

DIARY OF WM WRIGHT a transcription

(Red words are my best guess, *italics* are my suggestions/comments, dots..... are where I cannot even guess.) Underlinings are Wright's. **Bold type** my selection of 'best bits'.

1894 Charles Letts diary

This diary is written by William Maurice Wright of Wold Newton Manor Lincolnshire or of St. John's College Oxford in the year 1894 the above being in his 21<sup>st</sup> year.

The first few days of this diary are incomplete as the book had not been purchased.

In case this book may be read years after the events recorded in them it would be best to give a slight summary of the chief things of the day at Oxford 1894. Called at 7.30. Chapel at 8. Breakfast from 8.30 to any hour. Lectures from 10 – 1pm. Very rarely more than one lecture a day, usually 10 -11 am. Lunch from 1 – 2 pm. From 2 till 5 pm amuse oneself in one's peculiar way. Football, cricket, tennis, River. Chapel at 5.10pm. Tea of course any time from 4 – 6pm. Hall at 7 pm. College gate closed 9 pm can't get out after that but ..... can come in any time up till 12 for slight **finer**. Compline a short service with hymn at 10pm. Go to bed from 11pm to 3 in morning **easy**. Of course this is very variable –

My family at home consists of my Mother and four sisters older than myself, Mary Ethel (Ettie), May, (Poll), Louisa (Louie), Margaret (Maggie) then follows myself eldest son then two brothers Edward (Ted) Parsons. When this book begins my eldest sister has already reached the wrong side of thirty. **My third sister Louie is engaged to Lewis Burkinshaw a man beneath her in every respect, but with good points. (crossed out!)** The family is always in a fearful state of ferment the great bone of contention at present being this engagement. **My father the squire of Wold Newton lost his life some 15 years ago in 1879 by an accident from his horse, I being 5 years old at the time.** At 8 years old I went to school at Marton Vicarage nr Gainsboro with my two youngest sisters, a school kept by Mrs Sutton, Vicar's wife where the sexes were mixed. At 9 years old I went to **Sanfern** a preparatory school in Bournemouth kept by Rev E B Brackenbury about 80 boys a very good school, everything of very best. Good church teaching especially. In September 1887 I went to Malvern College a **good ..... public** school. I was in School House Rev W Grundy being the head master. Stayed there till 1891. In Sept 1891 went to Basing in Hants to be coached for Oxford by Rev R W **Hasey**. Went up to St John's Oct 1892.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 1894

Snow showers Maggie and Louie go hunting. Ted and I at Old House (*Wold Newton Grange* ?) busy. Mother comes down also to "Yon End". **Lady V. S?** calls and has tea,

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Furious snow showers Hard frost, cold generally set in. Rehearsal at **HBE** (*Hatcliffe* ?) owing to snow, distance and having a cold, I didn't go. Ted and Parsons went in the cart returned 12.15pm Arthur Jackson arrives at the Rectory. (*son of Charles Bird Jackson priest since 1874?*)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

More snow very chilly. Walk to Yon End to get out of Arthur Jackson, see him **horberess** on return. Mother attack of rheumatism. Walk in afternoon with Mag and Lou to take **Morrick's shall**. Poor old black cat look very unwell.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

More snow wind drifts the whole day/ Walk up Hawerby Hill view the forming drifts. In evening Ettie and I walk to Hatcliff for the concert. Ted and Parsons drive. Coldest night for 33 years. Walk part of the way back with Mr Coates. Greenhouse proceeds with difficulty.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Snow hard the whole day, slack off towards evening. Parsons and I and dogs visit drifts on Hawerby hill. **Crush** snow violently. **Beverly here**. Greenhouse men think they will forbear for the present.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Snow clears off, comes out bright. Sweep path up to the church. Mother gets out. Read **White Chieft** in afternoon. **Grand rehearsal at Woodie's, hard walking over the fields**. Parsons Louie and Lewis go **to Grimsby fickentornshire**. Get home about 12.30 or later. **The food provided at Woodies most ..... And savoury, the maids who waited were however clumsy and spoil the effect.**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Very chilly. Evergreens of Xmas burnt by study door after church. **Mr Jackson mangles the services**. John Wright, the 'Ham' and Lewis for tea and supper, very seedy and depressed. John Wright quite cracked. Poor Mrs Phenwick died very early on in AM morning.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Certainly not so cold. Walk in afternoon with Mag and Parsons round by Hawerby and Beesby up the Valley with toboggan. Valley very lovely in deep snow. Mother Parsons Ettie sing **Royal Fusiliers**.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Thaw has set in in earnest. Ted and I busy with fence at 'Yon End'. Went to rehearsal at the 'Hams' in the evening. Grand feed. The usual lot were there namely Miss Marris, **Mag and Nelly Haxby**, Mrs **Pickop** Rev P Tom Haxby. HBC Burkinshaw The Ham (alias Harry Burkinshaw) Parsons Ted and myself. The Company as a whole The Company did not **hatran** any especial intelligence and though very kind, none of them had realised the fact that they were **boring**.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

**Grand dressed rehearsal at Hatcliff in the evening. Heavy and stately feed at the Pickups, dress very resplendent. Mag and Poll walked with me as far as Ravendale in afternoon. I and Parsons had to walk back Ted having delayed over whisky etc etc and we actually arrived home before him much to our indignation.**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January

**Theatrical at Hatcliff, begin 7.30. All of go except Mother and Ettie. Poll, I, Ted and Parsons go with Clol. Louie Maggie and Lewis go and are upset in Ravendale valley, but escape unhurt. I receive great fright. Acting goes off splendidly. Grand supper at Haxby's. Grimsby ladies very plentiful, arrive home 2.30.**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Mag and I busy in Old House and Gardens both in morning and afternoon. Grand bonfires. Poll and Teddie much to Parsons indignation take 4 hours going to Binbrook and **Twizzies**. Parsons spends evening with Coates. His indignation worse from his coat not being brought in time in which he was array himself to see the Coates. Mother and I walk to Church in morning.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January

**Spend morning in packing. Leave home 1.30, Thoresby 2.30 (to catch train) Change at Boston Peterborough Sandy and Bletchley get into Oxford 10.45 St John's 11pm.**

**Rather exhausted. Had rather narrow squeak at Sandy of missing Bletchley train which if I had I should have had to spend the night in town.**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Very tired, keep no morning chapels, However I do keep evening one. Go to St. Barnie's (*St. Barnabas church*) in evening lunch with Wigan see Pullen blow organ for Wigan.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Get my necessary shopping done in morning, am gated in the afternoon. Ford returns. General disaffection against RWHH (Hutton?) The idea of a paragraph in 'Truth' concocted by various irritated undergrads which I considered a very good idea. (this paragraph appeared in 'Truths' of Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>).

Spent the afternoon with Ford. Attended first lecture of term at Lincoln, Edwards on Constitutional History. Saw Impulse at the theatre. Very good. Sat alone in the Pit like Joseph, but did not so strongly object to the process, not being a **dry play**.

Get up at 9 attend lecture of Hewins at Pembroke at 10. Go to see Playfair in afternoon with Meade.

**Ollard returns glad to say. Receive first letter card from home from Mother. Essay at 9 o'clock with Hutton. (a tutorial at 9 in the evening?!)**

Get up at 9, lecture 10 Edwards. Go by train to Islip, walk back with Meade and Ollard, hurt my right foot leaping a ditch lose anyway get back 5.30 **into time** afternoon chapel. Go with Ford in evening to see 'Diplomacy' at theatre rather disappointed owing to **queer man raking hero's past**.

**Managed to keep my first morning chapel in a somewhat demi—toilet state no collar tie boots unlaced etc etc. Got my hair cut and shampooed a good thing done with. Queer place on my pate turns out to be a wart.**

**Too comfortable to get up for chapel. Went to tea with Slater – violent diahorrea and so prevented from attending afternoon chapel. Alas only 4 chapels done out of 30 my first week.**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January

**Attend early mass. Better considerably in health. Letter from Ettie. Got to High Mass at Barnie's. Elwell for lunch. Attend confirmation at St Aloysius by the Bishop of Birmingham a very beautiful**

**simple service whether it is schismatic or not????** Go to St Barny's in evening. Finally Compline, Pullen in for cocoa.

**Good resolution as regards 8 o'clock chapel quite a failure.** Up barely in time for lecture at Pembroke. Went to bank sent off P.O. to Ettie and Church Extension. Poured with rain the whole day. Had Slater to tea, lot of other fellows, 10 in all. Kept a chapel, left Lawson..... pain in my rooms. Went alone to theatre to see "The Bauble Shop", very pretty piece.

**A propos of getting up the same as above. A hard frost. Got parcel of clothes from home with letter from Polly fuss at home as regards Louie's marriage. Stroll in town with Meade, get Roman Missal. Have tea with him (and) Slater. Go down with Ollard to see Playfair after having been to Hutton for essays. Concert in Hall, at which I was not present, I hate concerts.**

**Got up same as above. Hard frost. Thaws later on in the day, is generally warmer. Walk with Ollard round to St Cross and get opportunity of snubbing Powell. Have three teas with buttered buns first at Ollard's, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lawson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wigan no buns at the latter. Went to Chapel feeling rather sick, perused my new missal during service. Suffering from violent constipation nature's return for Saturday's diahorrea.**

Managed to be up for 8.30 chapel but had to wash afterwards. Having taken 3 pills and a sedlitz powder I am in somewhat of a critical position. Dinner at 2 o'clock after which I walk with Rev W G Whicks to S. Hinksey and round by **Upper Sires**. Fled from Taylor's room in nervous bashfulness at the large assembly gathered there for tea. New picture comes. See 'Sweet Lavender' at theatre Edward **terries** (Terry ?) performs, awfully pretty piece.

