see Mr Maynard and ask him to attend at the meeting of the School committee tomorrow, no not tomorrow Tuesday next. John Colborne came to tea, him & Edwin came from Cambridge together by train in the morning. Sarah Ann had the headache in the evening. George went to Waterbeach without saying any thing about it, Edwin met him at Camb Station so told him & he brought the news to us, he came back by the evening train, but some how or other George missed of Bessie in the morning and only just had time to speak to her at Camb station as he was coming home & Bessie going by train to Waterbeach, Bessie spent the day in Cambridge I suppose expecting George to meet her, but this is George all-over. I dare say Bessie was vexed with him, if it was his fault. - I received a long letter from Mrs Chatterton am pleased to hear they are so well and happy, they hope to see SA & myself somewhere this summer, I think they are going to Buckden about July next, Cousin Ann Star is at Southsea with a family has been staying there since January Polly expects to see her either as yesterday or today.

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Monday March 26th Edwin went to Cambridge by the parly train. It is a month today since Mr Maynard went to St Ives to see 10 acres of ground sold the property of Mr Alfred Allen and Henry Maynards wife, they expected it would make at least £800. Mr M was undecided about going until it got to Whfd Station with Edwin so he went in his old clothes & no great-coat, he came back by the evening train before the sale was over, he went to look at the ground and thought it would make 1200. Alfred's father gave £1000 for it, next morning there was a letter from Alfred to say there were only one buyer consequently it was sold to him for £720 (if I'm not very much mistaken) the person that bought it had other property joining it. – I went to Langley, it was showery at times and the wind rather cold. I saw Mr & Mrs Nottage at Mr Monks as I came back I bought a Rabbit at Langley Bull of some man & gave it to Jane & Harriet at Duxford. The new assistant Henry somebody came this morning, we did not expect him until the evening, Joseph was here nearly all day. There was a letter for me from Louisa, she has at last obtained a situation at Lynn, she went this day week and likes it very well at present, she had two or three presents on Valentines day, a fan each from Mrs Hall Senr & her daughter, a dress from sister Jenny & a blotting case from some one that I don't know its her sweetheart I guess.-

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Tuesday 27th We were busy in the shop with the orders. Mr & Mrs Maynard & Mrs Farnes went over to Duxford to tea Sarah Ann went part the way with them, they met Jane coming over here so she went back with them. Mr Maynard went to the school committee meeting.-

Wednesday 28th I received a letter from sister Charlotte, thanking me for the butter I sent them, she gave Mrs Hall senr one yard of it being quite a novelty in that neighbourhood Mrs Hall was pleased with it. Kate has had a Diptheorea throat, am glad to hear it is better the little ones grow nicely Jenny says: they had lots of presents on Valentines day, Florence had a chair made of stained Wicker and a double skirt work'd dress from Mrs Hall Senr, a work'd jacket from Kate a cushion for her chair from Louisa and a cradle from her papa William being such a little one were all toys. Jenny complains of trade being very dull for the want of warm weather, her husband goes to London as today for the day only. Jenny heard from Elizabeth a few days ago, trade is very dull in London but she says they are getting a tolerable living, Jenny thinks they have lasted well, as she was afraid they would not agree, she also heard from Hannah they are well at Brighton. She has heard from Sarah too they have been very grand indeed at Epping, gave a full dress dinner party to 26 at 5 Oclock and a tea party to the same number about a week after

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Thursday March 29th Joseph went with the goods to Langley. Mr & Mrs Maynard went to Duxford to tea, they came home with the cart at night, there was a letter from Mr Gimson the builder at Royston, to say Mr Russell wishes him to begin to make the alterations at the house & shop at Duxford, and he wishes Mr Maynard to let him know when that end of the house will be empty so that he may send his men over, Mr M written to Mr Gimson to say as his time did not expire for two months he could not think of having that part of the house stripped. Mr & Mrs M went to hear what Jane had to say to it, she would not like to have it done, Mr Russell is going to have the house divided into two. Sarah Ann went to bed with a bad head ache. Miss Jay came up to tea.-

Friday 30th SA was better this morning than she was last night. Mr & Mrs Maynard went in to see Miss Hollick but they could not see her, Miss Laughton told them Miss H could not do any thing with the piece of ground only give her consent she always leaves her business with Mr Thurnall. Pilgrim is not willing to take less than £4 a year off his rent making the piece of ground amount to £120 which is at least three times the value of it I should think. Mr Headly persuades SA to try & persuade her father & mother to have a piece up the Duxford road if they can get it next to Mr C Thurnalls (late

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Sheppard) but they dont like it they would be so dull & lonely. George has been very poorly all day but was a little better when he came to bed. SA & I went a little way up the Duxford road for a walk. The Revd Mr & Mrs Blackwell were in the village last Wednesday, I saw them in the street, they called here, but I had not the opportunity to speak to them, no doubt many of the poor people were pleased to see him as they were both very kind to the poor. Poor old Stephen Lofts is in distress for rent to the amount of £20. I feel sorry for the old man, I can't think what he will do.

Saturday 31st I went to Cambridge instead of George as he was not very well, I had an uncomfortable ride home, the wind was high it was raining and I had a load of Pork &c that I had been buying. I got home at 3 O'clock. Our new assistant is name Henry Neve I bought his box from Cambridge. While the pony was being put to for starting Mr Elliot Sheldrick came to me, he is coming to Whittlesford tomorrow he starts on his next journey next Monday or Tuesday to Bedford. I saw Edwin he is well, but thinks he shall not come tomorrow. I was measured for a new suit of clothes. Mr Robt Maynard has been down to see Mr Tickle (who came from London this evening) about the piece of ground oppsite. Mr Tickle is very vexed with Pilgrim for wishing to have so much taken off his rent. Mr T says he shall

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have no such thing, he shall have £2 a year off and nothing more, and if Pilgrim is not satisfied with that he shall come out of the house at once. Mr T says Mr Maynard shall have the ground on a building lease for 99 or 150 years and pay £2 a year for the rent Mr T thought it was all settled a long time ago and expected to see the house begun when he came home. Pilgrim is not obliged give (*sic*) up possession of the ground until Michaelmas, so Mr M will have to make him some recompense to give it up at once, if he is obstinate and refuses to do so, perhaps Mr T will give him notice to leave. I feel very pleased to think Pilgrim cannot satisfy his covetous appetite, if he had not asked quite so much Mr M would have had it, if he had said £3 instead of £4 a year, and no Pilgrims people have been saying Mr Maynard only offered them a pound for their garden, they don't say £1 a year, Pilgrim has been working in a very underhand way all along. Mr T was so vexed with him, that he told Mr R M he might call and tell Pilgrim if he like from him that if he was not satisfied with £2 a year reduction in his rent he should leave the house. I hope Mr & Mrs Maynard will feel more easy & comfortable now. It has been a wet night so that we were not very busy. George Andrews ??(itney)?? has taken the carrying business of poor old Lofts. I am afraid he will lose the post-office too.

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Palm Sunday April 1st Sarah Ann's 25th birthday. I trust we shall both live together to enjoy many more of her birthdays, I received a few lines from my dear mother to wish Sarah Ann many happy returns of the day, it is very kind of her to think of us both, Cousin Ann Star went to Buckden last Wednesday & returns to London tomorrow she has not been to Buckden but once before and that is 22 years ago, when I was a good little boy, I don't remember ever seeing her, Mother has had a letter from sister Elizabeth, she is well but said she had only heard from me once since she has been married so mother wished me to write a few lines to her, so I have done so this evening, I intended to have done so before, but could not sit down to do it conveniently. The church at Buckden is to be reopened today, the Revd Mr Key son of the late Bishop is to preach two sermons, I should liked to have been there. I have been to church twice, a Mr Sayle preached in the morning and Mr Margetts in the afternoon. I suppose Mr Hoskin is too ill with his cold to come. I only attended the school once. we did not come home from church in the morning until late and just as we were going to start to school it began to rain, so we waited until it was too late expecting the storm would be over. Mr Maynard saw Mr Tickle as they came from Church, he wants to know what we are to wait for Pilgrim for, Mr T says if he don't like the terms he proposes, he will give him notice to leave at once, he wont stand for any of his nonsense, he will write to Mr Thurnall of Royston today. Mr Elliot Sheldrick came up with the Duxford folks to dinner his father is to leave his farm the owner wishes to add another

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farm to it, but will find Mr Sheldrick a larger farm. Sarah Ann & I went part the way to Duxford with the other folks, George went down the street to tea, Harriet called at Miss Farnes's for a book, George was there so he went with us. Sarah Ann has had the headache this evening. Mrs Maynard went to Chapel next door in the evening to hear Mr Perkins preach. Annie her father & two or three more called in here as they came out. When going to Duxford we met nearly all the downstreet folks up the road out walking.

Monday Ap 2nd Joseph Gentles 16th birthday. George walked to Triplow & Newton, his father went to meet him with the pony & cart at 2 O'clock he has been cross ever since he came home, George I mean; it has been a very showery day. Sarah Ann went to tea at Mrs Farnes'. Henry Neve & I have been measuring the piece of ground opposite with a piece of string to satisfy Mrs Maynard she could not but think George had made a mistake however we make it about the same. Henry & I went as far as the handpost for a walk, it is very dirty.

Tuesday Ap 3rd George is very poorly, he appears to have a push or something of the sort coming on his nose which makes him very cross. Mr Shead has met with an accident, when driving to the Railway Station this morning in turning the corner against the hand post he overthrew his trap threw himself & boy out he saw the train & was afraid of being too late so was driving fast, the horse wanted to go up the Royston road so I suppose gave a sudden turn when Mr Shead

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pulled the rein, (*sic*) and ran a little off the road. Mr S is bruised very much & was insensible for a little while, he was carried to Handcocks at Whfd Bridge was washed &c and then sent home in Mr Waldocks pony & gig, the boys leg is bruised, he & Mr Clarks boy came home with the horse, the boy went and told ~~the boy~~ Mrs Shead his master had met with an accident, Mrs S asked him if he was dead, the boy said no, he was not dead but was smothered with blood, of course this frightened Mrs Shead, she went off directly, and was thankful it was not so bad as she expected. the trap is broken very much Dr Patterson says there are no bones broken. Harriet came over to tea. she says the thieves have been busy at Duxford again, last Sunday when Mr Scruby's family had gone to chapel, some boy was taking a pane of glass out of the window expecting no one was at home, but there happened to be a lady visiting at Mr Scrubys who was keeping house the boy saw her & away he went as fast as he could go, Mrs Deadman saw a boy running up the street, but she did not know who he was as he was at a distance I suppose & going fast, last night Henry Twinn of Duxford lost 3 Ducks from his premises. they seem to be a parcel of boy thieves, and I hope before long they will be found out. Sarah Ann & I went home with Harriet had supper at Duxfd & got home here at 5 min to 11. Mrs Maynard

has been to see Mrs Shead. Old Mrs Smith is very ill she is dropsical⁹ & not expected to last long.

