

# TRANSCRIPTION OF LETTERS AND NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS FOUND IN WILLIAM FARRINGTON'S DIARY

## *NEWSPAPER CUTTING BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND PAGES*

In reference to this subject, a correspondent wishes us to publish the following extract from one of Hood's poems:-

“One more Unfortunate,  
Weary of breath;  
Rashly importunate,  
Gone to her death !

Take her up tenderly !  
Lift her with care !  
Fashioned so slenderly,  
Young, and so fair !

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Touch her not scornfully,  
Think of her mournfully,-  
Not of the stains of her –  
All that remains of her  
Now is pure womanly.

Make no deep scrutiny  
Into her mutiny, –  
Rash and undutiful !  
Past all dishonour,  
Death hath left on her,  
Only the beautiful !

Still for all slips of hers –  
One of Eve's family,  
Wipe those poor lips of hers  
Oozing so clammily

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'Ere her limbs frigidly  
Stiffen too rigidly  
Decently, kindly,  
Smooth and compose them,  
And her eyes, close them,  
Staring so blindly.

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Cross her hand humbly,  
As if praying dumbly,  
Over her breast,  
Owning her weakness,  
Her evil behaviour,  
And leaving with meekness  
Her sins to her Saviour !

*Written down left hand side of poem in William's handwriting:*

These lines I cut from the "News-paper" relating to the death of this young girl, that is killed.

*NEWSPAPER CUTTING PASTED ONTO SECOND PAGE*

THE EFFECTS OF DRINK. – On the same day, *Caroline Steers*, 45, respectably connected, was charged with wandering at large, being insane. Police-constable Mann deposed to being called to Mr Eden's, 26, Old-stein, early this morning, and finding prisoner partly undressed. The constable was told that the prisoner rang the bell, and when the door was opened she walked into the front room, undressed herself, and refused to leave, saying she had taken poison and had been very much hurt, and wanted to be relieved. – George Goddard, at whose house she lodges, deposed to prisoner acting very strangely, as though in an unsound state of mind. – She was remanded till FRIDAY (yesterday), when Mr Verrall, surgeon, who had examined her, stated that she was in an unsound state of mind. If she was kept from drink Mr Verrall thought she would be the same as anybody else. She had an idea that there were evil spirits always following her. Mr Verrall had examined her some time since when she was in the same state. In her present state she was dangerous to herself. – The Bench made an order for her removal to an asylum.

*The cutting has been dated March 11<sup>th</sup> 1860 and the name George Goddard has been underlined.*

*NEWSPAPER CUTTING FROM THE CAMBRIDGE ???  
FOUND BETWEEN PAGES 110 AND 111*

Nov 20 1858

WHITTLESFORD. – *Society for Irish Church Missions*. – On Sunday last, two sermons were preached in our church in aid of the Society for Irish Church Missions to the Roman Catholics, by the Rev O. T. Thorpe, Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge. Reference was made by him also to the fact that on the following Wednesday the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth to the throne of Britain, by which event the reformation from popery in our land may be said to have become an accomplished fact, would be celebrated in many places, and his hearers were exhorted to do their duty in helping to extend the blessings we in consequence so richly enjoy to Ireland. The collections amounted to £2 16s. 4d.

*On the back of this cutting:*

Mirror Knife-Cleaner

TWELVE KNIVES cleaned in 5 minutes – This useful domestic article is the most compact simple, durable, efficient and economical, of the kind ever invented is quite free from dirt; saves a vast amount of labour, and can at all times be used in the kitchen. Price 12s and 40s.

To be had of Mr W MACINTOSH Ironmonger, Cambridge; Mr PECK, Ironmonger, Ely; Messrs YOUNGMAN & SON, Stationers, &c, Saffron Walden; and of most ironmongers throughout the United Kingdom.

Female Complaints

KEARSLEY'S *ORIGINAL WIDOW WELCH'S PILLS*, so long and justly celebrated for their peculiar virtues in *Female Complaints* and strongly recommended.

LETTER BETWEEN PAGES 139/140 1859

Duxford Jany 31<sup>st</sup>/53

My dear Father and Mother

I now write these few lines to inform you that I arrived Here quite safe about ½ past 10 and am happy to say very Comfortable at this time I feel quite at home I have been to Whittlesford twice the first time we had sausages and preserve pudding next time fresh Pork, apple pud and preserved ?? so we live first rate a hot dinner nearly every day

they behave very Kind to me I think Mr Maynard is a great deal like Father and very jolley we shut up at 9. We then have our suppers sit by the fire until about 11 Oclock then go to bed. Miss M asked me whether my Sister at Cambridge would not come to see me at times I told her I thought perhaps she would she said that she would be very happy to see her at any time so they are very Kind. I suppose Dear Sarah went to London on Tuesday last. I hope she will meet with a situation before long. There is a woman at

Duxford that will take my washing but I don't Know what she will Charge Miss M say she will ask her to-day so I will Let you know next time I write. I have sent you the Key of my Watch. Miss M as (*sic*) offered to do any thing for me such as setting buttons on and so forth. the wash woman as just come in and she wall (*sic*) take my washing for 1d per Dozen with pocket handkerchiefs as well but if she was to have nothing more than my shirts she would Charge more she is a

very good washer. Please to give my love to Elizabeth & Louisa not forgetting yourselves. John & Frank and all enquiring friends. Please to excuse all mistakes I believe I have no more to say so must now conclude with kindest love from

Your Affectionate and Only Son

Wm Farrington

Please to write soon

*LETTER BETWEEN PAGES 185/186 1859 –  
ALSO ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO  
Mr W Farrington, Duxford*

Buckden  
Feby 24<sup>th</sup> /53

To Mr Maynard

Dr Sir

As my Son has been at Duxford a Month I hope you are able to tell wither He is likely to suite or not. Providing you approve of Him shall be glad to know what Terms you would take him on for 3 years waiting your reply

I Remain

Yours Obidently  
Jno Farrington

*BETWEEN PAGES 205/206 1859*

Morning  
Christ shall give thee light  
Ephes V. 14

DECEMBER

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Sunday

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

Evening

I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life