Very much colder again get up at 9.30 breakfast at 10 lecture 11. Write essays for Hutton on Henry II reforms. Walk with Powell to Osny and view interesting fragment of the abbey and lately excavated stones. Hurt my foot in the mill. Take tea with Woodhouse. Attend chapel. Go to Union after dinner to write letter in Meade's name to his people. Curious proceeding. **Incense my rooms, Ollard's, Lascelles', Ford's.**

Got up at 9. Had to see Hutton about my essays in the library so could not get to lecture at 10 o'clock without missing my breakfast. Went to lunch with Ollard and Playfair and Meade also there. Had to tell a story about a **hautership** which unfortunately was visible to the naked eye and made me very uncomfortable. Tea in Lawson's room. Went to Theatre in evening saw '**Kerry**' and '**Weak Woman**' both Edward Terry took a part and gave a speech at the end. Very funny.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Got up early at 7.45. Went to St Barnabas 11 o'clock went to lunch at Hutton. **Censured Meade's rooms caught in very act by Pullen. Took tea in Ollard's rooms.** Went to St. B's evening then on to Union. Very chilly. Return and give 2 tailors Meade, Rogers and Davidson and Gattee refreshments did not get to bed until one o'clock. The consequence...

...I failed as usual to be up for morning chapel. Rush to get to Pembroke lecture. Letter from Parsons, his return to school causes him great disgust. **Wigan Lascelles in a fever of excitement over introduction of music into Early Mass.** Walk with Ollard to **SS. Polls and Jack** Cowley on to Iffley and back by the **sires**. See **many of us in** full practice also Varsity 8 coached by Fletcher. Had tea with Slater. Kept evening chapel. Go to bed 12 o'clock.

**And manage to keep a morning chapel, ablutions of course had to be performed afterwards. Very showery day. Rains hard on leaving the Lincoln lecture. Buy Newman's poems. In the afternoon Ollard and I go by train to Radley and view the church. Evidently an interesting example of Restoration in 17<sup>th</sup> century with fine old glass and Jacobean misereries, stone altar and fine pulpit and curious Norman font. The Stations of the Cross being around the Church and book of the 'Hours' in Choir. Walked back just escaping furious shower. Took cherry brandy, tea with Lascelles. Prayers for King Charles the martyr at Compline.**

**Manage another morning chapel – chill damp day. Breakfast with Allan and Wigan. Mulled claret afterwards, went off alone to Pembroke lecture, couldn't hear much of it, the mulled claret being heavy on the Brain. Hutton lectures on Laud. Meade lunched with me. Very chill in afternoon snow showers. Call on **Esson** who was out very glad. Went with Meade to Mrs Ball's at home, stayed quarter of hour then went on to tea at **Bayol's** in Keble. Lawson very frisky at Hall. At 9 o'clock went to **Playfair**, **hard run home** at 11 o'clock, dangerous neighbourhood. Get bed 12.45.**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

**Another morning chapel in an unwashed state I really am very wonderful. Frosty morning. Attend Lincoln Coll lecture. Sat down to read **Hislop** after but fail owing to Newman arriving who will sing songs to which I accompany him. Wet in afternoon. Have 7 people to tea. After Hall I go to **Tempest**, very cleverly acted + beautifully put on stage by OUDS. Wigan accompanies me, **very nice** but bores one to death. Gave him Cocoa afterwards so couldn't get to bed until 12.30.**

**And so failed to attend Early Mass as I intended, much provoked being Candlemas. **Jim Caust** in the morning but I managed to get rid of him early. Letters from Ted about letting Grainthorpe and Parker about greenhouse drains both of which I answered. Walked on River toe path with Meade, Ollard, Rogers. Tea with Galte. Write an absurd essay on the Model Parliament. Meade's new ornament **namely** a skull I viewed with great horror. After Compline Ollard and I go to coffee in Wade's rooms who read a paper on Meredith's writing very good, too deep for me. Get to bed 12.30.**

Kept a chapel. Had 3 people to breakfast namely Meade Keppel + Coates, the last two being Freshers. Lovely day. Wanted to go to Stanton Harcourt but didn't. **Wigan causes me fearful aaunguish through my misunderstanding his intentions. Walk with Ollard up the Hill beyond Hinksey to see view, + fine air. Take tea with Hammond. Lawson causes me great irritation, he already resembles a sarcastic girl in face + manners.** Went to **Tempest** again with Meade and Galte get to bed 12.30.

**Manage to attend Early Mass. Very few present. Go with Meade to Varsity Church for the first time to hear Arch Bishop of Canterbury **Bacon**. Lord Chief Justice also present in his robes.**

Incense Meade's rooms and Davidson's. Caught in the afternoon by Rowlands and Blakiston so have to supply tea. Relief when they go. **Shillingflat gives** a wine in my rooms, horrid little worm.

Did not get up for chapel. Had Playfair Ollard and Hammond for lunch felt stupid. Read 'Dodo' the whole of the afternoon didn't think much of it. Went to a grand dinner in Ford's room, dessert and wine afterwards in Lascelles' room. Won a game of chess (the first in my life). Got a little giddy and excited and said a few **foolish .....** and of course **cracked** people think I am tight and shut me up in my wardrobe which was unkind, slept very heavily

However I manage to keep a chapel dressed and washed. Go to breakfast with **Bevers**. Ollard and Meade (on behalf of me) give breakfast in my rooms to the **Toger**. (*college rowing eight?*) Attend lecture write to Parsons Get letter and snowdrops from Mother who seems in a worried state owing to Lou's approaching marriage. Sail on river with **Jim Esson on Char**. Tea with Allan. **Bye** (Buy?) 'Modern aspects of Oxford' and another book. Go to **Gate's** rooms. Lawson gushing and spiteful as ever.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February ASH WEDNESDAY

Get up early Mass. Wash afterwards. Fish for breakfast. Bought a new cap, the wind being high the old one would not keep on. Meade and Ollard to a plain tea. Short service without music everybody seemed very naughty. Wrote to mother at Lincoln. Go to **Barnie's commination**, feel better after the **Cursing**. The **Card luck Bishop** sat on my sofa, worse for drink, lectured on **pomp**.

Get up for chapel '**des to habible**' (*deshabille ??*). After lecture at Lincoln Meade and I start for Stanton Harcourt. Take **Galte's** dog spend ½ hour catching him. Take refreshment at Bablock Hythe. Lunch at Stanton Harcourt at Harcourt Arms. See curious Old Stocks still in fair state of preservation. The Church duly interesting (see my book on archaeology). Got back at 6 o'clock. After dinner go with Elwell to buy Rosary. Take **History** to the Union intending to read. Fall asleep and so miss Compline. Take Cocoa in Wigan's rooms, meet objectionable **Parnhill**.

Get up for chapel. Complete ablutions afterwards. Postcard from Mother in Lincoln and Mag. Ted also wants £5 lending him. Read Stubb's History in morning, no lectures. In afternoon write letters and send Ted £5. Stroll in Parks with Ollard and Meade. Tea with Locke.. Keep a chapel. Look over old book shops. No Lawson for dinner, very much pleasanter. Essays with Hutton 8.30. Go to Union, Keep Compline sing 'Miserere'. Have Clark, Hatherly, Ollard and Meade in afterwards of course Lawson turns up awful.

Letter from Poll. Don't get up for Chapel. Go to breakfast to **Crump (Exeter Cox)** meet **Tasnet**. Very pleasant. Keep lecture at Lincoln. Read **Kate Noyats** history. Walk with Ollard to King Edward's School. Take tea with him Go out afterwards and buy books. I am quite cracked for the time being. Go to Union with **Galte and Asinder**. Take cocoa after Compline with Wigan. Get to bed 12.30.

Attended Early Mass. Read **Guset** on 'Book of Common Prayer' whole morning. Ollard and Wigan to lunch, the latter nearly sent me off my lunch so fearfully irritating and boring. Poor young **fellar**. Called on **Holme**, out, so to down to Playfair who gave me tea and was very pleasant. Violent pain in my body. After Hall went off to St Barnabas. Father Noel gave a **funny** sermon on the 'World'. Went to the Union. Invited to **Mackenzie** wine, did not go however. After Compline took cocoa with Wolde, Ollard and Wigan, 'game to the last'. Oh dear, why do my friends annoy me so.

Got up to Chapel. Washed afterwards. Attended lecture at Pembroke. Draw a caricature (*sic*) of Murder of St Thomas instead of listening to the **bosh**. **Hewins was spouting**. Holme comes to lunch. Walk with Ollard to Littlemoor. Lovely church built by Card. Newman or rather when he was Vicar. After Hall hear Metropolitan of S. Africa Bishop of Capetown in **president's house**. **They** shut me up in **Assender's** room, make my escape to Lascelles rooms where I am refreshed.