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Wednesday April 4th George did not come down until we had done breakfast, his nose is no better and he is dreadfully cross. Mr Robt Maynard has been up here once or twice about the piece of ground I think Pilgrim has consented to let them have the garden, they are to (Mr M) pay him £5 for entering upon the ground at once, instead of waiting until Michaelmas, Pilgrim is to have the fruit from the tree that falls on his ground. Henry went with the Triplow & Newton goods he got on very well with them. Mrs Maynard went to the cottage lecture. Jane came over to tea, her mother & SA went part the way back with her.

Thursday 5th I walked to Sawston for orders and enjoyed it very much it was such a delightful day I have promised to take Sarah Ann for a long walk tomorrow if it is a nice fine day. I have sent the book I have been wishing to send to Mothers servant for a long time I hope she will like it. Mr Shead is better than he was yesterday. Poor old Lofts goods were sold today. Some one collected £8 for him before the sale which was layed out in buying his goods in again. Alfred Sheldrick of Sawston bought his Uncle (I think Loft is) several articles & Bennett too Alfreds brother done something for the old gentleman, I should hope he will be able to keep in his house & carry on the post office. Sarah Ann cut my hair this morning. Edward Brand came over to the sale so called to see us. he has left Northampton unwell, he has had

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two of his fits lately, the confinement seems too much for him, he is better than he was when he came home a fortnight ago. We were rather busy in the shop. George was cross the greater part of the day.

Good Friday April 6th Sister Hannah's birthday. There was a letter from Mr Henry Maynard to say he should spend Good Friday at Histon & would come here Saturday Sunday & Monday. It was dull in the morning and fine rain. Henry Neve has been home to Cambridge, he rode there by train and walked home, Joseph Gentle went to meet him, it was getting dark so Joseph was afraid to go far, consequently did not meet him, Sarah Ann & I went for a long walk before dinner over hedges & ditches across the dirty fields, we went from here to "hulls-hook" & nearly to Pampisford Flour Mills, then up past the station along the Royston road as far as the cluster of trees opposite Hunts road leading from Duxford these trees looked so very pretty we could not resist going in, I was not

⁹ Dropsy <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edema>

aware there was such a romantic spot just there, we went from there to “Middle-more” to look for watercresses but could not find any, come home across the “Crote”. Mr & Mrs M had just came from church Jane Harriet & Edwin Maynard came up after we had done dinner & cleared away, Edwin, Jane Sarah Ann & I went to meet Elliott Sheldrick coming from

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Triplow before we went to church in the afternoon. Mr Margetts preached, after the service was over Mr & Mrs Hoskin both came in and had a good long chat. Edwin & Mr S went to see Mr Gellatley at the Paper Mills. Jane went part the way with them, Mr Mrs Maynard & Harriet went out some where for a walk. Sarah Ann & I stayed at home to arrange my last years letters. Jane her Sweetheart, Harriet & Joe went to Duxford about 9 O'clock. The policeman told us yesterday he had caught the boy that attempted to get in Mr Scruby's at Duxford and he Mr S declines prosecuting the boy. “Boffins” wife here is Aunt to the boy I think, his name is Thomson about 16 years of age, I know the boy very well but did not think he was guilty of such tricks.

Sturday April 7th George went to Cambridge and got home about 4 O'clock. Edwin Maynard went to Duxford to dinner & tea, he went down to the station twice with Jane & Elliot to meet Henry & his wife, the last train from Cambridge to Whfd is altered this month so they missed of Henry, the latter & his wife & the dog “tiny” came in at a ¼ to 8 by our time, but Edwin did not come until some time afterwards. Henry went out some where with his father & Edwin. Mrs HNM looks very delicate, and her features seem a little altered I think. Mr Maynard & the boy have been putting the clay-bats away, the men have finished making them. We have been busy to-day in the shop which is more than I expected.

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Mr John P Sheldrick called to see how we all were, I suppose he has come down for a few days holiday this Easter time.

Sunday 8th. Easter Sunday and sister Kates birthday. I went to church twice, took sacrament in the morning with Mr & Mrs Maynard & Mr & Mrs HN Maynard, Jane & George & Bessie Hopkins & Edwin M. Lady William Osbourne & her mother Mrs Headly were there too. Mr & Mrs Hoskin came in after the afternoon service to see Henry & his wife & dog they had gone to meet Elliot Sheldrick, the first time they came so they called again. Henry Neve & Joseph Gentle have been to Duxford and out together again in the evening. I walked down to the Railway Station & back before supper. Elliot Sheldrick went to Duxford with Jane, Harriet & Joseph. George went to the station in the morning to meet Bessie, she walked from Waterbeach to Cambridge & is very tired tonight.

Monday 9th. I written a short note each to sister Kate and Hannah before I opened shop. Bessie Hopkins got up with the tooth ache, her and Edwin went together by parly train George went to the station with them. Mrs H N Maynard & Sarah Ann went out for a walk to Duxford & back Jane and her Mr Sheldrick came with them, Jane went back to Duxford and Elliot Sheldrick home to Triplow before tea, the boy drove over to fetch Harriet in the evening as it was raining, hailing & snowing altogether. Henry & his father measured the ground of Pilgrims in the morning, and I don't know but

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think he has been making a plan and an estimate as I heard Henry say he had got it up to £300. Mr Tickle has sent a message to say he cannot think of extending the lease over 99 years. After supper Henry asked me if I thought I could manage the selling off at Duxford, it is proposed to begin next Monday consequently an account of the stock must be taken at once. I dont at all think if I do it, it will be done to please other people, George I dare say will grumble. I thought Henry made two or three conceited remarks to me as jeers about taking stock at Duxford, since supper he has written to Mr Russell to know whether he will take the fixtures in the house and shop which were valued to Mr Maynard at £65-.

Tuesday April 10th. I went to Duxford to take stock and to mark the goods for selling off. Miss Charlotte Markby was to be married the next day, so Jane went to the Revd Margetts to take some flowers &c for a triumphal arch. She stayed tea with Miss Robinson, Miss Jackson & others, after tea she went to Miss Jacksons & stayed all night. After we closed the shop I came up here to ascertain what I was to do, which caused quite an arguing between George, Henry & their father. Henry was quite vexed with George and no doubt George was vexed with

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me, but it should have explained to me what I was to do, he merely said they were going to sell of & he wanted an account of the stock & the goods marked at what I thought they would make. I knew no more about their arrangements than a stranger or very little, so I wanted an understanding, but could not get it that night.-

Wednesday 11th The village of Duxford was quite alive preparing for the wedding. We had lots of company at the Duxford shop from Whittlesford waiting to go to church, Jane of course went, with the rest, old Mr Markby gave his daughter (the bride) away & the bride grooms (J B Whiting) father married them, at ½ past 11 they went to church & came out just before 12. they had several carriages, and I suppose they looked very nice, the school children had a treat of wine & cake, & I think all the people living in the village that liked to go had some too. the bridegroom is secretary to the Church

Missionary Society, their Wedding Tour is to the Isle of Wight, I saw them pass by in a fly to the Chesterford station I supposed. Henry Sarah Ann & their father came over to Duxford and explained to me what they wanted to do with the Duxfd Stock, Henry left by the evening train for Cambridge. Jane went to Whittlesford before dinner to

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take her dog for Mrs Hoskin to see, and came back with her father. There was a musical entertainment at Chesterford so Miss White & the two Miss Farnes's went. I came home with Topsy, it was late when I got back to Duxford.-

Thursday April 12th Sarah Ann went to Duxfd in the morning to assist us there stock taking, just as she came in, Miss Emma Markby & her brother Robert came to invite them to so (*sic*) the Wedding presents, the dress &c & to have some wine and cake, they (Jane & SA) went & thought the presents very nice. Mr Maynard went round delivering the bills of selling off, he went to Pampisford then called at Duxford as he went to Hinxton & Inckleton stayed tea with us as he came back. Sarah Ann stayed with us allnight, we kept on stock taking until nearly 10 O'clock.-

Friday 13th. We finished stock-taking at 10 clock (A.M.). Jane had a note from her mother to say her grandmother (Mrs Smith Senr) died that morning at 3 O'clock, Annie & Emma Maynard were with her when she died, before their mother could get there she was gone. I went to Whittlesford with Sarah Ann & stayed all-night. Mrs M says she went to see Mrs Smith yesterday, she did not think her so near her end she was sensible then, but her mind wandered. George took to look at the goods he intends to send to Duxford to be sold and a nice lot they are too.-

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Saturday, April 14th. I went to Duxford before breakfast, it was rather damp, but a nice walk. We were busy preparing for the selling off on Monday, we have got so far ready to begin, the people seem to be anticipating some great bargains, there will be some too, such as a pair of trousers for ^d6 & a vest for ^d4 a pair of stockings for a ^d1 & a shawl for 3d & a long smock frock for a 1/- &c &c. I hope we shall get rid of most of them, I have marked a high crowned hat @ 4 ³/₄ ^d and some caps at ^d1 & ^d2 each & prints at ^d2 per yard. We gave over at a little before 10 O'clock, they took £1-18-6 over the counter. Henry Neve says they were busy here. Last Monday was Sawston Feast which is genery (*sic*) the commencement of feasts in this neighbourhood.-

Sunday 15th I came to Whittlesford before breakfast, they were none of them down so had to wait outside some little time. I went to church once and for a walk to Triplow with Sarah Ann after tea, we enjoyed it very much. SA had the head ache part the time. After supper I went back to Duxford Jane & Harriet went earlier. George went to Cambridge,

met his Bessie there & spent the day at Edwins. he went to see Miss Farnes in the evening & returned just before I left.-

Monday 16th Commenced selling off at Duxford we were very busy all day long, took £14-10 which is something very considerable for Duxford shop in one

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day compared with what has been done there lately, it was ½ past 11 O'clock by the time we had put things straight & got out of the shop, the cheap lots seem to make the people talk well & I hope will be a means of drawing more customers.

Tuesday Ap 17th. Harriet came to Whittlesford to attend her Grandmother Smiths funeral, we were busy when she went, but did not do so much as we did the day before, we finish at 10 O'clock and took a little over £10. George & Henry Neve went over & came back after supper. Jane was not very well.

Wednesday 18th It is 3 years today since I came back to live at Whittlesford after living at Horncastle I expected Sarah Ann over in the evening but she did not come, she was washing the day before, and I suppose ironing today & too tired to walk far. We were not so busy in the shop took £6-6. a great many of the people talk of coming again on Saturday they are short of money.

Thursday 19th. Sarah Ann came over to Duxford about 8 O'clock while we were at breakfast, it had been snowing hailing & raining nearly all the way she came the wind too was high & cold. I walked to Sawston for orders, had dinner & tea at Whittlesford Emma Maynard was at Duxford when I went back. We were not so busy again today took a little over £4. One old dame from Hinxton has been over 3 days running.

