

# WMW DIARY 1901

(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'.)

(This Diary is the only one in a different size of book with a nearly A4 size page rather than the A5 size of the all the other diaries. This gives some margin space in which WMW records payments and receipts.)

## Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January

New Year rung in for ten minutes. Mild kind of night, ..... Fumble about in morning. Leave about 2pm driving Baroness in dog cart to Belchford via Kelstern where I meet Mr Sharpley and get rent paid (£846 paid to me), take wine and drive on arriving Belchford Rectory about 4.45, ..... after dinner games in drawing room. ....

Hard frost, white over. .... Leave 2pm and drive via Louth and pay in cheque to Bank and pay Miss Mary Wright's trust. (£138-6 -8 in notes in side column.) Get ticket for Louth ball, - **Get back about 5.45 hear of poor old Cloe's death and burial. (Poor old Cloe aged over 30 years has to be shot.)** Miss James and niece come in evening for dinner, play 'Up Jenkins' and have quite a joke. ....

Attend Matins, see Rector, busy with bills and tithes etc (*note* – **tithes £158/5/0**, top boots £4/4/0, Mowby's 1/3, James £75/13/3.) Ride, ..... Mrs Holland still bad. .... After tea walk over to Hawerby and see Mr Harneis who seems very well, little puzzled how I had got into the house. **Manure some flower beds by moonlight. ....**

Heavy fog, half a Rhyme frost. .... Hounds meet at Wyham, find them at Hell Firs, good many folk out, run round by Stocky Valley Beesby Grainsby and back, so on – Get back soon after 3pm. Parsons at Lincoln, automobilist meeting. Also Guild meeting at the Palace where I ought to have been.

Holland getting rabbits with Holland. (!?) Very hard frost, hardest to present, geraniums I think killed at last. .... do a deal of manuring in garden to front door borders. **Rector cracked and scilly (sic) about hymn for those at sea.** ..... (*Pays tailor* W. Andrew £23 10s, Dixon and Son £3/14/6, Washing and stamps 1s, George Holland 4s, House keeping £1 16s. Received £1 for Quercus.)

Very cold bright day, high East wind, black frost. High Mass 10.30, Hymn for Annie Jackson for those at sea, .....

Plough Monday. Awfully cold. Black frost. **Letter from Alice and Philip (Wright, Brattleby cousins) asking me to go to 'Stuff Ball', Lincoln which I accept.** Write cheques ..... etc, (Mackerill £30/17/6, Bell and Son £1/1/6) Take Marcella round by Scallows, very hard. ....

Slight fall of snow, ..... Mother, Maggie Ettie and self walk up Hawerby Hill, I then go alone round hedges and see what destruction the woodman has made therein. ....

Very hard frost and more snow. .... **go to Yon End and see Foreman about bringing up old wood and stone of defunct stables for garden use. Parsons goes to Louth via Thoresby and intends to be present at ball. I hesitate a good deal and finally give him my ticket and give up idea, tho I am one (of?) 50 stewards.** ..... Walk round valley and back by mushroom close in afternoon. Slow thaw begins, what does it mean?

Bright balmy morning, all snow and frost gone, ride into Grimsby to pay various bills, Lister, David Smith, Saints etc, (*margin note*, bills and sundries £2 2s) get back about 3.30, Parsons returns later from Louth, the ball having been a success. **7pm, Polly Maggie Parsons and I go to the Rectory for their small dance, a great joke. Keep it up till about 1am, get awfully hot.**

..... See Sawyer in the morning and repay him £1/6s/6d out of his former cheque to me being over much. Rat catcher comes and busy in the valley with Holland, gets seven couples. (*Margin notes*, rat catcher *paid* 5s, *income* from sold rabbits 11s,) Hounds meet at Ravendale, find them at Petterhills about 11.15, where they kill, go on to Irby and leave them at Laceby, Parsons at Mr Grant's funeral, Kelstern Covert.

..... first aconite of season in flower. Still rather done from the dance. In afternoon get ferns from Stock Furlong, and go to Yon End. Read in ante-room in the evening, fire there alas. My mare does not come I had partly expected. ....