Get up to Chapel. Have Crump and Turner from **Exeter Coll** to breakfast and Holme attend lecture being 'Early Plantagenet'. Heard from mother. Davidson irritates me at mid day. Write essay for Hutton. At 3 o'clock Slater shows Ollard and myself lovely vestments of **SS Phil and Jims**. Take tea with Wigan. Go to Radcliff with Ollard. Write to Parsons. Get awfully excited over arranging my books in the evening. Get to bed 1 o'clock.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Keep morning chapel. Plain breakfast of porridge. Frosty morning. Keep lecture at Pembroke but not Hutton's, **Get valentine from Parsons** (very vulgar *sic*). **Go with Lascelles and have a very recherché Lenten repast at Playfair's**. Vegetable soup, fish, **tipsy cake pudding and excellent cheese with sherry**. True Parson knows how to sustain the flesh, take walk after with Lascelles round by North and S Hinksey. Tea with Bagot in Keble, meet **Gramlich** of Pembroke who look very bad. After Hall go to hear Knox Little preaching St Barnabas, fall asleep during sermon. Go to Union, Compline, Lascelles room.

Did not get up for Chapel. Breakfast with Vernon. Keep lecture at Lincoln. Go to Radcliff, Return Coll read Stubbs. Go down to run with Torpids **4.30**. We start **7 2/2** bump Merton splendidly and reach 6 place highest ever been in **Togers**. Large tea I give. Pollock and Waters present. Go to Union after dinner remain till Compline. After which I take cocoa in Woodhouse's rooms.

Meant to keep Chapel but failed. Read History (**Kit Noyce**) from 10-11 in Ford's room. Kept Hutton's lecture. Meade had lunch in my rooms. Went to Union, wrote to Ettie, Parsons also. Met Playfair, walked back to the College with him. Changed and ran with **Toger**. We **Bumped Queen's**. Very easily. Tea in Lawson's rooms. Essays with Hutton. Kept Compline. Went to Galte's room. Ollard there and irritates me hugely. Come to my room after with Wigan much to my chagrin. Rub chest with **elemens** and put mustard plaster on.

Bad cold. Keep chapel wet dreary morning. Wash after chapel. Did not attend lecture owing to rain. Copied notes from Ollard's book. Took my ring to be mended. Stayed in rest of the day. **Toger rowed over**. Took tea with Lascelles + his brother. **Fled from dinner and nearly broke my nose off by running into scout round a corner**. Very unwell. I took a lot of whisky which does not improve my condition. Cold on chest feels better. Invite to breakfast with Wates and Mackenzie.

Attend Early Mass. Very cold hard frost after the rain. Feel better. Breakfast 10.30 with Pollock Mackenzie **the Devil** and Allan. Walk in gardens. **Cense rooms of other people (much to their irritation)**. Elwell lunches with me. Walk with him 1 ½ hours afterwards. Huge tea at Bevers. Read in 'Truth' about Hutton. After Hall to to St Barnbas. Father Noel preaches on 'the Flesh' very funny. Go to Union write to Ted. Keep Compline. Take cocoa in Ollard's rooms with Wolde Galte **Assinder** Get to bed 12.45

**Do not keep a chapel. Having done 26 out of 30 begin to take it easy from that point. Do not attend Hewins' lectures get slack towards end of the term.** Lunch with Lock, Simpson, Hatherly Osmund Elwell **they talk** very much. **Shop in afternoon. Run with Toger. A very good race, The House followed hard on us but we kept away. Afterwards I give a huge tea about 30 people. Great difficulty as regards tea and food. After Hall go to ECU meeting and fall asleep during an interesting paper on Greek church.**

Very hard frost, don't keep chapel. Long letter from Mother rather upset about the marriage. Go with Ollard to sale by auction of Mrs. Combe's library, though I bid a good deal did not manage to get anything. **Wrote essays after lunch. Changed and went down to River to run with Toger. Half the towpath under water from the floods. Great delay in starting owing to ice having to be broken up and allowed to float down before the races began. We had a very narrow squeak from being bumped by Christch.** Took tea with Allan a large assembly present. Get a little shopping done. Attend Hutton's essay after compline Meade Galte Lawson Ollard and **Pates** take refreshments to keep me up, get to bed 1.10.

**After a great struggle between the Devil and duty I got up to Chapel, completed ablutions afterwards. Very severe frost again. Read History in the morning. Ran with the Torpids, the last day, we had rather a narrow squeak from being bumped by the House, which however got Bpd by Hertford at the critical moment. Took tea with Ford. Sent donations to St Albans Holborn. After Hall went to hear Knox Little returned and went to Toger Wine in New Lecture Room, very bad fizz. Grand bonfire and firework display, followed by dancing and footer in the Quad. Got fearfully hot from exertions **in dancing line.****

**In spite of all the above I managed to be less dishabile in Chapel, Bonfire still burning brightly. Quad has the general appearance of Ruin. Man endeavouring to extinguish fire but in vain. Write to Mother. Stroll with Ollard and view skaters near Varsity Boat House. Return and give tea to several men including Bagot + Hicks of Keble, the latter two stayed till 6 o'clock, when a lie dispersed them. After Hall went with Holme to St Catherine's **smoker** very nice. Got back about 11.15. Remained in Ollard's rooms till 12.45.**

Kept my 39<sup>th</sup> Chapel. Fearfully cold, Ablutions completed afterwards as usual. Keep Hutton's lecture. Write essays on Ed III character. **After lunch discover Ollard asleep in his chair with an expression of reasonless idiocy (*sic*). On waking him up he appeared annoyed and said he was dreaming about Alice Ferers. Take tea with Matthews and several of his very odd **tosher** friends. Return, buy some books. After Hall got to hear the '**fanatics**' sing in Chapel. Roar with laughter especially when the **Prae** snubs everyone and everything present. Read essay to Hutton. Go to Ollard's room have cocoa, have compline go to Wolde's room for the same.**

Keep early Mass, dress afterwards. Warmer, no frost. **Keep Edwards' lecture. Dreadful tosher present who wishes to be agreeable. Read History for the rest of the morning. Go out to Bookshops with Ollard and Meade. Give tea to Pollock Meade and Ollard. Dance to Miller's music and kick over and break my pot. Assinder sings. Go to Union. Return, keep Hall and go down to Playfair's.**

**Return keep Compline then go to Walshe's wine, vulgar without being funny. See Ollard and Galte who agree with me.** In bed by 12.30.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Attended 9 – 10 Mattins in Chapel. **Bussey** preached his first Chapel sermon. Very good. Took breakfast 10.15. Went to High Mass at St B's. Noel celebrant. Walked back with Rev. Pullen and went round gardens with him. Called at 3 o'clock on Blakiston of Trinity who was away, + Thompson **supers** where I took tea. Returned and went to Wigan's tea. After Hall went to St B's, Noel preached a good sermon on 'The Devil'. Returned, went to Union to write birthday letter to Mother. Pullen came in for refreshments 10.30 – fell asleep in Ford's room, bed by 1.15.

Having kept all my Chapels I don't get up to a late hour and dress and wash comfortably. Do not keep Hewin's lecture. Endeavour to read Stubbs which is a **fearful tightness** towards the end. Send off **lillies** to Mother. After lunch go down to Playfair with Meade and Ollard. Return and give tea to Huntingdon Rives and Thompson. The latter sticks a good time. Relief on his departure. **After Hall go to Union having first sung my songs to myself and no one else.** Keep Compline. **Go to Galte's rooms. Ollard and Assinder turn up, the former begins to argue in his childish and petulant way about the Pope and is very rude whenever he feels in bad point.**

Mother's birthday. Hope my letters and lilies have arrived safely at home. Such a lovely glorious sunshine day. Keep Edwards' lecture – Write essays. After lunch to the Cher with Jim Esson very jolly time sailing thereon. After Hall a Guild meeting in Hutton's rooms. Ford a little vulgar I thought. Wolde harmless but offensive. Go to Union write to Parsons. Keep Compline. Take refreshments in Wigan's rooms then go to Galte's rooms where I stay till nearly one.

Get up 8.30 and take breakfast with AEM Tailor, Pitts, Elwell. Wet morning. Finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vol of Stubbs. Keep Hutton's lecture. After lunch adorned my body and went forth to pay bills having first helped Tailor to seat himself in gardens. Return go forth with Meade down High round by ChCh Meadows and **gages**. Take chocolate in French shop. Slater comes in after Chapel. After Hall in spite of feeling a little giddy and absurdly **agreeable** still I went to St B to hear Canon Knox Little. Cocoa in Assinder's rooms.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Got up 9.15. Long letter from Mother. Go to lecture at Lincoln. Pours with rain. Finish **I vol Kate Norgate**. Lunch with Playfair and Slater, very jolly. Watch people crowding into Sheldonian to hear 'S' Paul! Return owing to rain, stay in and read Bloxam until 6 o'clock. **Rogers comes in and I like an idiot let him read my diary.** After Hall go to Ollard's rooms. He was recovering from a cold. Stayed there until 10.15. 11 o'clock go to Lawson's rooms. Several fellows silently and solemnly drinking liqueurs round the fire – **fool about**. Get to bed 1 o'clock.

Get up 9.30. **Walk round the Parks with Meade from 10.15 – 11. He discusses the Abolition of the House of Lords from a Tory point of view.** Attend Hutton's lecture. After lunch go down cox a 4 on the Upper River eg Meade Hammond Bevers Allan, lovely day, great **pole** Return take tea with Lawson half Coll present. Get caught by Mrs. **Dampins** and Miss D. 'Oh Lord deliver us'. At Union from 9 – 10. Hear of a very sad accident by King's Weir, Exeter man drowned. Take refreshments in Bevers rooms fall asleep for an hour over my devotions !!! very wicked indeed.