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Friday Ap 20th Sarah Ann came home to Whittlesford after breakfast. In the afternoon Jane went with Miss Jackson to play the harmonium in the church. Mr Wallis tapped at the shutters as he was going home about 11 O'clock Harriet opened the door for him, and the little dog "Tiny" does not like him at all, I never saw the dog in such a temper before. Mr Waldock called in, in the evening to ask Jane whether she had any thing to say against Mr Ames the policeman, as Mr John Osler Junr¹⁰ has been talking to the Captain, saying he ought to send two detectives over on Sunday, as there was house-breaking, highway robberies and almost everything that is bad, going on in Duxford Village and that Mr Ames is not an inefficient officer. the farmers and tradesmen are very vexed with Mr

¹⁰ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/fulbourn/doggets-lane/>

Oslar so they in getting (*sic*) a paper to be signed by the most respectable inhabitants to say that Mr Ames does his duties & highly approved of & respected by the inhabitants & then the paper is to be sent to the Captain, which perhaps will increase Mr Ames's his character insted of injuring as in all probability it would have done, he had the orders to hold himself in readiness for a removal at a short notice, I don't suppose he will go now. Mr Oslar does not live in the village himself, so if he has done it merely to show his influence, it is a very ungentlemanly action. We were busier than I expected to be it being so near the end of the week, taken £5-12.

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Saturday April 21st. It was a very uncomfortable evening and part of the afternoon. SA went to Duxford in the afternoon as we expected to be very busy had it been fine, but the snow, rain & hail made us very dull so that we could very well managed without her assistance, the total amount of cash taken this week is £45. I finished casting the stock book up, the stock alone at Duxford amounts to £335, George has sent some goods from Whfd which will make it about £400 I should think. SA says George & his father both have been to Cambridge. Mr M went to a lawyer to have his will settled. Mr Kettle was there in the evening and had supper with us.

Sunday 22nd. SA & I came to Whfd round by Hunts road the sun was shining beautiful so we enjoyed the walk very much, we got to Whfd about ¼ past 10, SA went to church. I had not time to get ready as they neglected to send my box to Duxford. I went to Church once. Edwin Maynard walked here done (*sic*) the railway lines from Cambridge Edward Brand is living at Camb. so he walked as far as Sawston with Edwin. Jane Harriet & Joseph went to Duxford after tea, George & Edwin went part the way with them. Mr Kettle came in, after supper. I stayed at Whittlesford all night.-

Monday 23rd I went to Langley, Sarah Ann rode to Duxfd with me expecting they would be busy but it turned out a wet day here, but it did not rain up at Langley until

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about 4 O'clock just as we started to come home and it kept on raining all the way, I saw Mrs Stock at Mr Monks at Elmdon, he is not very well. When I got to Duxford, Emma Maynard Miss Farnes & Mrs H N Maynard were there. Miss F & Emma rode home to Whittlesford in the pony gig I stayed at Duxfd all night. Today is Triplow feast. Mr & Mrs Maynard have been married 33 years. Miss Brand I hear is going to have the shop at Elmdon of Mr White again.

Tuesday Ap 24th I went to Whittlesford before breakfast got there at ¼ past 7 & the shop was not open. I got the drapery & some of the grocery orders for Langley, stayed dinner at Whfd then came back to Duxfd. Sarah Ann and Mrs H N M then went to Whfd. SA has

a bad cold and does not look very well. Miss Jay came over after dinner by & bye Emma & Miss Farnes came in, had tea with us and all three returned together. we were a little busy in the evening for about 2 hours but took only about £3 and yesterday not so much as that I think. I written home to dear mother.

Wednesday 25th Mr & Mrs Maynard Mrs Henry Maynard & Mrs Allen all came to Duxford to tea. Mrs H Maynard & her mother went to Elmdon after tea to see the Brands. Mr Brand came to fetch them. Carry Colborne is going back to Crumlin with Henry's wife it will be quite a change for Carry & no doubt she will enjoy her visit. It being finer today we had a little more to do in the shop took £5. Mrs Maynard does not seem satisfied with

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the Duxford stock, she thinks there is some mistake she has been talking about it again today. Mrs Margetts has another son. Joseph went to Whittlesford in the afternoon to assist packing the Langley orders and stayed all night. -

Thursday Ap. 26th I have been counting the debts that are now standing in the Duxford books and find they amount to £83-12-9 ¼ am afraid a great deal of that is bad debts. Mr & Mrs M thought they would not amount to more than about £30, so I went over in the evening to see them. Miss Jay was there and stayed until 10 O'clock so I came away without saying any thing to them about it. I don't think there is such a great mistake in the value of the stock as they seem to think there is or in casting the stock book up. In going to Whittlesford I met Annie, Emma, Helen & Robert Maynard, Thos Holiday Junr was with them. Miss Jackson had been to Whfd to tea and Robt had been home with her. When I got back to Duxford Jane had gone to bed very tired, we were slack in the shop until evening taken £3. Joseph went to Langley and the landlord (Funston) ate Josephs dinner, there were not many goods so they got back about 5 O'clock. John Colborne was round here for orders so stayed dinner here then went to Walden.

Friday Ap 27th. I went to Whittlesford in the morning when I got there they shown me an application they had received from a young man at Fowlmire for the particulars of the Duxford business. it appears to be

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almost every bodys opinion that there might be a business done there, so after a little talk upon the subject, it was decided for George and I to drive over to Arrington at once and hear what Mr Russell would agree to do to the shop and what the rent would be &c &c. Mr Russell intends keeping it open as a shop and seems willing to make alterations in reason he will put a new front in and a new floor. the rent will be £20 a year for half the garden and Mr Jackson close next to the garden (the whole of the close) I am to have it

for one year to try it and if I wish to remain after a trial Mr Russell would wish me to hire the whole of the premises on a Lease. he says he intends having the places put in thorough repair and does not mean to lay any more more (*sic*) out on them for a long time. We had tea there and got home about 9 O'clock. Sarah Ann came back to Duxford with me, she was not very well but wrapped herself up. John Colborne was here and stayed allnight. They were very busy in the shop this evening took £5.

Saturday Ap 28th. I went over to Whittlesford with Sarah Ann before breakfast, came back about 11 O'clock. Jane and I have been calculating my expenses at £100 the first year but with a little nipping and screwing she thinks I may do it for something under that, if not am afraid I shall lose money. I written home and to Louisa to acquaint them of my contemplated change, have

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asked Louisa to come and be Housekeeper for me if I decide upon taking the business. Have had the headache allday. We took £5 in the shop I wish I could take that every Saturday Harriet and I drowned poor old "Bill" we thought it was the best thing we could do with her as she was likely to have some kittens, so we put her in a bag and tied a heavy weight to it, I lifted the weight over and Harriet put the cat into the water-butt. Neither of us ever thought we should put an end to poor old Bills existence, she was about 10 years old.

Sunday April 29th Harriet went to Cambridge by the morning train, I walked as far as the hand-post with her, she had to run when she got to the hill against the station to catch the train. I met Mr M on the road, he turned back with me and we had some talk together about the Duxford business, the cash taken at Duxford in 1859 averaged £11 per week if I can increase it to £15 I think that will nearly clear my expenses. I went to Church in the afternoon at Whittlesford and in the evening Sarah Ann and I came over to Duxford Church. Mr & Mrs Hoskin and a young lady with them came in after the afternoon service to see the little dog "Tiny" they are very pleased with her, and would like to have her. Jane Joseph and I came to Duxford after supper. George went to Cambridge to meet his Bessie there, they dined at Mrs Allens making a party of 8 persons altogether with Harriet

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and other friends. Henry Neve went home too, came back in the evening. Joseph went to meet him. George came back by the train. Sarah Ann was very unwell last night and was obliged to go to bed soon after tea.

Monday April 30th. I begun gardening this morning by sowing Lettuce and Mustard seeds. Jane, Joseph and I all had a hand in burying poor old "Bill". Emma Maynard and

Miss Farnes came over I suppose for a walk. I went over to Whittlesford to see what arrangements we could come to about the Duxford stock. We have decided upon selling off as long as we can and then what we don't sell I am to look out what part of that stock I should wish to keep after that George is to come over here, him & Jane to go through the stock together and fix the price for it, and whatever sum I have, I am to pay 5 per cent interest for. Messrs Abbott & Son of Royston are to value the fixtures for Mr Maynard and I am to select one for myself. Abbott and Son valued for Mr Russell when Mr M taken them. When at Whittlesford I wrote to Mr Gimson to ask him to let me know when he would come to Duxford to see about the alterations so that I may be there when he does come. I came back after supper: they were not very busy in the shop taken £3. Harriet returned this morning.

Tuesday May 1st We had the May dolls & singers round it was a delightful morning. I began to tie the Raspberry canes up. Jane and Sarah Ann have gone to Cambridge

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by train took the dog "Tiny" with them. Mrs H Maynard returns to Crumlin on Saturday next leaves Camb on Friday, her mother is going back with her instead of Carry Colborne. We had but very little to do in the shop until evening, then we were a little busy took a little over £2. I written to Mr Russell to ask him to allow me to make use of the dwelling house for a shop and have the shop attended to first. I also written a few lines to Louisa.

Wednesday May 2nd Jane came home by the morning train. We were not busy in the shop had a few customers in just before we closed taken £1-5 besides two bills amounting together to £8 and a few shillings Mrs and Miss Farnes came over to tea and bought a few articles. I received a letter from Father, of course he does not know any thing about the business nor how to advise me for the best. he has written to Louisa wishing her to give Mr Plane notice to leave whether I shall require her for Housekeeper or not, father and Mother would both like me to go home for a day or so, if Mr Maynard and I agree about the business. They would like Sarah Ann to go with me. Cousin Edmund Whichello was at Buckden last Sunday, sister Lydia and Edmund are unsettled, I suppose they are upon the point of marriage. Lydia is expected home next week.

Thursday May 3rd I received a letter from Mr Gimson to say he saw Mr Russell yesterday and Mr Gimson will come over to Duxford on Friday next at 11 O'clock I was up at 5 O'clock to garden. S??? Willis came to get

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the ground ready for the potatoes. I walked over to Whfd and round Sawston for orders it was a delightful day and I enjoyed the walk. Sarah Ann came back to Duxford with me

after tea and stayed all night. She has been very busy cleaning the bed rooms for summer at Whittlesford. They have not yet begun the new house, but have found the well. Taken about £3 in the shop.

Friday May 4th. Sarah Ann went home to Whfd after breakfast. I had the tooth-ache in the night so did not get up quite so early, it was troublesome all-day so in the evening I went to Mr Patterson and had it taken out it is the first I have had extracted. Jane and Harriet went to the station to see Mrs H Maynard and her mother pass on their way to Crumlin. Mr Gimson the architect and a young man with him from Royston came over to take the dimensions &c of the alterations to be made, the shop front is to be bricked all along as well as the other end of the house. Mr Gimson shown me the plan for the house as they had proposed I think it would be very comfortable as well as nice looking. Mr Russell is not willing to be at the expense of Plate Glass Windows. We taken £4-6.

Saturday May 5th My Gums & mouth were very tender we were not very busy in the shop until evening taken altogether £4-12. The people seem to have heard that I am about taking this business. George Lofts came to garden

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at 5 O'clock. I was up at 20 minutes past 4.