..... Parsons goes to Mablethorpe on his machine. Broughton comes about money matters in the morning. Dreading somewhat tomorrow –

Chilly morning, hard frost. **Driven down to Thoresby en route to Lincoln, get there about 11.30 and hang about there until 7pm. In vain, expecting someone to meet me. Finally give it up and return in a fury. (I think this is the invitation to the Lincoln 'Stuff Ball' to which he had been invited by the Brattleby cousins.) Not good enough (not) to (be) met, not worth turning out.** Get back about 11.30, ..... Eczema very bad again.

Bright morning. **Feel rather small and stupid as regards the Lincoln ball, hear from Phillip. (Regular muddle all round.)** Polly, Maggie and George drive into Grimsby. **George returns with 'Kitty', my new mare. Magnificent sunset. Everyone very pleased with Kitty.** Bike down to Thoresby with letters owing to them being forgotten. Concert in the schoolroom in the evening, I read.

Hard frost ..... **Have Kitty out for inspection, everyone very pleased.** Read and walk down to Yon End, ..... **Sutcliffe's huge ball in the evening, 9 to 2am, Town Hall, drive out in waggonette, Maggie Parsons and self. Not very enjoyable, too many people, not introduced enough. Mrs Barrett makes a great impression. Get home 3.15am, quite early. (money notes in margin, dance tips 1s 6d).**

..... All of us rather disappointed about the ball. Ride Kitty round by Cold Harbour and get on very well for first time. Meet Harry B. and tell him about the ball. Admires the mare. ....

..... Maggie takes Kitty out in the morning. .... Ride Marcella to Louth and get taxes for carriages etc pay Parker's bill. .... buy Ettie's ring £20.

..... 'Dog' comes in morning about Mrs Holland very bad, give him a primula. (!) Fumble about, write to Louie and send cheque (note £3 3s) and decide not to go to sale at York. In afternoon take the air down the Valley. Fumble about among my curios in the evening, can't find onyxes disappeared, ....

..... Walk over to Hawerby for 11o'clock service, our service 10.15 altered because of Swinhope. ....

..... Hounds meet Swallow X-rds, Maggie goes, I follow later on with Kitty, but see nothing, come back thro Irby Dales, difficulty with gates, Hear bad news for first time of Queen's illness, hope she will soon be all right. ....

Spring morning. **Hear of the death of the Dear Queen, seems sudden only heard for 24 hours of her illness. Later on find it is a false report, slightly better, but very seriously ill. Parsons goes to Grimsby and gets newspaper. Get ferns from Stock Furlong.** ..... get trees trimmed near gate of drive. Last news of Queen not very reassuring.

**Lovely light morning with frost. Bell tolls about 9o'clock, we then hear Queen died last night about 6.30, seems to make quite a gloom over everything. Attend Mattins, we hear 'King' prayed for, the first time for 64 years.** Go out with George, I on Molly, George on Kitty and take twelve jumps including Middle Bottom, various hedges all over. .... busy among gooseberry trees and raking about Yon End, ..... mention of my gt grandmother in Yorkshire Post. ....

..... Ride to Grimsby Marcella, to get papers and take notice to 'Yorkshire Post', see Mrs Iles and hear of Mrs Fred Davy's suicide. .... **Prince of Wales to be called Edward VII, can't realise there is no long(er) 'The Queen'.**

Up very late for Mass. .... **Attend Mattins, see Rector about the Church going into mourning. Ride Kitty with Maggie on Molly, knells awfully, rather irritates me. .... don't take any jumps. Decorations taken down and black put up in Church.**..... Parsons returns last thing from Lincoln with Yorkshire Post, my letter inserted.

..... Go out with George, I on Molly George on Kitty, change horses for the sake of the jumps, on Kitty first experience satisfactory, refuses one and gets excited. .... Order picture of 'Queen reading dispatch' (margin note - 10/6).

..... Ride to Louth and see about Cedar tree. Get back about 1.15, ..... **find that George has had a nasty spill off Kitty "while trying to pimp her with Molly in Cork tree plat" Gets his head tied up at Binbrook in the afternoon.** Bike to Workhouse, especially being first time after Queen's death. Comes on to snow hard, nasty bike back, begins to freeze, Rabbit catching result, 6 ½ couple. (*margin note*, Grimoldby rat catcher 5s).