Get up 8.30. Breakfast with ..... **Attend Lincoln lecture, annoyed at Oakley's overtures to get money to build a girl's school or something, won't leave a fellow alone.** After lunch go to Bank, meet **Romme**, walk a bit with him. See **Whicker** at Union, **White Cotton to Indea JCR**. **Give large tea 19 present. The Wonderful Stening present, surname d'Blirdfree' because I suppose it has as much in**

**it as an ordinary sheep.** Warren as usual turns up when not wanted. After Hall the new Radcliff Society meets in Melis' rooms **and gets required info, I not present.** Alas!

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Attend Early Mass. Finish washing and dressing by 10.30 am. Miss going to St. B owing to appearance of **Osman.** Incense mine and Meade's rooms. See Stewart (of Sangleur). Go to lunch with Mrs. + Miss + Mr. **Dampins**, first experience of **three lunatics**, escaped at 2.30 unhurt. At 3.30 go to Whickers for tea Mrs **Hessy** present, Mrs W progressing favourably + baby. At 4.45 leave + fly off to Esson's where I have to **make myself singing** until six o'clock. After Hall go with Meade Allan Newbolt to St B Noel gives splendid but awfully comical sermon on 'Faith'. Go to Union, return, visit Wigan to drink **liqueurs and 1<sup>st</sup> health.**

Read **Kate Norgate.** After lunch walked with Ford by **canal** + St Margaret's. Returned and give tea Steward (of Magdalen) **Carne** Wigan, Newbolt + Meade. After Hall go and sing in JCR. Chorus singing led by Farmer (of Balliol) then went up to Ollard's room stayed until 11.45 when I went to bed 12.30. Very early in comparison to usual time. Assinder and Rogers elected to **Archery.** The latter has well earned the post. It would be sad if after aiming so high + **sucking up**, + **hanging on** like great one's of the world, he had not gained some reward -

Get up 9.15 attend Lincoln lecture. Meade and myself draw caricatures the whole time + Meade continues to do so in my rooms till 12.30. when I write my essays. Go out after lunch with Meade + Galte. Later go to Esson's **him** take my photo 'en poise' in MA Cap and gown. Return and give tea to Mrs Miss and John **Dampris**, truly a mad tea party. Slater Ford Ollard Whicker Meade and Galte arrive to see the fun. Get them away by six o'clock. Wine in **Curzon' ven's room** at 11 o'clock. Get to bed at 2 o'clock.

Get up at 9.20. Keep Hutton's last lecture of term. After lunch cox 4 on Upper River namely Carlisle Rogers Bevers Allan. Rains on our return from Godstow. Hurry back to tea at Mrs Ball's meet Farncombe, S.H Old Malvernian. Then go to tea with Clarke, Davies, Newman, very jolly. Davies gives me his **photos.** **Vernon on the spot in Hall**, having become the **pampered** favourite thinks he can go and say what he likes. But he will fall, his style cannot **become popular** **furious rag** about heretics Carlisle etc. Hear Knox Little at St. B. Spend night in Ollard's rooms to 12.

Suffering from slight stomach aches overloaded **an full** Get up 8.30. Have Malvern man (up for Smalls) to breakfast, Attend last lecture of term at Lincoln. Pours with rain. After lunch walk with Ollard round Mesopotamia, Return take tea with Ford, **excellent muffins** of which I take too many. Then go to tea with Galte. Paine present looking highly **respectable.** Lovely sunset and twilight. Galte pleases one very much. Both of us inspired with poetic spirit. After Hall get very merry. Go to Union. Attend Compline. Pullen to cocoa, Miller dares to kick at **my oak** to bring his vulgar coarseness to my rooms, gets well snubbed in consequence.

Get up 9o'clock. Mess photo in gardens. No lecture. Read Kate Norgate's history. Drizzly wet day. After lunch copy out essay from Stubbs. Walk out alone, meet Huntingdon see Clarke. Go to St Aloysius. Take tea with Ollard and Osmund. After Hall go to JCR where Lawson and Vernon especially cause me keen irritation, the latter must soon be in disfavour. Hope so truly. Fuss in JCR about **Darrell Brown's** rooms. Meade **loses his point** and appears **vexed.** Go to **Demin's** rooms. Get to bed after 12.

Beautiful day. Took lunch with Wigan, Slater Ollard and Ford present. Wigan sherry very good. Go out at 3 (**view Lincoln .....**) with Ollard in the Parks. Return and take tea in his rooms. Wrote letter to Ettie at Union. After Hall went to Union + stayed there till 10 o'clock. Ask men into Refreshments after Compline, more came than I bargained. Taylor and Davidson return at 12 o'clock from a wine with the Devil in a drunken state. Get the assembly out of my rooms by 12.30. Make remarks at the window to the retreating host, get a window broken in consequence, sure to be that **duplicant** Davidson.

Attend Early Mass. Wash afterwards. Ollard comes to my rooms and kindly boils my eggs etc. 10.45 Wigan appears and I have to go with him to St Barnabas. If I go to Ch(urch) I do at least like going alone but to accompany one's friend who is an Arch Boar! Oh dear!! Go to lunch with Essons and enjoy myself. Showery afternoon. Return with Jim. Go to Bevers tea, headache rare for me. After Hall go alone to St B. Return go to Union. Row of townies outside Coll. After Compline Meade and Galte take refreshments, get to bed 12.45.

Get up 9.30. Finish Kate Norgate in Ford's rooms. Go to bank. After lunch go with Assinder and Ollard to see photograph of Mess. See Windys at Union say goodbye. Go down to Playfair's alone, Ollard being **attached apparently** rather violently. Return at 6.30. Do packing, drink St Gregoria's health. Ettie's birthday. Bought "Seven lumps" for her present. Took refreshments in Wigan's rooms Pullen Meade Bevers and Ollard present. Didn't go to Pitt's wine.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Got up 8.30. Slater comes in to say goodbye. Collections in Hall 9.30. Leave Oxford 10.55 train get to London 12.20 say goodbye to Wigan. Drive King's X, take lunch. Walk down and view St Bartholomew the Great Smithfield. Very fine, then go on + much affected by the grandeur of St Paul's, spend a short time therein. Walk back to King's X. Take train 3 o'clock arrive at Thoresby 7.45. Maggie meets me. Get home 9 o'clock. Everyone seems in good health. Mother bad cold in her head. Get to bed about 11 o'clock. Very tired, - sleep soundly.

Get up. Unpack. Examine greenhouse. Vicar comes in afternoon and looks very well. Go with Maggie to 'Yon End' and down the valley. Return, service 7 o'clock. **Goffe** gives a very good address. Weather warmer inclined to rain. Very hot in drawing room. Go to bed 10.30. Earliest hour for 9 weeks. Long sleeps seem much needed in the country where folks do nothing.

Get up 8.30. After breakfast go forth and converse with Beverly who finally gives up intention of **coming**, really a very good thing. Go with Mother up to the Church. After lunch go with Mag to Yon End and study the flags in the pond, **pick up Mick**, go round by sheep fold and have an experience and that a somewhat unpleasant one as regards sheeps. See Lou and Lewis the engaged couple spooning in Old gardens. Sing songs in drawing room, bed 11.30.

Get up 9.30. Attend Mattins. Miss **Harmers** appears, looks very well. Show her greenhouse. After lunch, a row comes on about my wedding present to Lou. Drive with Mag to Barnoldby and look over the Manor House, Lou's future home. A lovely old house with magnificent view of park etc. Return and busy in garden. Lou shows us her wedding dresses. Read 'Child of **Stafferton**'. General melancholic feeling a propos of Lou's approaching nuptials. Mother still got tiresome cold.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Hard frost. Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race. Get up 8.30. Accident to **slates** in greenhouse. Lou and Mag go out hunting. Meet at Barnoldby Cross Roads. After lunch go with Poll 'Yon End' and Valley with dogs. Return Fuss about with Ettie about rose trees. Read 'Child of Stafferton', Discuss with Mag the beauty displayed in the friends of those who get married. Go to bed 11 o'clock. Very cold and frost. Oxford win Boat Race by 4 lengths – 3 cheers -

**Mother, Mag, Lou, Ettie and myself at Church. I read lessons, annoyed at not being permitted to wear my cotta (a white surplice worn by servers etc). Lou's Bands (sic, banns?) given out for 2<sup>nd</sup> time, also Baptism. Another Baptism in afternoon, nearly went asleep during sermon, saw Mag at the far end of Ch fast asleep. Hear that Jackson girls take coffee to keep themselves awake while their pater preaches. Very cute idea. Walk with Mag round by Valley and track soon. Close in evening.**

Get up 9.15. Gardener comes to be engaged, spend a good 11/2 hours explaining everything and showing him where he is to live, namely at 'Yon End'. Attend service 12.15 **Short Ante** Communion service. After lunch go with Mag to Binbrook in cart, see Mrs. Woodie and Mrs Meredith through their respective windows. Return and enclose dogs by accident in 'Old House'. Mother Mag and I attend service 4.15, address of John Keble read by the Vicar and so did not fall asleep. See Beverly who explains about seeds. Afterwards read Pope's letter in drawing room. Ettie very bad ear ache. Poll had cold. Mother much better. Lou appears in 10.15. Get to bed 12 o'clock.