Sunday May 6th Joseph went to Whittlesford with me after breakfast it was a beautiful morning for a walk. Edwin Maynard, Alfred Allen & Isaac Moule came over together in Alfreds horse and cart to spend the day, Alfred & Mr Moule returned together in the evening. Edwin stayed all night. George is not very well. - Emma Maynard went to Church with us in the afternoon. I took sacrament with Mr & Mrs Maynard Jane Harriet Sarah Ann and Edwin. Poor old neighbour Primes husband was buried in the afternoon, he died at his daughters on the Shelford Road. I suppose poor old Prime makes a great trouble of it. Annie and Helen Maynard were at the house when we came from church. Mr Robt Mayanrd called in the evening. Jane had a bad cold so stayed at Whittlesford allnight. I think it was Joe Farnes the sailor that was expected at Whittlesford but did not arrive. Mr Kettle was at tea with us. I had some conversation with Mr & Mrs Maynard about the Duxford business, they thought it would be advisable for me to go home and ascertain whether Father could advance me a little money, so I decided upon going next morning. I must have a little more ready money to begin with or I don't see how I can take the business nicely. I calculate it will take £300 to start with. Mr M will let me have £150 if the stock and the fixtures we guess will be about £30 more making altogether £180 and when Mr M has settled with me I shall have about £70 of my own clear which will make £250.

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Monday May 7th I was up at 5 O'clock with Geo Lofts in the garden. I written to Mr Russell and to Mr Gimson before I went to Buckden, I met Jane and Edwin at the station. Edwin and I rode to Cambridge together I walked from Huntingdon to Buckden and arrived home a little before 10 O'clock. Father and Mother were rather surprised to see me, they are both well, mothers eye is gradually getting worse, she quite expects she will have to undergo an operation, the Physicians have told her she would in the course of a few years. Father thinks he can let me have £50 by the time I shall want it, which will make the stock and fixtures £300 and I intend writing to Messrs Hall & Ilott & to Mr Pollard to ask them to have a parcel of goods on 2 or 3 months credit.

Tuesday May 8th Mother and I looked out some linen and a few other little articles towards housekeeping that she could spare me, I packed them ready to take away. Father received a letter from Louisa, she gave notice on the 1st May so I suppose she will leave the 1st June. In the afternoon Father and I went to Ellington to see a farmer about taking three Heifers that father wants to put out to joyce. I saw old Mrs Elderton and Mrs Dring. I have not seen them for 8 or 9 years before, it was their club feast day. We had the young pony it is not a fast one but very quiet, it was showery. -

Wednesday 9th. Henry drove me to Huntingdon Station

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to meet the 8 O'clock train I got to Whittlesford about a ¼ to 11 had a piece of luncheon and then came to Duxford, they have been very slack in the shop. I written to Louisa yesterday and left the letter for mother to post at Buckden. This afternoon I written to Messrs Hall & Ilott and to Mr Pollard to ask them if they can let me have goods on credit. Harriet & Jane have the tooth & face ache. -

Thursday May 10th I and Geo Lofts were in the garden at 5 O'clock. After breakfast Joseph went to Whittlesford. We were not very busy, yesterday and today's cash amounts to £2-10 only. Mr & Mrs John Holiday came to tea. Miss Robinson came in in the evening. I walked to Whittlesford after I closed the shop got back about 4 O'clock. Sister Elizabeth Milledge has changed her residence again. Father made a flying visit to London not long ago to see Lydia and called upon Elizabeth quite unexpected, Father says she seems to have a comfortable home, her husband has been out of employment for some time past.-

Friday May 11th I received a letter from Mr Russell in answer to mine, he is afraid a Plate Glass Front will make a very expensive job of it, he did not understand I wished for that, he will see Mr Gimson in a few days and make arrangements with him to be getting on with the alterations. I received an answer from Mr Ilott, he has kindly offered to assist me all he can and will let me

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have any Drapery stock I may want an accommodate me in time if I require it, and any ordinary kind of goods that I have of them if I find them unsaleable he will take them back again, Jenny his little ones Kate & Mr Hall are all well. Mr & Mrs M and SA came to Duxford to tea. Mrs M was looking out the furniture &c ~~that~~ she intends having away, what she does not want I shall buy of her. they were caught in a storm as they came. Sarah Ann and Harriet went to the missionary meeting at the School rooms, Harriet had a bad head ache when she came home. SA stayed allnight. their mother and father went back to Whfd in the evening Jane went to bed quite affronted without her supper because we did not go in to supper directly they came from the meeting. Sarah Ann and her father went to Cambridge in the morning. I written to Mother and sent her Mr Ilotts letter as she wished me to let her know the result of my letter to them. I was gardening at 5 Oclock and have a bad cold.

Saturday May 12th Louisas birthday. Sarah Ann went to Whittlesford before breakfast Harriet went part the way with her. I was gardening about ½ past 5 Oclock. Sown some Windsor Beans. Joseph came home from Whittlesford just before tea. Mr Wallis came in about 9 Oclock and stayed until 12, he seems quite sure there is a business to be done here. We were not very busy in the shop, taken £2-10.

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Sunday May 13th. There has been a nice rain and continued nearly all day. I stayed here at Duxford in the morning, Swann Wallis¹¹ came in to oil his shoes and was gossipping nearly an hour with me, which hindered me from going to Whittlesford so soon as I intended going. Edwin Maynard came from Cambridge by train was here just in time to go to Church with Jane and Harriet, they came up here after they left Church, Edwin & Jane started first for Whfd then Harriet and after I finished what I had to do I followed and overtook H at the bottom of the hill she was very wet and it was then raining very fast and the waters were out. I went to Whittlesford Church in the afternoon. They have begun the clay bat wall round where the house is to be built. It is reported about Whfd as a fact that Sarah Ann and I are going to be married in 3 weeks. Edwin returned to Duxford with his two sisters & Joseph, I stayed there allnight. Emma Helen & Robt Maynard their father & mother & Kate Farnes come in there in the evening. George was going to Waterbeach but it turned out very wet.

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¹¹ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/duxford/duxford-scrapbook/>

Monday May 14th. I looked out a few goods for Duxford from the Whittlesford stock and came to Duxford after dinner. Edwin had to carry Jane and Harriet on his back through the water against the Manure Companys works as it was flooded over the road. I also was with SA & her mother looking out some blankets & a carpet towards housekeeping for myself. There is a meeting at the Primitive Methodists Chapel tonight at Whfd. Edwin returned to Cambridge in the morning by train. Jane & Harriet are neither of them very well. I have a bad cold, I washed my feet before breakfast. Joseph went to Whittlesford after tea. - -

Tuesday 15th. I have not yet received an answer from Mr Pollard am rather surprised. Was up this morning at ¼ to 6 rolling the grass plot got my feet very wet. Harriets washing day, it has been very showery and one thunder storm. Harriets tooth aches very bad, her & Jane were preparing to go to the Church Missionary meeting at Whittlesford and it came on a heavy rain so they have not gone. Mr M brought the goods over I looked out and says Mrs Maynard is not at all well. this is their washing day. Have been writing to Mr Pollard again also to Messrs Hall & Ilott. Esther Wisbey

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has at last broke the silence between her and myself which has been continued ever since the disturbance Edwin Pearl was the cause of. I believe she has done it because she thinks it will be to her interest to do so having a wish to come here the same has she has done for Harriet, of course I can't say for a certainty, but this is my opinion of her. We have been a little busy in the shop. Mr C Monk of Elmdon & his sister Mrs Stock called in the morning on their way to attend the funeral of a Mr Hunt some one they know or are related to, they said they should call again at night but they have not done so, I suppose because it is so wet.-

Wednesday May 16th I began to mow the grass in the garden. I paid Geo Lofts for what he has done. the weather still continues very wet, I hope it will make the garden seeds grow. Miss Farnes came up in the afternoon to ask Harriet to go with her to tea with Mr Kettle and to ask if she could sleep here tonight. I suppose the invitation for Harriet was an excuse to get a bed here, Harriet did not go so Georgie went alone. After tea Emma Maynard came up she had been to give her music lesson to Miss Waldock. Jane started to go part the way home with her, they called at Mr Kettles

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I think and saw him and Miss Farnes together in his room, his head was in her lap, the blind up and a candle on the table so that any body could see them from the street. Georgies brother Joe and Robert Maynard were not far off. Emma came back with Jane and stayed all night. After I closed the shop I went to Whittlesford and back they had all gone to bed but Sarah Ann, George had a pencild note from Bessie in the morning she

written it in bed and said she had been very poorly for a fortnight and had then just had a fainting fit, in the afternoon he had a telegraph message to say Bessie was dangerously ill, so George went by the 5 Oclk train to Waterbeach to see her, I hope he found her better. Mrs Piggott too is very ill in bed so it makes it very unfortunate for them. When I came back from Whittlesford Miss Farnes and her Mr Kettle and Swann Wallis were here, we did not get to bed until 12 O'clock. Sarah Ann has been very busy at Whittlesford with their washing. She says the schools were pretty well fill'd at the Missionary meeting, unfortunately it was a wet night just about the time people would be about starting there came on a very heavy storm of rain and hail, it also thundered. We did not have much of the storm here.

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June. I am sorry I have neglected my writing now 3 weeks during that time my time has been fully occupied in business, I have been at work early and late and have at last decided upon taking the Duxford business. Mr Ilott came to see me on the 29th March, he called on his return from London in the evening and left here next morning so he had not much time with me. him and Mr Hall are both very Kind, they have offered to do any thing they can to assist me and will send me a parcel of goods, and what I cannot sell they will agree to take again, so that I can have a change of Drapery Stock every few months, we went for a walk together before breakfast they are well at Norwich he tells me poor Miss Boyden (as was before she married) is dead, Charlotte & him were talking about her not long before they received the card to inform them of her death. I have her portrait which I shall keep in remembrance of her, in some of her letters she seemed to have an idea she should not live to an old age, if so I hope she was prepared for that great change and now blessed with eternal happiness. they were in business at Stamford and doing very well Mr Ilott thinks, she had been working very hard to get a business and I should think over exerted herself.

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the 17th May Joseph returned from Whittlesford I walked to Sawston for orders got to Whfd to dinner we have had some very heavy rains consequently the waters have flooded many places, Mrs Brands house stands rather high & it came in her house nearly two feet deep, which kept them up stairs from Sunday night until Tuesday Emma Maynard Miss Farnes and Jane Kept us waiting breakfast until nearly 9 O'clock. Emma & Miss Farnes rode to Whittlesford in the pony cart. George returned from Waterbeach in the morning. Bessie is very ill indeed he seems to think she will not recover the doctor says it is a remittant fever which is approaching the typhus (*sic*) fever. I stayed at Whfd all night. The 18th George received a letter from Mr Piggott to say Bessie was very ill indeed yesterday about mid-day it was very difficult for them to keep her alive and thought George had better go by the first train, it was raining fast so I drove George to the station I hope he will find her better than he expects. I received a letter from Mrs Pollard to say she hoped

I should receive the Plums & currants safe that Mr Pollard sent me from London yesterday they were at the station so I brought them to Duxford in the pony cart. There was letter for me from Mother. Lydia has been home, but is now at Bourn. this is about Bourn Feast time. She will return to Buckden next week. George came home at night. Bessie was very ill

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all night and in the morning but was a little better when George left at night. he went to Duxford as he came from the station. Mr John Rayner died at 10 minutes to 7 in the evening. Mr Simmonds sent for George to go down as Geo was not at home I went, they seem to want to make a great display for a little money, they will leave it in our hands to get what is necessary I went to Mr Richd Sheldricks and ordered the Coffin at first they said they should have elm covered with cloth but they have decided upon oak, he was up yesterday morning but was obliged to be carried to bed by two men, he died of inflammation in the bladder and had suffered a great deal. Sarah Ann and I were busy that day looking over the drapery as George talked of going to London the next week but as we were wanting the silk etc for the funeral I went the next morning (Saturday) and returned at night. Pawsons close at 3 on Saturdays so I had not much time as it was nearly one O'clock when I got to Shoreditch I came down to Duxford in the evening, June 4th Monday Mr Gimson brought Mr Abbott over with him to value the fixtures I am to take of Mr Maynard. George Jane & Bessie were to have been over here

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early but did not get here until about 12 O'clock. After Mr Abbott & Gimson had gone George & I began to measure the drapery I have selected for my stock. Mrs Maynard would like for Mr Gimson to have the building of their house at Whfd so George asked him to superintend it but he objects to it unless it is given entirely into his own hands. Swann Wallis came in at night and smoked a pipe with George.

Tuesday June 5th We began to clear the goods out of the shop but could not finish before Mr Gimson and his men were over to commence the alterations they were not here long before the shop floor was up. Mrs Colbornes sitting room is the grocers shop & my parlour the drapers but every thing is in confusion. The workmen have also the top of one of the chimneys down. George & I get on very slowly with the stock. I don't think he is acting quite fair in charging me cost price I am not at all satisfied with it. Mr Gimson dined with us.-

Sunday July 1st I cannot sit down to write regularly now much as I should like to, am obliged to spend what time I have to spare in the garden. Louisa & I get on pretty well in the shop, we have taken on average about £11-10 a week, which is as much as I can

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expect considering the muddle we are in and the many articles we are out of I was in hopes of getting into the shop this week, but the painting takes some time to do I have had the shop papered which I think is a great improvement it will scarcely look like the same place when it is finished. The carpenters are now busy making my Pantry and repairing the Varander (*sic*) at the back of the house. Mr Swan J Wallis wishes me to ask Mr Russell the rent of this house when they have finished it, Wallis thinks it ought not to exceed £10 or £12 a year, but I don't think Mr R will let it for that. Last week I received a nice long grocery order from Mrs Ilott & Mrs Hall The two amounting to about £10, I went to Norwich last Monday to buy my stock of Drapery so took part of the goods with me as luggage. I returned Wednesday morning. I asked Joseph Gentle to come and assist Louisa until I got back he did so, but think he felt rather disappointed as he was going for his holiday on the Sunday, Sarah Ann & Harriet came over Tuesday night and stayed all night with Louisa Joseph left here the same evening. I met SA

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and Harriet Wednesday morning as I came from the Station. SA has been very poorly lately, this last week they have been washing next week (tomorrow) they commence "Stock taking" when they have finished that, SA anticipates going to Crumlin for a month or so I hope the change will do her good. Edwin & Alfred Allen too are going very shortly Louisa will lose her wages due from Mr Plaice at Lynn. he has failed, he was fined £10 not many weeks since for hawking without a license, he is a rascal or he would not have behaved as he did to Louisa. Yesterday week I went to Cambridge Market with George and bought some Cheese & Pork &c. Louisa and I did not get out of the shop that night until nearly 10 O'clock & it struck 2 before I was in bed, we were busy salting the Pork & getting Norwich orders for Cheese & a few other things that I had to get at Camb for them. Father drove Louisa up in the horse and cart Saturday June 9th and brought some furniture with them, they were coming the day before, they borrowed a horse it reared up when they were about

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starting and fell backwards and overthrew the van and frightened them so much they were afraid to venture, Father returned to Buckden the same day and we were glad to hear he arrived home safe, I went to Camb that day to withdraw my deposit money from the savings bank & did not get back until about 4 O'clock so I did not see much of Father it rained a good deal during the day, Harriet stayed here with Louisa until the following Wednesday since then we have been alone. Louisa made us a jolly pudding the first start off one about the size of a quarter peck measure which lasted us some time. the first day she upset the tea kettle and put the fire nearly out since then we have been getting on

better. During the last week we have had some thunder storms and altogether we have had about 10 weeks rainy weather, which makes things very backward and no doubt spoils a great deal of hay, the farmers complain very much. Bread is 6^d½ per 4lb loaf. Mr Gimson has been to Whittlesford to see Mr Maynard about building his house & to measure the old materials

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that are to be used, and I think in all probability he will do it. Mr Gimson was here yesterday he has been very poorly indeed and is far from being well now. The first Saturday I had this business on my own account I attended poor old nurse Wards funeral it was raining all the time. Mr Hatton has left Deadham and is now loding (sic) at John Peters at Whittlesford looking out for an engagement in London has a German gentleman friend with him. Elliot Sheldrick is again at Whittlesford a very frequent visitor. I think he has been to France. Kate has a nice little home at Norwich she seems happy I saw my little Nephew (William Farrington Ilott) he is a nice quiet little fellow Flora grows nicely. Mr Ilott was very hoarse the morning I left. Winch the apprentice came as far as Cambridge with me he is going home to Hitchin for a holiday. Trade is very dull every where just now the (sic) is so unsettled which makes it very bad for drapers. I think they are going to have a fresh assistant at Whittlefd Joseph & Hy Neve play too much.

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Sunday July 15th This day fortnight I went to Whittlesford church in the afternoon, I met Mr Hatton and his friend Mr Erke (a German) they were coming to Duxford Chapel with Emma and Helen Maynard, I stayed at Whittlesford to tea. George went to Waterbeach him & Edwin Hatton & Mr Erke came part the way home with me. On Monday they commenced "Stock taking". The painter told me he was going to his Club Feast on the Thursday consequently would not be able to finish painting the shop so I written to Mr Gimson to ask him to send some one else over to take his place. so Mr Ward (the painter Mr G employs) brought another man over on the Friday since then we have had to remove the counters into the shop again to have the fronts of them grained, they now look very nice and so do the Fixtures, for "make-shift" counters we have had the old shop shutters on tressels we find it very inconvenient being in such a muddle. On Saturday I

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borrowed the horse at Whittlesford to go to Cambridge to buy some Pork I rode back with George & the boy brought the goods Louisa was rather busy while I was away that was the best week we have had at present. Sarah Ann has not been very well. After I Salted my Pork it was nearly 12 Oclock as we were busy all the evening. I had the tooth ache and could not get any rest which made me feel very queer Sunday morning after breakfast I felt a little better so went to church in the afternoon Louisa went to

Whittlesford brought Sarah Ann & Harriet over to tea at tea time my tooth got worse so I went to Mr Pattersons to have it out Mr P. was not at home so Mr Benjamin took it out for me, I came home and enjoyed my tea. Poor Mrs Patterson was buried on Thursday. Janes "Sweetheart" was there a fortnight ago today and was expected again one day this week Jane Harriet & SA went to the station to meet him but he did not come

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so they came on to Duxford stayed a little while then Louisa went back with them for a walk. SA returned with her I went back with SA after we shut up, they have finished "Stock-taking". Mr Russell has been over this last week & a lady with him, he seems quite satisfied with the alterations in the shop & thinks it a great improvement, he appears willing to have any thing done I think necessary. I mentioned the graining the shop front to correspond with the inside, he says it might have been done and has since giving orders for it to be done now, I am very glad of that as it will look so very much better than the plain Drab Paint and will be much more durable. Mr R is coming over again shortly to meet Mr Gimson here. I went to Cambridge on Friday Mr Kettle rode there with me, I borrowed Mr Maynards pony & cart, had tea at Whittlesford when I came back. Mrs Gellatly & Mrs Farnes were there to tea Mrs Maynard & Harriet had gone to Cambridge and Histon Mr M had gone to fetch Mrs M in

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the horse and cart. I saw Edwin he is well and has joined the Volunteer Rifle Corpse (*sic*). Mr Kettle has left Winchester on account of his health partly, he does not look at all well, he is now stationed at Duxford again he cannot procure respectable lodgings any where that he would like to go to so he is having the use of part of my bed until Miss Robinson comes from Dunmow and he intends trying for lodgings (*sic*) there. it will not be at all convenient for us to have a lodger or I think he would like to remain here. Mr King came up one evening to help me do a little in the garden. I went home with him and stayed about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. Last night we were a little busy in the shop on Monday I intend unpacking the Drapery and removing back into the shop.

Sunday August 12th. A fortnight ago today I drove Sarah Ann to Buckden to see Mrs Chaterton & he (*sic*) two daughters. we were quite unexpected visitors so of course we surprised them, Mary Ann was very pleased to see us. we returned the following morning. we went to Buckden

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Church in the afternoon, there has been very great alterations made in it since I was there before. Mother thinks she shall undergo the operation with her eyes while Mary Ann is at home, as they gradually get worse. We are getting on pretty well in the shop but still in a

dreadful muddle I have not had time to find a place for every thing yet. I advertised in yesterdays "Independent Press" for an assistant. Louisa not being used to housekeeping cannot find time to come into the shop. Sarah Ann, Edwin & Emma Maynard left Whittleford for Crumlin last Monday Mr Hatton went as far as London with them, I was at the station & saw them off. Mr Erke went towards Cambridge the same morning, they have both left Whittlesford for good. I have received one letter from SA to say they arrived there safe Wednesday at tea time her brother Henry met them at Newport & Mrs H N Maynard met them at Newbridge Emma is delighted with the Welch scenery they went for a walk the same day as they got there and did not get home until

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9 O'clock, they were up at 4 O'clock that morning so of course was very tired. Monday night they went to a concert & did not get to bed until past 1 O'clock. Tuesday they went to the Crystal Palace and were very late again that night. I hope they are now enjoying themselves. SA says Emma has been out once with her fast hat on. Fred asked her if she belonged to the Rifle Men. Miss Elizabeth Jay was married last Thursday the 9th inst to Mr Churcher from London. I think he is employed in some bank in London. There is a Mr Marking? from Harston goes to see Miss Mary Jay now. SA & I went down to her house last Sunday evening & he was there then. Clara White is engaged to Mr John P Sheldrick. Mr Richard Sheldricks son I was very much surprised when I heard of it. Mr Kettle visits Mrs Farnes' very much, he is lodging at Miss Robinsons I am very glad he has gone from here but he never even thanked either Louisa or me for his accommodation nor offered to make us any recompense, and seldom comes in now. his horse has got kicked so he came to the door this afternoon & asked if we would