Get up 8.45. Rector unwell so had to take 11.45 service. After lunch go to Louth with Maggie. Bring back family plate from Bank, amuse ourselves by examining it. Ettie very bad earache. Lou and Lewis return while dinner is on. Mother very fierce. Poor Lou gives vent to tears, her future one comforting her. By one in an hysterical state. Sit and read alone in the study. Feel terrified and ponder on the advantages of departing quietly out of this world by aid of lodanum (sic) . If only the family was a little more religious there would not be such fearful upheavals –

Get up 8.05. Ettie comes in while at breakfast. Louie and Mag go hunting, the **Calte comes and tremendous or marvellous her nose**. Take service 11.45. Go to Rectory and get **arums** and Scarbro lilies. At 4 o'clock walk to Thoresby. Miss Harneiss and also Little Mrs. Mathews. See **Michael** about buildings. Meet George with new **pony**, am driven back and supposed to understand the animal. Attend service 7 o'clock, read lessons. Go to Old House **for key**. Mother and family better – **go and full moon**

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Maundy Thursday

Get up 8 o'clock. Go to Grimsby at 9 o'clock. George drives me. Get back to service 11.30. Fearful row on at home. Fearsome hysterics. Plant several trees. Ted appears at 3 o'clock. Engaged with trees till 7 o'clock. After dinner am in a fearful excited state sing and dance and break my watch glass as a repay for the sin of being over merry in Holy Week. Ted appears in good health. Cheerful addition to the family in the present state of hysterical **crackness**.

**THE NEXT SIX DAYS ARE MISSING, A PAGE HAS BEEN TORN OUT OF THE DIARY.**

#### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

The most disagreeable day of my life up till now.

Hardly sleep at all. Hear clock strike IV V VI get up 6.15. Take small brandy in study and upset cup. Open gates for wedding carriage. All of us start for church 8.10. Cold and miserable . Poll Mag 1<sup>st</sup>, Parsons Ettie 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mother Ted 3<sup>rd</sup>, I and Lou last. Give away the bride. Sign registers. The

**couple go off at once. No goodbye. Shoot an old shoe at the brougham. Return to wedding breakfast. Oh Lord, fearful torments. Fine cake. Bad toothache. People seem inclined to spend the rest of the day with us. Maurice and ABC lunch with us. Walk with Parsons in the evening.**

Glorious day. Letter from Lou at Manchester. Parsons returns to school, a fortnight before his birthday proper. Busy with creepers. Ted goes to Barnoldby Manor to spend night. Mag and I go to Stock Furlong to get honeysuckle roots. Return and plant them. In evening Read history for an hour and a half in dining room. Not very well, diahorrea inclined –

Wake up 5 o'clock fearful toothache. Get down 10 o'clock. Mother and Poll go out driving. Read History. Engaged in garden. After lunch tooth ache again. Go walk with Mag round by Beesby Wood and Hawerby in fearful pain. After dinner, still in great misery. Goes off at 8.15 suddenly. Talk in drawing room and conjecture on the approaching separation of Mrs L Burkinshaw

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Get up 9.15. Lovely warm spring day. **Go to Ch 11 o'clock as usual, new curate appears and causes tremendous consternation, looks as though he had lately resigned his position of Pubkeeper. Mother feels sick when she sees him.** Ted appears for lunch and goes back to Lincoln 3 o'clock. After afternoon service walk on Hawerby Hill. Tooth better but still in precarious state.

**Letters arrive, great excitement. Parsons must return owing to Prispelus at Louth. Louie's wedding in Standard Mother in a towering rage and gives us it all very warm.** Parsons arrives after lunch. Mrs Baxter appears and Missy Slowey and Mrs Sutcliff. Mother takes ..... to Binbrook afterwards. Meg Parsons and I walk to Yon End. Ettie goes to Hawerby. Go to bed 10.15.

**Get up 9 o'clock. Has been some rain, much needed. Ettie Mag and Parsons go to Louth races. Great excitement about etiquette, a new but very necessary thing in the family. Pleasant lunch, only Mother Poll and myself. Have a bottle of champagne. In afternoon go to Yon End, see after trees. The Miss Burkinshaw's come and Mother frightens them.** See after Pictures in the evening.

Asthma attack. Get up 9.30. Take pictures to Thoresby, go in dog-cart, Poll drives. **Go to Louth market day, get a lot of things and get my hair cut. Walk back chill east wind blowing.** See over Elkington Church, very beautiful, see tomb of Maurice Grant **Scarle** (kind of great **Uncle**). Read History in evening and feel exhausted. **No news of Loo, wond what is occurring??**

Get up 9 o'clock. After breakfast plant the pansies. Go with Mag and Parsons to Yon End, pass Maurice in distance (**looking like C..... t.....**) Busy with osiers. After lunch ..... The performance Mother comes down and helps. Catch bad attack asthma from the green dust and toothache and so cannot go to Binbrook theatricals.

**Bad asthma miserable toothache. Why was I born?** Get up 9.15. Cold East wind blowing dull. Go to Jacksons to **get plant ..... give.** Mother writes to Dr Wilson. Go down to Yon End with Mag and Parsons. Busy. Ditto in afternoon. Read History in evening. Tooth still makes me feel very miserable. Shall try some more '**Ernie Brand**'. Miss Harneiss calls 5 o'clock and is very full of Miss Finch. (*scrawled..*)

Miserable night of asthma and toothache and so decide to get up and go off to Grimsby and have the offending organ discharged. After breakfast walk to Thoresby. Miserable cold dull morning. Arrive in G. Take **nasty glass** of port then to dentist, have gass (*sic*) and get rid of nasty old tooth, Very happy at the result, buy roses and take them to Iles' with **wilt geaurmie** and stay lunch. Return home same way. I arrive and hear of strange and weary occurrence. Busy in greenhouse.

Foggy and chilly turns out beautiful warm spring day. **Go to Ch. Rev. B. J. preaches sermon at Mother. Busy with plants after service. Arguments as to people and arrangements of coming do 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Go to Ch in afternoon read lessons very badly. Get mustard cress out of hothouse for tea.** Afterwards go with Mag and Parsons down Valley exercise dogs. Return read **Malvern Chase**. Go to bed 11 o'clock.

Glorious day, **pursue sheep** and find Coates boy in the greenhouse, trust I **was unobserved by the tenants son in my new and innocent amusements**. Settle George to stay as groom for following year. Sow nasturtium seeds. Drive with Mag after lunch to Binbrook with the usual Monday luggage. Stop at 'Yon End' on my return. Parsons, (Mag when she returns) Busy in Plantation. See new gardiner. **Beautiful mind.. Read book and feel friendship in evening.**

Glorious spring day. While reading history in greenhouse receive a fearful shock namely the forgotten fact that I had accepted luncheon with rector was called to my remembrance. Letter from Dr Wilson etc etc. Beautiful mind and a **silly** old twaddler. Lunch with rector etc Long to be set free from torment of bowls. See Mag and Parsons in distance. At 4.30 I tell a story and get free. Mother and Poll return from drive. After dinner Parsons in fearful state having lost his purse full of money.

Very grand day. After breakfast go to 'Yon End' to look for Parsons' purse, which I find almost directly. **Pryaground** G. Dickinsons with Parsons. Go down there again 4.15. After reading more history Get fearful asthma. Stay up till 11.30 putting pictures etc **etc back in their positions**.

Cold dull day with showers. Get up 8.15. **The maids appear to be rushing madly about to get Mother's carpet and bed beaten in the air before the impending showers come. Parker smiling (indeed his face was so beaming it quite irritated me) came and settled about blinds for greenhouse and netting for tennis court. Mother fussed by letter from ABC. The beautiful little mind appeared 11 o'clock. Beautiful minds are very well in their places, but not as regards advice or common sense.** Pours with rain whole afternoon.

Get up 8.45 pouring with rain and has beendoing so the whole night a very good thing. Parsons song arrives and keeps us occupied. After lunch sow seeds. Walk with Mag and Parsons to Fox Cover. Meet Ethel on our return. Read Malvern Chase in evening. Grand preparations for Cat's accouchement.

Fine day, chilly windy and showery. Letters from Aunt Hargraves with ties and also from Whicker about Somer coates. Strictly private so having read it to all family take it to the rector who is in bed. Go to Baxters afternoon fully recovering from an attack of the measles and looks very well. See her hedge companions.

Much warmer lovely day. No morning service, rector unwell in bed. Read Malvern Chase in greenhouse. Poll, Mag, Parsons go to Hawerby. No afternoon service Mr Allington takes six o'clock evening service, Miss Row appears and is shewn about. Walk on Hawerby Hill, view Spurn lights.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Heard cuckoo for first time in old garden. Get up 8.30, Thick fog. Ettie, Poll, and Parsons went to Hull, all of us at home urging them to go and assuring them of the future loveliness of the day. Which turned out fearful, heavy showers with one or two peeps of sunshine.** Went to Yon End got flowers to send off to Aunt **Hargraves**. Tea 4 o'clock with Mother and Mag in drawing room. Walk with Mag to Ravendale and go over Greenhouses.