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heat him a Kettle of water at tea time. Louisa started to go to church but was so late she came back again & has now gone to Whittlesford she did not feel very well after dinner so laid down & went to sleep & did not wake until I called her. I went over to Whittlesford last Monday it being the day for George to go to Triplow. Henry Neve had gone home & only Joseph was in the shop so I went there & Joseph came here for the day. Joe Farnes came home with me at night & had supper here. I invited him to come again before he goes away, so he came Wednesday night him & Mr King (Waller M) stayed supper & left about ½ past 10. Joe is going to India for 3 years leaves Whittlesford Friday & starts from Southampton today I hope he will have a safe & successful voyage I respect him very much and I hope we shall be spared to see each other again. There is to be quite an alteration at this flour mill. Mr Moyse Senr is coming here himself & is going to have the mill on his own account. poor Waller King had

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to pack off this week with less than a weeks notice, he did not much like leaving, and I think it was rather ungentlemanly of them not to mention it to him before, he is a respectable fellow, his friends may have got a little money & he has gone home to them & has nothing to do, I can see he is in love with Louisa, but Louisa is not with him I am happy to say. Last Friday was the National School treat it was a fine day for them fortunately. Mr & Mrs Markby gave me a small order & invited Louisa to go to the treat, she went & very much enjoyed herself too. I had a note from sister Kate the other morning to say herself & husband hoped to pay us a visit tomorrow week. they are going to Buckden. Mrs Custerson is there & returns next Tuesday will take little Flora with her to Eversden. They have at last commenced building Mr Maynard's house at Whittlesford. Mr Gimson is doing it they began about a fortnight ago. Mr Gimson says he can do it in about 3 months. I shall be very glad when it is finished for Mr Maynards

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sake it seems to have quite upset him he is very low-spirited & unwell. I can see a great change in him. they cannot suite themselves with a young man at present. Sarah Ann came over with her mother the week before last & stayed two nights & helped Louisa make the Jam & pick some currants for wine. The last week or so Mr Josiah Jacksons people have been making great preparations to celebrate their only sons 21st Birthday next Monday the style in which they are doing it in won't cost them less than from 10 to £15 & perhaps more, I hear they intend having a brass band (sic) of music and a tent erected at the back of the house, I don't suppose they will fail to make it as stylish & grand as they possibly can. The said son came home yesterday he is in a merchants office at Peterborough & no doubt feels himself of no small importance Making all this fuss with him, I think they would be much wiser in saving the money for him for some future time. there may be a time when he will be glad of it. NB They kept it up about a week. Jane Maynard was there and speaks very highly of the arrangements.

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Sunday September 2nd. There has been many things occurred since I last wrote that I shall not be able to remember. I have had a letter from Sarah Ann every week since she has been away & I am pleased she is enjoying herself very much, she is quite delighted with the Welch scenery & so is Emma, in her last she tells me she has quite a colour but is afraid it will not last. Edwin left there one day this last week. I suppose he is at Whittlesford today neither Louisa or myself have been, neither did we go last Sunday they seldom come to see us, we were rather surprised to see Jane & Harriet last Monday evening Miss Jay came with them, I went back with them to see Mr Maynard about the money affairs, I was quite surprised at his request, he wishes my father & me to sign a note of hand value £200 payable on demand to him or his heirs or Executors &c or to order for value of Stock I have taken. I did not understand he wished Father to join me in

the document at all therefore I have refused to do, and have been advised by Mr Ilott, Mr Chatterton & Mr Pollard not to do

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it upon any consideration, Mr C says father ought not to have any thing to do with it. Mr Ilott says if Mr M will not accept any other but that if he was in my place if I could not get capital enough to carry on the concern without it he would let Mr M have his stock again & give up the business altogether which I think very probably I shall do I thought Mr Maynard was going to let me have the money in a confiding manner & pay him interest for the same however it appears he is not, but thinks he is doing me a very great Kindness as it is. Mrs M says if she thought I understood a joint note of hand in refusing to sign it she should think I wanted to cheat them. I feel vexed about it and I'm sure father would if I was to ask him to do such a thing. Mr M also wishes to have any writings Father may have for his property, handed over to him as security for his money. I think it very strange of Mr Maynard and wish I had not his money

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George is very poorly again with some pushes on the back of his neck, he is not suited with a young man at present. I have had one assistant a youth name William Goodrich his father is a shopkeeper at Fordham near Newmarket, he has been serving in his fathers shop two years but he was not quite man enough for me, so he went home last Friday after being with me a fortnight. I have another 19 years of age who has been living in a Wholesale & Retail Grocers & Provision shop, he is much quicker & more intelligent than Goodrich his salary is to be £10 the first year & an advance the second he came the 31 August I like him very well in the shop at present. I have no reason to complain of business at present. We are getting a little more straightforward in the shop &c. the Warehouses & cellar have been Whitewashed & cleaned they look more comfortable they have done about all that is to be done to this end of the house except painting & papering which I suppose will be left until the other end is finished, they are making very great alterations there

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which I think is a decided improvement. Mr Gimson is getting on very fast with Mr Maynards house at Whittlesford. A fortnight ago tomorrow sister Kate & her husband paid us a visit, they like the shop & premises much, they went on to Buckden the next morning I went to the station with them. Mr & Mrs Pollard came down by the same train as they left by, Sarah & Mr P only spent the day with me, they like the place much, Mr P was quite surprised to see it, I drove them to the station in the evening. they brought us a nice fowl for a present, last Tuesday Mr & Mrs Chatterton came & there (*sic*) two children, they came from Buckden, they also like the place very much, I went to the station with them the next morning they went to Epping to see Sarah. Mother sent me a fowl by

them. We have had it today cold for dinner. We expected Lydia was going to Buckden last Friday Louisa went to the station twice expecting to see her pass as she

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written to say she could not stay but I had a letter from Mr Chatterton yesterday to say he thought she would not leave for a fortnight as Sarah was going to Porstmouth with them as yesterday they thought & Lydia would stay at Epping until Sarah returned. I quite expected Lydia would be married in a week or two but it appears its not decided when it is to be at present, as the family affairs at Bourn are not settled yet I think is it rather a complicated affair for it has been a long time about, & I suppose Uncle is not likely to be any better, he is very low spirited I should imagine similar to Mr Nathan Maynard. Mary Ann says Kate was not very well when she left Buckden. A week last Friday Mr Headlys hay stack was on fire at Whittlesford the hay was gathered too green & it over-heated & broke out in flames about 11 Oclk at night however they managed to get the master of it. Within the last four days the weather has been seriously wet, a few weeks nice fine sunshiny weather would be very acceptable for the harvest the crops look very promising.

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Wednesday 19 September 1860. Since I last written the farmers have been very busy in their harvest we have had about 14 days nice fine weather and a great deal of corn has been gathered & I hear its a very fine grain, the last few days it has been wet again there is a great quantity of Barley still in the fields, I should be very pleased to see the harvest over, it makes us very dull in the shop, there is scarcely any thing to do, I hope I shall be more prosperous when the gleaning is over, the returns have fallen off four or five pounds the last two or three weeks. I have been to Whittlesford to see Mr Maynard two or three times about the money he has lent me, he persisted for some time in having a security from my Father or some one else for the amount. I can see very plainly it is an after thought of Mr Maynards he has written to his son Henry & consulted his family & Mr Robt Maynard & they have persuaded him to act as he has done and instead of doing me the great kindness he says he has done I consider he has done me an injury by charging me nearly cost price for all I had of him which in the whole amount was at least thirty or fourty pounds too much, and because I objected to the price of some of the goods George said when we were valuing

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them I must remember the money was being lent to me. Mr Maynard written to my father to ask him whether he had any reasons why he would not be bound for the amount he lent me, that is join me in a note of hand Mr M had asked me whether I had mentioned it to my father I told him I had not neither did I intend as it was a matter that he had not been consulted upon & knew nothing about no more than that I told him from the first Mr M

was going to lend me the money on the terms I understood him at first, he thought my Father must be a very strange man if he objected to it & we had quite an unpleasant interview. I went to Buckden to see Father about it, he said he was very much surprised at Mr Maynards letter, had he have known it at first he should have opposed me having any thing to do with the business, and as he did not know any thing of this kind would be required & had not been consulted upon it from the first he would not agree to sign any thing of the kind fortunately Mr Ilott went to Buckden the same day as Father recd Mr M's letter so instead of Father coming or writing to Mr M

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it was thought best Mr Ilott should come over & settle the affair with Mr M. if Father had come no doubt there would have been a quarrel as Father is rather hasty & very likely Mr Maynard would have said something that Father would not have liked. I went home the same day as Mr Ilott his wife & little Florence came here, they were here when I returned at night. Mr Ilott & myself went to Whittlesford last Saturday morning (15th) & made things more comfortable they accepted the terms Mr Ilott then proposed. I think I shall ever forget it they albut said I was not straightforward & several other remarks they made to me which was not altogether pleasant. I think I have noted down quite sufficient about it, all that I shall now say is, had I have known it before I would never have had the concern I know Mr Maynards people are annoyed with me & have not the same opinion of me as they had before this happened & I am vexed with them, to think they should expect such a security knowing as they did I had no security to give. I written to Sarah Ann & told her what had happened, supposing her Brother Henry had told her the whole of it, I was sorry when I received her

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answer, it quite upset her as no one had even said any thing to her about it before, she had some conversation with her brother upon the matter & I can learn it is him that has been guiding his Father how to act & Mr Robt Maynard with him. I am perfectly well aware had I gone to any one else & asked them to lend me such a sum they would require a security but I have got into it & must make the best I can of my bargain. Mrs Maynard said she could not but think Sarah Ann & I had had a quarrel & that I wished to break off our acquaintance. Poor Topsy was quite surprised & hurt that her mother should think such a thing. I have written to her since Mr Ilott & I saw her father & I hope she will now go on enjoying herself. Mr & Mrs Ilott & Florence went to Eversden Saturday evening will go to Bourn Monday & on to Buckden Tuesday return to Norwich about Thursday. The workmen are getting on very fast with Mr Maynards house at Whittlesford they have not finished here yet. Sarah Usher of Buckden was married on the 11th inst (Tuesday my Mothers birthday) to Alfred Jacob a Butcher at Huntingdon, they were

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married at Buckden & went on to London the same day to spend the honey-moon. Alfred Jacob was a school-fellow of mine, as I came from Buckden last week I had a few minutes to spare so I called to see them, that was their first day at home they came from London the day previous, they were pleased to see me & invited me to go there again next time I went that way, I also called at Mrs Maddoxes Sarahs sister at the Crown Inn Huntingdon. Mrs Usher Senr was there. I rode with John Elderton & his sister Betsy from Brampton Betsy went to Huntingdon by the same train as I did, they had to make a call at Huntingdon so I walked on & they overtook me at Brampton. Father & mother were well, mothers sight is gradually getting worse, her servant is going to leave at Michaelmas she is in want of another. Father would like one of his children to be at home with mother, if Louisa was not with me I expect she would go. Elizabeth written to me the other day & asked Louisa to make her a covering for a Bassinette so I suppose something is likely to happen there. Hannah poor girl has had a rogue loding there, he has robbed them of several things & has gone, I don't know what he taken.-

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19th Today we have been very slack in the shop I am sure I hope trade will soon improve it is quite disheartening. this afternoon Mr Arthur Smith & his brother Edwin came in with Mr Horace Barker they are two regular swells & look very fast. Mr Morton has gone up to Whittlesford to tell Mrs Maynard I have some Eggs for her if she likes to send for them as she asked me to get some for her, I like Mr Morton very well in the shop at present, he is too fond of smoking for a young man of his age Louisa went into Mr Wallis's to spend the evening with Miss Emily Hill & Miss Sarah Holiday & one of the Miss Pleasances I went in after I came out of the shop & stayed about ½ an hour. Wm Morton went up to Whittlesford to fetch one or two little things we were in want of.