**Mackeril arrive 10 o'clock. Take him to examine Old House and decide on improvements.** Return, Mother just going out driving. **Miss Jacksons calls and go with her to measure Altar etc etc in the Ch.** After lunch a furious thunder shower comes on. Go to Ravendale and bring flowers. 5 o'clock go to Yon End with Mag and Parsons. **Letters from Bratleys Walton.**

Glorious morning. Got flowers for Mrs. Iles, Poll takes them to Grimsby. Go with Mag to Yon End for flowers. Thunders heard in the distance. After lunch plant out sunflowers. Mr. **Hammely** comes. Drive Mother to Thoresby to meet Poll. Return engaged in garden. **Converse about the little devil most of the evening in drawing room.**

**Awfully cold east wind. Letter from Loo a most odd lady.** George takes picture to Burnett and fetches back **chair. Awfully jolly one.** In afternoon, Mother and Poll drive to Binbrook **then the rector appears** and tells his stories. Walk over to Hawerby with book for the rural dean. **Converse and** decide for coming do 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Get up 8 o'clock and do packing. Come down to see dearest Mother fettling about invite cards for 10<sup>th</sup> July do. Fuss about. Lunch 12.30. Leave home 1.30. Ettie Parsons come to Station in cart. Leave by 2.25 train. Get into London 8.10. Cross over to Paddington. Leave 9.15, Get to Oxford 11.15. Supper etc nearly 2 before I get to bed.**

Have breakfast about 9.45. **Go with Meade to see Hutton who is most effusive.** Walk in gardens with Ollard and lunch with him. Get various things in town, walk with Elwell. Tea with Ollard at French shop. Call on Robins and stay there till Hall. After Hall go to the Union. Return, Meade Allan Wigan come in and keep me up till 12.30.

Get up 8.50. Keep 9.15 Chapel. Breakfast afterwards. Simpson comes in. Go to St. B alone. Return, take no lunch – Go Ollard's rooms 3 o'clock go with him to tea at Robinson's 4.30. **After Hall go to St. B.**

with Lascelles. His tie concealed half his **neck** & all his collar and his general appearance of dirtiness was somewhat embarrassing. Go to Union bed about 11.45.

Keep no chapel. Walk in gardens. After lunch turns out wet. **Go to Union write letters, return and go out with Ollard and Ford, return and have tea in Ford's rooms, afterwards go to Mowby (Mowbray's?) to order Green Altar frontal etc etc. Go to Hutton 9o'clock.** Ollard's then Wigan's rooms Meade (as usual) keeps me up till one o'clock.

No Chapel. (letter from Mother). Forde and Esson intrude while I am still washing. **Go to lecture at New Coll on Aristotle's politics. Rather too clever for me. After lunch go with Meade to Union, (or rather I leave him on the pretence of being deeply engaged in letter writing). Return and 3.30 go out with Ollard round Addison Walk. Glorious with the fresh green of spring. Buy Piers Ploughman. After Hall go to theatre see ..... 'La ligate' sat in dress circle very rare and expensive luxury.**

Fail to attend 7.45 Mass, up however for 8.30 Mattins. Letter from Mag. Read History. **After lunch go down to play tennis but find all courts engaged – so retire feeling foolish.** Take tea in Ollard's rooms. Go out to buy 'Yorkshire'. After Hall go to Union, and 9o'clock go down to Playfair's, get to bed 12.30.

Get up for Chapel. Walked round garden with Rogers, very showery. Get order from Hutton for reading at Bodleian. Attend Edwards' lecture at Lincoln. Inclined to describe Richard III as a **palsiotic flint ice heater**. Attend lecture at New Coll. **Lunch with Ollard and brother** Go to Esson's for tea. Union after Hall. Ollard, Wigan, bed 12.30.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Get up 9o'clock. Showery day as usual. **Go to lecture at `12o'clock New College, only seven others present including a lady.** After lunch go to Bodleian and get **in for a reader**. Take tea with Lascelles. Go to Union after Hall, return **and talk about Digs, I nearly entrapped for joining Digs with Ford, rather meanly let Ollard in for that pleasure. Trust he will enjoy it. I could not dig with an angel, much less a vulgar angel.**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Did not get up for chapel. Read or rather tried to read Stubbs in Gardens. **Go out after lunch with Galte in a punt, our movement cause ..... Amusement to watchers on the bank. Even the Blind man who opens a gate for a penny roared as we revolved round and round in mid-stream.** Row with Vernon in evening.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Attend Early Mass. Letters from Ettie, **Miss garvey** likewise. Sketch in garden. Go to St B. Wigan sends lunch to my rooms. Walk in Gardens with **Maclean Tailley**. Tea with Wigan. Go to St B with Ollard. Write letters at Union. **Pullen appears 10.15. Give him cocoa, scald my hand badly. Feel vexed. Why didn't I keep out of my rooms?**

Get up 9 o'clock. Read Stubbs in Ford's rooms. Message from Blakiston causes inconvenience. Write essays. Go to Bank. Return, Show Blakiston's people over Coll. Give tea to Lascelles and Ollard. Go to Mowby's. **Write a cracked letter to Miss Jackson. Hope they won't think I was tight when I wrote it.** Go to Union after Hall, then read up essays to Hutton. Cocoa in Wigan's rooms. Bed 12.45.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Very chill. Attend Early Mass. After lunch look up Digs but fail to get any. Four o'clock go down with Galte to tennis court and have a game. After Hall Allan Galte and self go to **theatre German Reed's entertainments. Corney Grains sketch of 'Funny World'** awfully good. Get back 11 o'clock give Allan refreshments in my room. Get to bed 12.30.

Keep chapel. Unwashed entirely. Ablutions completed afterwards. Very disappointed on finding poached eggs minus bacon has been sent up for breakfast. Read Stubbs. Pay Battels. Read **Maxim's** ancient law. **After lunch hunt up Digs with Madam Tailleur. Get some in Wellington Square.** After Hall go down see Playfair and his people. Very pleasant. Cocoa in Ford's rooms **and ask** vulgar riddles.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Ascension Day

Get up for 7.45 Mass. Wash afterwards. Go St B 11 o'clock. Return go out with Meade and buy Ward's Reformation. **Have Ollard and Meade for lunch. Afterwards to out punting on Upper River. Meade etc also punting. Pursue Gutting me and fight yussies. I am left in mid-stream quite helpless. Very funny. After Hall go to St B. .... sermon. Roar with laughter.** Osmund in my rooms, Lawson, Meade and Ollard.

**Get up 9 o'clock, breakfast disgusting, eggs and bacon icy cold.** Read in gardens, very chill, try ring size it is lovely. Play tennis after lunch with Galte. Go down to Mowbry's 4 o'clock. Tea with Meade 4.30. Keep chapel. After Hall go to Union with Hammond. **Return, attend Compline and sing lustily in organ loft, then to Wigan's rooms.**

Much warmer. Read History in Gardens, get caught by Playfairs. Shew then chapel. **In afternoon go in Canadian canoe with Ollard and Ford, the latter party causing one considerable annoyance being a most excellent feller but unfortunately very vulgar. Went down past Osny on to Hinksey. I returned most of the wal alone, needless to say I enjoyed it much more.**

Get up 8.40. Attend Mattins in Chapel. Then breakfast. St. B 11 o'clock. Go to dinner at the Essons'. Return 3 o'clock. See Romney **and .....** in my rooms. Rejoice to get rid of him at 4 when I went to tea with Holmes. Crump there. Go to St B at 7 o'clock, Ottley preaches. 9 o'clock go to Wigan who provides refreshment. 10 o'clock go to Ollard. Lovely day gets chilly in the evening.

Letter from Parsons. Keep 8 o'clock chapel. Wash etc afterwards. Finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vol of Stubbs in Gardens. Robinson lunches with me. Go on Char in **Jim's** canoe. He rather annoys me. Get back 5 o'clock. Write

essay. After Hall go to Union with Galte and Assinder. Return 9 o'clock. Hutton for essay 9.30. Then go to Ollard's rooms. Get in bed 12.15.

Keep Chapel as usual unwashed. Perform ablutions afterwards. Keep Edwards' lecture. Get some lilies afterwards and **see Slater. Nice pleasant person but growing more and more like a seaside donkey. Ears stick out on each side of head etc.** Keep lecture at New College on Aristotle, busy the whole time writing other things. After lunch read Maine's Ancient Law. Muddle **about timing tea with injure, get Academy latch.**

Keep Chapel in a washed state, almost unprecedented. Devotions **back etc dons of** course afterwards. Read Maine's Law. Paper on it 12 o'clock. Pours with rain 3 o'clock go out with Ollard. Pullen and Ollard have tea in my rooms. Go to Radcliff. After Hall in **Alender's** rooms, then read 'Empire'. Keep compline. Go to Ollard's rooms. **Wigan great talker, good kind man.** Bed 12.30.

Letter from Ettie. **Get up for Chapel washed but not dried.** Go to Lincoln lecture. Then write letters at the Union. Rains, lunch with Meade. **Go with Ollard to see Bishop Stubbs lay foundation stone of new ch(urch) for Cowley. Brothers gives a good address. Rather chilly and showery, standing during the ceremony. Processional cross and pastoral staff used in procession.** Tea with Slater. Go to Union debate on Ch disestablishment in **Wales**, Lord Beauchamp speaker. **Lease** chapel

Keep Chapel unwashed. Breakfast, wash, go in gardens, then to Bodleian. Pours with rain whole afternoon. In Blackwell's. Give tea to Meade Ollard Lascelles Ford. Go to Union and Radcliff. Keep Compline. Pullen, Wigan, Keppel in for cocoa. **Incense**, go to bed 12.30

Lovely day. Read Henry VII in Gardens. **After lunch go and punt on Upper River with Galte. Assinder nervously sits at the back while shewing them how to manage the thing I disappeared in the waters. Very uncomfortable.** Return. Help Gatte with photos. Then with Assinder, walk round Parks with Galte **and shop. Incense a hostile bible meeting.**

Get up for Early Mass. Dress and wash afterwards. Sit in the gardens. Go to St B at 11 o'clock High Mass. Lunch 1.30 with Hutton and Pullen. **Sit or sleep in Ollard's room, must have taken a trifle too much Go to St B with Meade afterwards. 9 o'clock go with Lascelles to ChCh Hall to hear Bishop of Lincoln on Oxford House.**

Get up washed for Chapel. Assinder and Fitzens Reade to breakfast. Ollard unwell with Bad cold. **Trippers** crowding into the Gardens. Write essay in Undergrads library. In afternoon play tennis Assinder Dixon and Wigan. Poor little Pullen unwell. **Dine with the Eight** Pullen, Elford etc bed 12 o'clock

Keep 8.30 Chapel. Washed Read in gardens and miss lecture at Lincoln. Keep lecture New

College. See **Bullington Club men going down to the station, 15 of them having been sent down for Rowdyism, breaking windows etc in Peckwater Quad.** Play tennis with Assinder, Clerk, Wolake, Rains. Give Assinder tea. Get my hair cut. After Hall in **assembly mood** rate **Wigless** severely in Ollard's room. Read at the Union, to bed one o'clock.

Keep chapel washed. Read in gardens. Showery. Lunched in Trinity with Blakiston. Walk with Meade 3 o'clock to **Nottishon.** **Tea with Playfairs, return buy crockery fm Jap shop. Meet Ettie Maggie and Missy Garvey by six train from town, see them in their digs and strode out with them afterwards.** Cocoa to Pullen.

Get up keep a chapel. Washed. Keep lecture at Lincoln. **Go with my people to see set of altar and ch green frontals, very fine. Grand lunch in my rooms, Ollard, Lascelles, Wigan present. Go down to boats, see our division rowed. 8 o'clock go to the theatre, nice seats to see "Sowing the Wind".**

**Don't get up till 8.45. Read in gardens. Go down to Magdalen with Ettie Mag and Missy, walk round Addison's Walk. Lovely day. Lunch in Assinder's rooms, sit in gardens, go down to both divisions of races. Take tea in between. After Hall go in to see them. Return 10.30. Go to Ollard's rooms, then to Wigan's.**

Get up for chapel. Awfully cold. **Settle not to go on river. Miss them in town, with Ford wander round ChCh Meadows in search, quite a failure. Lunch in my rooms, Meade, Assinder Galte, Rogers. Take fellers to look at my altar cloths etc. Go down our division and see the start. Meade and Wigan accompany us.**

Get up 8.45. Kept 9.15 Mattins, went to St. B 11 o'clock. **Lunched with Ettie, Mag, Missy. Walk round Parks with Maggy. Large tea in Digs. All of us go to Chapel. Go to St. B with Elwell. Return with the family, supper with them. In Ollard's rooms till 12.15**

Got up 8.30. **Went forth with Meade, bought rouge waistcoats etc. Met Lascelles and Ford, got them to take us Ettie Mag Missy on the 'Char' by Magdalen. Cold but glorious day. Get to Ollard's room 1.30 where we all lunch. Very jolly. Then Pullen shows them vestments in the library. I go down to Mowby's to show Pullen my new green set of altar coverings etc. Take tea with Ford, Mrs. Whiches. Great joke.** Go to the Races. Six o'clock walk with Mag .....

**Lovely morning, though chill. Write letters to Sea and home at 'the Union'. Walk with family to see SS Pol and Jack. Scott vicar kindly shews us all the vestments etc. Old lady been baptized at 86. Lunch in my rooms. Robinson, Elwell, Ford, Slater. Great joke, damp afterwards. Go in Gardens then to New Coll. Tea in Rogers rooms. Boats six o'clock, theatre Pantomime rehearsal 8 o'clock.**

**Don't get up till 8.45. Cloudy and cold and rainy. Do the Bodleian with Ettie Mag and Missy. Lunch in Meade's rooms, Davidson present. Walk in gardens afterwards. Tea in Ford's rooms. Go down to the Boats. Stand on Varsity Boat House and see very fine race. We nearly caught ChCh. Last night over we have lost 3 places 7<sup>th</sup> until up 6<sup>th</sup>.** 8.30 at Playfairs at home.

**Get up 7.30. Galte did not take photo. Sat in garden. Grand day quite cloudless. Give breakfast to the family Lawson and Allan as a wind up to the jolliest week I have ever had in Oxford. After breakfast, jumble around gardens. Missy is very loath to leave them at 11.15. Go to get ties in 'Blond' then to Digs go down to see them off, get Missy's ticket etc go by 12.15 train for town. Return and send off altar cloths from Mowby's. Read afternoon. Attend Benediction 8 o'clock. Fill stack.**

Write Home and to Ettie. Get up for Chapel. Read History in Gardens. Keep lecture at New Coll. After lunch play tennis with Assinder, Ollard, Galte. Return take tea with Ford, Playfair and Pullen present. Go to Union. No mess on. Guild meets in Burny's rooms. Pullen gives nice address. Keep Compline. Then go to Lascelles rooms, get to bed about 12.15.

Keep 23<sup>rd</sup> Chapel. Breakfast with Keppell, Meade, Rogers and ..... of those present. Read History in my rooms (..... wet). **Lunch with Galte, Mrs Glesson, two Miss Galte's, Miss John, Lawson Meade and Ollard. Go and examine cellars afterwards and library. Walk with Miss G's to Magdalen see Chapel. Return have tea in Rogers rooms and fall into a Society pit.** After Hall read Aristotle then go to Playfair's. Rains hard, get to bed 12 o'clock.

Keep Early Low Mass. Read History of Yorkshire till 12. Don't go to St B., go to Wigan's rooms 12 o'clock. Lunch with Ford and Ollard. Very nice. Give tea to Meade and Wigan. 5 o'clock walk in gardens, showery. After Hall to with Wigan to St B. Canon Bright preaches, a rare old **tightness. Semi Solemn Evensong.** Return and go to Wigan's rooms. Keep a Compline then go to Ollard's rooms. Meade, Lawson, finally Galte appears. Letter from Missy.

Keep Chapel. **Write essays and work in gardens. Galte, his two sisters, Mrs Glesson and Meade to lunch, (Society pit of Saturday). Very uninteresting do. 3 o'clock we with addition of Ollard all went on Upper River. At Godstow Ollard plopped into the river and fled home wet.** Took tea with Robinson. After Hall went to the Union, wrote to Agar and Missy. Read essay to Hutton. Cocoa in Wigan's rooms.

Kept 28<sup>th</sup> Chapel. Letters from Ettie and Mag. Mother fussed at home. Kept lecture at Lincoln Coll. **Wrote to C home and to Crump.** Kept lecture at New Coll. Run home hard just caught by furious thunder shower. Keeps coming on furious showers the whole afternoon. Tea with Lascelles. Go round **Parkes** with Ollard and

again after Hall with Galte. Go to Union. Cocoa in Lascelles rooms. **Fun with Wigan** see list for wine ( **oh lor** ) .

**Didn't get up till nine. Swallowed two very nasty cold poached eggs. Worked in Ford's room. Lecture with Lester. College photo at one o'clock. Pours with rain. Lunch with Wigan and his cousins, Meade and Allan there. Shew them library Chapel etc afterwards. Walk around Parks with Assinder, Galte, tea in Assinder's rooms, go to the Radcliff. After Hall in Ollard's room then to Union where I write letter to his sister.**

Lovely day. Letter from Mother. Keep no chapel. Lecture at Lincoln. **Go to Union instead of lecture on Aristotle, make discoveries in Burke, then write off to him about our male line being discarded for the female.** In afternoon go on 'Char' with Davidson, tea in the Jap shop. Davidson very much engaged. Go to Radcliff, **ride in go cart.** Brereton up again. At Union **up aim in evening.** Sherry in Ollard's room.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Keep 8 o'clock Chapel. Work in gardens. Play tennis with Galte, Wigan, Assinder in afternoon. Showery. Return and Wigan gives us tea. Write essays for Hutton. **In evening Pullen, Assinder, Galte and I entertain in Ollard's rooms. Then fly after lessing, find Ollard, Wigan, Lascelles in Wolde's rooms, Lascelles underneath the table.**

**Keep Chapel, really 27 (only counted as 25<sup>th</sup>) entirely unwashed. 10 o'clock Galte takes me in Wigan's room as a Bishop in Cape and Mitre. Go round with Meade to get food for the wine to be held in my rooms. Oh Lor how I dreaded it. Go on Char with Brice, Allan. Tea with Wigan and his sister and brother and cousin. Truly the Wigans are legion! 9 o'clock the wine held in my rooms given by Meade Galte and myself **Wigan. All my expectations were verified.****

**Keep 9.15 Mattins. Don't feel very well tho' it would have been distinctly odd if I had felt otherwise. Room stinks like a Pub. Incense it thrice, but the evil will out and wine keeps the ground while incense blows out of the window. No lunch. Pours with Rain. Meade Rogers Assinder Lawson loll about my room frantically.** Tea with Assinder. After Hall go to St. B. Cocoa in Wigan's rooms after Compline.

Keep 8 o'clock Chapel. Go to Oriel to breakfast with Warren, Crumpaloo there, very nice and enjoyable. Simply teeming with rain. Write an essay which keeps me in till 5 o'clock, walk alone to Hinksey. Thunder shower as usual comes on. Take refuge at Playfair's. **Dine with Elwell, very pleasant. Essays with Hutton, alludes to my wine in his usual back-handed way.** Felt very much .....

Get up keep Chapel. Letter from Poll about the family. Keep Lincoln Coll lecture. Busy writing letters about family history. After lunch start for tennis with Assinder, begins to rain furiously. Return to do some reading. Go forth with Assinder 6 – 7. Wigan gives me a history of **family Tragedy** almost equal to ours. After Hall the Guild of St John Baptist meets in my rooms. Laird of Pusey House addresses us. Hutton in a really squashing mood because I wish to be a little funny. At Union from 9 – 10, bed 12.