Thursday 20th Sep. I have been arranging the earthenware room Mr Maynard & Edwin came in about 7 O'clock for some eggs I have been getting for Mrs Maynard, they are round

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money-hunting. I don't know how they get on not very first-rate I don't suppose I would rather they do it than me.

Friday Sept 21st. I received a letter from Mr Ilott this morning they arrived home quite safe & left their little daughter quite well I suppose at Eversden. Mr I has written to Father & I expect to hear from Father in a day or two. Mr Ilott has signed the Note-of hand & forwarded it to Father for him to sign & Father will send it to me, when it is finished I hope it will satisfy Mr Maynard. Mr Ilott says they are all very anxious about

me & he gave me some advice which I hope will prove beneficial to me. I am sure he is very kind to me in assisting me as he does. I also received a letter from Sarah Ann, she was pleased to receive my last two letters & she feels more easy & relieved of a great trouble, but thinks I speak too harshly of her Father. Sarah Ann hopes Fred will come home with them but she does not say when we are to

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expect her, I shall be pleased to see her back again, they are enjoying themselves very much, last Sunday Topsy & Fred went to Llanhilleth Church & got wet through. Edwin Maynard called again tonight he is round on the same errand as he was last night, he says George has another Carbuncle on his neck which makes him very poorly. Louisa has been writing to Sarah Ann & I enclosed a few lines to her. Louisa also written to Jenny to ask her to send a Norfolk News for this week as there has been a grand Musical Festival at Norwich. Business is very dull indeed, which makes me feel dull as I am afraid I shall not succeed I hope after harvest it will improve.

Saturday 22 Sep. We have been very dull in the shop, Morton has been out two or three times & says neither Mrs Cooper nor Mr Wilson have anything to do so I hope I am no worse off than my neighbours, trade seems very dull every where I should be very pleased to see business improve. Miss Emily Hill is housekeeper for Swan

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Wallis he has been to market so Emily has been to tea & spent the evening with Louisa, she left about ½ past 9 O'clock when her Uncle came home.

Sunday Sep 23rd Mr Wallis thrashed his boy Charly this morning for not cleaning his horse last night after he came home the boys mother declares she will get a summons for Mr Wallis & make him pay for it. I went to church in the morning Louisa went to Whittlesford Church in the afternoon & did not get home until about 8 O'clock Jane & Edwin came part the way home with her, Wm Morton went to Whfd church in the afternoon & to Sawston in the evening came home shortly after Louisa, he does not think much of the singing in Whittlesford church, I was alone from the time they went until they came back I written to Sarah Ann. Louisa says Harriet is very poorly George too Mr Prince cut one of his abscess's on his neck yesterday Bessie Hopkins came by the evening train to Whittlesford & talks of returning in the morning.

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Monday 24th Swan Wallis has taken the boy Charly to work again his mother came up this morning & seemed determined to have a summons for him, however she did not see him, I dare say he heard of her & may be he was a little frightened at the result of a

summons & thought the plan he has adopted the easiest way of getting off. We are very dull in the shop unless business increases I don't know what we shall do. Mr Barker is very dangerously ill still Dr Paget from Cambridge came again yesterday he says the inflammation has quite gone & there is hopes of his recovering if he dies it will be through weakness.-

Tuesday 25th I went to Sturbrige (*sic*) Fair it was a miserable wet day very dirty and cold on the common, there was not much business done, there was a great many horses but not so many people as there would have been had it been a fine day Edwin Maynard & his Father were there, they

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bought more than they could take home so he sent some of his goods with mine in the Carriers cart, which so filled his cart that there was scarcely room for Twinn to ride himself & I had to walk home, so after I got home walking about 3 miles on the road in going to Cambridge & being about in the fair all day I was pretty well tired & my feet blistered, I don't remember them ever being blistered before, I hear Mr Russell & a lady are to meet Mr Gimson here tomorrow I received the Note of Hand from Father which himself & Mr Ilott have signed for £100 I shall sign it & take it to Mr Maynard.

Wednesday Sep 26th. Mr Barker of Highfield house is still very dangerously ill. Dr Paget has been over again to-day & says he is a little better than he was yesterday. Father said in his letter yesterday that dear Mothers sight was very bad which makes her very feeble, he thinks he shall be obliged to have either Lydia or Louisa to be with her, their servant has agreed to stay another year with them, I am very pleased to hear it as I think it will be much more comfortable.

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strange that neither Jane nor Harriet write to her, she has received another letter from Mr Hatton which makes Emma Maynard quite jealous, she will have something to tell me about it when she comes home. Mr Wallis went to market & did not come home until 12 O'clock at night Miss Hill was here for company I was very poorly in the morning so laid down until nearly tea time. We were very slack in the shop, it was raining in the evening. I have heard that Mrs Thos Evans of Sawston is now away from home visiting Mr Evans' friends & she has been corresponding with some captain a married man, the wife of the Captain had gone from home & I hear not knowing where he had gone to, his wife opened one of his boxes & found a bunch of letters to him from Mrs Evans of Sawston the correspondence has been carried on for 5 years, the captains wife is now staying at Dr Princes Sawston, whom she first applied to, to find out Mr Evans if there was such a

gentleman he then went with the lady to Mr Evans & shown him a letter & asked whether he knew it, he said it was

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his Wifes, of course there is a great stir about it, & Mr Evans written to the gentleman his wife was staying with & said he wanted to see him, it was consulted what was the best to be done & it was decided for the gentle man to take a nurse with him from Sawston to break the news to Mrs Evans, I suppose when the nurse done so Mrs E was taken ill and it is thought she will not recover. Mr Davy (Princes late assistant) is the reported third party connected with it & Mr Evans says if he could see him he would shoot him, of course every one is very much surprised at Mrs Evans, the Captains wife hesitated whether to go to the Medical Gentleman or the clergyman of the village the latter is Mrs Evans' Brother, she was married to Mr Evans quite against her parents wish when only about 17 years of age, & made her escape from the chamber window at night. there is a family of 3 or 4 if not more.

Sunday Sep. 30th. I went to St John's Church in the morning and did not go out any more all the day, Louisa went afternoon and evening, in the afternoon, I written to Sarah Ann, I felt very dull and not altogether

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well. Mr Wallis went to Ickleton Grange & took the key of his house with him, so when Miss Hill came she could not get in, so came and staid with us until nearly 12 Oclk. Mr Morton went up to Whittlesford for a walk expecting to see Harry Neve & Joe Gentle but they were not at home. -

Monday October 1st. We were not very busy in the shop. Wm Morton has been getting some of the old wood away. – Louisa & Miss Hill went out for a walk and kept on until they got to Whittlesford did not get back until about 6 Oclk Harriet is better. Jane came as far as the hand-post with them on her way to the station to meet a friend, Swan Wallis saw her & her friend Mr Sheldrick at Cambridge on Saturday Miss Mary Jay came when Louisa was out had a glass of wine & a rest then went back to Mrs Whites to tea at Whittlesford.-

Tuesday 2nd. I have been raising the Potatoes in the garden one sort are very good the others are diseased very much but neither of them yield well I suppose on account of the enormous rains we have had.

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Wm Morton has been to Whittlesford for a few little articles that we want for customers Mr Elliot Sheldrick called as he was passing on his way home to Triplow, he came from Whittlesford & left me a bill Edwin sent by him. There has been a sale of Farming Stock & Implements, and some Furniture of the late Mr Thos Barnes.

Wednesday Octr 3rd. Mr Barker High field House is a little better today. Wm Morton has been over to Whittlesford for some cloves as we are quite without & people are busy making Elder-berry-wine, I sent to Messrs Joseph Travers & Sons for some & they have not arrived at present. It has been much finer today & I hope it may continue for some time to come. I hear Mrs Evans of Sawston came home yesterday, & that there was great rejoicings at her arrival, Mr Evans went to the station to meet her and just before they got to Sawston the men about 50 of them taken the pony's out of the chaise and drew the chaise with Mr & Mrs Evans & a coachman in it home to Mr Evans', he gave them a great quantity of beer & today

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they have done no work, I suppose it was not confined to the men in his employ but any one in Sawton partook of the treat, Mr Evans does not believe Mrs Evans is guilty of the disrespectful report & I have heard today that it is suspected Mrs Prince has been writing the letters in Mrs Evans' name, if so it is a shameful thing, & no doubt if proved so she will have to pay dearly for her amusement. Louisa has gone for a walk, I think she has perhaps gone to Whittlesford.

Thursday Octr 4th. Louisa went to Whittlesford last night to fetch some damsons she bought of Mrs Maynard, came home alone just as we closed the shop. Today we have not had quite so much to do as I should like to have, it is very cold & I should hope trade will brighten up a bit. Edwin has not been tonight, this is the night I expected him round after money. Jane had the tooth ache last night when Louisa was there, they were very tired this being their washing week. Their cart has been over today to fetch the Ploughs & a few other things that

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were left behind, the stoves out of the end of the house & a box that Jane left behind.

Friday Octr 5th. I received a letter from Sarah Ann this morning, she is quite well & they propose leaving Crumlin next Wednesday if it is fine, & will be at Whittlesford on Friday or Saturday morning but will write to me again before she leaves. I went to the Station this morning to see if there were any goods there for me, it was very windy but a nice walk for me & I enjoyed it much, it looks dull tonight Louisa has begun to make her elder

Wine. Sarah Ann thinks I had better follow Mrs Ilotts advice regarding a housekeeper if Louisa goes home, but she would like to see me before I ask Charlotte about the person she thought would suite me, as Louisa is not likely to be wanted at home for a short time. I shall wait & hear what Sarah Ann says.

Saturday Octr 6th I have been to Cambridge went by the train in the morning and returned by the 5 Oclck train, I had to waste 3 or 4 hours waiting for it which is a great nuisance. I saw Mr William Whichello¹² there they

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are all pretty well at Bourn, Charles is going home tomorrow, to meet his "Sweet heart" cousin Hannah Farrington, she has gone there to put the stock a little straight ready to be valued, I think Mr Ilott is to value it sometime before Edmund & Lydia are married, while I was away Edwin & Harriet Maynard came, they are round collecting money & invited Louisa or I to go over there tomorrow we have not had much to do in the shop tonight I am sorry to say. I saw Mr & Mrs Richard Sheldrick of Whittlesford at the station they were going up to London to see their son John. Clara Whites cousin Emily White rode in the same carriage with me to Cambridge, from what she says I think possibly Clara will not be long before she gets married.