Keep Chapel. Cold ..... morning as usual. **Wash after breakfast. Hateful performance. Dull day but continues fine. Lunch in Assinder's rooms then go to play tennis with him. Have a most enjoyable set, watch match Varsity v Lancashire see 3 men caught in one 'over', tea in Assinder's room. After Hall coffee with Meade. Go down to Playfair's find him out and away. Pours with rain again.**

Keep Chapel washed. **Letters from various places but not the Chief I wanted. Breakfast with Ford being his birthday. Lunch in Wigan's rooms. Write letters at Union. Read, give tea, Ollard, Lascelles. Lawson. Look fine day at last, walk get book with Ollard. Read after Hall in my room and at Union. In Lascelles room 10 o'clock. Galte returns from town feel very glad, dance and run round quad with nothing on.**

Keep nominal 30<sup>th</sup> Chapel (really 32). Letter from Ettie. **After breakfast letter from Mrs Porter with the desire (*sic*) information about grandpa's marriage. Telegraph to **Ingolds and C. E** know date of his death 18 Dec 1839 the answer I receive. Send off Baches paper 1<sup>st</sup> to Kilburn. Only swaps taken I won. Take Assinder in canoe to Godstow, take tea there. Return go with Meade to Dine with the Devil. Return 11 o'clock, Meade very tipsy. I felt a little giddy from the heat.**

Get up 8.30. Read in bed, breakfast 9.15. **Having kept 30 chapels, mean to take it easy. Read Aristotle in Galte's room, finish life of Wolseley. Play tennis with Assinder 3 – 4. Go down to College Regatta but return not wishing to have to wait for my turn. After Hall fumble about, go to Union, bad toothache again. Cocoa with Assinder. Get to bed 12 o'clock.**

Attend Early Low Mass. Mag's birthday. Wash afterwards. **11 o'clock walk with Assinder, Meade AEM Taylor to Abingdon, very pleasant and grand feed at the 'Queen's'. Look into S. Helen's, walk back via Radley, look into the Ch(apel), get back 5.15. Don't go into Hall, no need. 7 o'clock go St B's first solemn evensong of St. B's day. Return, Elwell and Osmund in my rooms, also Wigan who causes irritation. After Compline go to Keppel's rooms. Get to bed 12.20.**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June St Barnabas

Low Mass 9.45. Washed. **Write essay most of the morning. Awful cheese for lunch, can't forget it, oh how it stank. Played two good games of tennis with Ollard.** Gave tea to him, Galte, Meade, Gilzean, Reid. Read Aristotle. Go get **triedown** pay little bills. Beautiful afternoon, fine clouds. After Hall go to the Union, see death of Bp of Bath and Wells at Hackwood. Return, essays with Hutton, then to Ollard's room, Carlisle come(s). **Grand argument about the beauty of tight people.**

No Chapel. Breakfast wearing gown. Attend Lincoln and New College lectures. In afternoon walk with Meade up Hinksey Hill, a grand view with fine sky effects. Return and take tea with Playfair. Rains and so miss dinner, go into supper 8 o'clock. Then to Union with Wigan, take coffee. Read ..... Cocoa with Wigan. Ollard present, rag him.

Keep no chapel. Awfull dull morning. Read Aristotle. Go to lunch with Playfair, very pleasant, Ollard there. Walk with P to Hinksey and back to **Corn**. Tea with Lascelles, Canon Bright present, great joke. Go down to **Galme's with Betts**, get my hair cut. **After Hall rag about in the Quad. Go to Union. Papal announcement in Standard, very excited. Rag in Ollard's room, then in Galte's.**

Get up 8 o'clock, go to S. Peter's for breakfast, grand morning at last. Fumble about in the town, (*with*) Lascelles. After lunch go on Upper River with Galte, take photos of Godstow Nunnery and Inn, take tea there. Return, after Hall to to Union where I remain till 10 o'clock. Attend Compline, Ollard unwell again. In Galte's rooms, Lawson comes. **Then in Wigan's rooms, Ford 12 o'clock sees me to my rooms.**

Very warm but dull. Slight collection in Hall. Wigan goes down. Entrusts luggage to me very much ..... Lunch with Assinder. He hears he is through his exam all right. Take ice in High. Tea with Lascelles. **No things done at Castilly.** Pours with rain. Go out 9 o'clock to Union then pack up.

Get up 8.30. Slater says goodbye. Collections 9.15 in Hall. Go down, leave Oxford 10.55, get to town 12..20. Book Wigan's luggage at Paddington. Go to King's X, lunch then Academy. Leave King's X 3 o'clock get home 8.30. George meets train, Ted at home. Garden looks nice. Mother Ettie Poll Magg very well.

Get up 9.30. **Keep Church 11 o'clock read lessons as usual. Rev CBJ in good form but does not look very well. In afternoon settled about 'do'. Write cards. In evening 7 o'clock Church. See Ethel Jackson afterwards made sacristan.** Supper.

**Fumbling about in garden after lunch. Shew Ted my altar Cloth. Go to Yon End with dogs, return over the fields. Rains 5 o'clock. Go with Mag to Ravendale get a few flowers. Ettie and Mag trie (*sic*) on Gowns for Do. Get to bed 12 o'clock. Stick up photo's in my room.**

Get up 8.30. Breakfast in hurry off in Dog Cart with Poll and Mag and George to Thoresby then on to Louth. Return hear very sad news Poor Sam Wright Dead. Much shocked, very sudden, just sent off invite card to them. Spend evening with Baxters. Tom very pleasant. Leave 9.45 toothache **over the hill.**

Dull morning. Ted goes to Binbrook, rains hard till 4.30. Mother and Ettie go to call on the Tuckwells very pleasant. Mag rides to Thoresby on new mare. Poll and I go up to Hawerby Hill. **Very bk etc and it thunders.** Return go with Mag to Mrs Robinson's who gives me the climbing geranium. Damp hot.

**Get up go 9.15 to Market Rasen, George drives me. Meet Woodie at the station, go to Lincoln. Hire cart at Saracen's Head, go to Brattleby. See them all. Attend Poor Sam's funeral. Phillips and Arthur very much cut up. Return, meet the Bishop at the Station, shakes hands and talks. 1.35 to Market Rasen. See over Church there. Return to Binbrook. Tea in Woodie's house. Go to Ch(*urch*) Bishop dedicates screen(**in beautiful cake in quite**) and preaches lovely sermon. Supper at Miss Johnson's walk home, very warm.**

**Another beautiful day. Men painting the house. Went up to Church with green frontals. Ethel and Mrs Jackson come to see it also Mother. It looks beautiful. After lunch 6 o'clock go to Yon End with Mother. Tom Haxby comes, play tennis, very warm, fumble about in the garden.**

Lovely day again. Fumble around in Gardens in morning. Furniture put into Mags and Loo's rooms. House being painted. After lunch Ted goes to Hatcliff for tennis. Mag, Ettie and I go to Ravendale and get some more flowers and tomatoes. George brings them back in the cart later on. Ettie and I water rose trees. Get to bed soon after 12 o'clock. Acceptation for do pour in continually. Ted says he has to have operation and talk(s) rot generally.

**Never woke up till 10.15. Toilet in consequence very incomplete and no breakfast. Just got in time for morning service. In afternoon Rector unwell so Mr Turner of Ash comes. Mag and I fuss about with books till a very late hour.**

After the letters come in I driven by George go to Louth, fumble about see Mrs Ingilby etc till nearly four o'clock. Quick drive back then George flies off to the station to meet Ford, passes Mag and Poll with the Fells in Rector's long carriage, an odd sight. Ford arrives by 7.45 train having gone down to Mablethorpe.

In the morning trot Ford around with Mag, see Valley and Old House. They play tennis in the afternoon and go to Rayne's while Mother and I interview farm men eg Mr Ted about the 'Do', settle most of it. Tom Baxter comes to church, very jolly, shew him altar cloths etc. Ex governor of New South Wales did not appear.

**Grand day. 9.15 started with Mag and Ford for Lincoln via Market Rasen. Grand view of the Cathedral from Walesby Hill 20 miles off. Put up at Market Rasen. Get to Lincoln, shew Cathedral etc etc. Ascend tower, grand view even of Boston Stump, Grantham Spire,, Newark, Nottingham etc etc. Poor Ted in bed at West College, see him twice. Return via Tealby. Ethel for dinner.**

Rather overdone with my previous day, write letters to Sharpley, Coates etc. Ford goes with Ettie and Poll to Ashby in the afternoon. Do nothing very much, play tennis with Ford Poll and Ettie. Tea under Chestnut, Mag and Mother go to Yon End gooseberry garden. Play whist in evening, not me.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June St. Peter.

Too tired to get up for Mass. Fumble around in garden and see Joe Robinson. Rector and Ethel appear during lunch. Mother Poll and I go in pony carriage to Louth, see bandmaster, Wallington Hall, Boswell, foreman etc etc Return 7 o'clock get back on. Ford Ettie went to Binbrook. Mr and Mrs Ingolds called when we were at Louth having returned from Barmouth.

Get up 9 o'clock. Another magnificent day. Sidney Cuthbert comes for the day, very nice. After church shew him frontals and then go to Yon End. Return, tea under Chestnut. They then play tennis. Ing takes him to Thoresby with Kirke after dinner. Ford and I go to meet her but miss. Get wild roses etc.