Sunday Octr 7th. I went to Church in the afternoon and from there to Whittlesford to tea for the first time since last Wednesday week and am happy to say there was no unpleasantness between Mr & Mrs Maynard & myself nothing was said of the past, no doubt we

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all thought of it, George had gone to Waterbeach to see Bessie, she talks of going to Yarmouth by the Excursion train tomorrow (8th) return the same day & she wants George to go with her, it is expected he will go. Elliot Sheldrick was there. Harriet seems pretty well again. I came home about ½ past 7 Oclock. Miss Hill was here with Louisa & Mr Morton but went as soon as I came home, I had to go & fetch Louisa about 10 Oclock as we wanted to go to bed. Louisa went to church in the morning, she has got into a bad habit of lying in bed of a morning. It was nearly 9 Oclock when she came down this morning we were waiting breakfast, I called her at ½ past 7 & I suppose she went to sleep again, two or three times the last week I have had the breakfast ready for her when she came down. I should like to see her rise earlier, it would be better for her. –

¹² <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/bourn/bourn-scrapbook/>

Monday Octr 8th Edwin Maynard has been to Langley & called here as he was going also as he came back, it has been a beautiful day but the wind is quite cool. Wm Morton has gone up to Whittlesford for one or two little things we are in want of. Louisa is in at Mr Wallis's

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with Miss Hill. Mr Maynard has new shopman coming today for a month upon trial, he is coming from a long distance off. Mrs Maynard said yesterday she thought she should not like him although she had not seen him then.

Tuesday 9th. I have been to Mr John Livermores sale thinking of buying some show glasses there was for sale but Mr Wallis bought them all, Mr Johnson of Foulmire and our Mr Wilson were there after the same things, the first lot that I bought was a feather bed for 14/- I also bought 4 ale casks & sundries for 8/- that was all, Louisa went to Whittlesford to Mr Rayners sale and bought an oval Mahogany table for 28/- which was considered very cheap. she made haste back to see if there were any beds to be sold here as there was none at Whittlesford Wallis bough a great many of the things John Sheldrick taken possession of the "Kings Head" public house tonight. Wm Morton has been. –

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Wednesday Oct 10th I received a letter from Lydia they are well at Epping, she has heard from Father & he wishes her to go home as soon as she can as their servant wants to have a holiday and Mothers sight is so bad Father does not like her to be alone, so Lydia will pass here on Friday & would like Louisa or myself to meet her at the station, she does not say when she is going to be married. I have also a letter came this morning directed to Miss S. A. Maynard Duxford a ladies writing posted from Ross I don't know the writing. There has been a wedding here today Miss Rebecca Flitton to a young man a gardener from Hayden in Essex, it was raining when they passed about 11 O'clock to St John's Church, she has been a good customer to me for part towards furnishing her house &c so I made her a present of a Bottle of Wine. Wm Morton has been buying a young dog, a hugly (*sic*) little brute Emily Hill & her two little sisters have been to tea her Uncle Swan & Papa have been to a sale at Trumpington I think. -

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Mr Maynard sent the table Louisa bought yesterday at the Whittlesford sale, I think it will do very nicely for us. –

Thursday Octr 11th. Joseph Gentle has been to Langley & called here as he went and again when he came home, he said he thought Mr Maynard would call here for a Plough Beam to take up to Duxford Grange Farm but he has not been. I have sent an order to

Hall & Ilotts for some Drapery for the Clothing club. Little Helen Hill slept here with Louisa. Wm Morton has gone out with his dog. it has been a cold damp uncomfortable day. –

Friday Octr 12th I received a letter from dear Sarah Ann she has postponed her return until next Tuesday they will that is Henry & his wife Emma Fred & herself if a fine day will leave Crumlin tomorrow for Chepstow & will stay there until Monday & think of getting home to Whittlesford Tuesday morning. Louisa and Miss Hill went to the station to see sister Lydia pass on her way home to Buckden she will not be married for 6 or 8 weeks, Louisa seems very impatient to get

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home. After they came from the station Louisa & Miss Hill went to Ickleton and got back just at dinner time. Edwin Maynard has been tonight collect his debts. Wm Morton has been to Whittlesford Louisa received a letter from Mrs Ilott they are making up a parcel for Mrs Millege, she has been writing a sorrowful letter to them saying how very bad they are off so Jenny is going to send her some baby linen &c as I suppose she is likely to want it very shortly. Mr Pollard says they are very sorry to part with Lydia. Bye the bye Miss Bedford is visiting at sister Kates, Jenny is very much surprised & so am I, she says her brother Alfred was married last June & has been living at home with his father & Mother ever since & has nothing to do.

Saturday Octr 13th. I received a few lines from Mr Ilott, he has got my order ready & will send them off today. I went to the butchers this morning Elliot Sheldrick was serving in the shop so I had a short chat with him, he showed me so plats (*sic*)

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of different gentlemen that he has published and gave me a print of Dr Rankin a noted man in Norwich, he called in about 8 O'clock as he was going to Triplow I invited him to come over tomorrow but he did not promise. If Sarah Ann started today am afraid they have not had a very pleasant journey as it has been wet & cold, which I suppose makes us dull in the shop. Pheba has been boiling the elder berry wine. Louisa & Emily Hill have been together several times today, they seem to be quite companions for each other. Mr Barker of Highfield house is a little better again. I have heard today that Mr Swan I Wallis has hired Mr Scruby's house, at present it is to be kept secret.

Sunday 14th. I received a penciled note from Sarah Ann posted at Hitchin to say they had altered their plans and if all was well they should be at Cambridge as last night & would come on to Whittlesford this morning. I went down to meet them

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and overtook Edwin & Mr Maynard just before I got to the station, we were there before the train was due so Mr M went back again, just as the train was coming in Mr R Maynard & family came down with their Sociable so took Sarah Ann & Emma to Whittlesford then brought Emma back again to Duxford Chapel Fred walked to Whfd with Edwin & I. they did not stay at Chepstow as proposed on account of the wet, so Henry & his wife return Saturday afternoon. I stayed at Whittlesford until dinner time then came home to dinner and did not see any thing more of them all day. I went to church in the afternoon & Louisa in the evening. Sarah Ann looks well & I hope the change has done her good. -

Monday Octr 15th I have been to a sale at the Rectory Haslingfield and bought several lots, it has been a miserable wet day consequently very few people were there, I overtook George & Fred Maynard at Newton, they were round for orders, so while George was making

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his calls at Newton Fred drove me to Haslingfield, I was very glad of the ride, coming home Mr Waldock overtook me at Newton & gave me a ride to Whittlesford so I was very fortunate. I tead at Whfd & Sarah Ann came home with me. She says her Father & Mother are not quite satisfied with the note of hand I gave them as its not payable on demand.

Tuesday 16th. I went to the Rectory to see Mrs Markby, she wished to see me, it was to show me some Wosd stockings & socks that her draper is selling at reduced prices as they are old fashioned & she thinks they would be very nice for the poor people at the Club which is to be taken out in about 8 or 10 days, so to please them I suppose I must get some. – Fred & Harriet drove down the in the after noon for Sarah Ann they had tea then SA & Harriet walked home, Louisa went part the way with them, Fred had to call at the station for some goods so went on before them. The carrier was to have fetched my goods from Haslingfield but has

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disappointed me, so Mr Maynard sent word over by Joseph & the new young man to say I might have their horse and cart tomorrow & fetch them. Harry Neve left Whittlesford this morning. I have unpacked the goods from Norwich SA helped me mark them. -

Wednesday Oct 17th. We were miserably dull in the shop. Morton went to Haslingfield & got back about ½ past one or 2 O'clock Louisa and Miss Hill went out for a walk in the afternoon, in the evening about ½ past 7 O'clock I was very much surprised to see Father

come in, quite an unexpected visitor, he had got his work forward and thought he would come over and see how I was getting on, & whether Mr Maynard and I had settled things agreeably, we were very pleased to see him. Mothers sight gets worse & is not at all fit to be left alone, so I think we have decided that Louisa will shortly have to go home. And if there is a prospect of my succeeding in business, I suppose Sarah Ann and I will get married if it can be made agreeable to all parties, we were talking about it the other

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night when Sarah Ann was here. Father thinks it would be quite as well if I think I am likely to get on but not unless upon any account.

Thursday 18th. Louisa went to the station with Father in the morning and rode back with Mr Robt Moyse, it has been very wet and uncomfortable all the afternoon and we have had scarcely any thing to do only took about 23/- which is very little indeed Miss Emily Hill came in after we closed and stayed until 10 O'clock, Louisa went in to see her after tea.

Friday 19th. I gathered some of the apples in the garden in the morning, after dinner I went to Whittlesford and got there just as Mrs Maynard Harriet Sarah Ann & Fred were getting ready to come here so I walked back with them & called at the station as I was coming to see if there were any goods for me, after tea they went to look over the new house, Mrs M likes this part best Edwin has been round money hunting came in to tea so there was quite a large party altogether, Edwin & I walked home with them Fred went to see Thos Holiday Junr & rode the pony home, I had supper at Whittlesford and came home alone. I received a letter from

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from Mrs Pollard to say Mr P has gone to drill & wished her to write to say he should go to London next Monday so I have decided to go to Epping on Sunday & ride with Mr P on Monday.-

Saturday Oct 20th I have been to Cambridge went by train which was 1 ¼ hours behind time consequently had to walk home as George Maynard had gone when I finished my business. I called in at Mr Maynards & had tea there, the boy in the yard has been saucy to Mr M so there has been a little disagreeing between them. I asked Sarah Ann to come over and see Louisa tomorrow but don't know whether she will or not. We are very slack indeed in the shop I don't know what will be the consequence if there is no improvement.

Sunday 21st I went to Epping in the morning Morton walked to the station with me and went (*sic*) I got to Harlow station I started to walk & met Mr T Rowlands coming to meet me with Mr Pollards horse & cart, we went a different road to what he came, round some gentlemans seat and a very pretty drive it was too, before we reached Epping it came on a

very heavy fog I never saw such a sudden change as it before I enjoyed it much. Mr Pollard was not very well is the reason he did not come, in

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the afternoon I stayed at home with Mr Pollard in the evening I went to Chapel with Sarah and quite enjoyed the sermon, after we came out as it was such a lovely night we called for Mr P to go out for a walk with us up the Loughton road. Monday morning Mr P drove to Loughton Station Mr Rowlands went with us to London fortunately it was a beautiful day, we had a hard day's work did not finish until the warehouses were closing. Mr P was very kind in allowing me to have any goods I liked in his name, we had dinner at Morleys the hosiers. I should think there were 60 or 80 of the young & old men at dinner when we went up we had a very nice dinner, when we got to Loughton I written a note to Louisa to say I should not be at home until Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. We got to Epping about 8 O'clock they had been very busy all day taken over £30, I don't know how it is but they always seem busy it seems to be quite an exception to other houses almost every body else complained very much of business being very dull. Tuesday Mr Pollard & I were looking out ready made clothes from his stock they were so busy I could not come home that night it was 10 O'clock by the time we finished – Wednesday morning I had to hurry to get to Harlow station in time for the parly train however I managed

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to get there and got home about 11 O'clock they had not been very busy.

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