Terrible morning, blowing and snowing, **bike down to Thoresby in blizzard en route to Grimsby Petty Sessions, Parkinson makes short speech on Beloved Queen's death. We drink Ed VII health afterwards. Coates, Haigh, Bennett and Parkinson present.** Return by 2.15 train. .... Call at Rectory about Saturday's Memorial service. Rabbit catcher here again, result 8 ½ couple. Public days mourning to last until March 6<sup>th</sup>.

..... King Edward proclaimed at Grimsby 12.30. After lunch go round valley, hundred acre etc. .... Send couple of rabbits to Mrs Porter, Louth. (*margin note* sold rabbits 12s .) **Add up total stable accounts £156, 13s 1d, deficit £34 16s 1d. Must be £25 each for horse in future.)**

Very cold and brilliant. Fumble around, walk with Maggie down Valley and round Mushroom close after lunch. Holland getting manure preparatory to preparing frames. **Tobogan with Parsons down Church path. Very sleepy after dinner.**.....

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Hard frost, brilliant morning. Fumble around, rather stuck. .... Parsons away for dinner, a good thing, Mother and others excited and hysterical over goodness knows what.

Mass 8 o'clock for Candlemas. .... Dreadful morning, snowing, wind SE. .... Put up flag for Queen's funeral. Walk over to Binbrook to attend their 12 o'clock Memorial service, very impressive and solemn. Lunch with Custances, Mr. Custance very jolly. Get back about 4pm, Mother very depressed and tearful. Our Memorial service 7.30, fair amount turn up. Very poor and spiritless address from Rector and by no means feeling service. Real funeral ceremony Windsor 2.30, London Procession 11 – 1. (**Margin note, pays 'George for doctor, 3s 6d.'**)

High Mass 10.30, attend Hawerby Evensong. ....

Very cold, hard black frost. Attend Mattins. **The Queen's real burial takes place at Frogmore. Do some tobogganing with Parsons after lunch.** Phil Morcom turns up for tea. More snow, quite a serious fall begins. .... Rector calls on Mother at last. (**Margin note, pays Mother £125. possibly her allowance from North Farm rent per WMW's father's will, or maybe interest on her loan to WMW.**)

Deep snow on the ground and heavy snow showers continually through day, tho' it is thawing hard with a north wind. Impossible to do much. .... Walk down Valley after tea. ....

..... slight thaw. .... Mag's rheumatism very bad. Busy with large fruit stones, very muddy work getting them into orchard. **In afternoon walk with Phil Morcom round by Beesby and Cadeby, examine gardens and Nuns' bath, and note sculptured stones,** return via avenue to Hawerby and so lunch. .... More snow showers. .... roads very heavy and snow deep on Hawerby hill. Take heavy dose of whisky for cold – (**Margin note – pays School £10, school returned £5.**)

Very hard frost, looks like a possible thaw. Have a nasty cold. Busy with rockery and finish it about 5 o'clock in afternoon. .... Take potions, as do others. **Send cheque for Trustees of Late Wm Wright – (his father's trustees.)** (**Margin note, pays Interest to Candser and P £151- 12 – 5.**)

Peacock begins to crow. Chilly and raw, a regular cold thaw. Up very late. Wm Parkinson comes and hangs about until a late hour. Walk with him down Valley in morning. Walk with Phil Morcom to Binbrook, very wet and dirty, take tea with Mrs Clarke and Miss Smith (late of Waltham Grove.).....

Slow thaw goes on. Ride Marcella to Louth via Valley and Cadeby to Wyham and on to Low Road. No snow other side of Wolds. See Hall and get bank book, notepaper, hair cut. Get back about 3.30 by ordinary way. Lot of snow around Lambcroft. ....

..... Attend Mass, get in before Gospel, early for me, dry sermon 11. .... Splendid sermon from Merrikin in evening on "I will take cup of Salvation and call on the name of the Lord."

More snow, Alas! Heavy showers on and off the whole day. Settling the seed list. Phil Morcom comes in the afternoon, walk with him to Thorganby, meet Charlie Nainby and go over the Hall and take tea with Mrs Nainby, curious chevron cornice round house interests me much. Parsons goes to Quirks for the night. ....

Very hard frost and snow showers. William Parkinson comes in the morning. Water from well causes excitement. .... Walk down Valley after tea. .... Parsons returns in the evening from Hull, colder than ever. ....

Very hard frost, hardest of winter or one of the hardest. .... more snow, stuck, can't do much. After tea, take solitary walk round valley and Mushroom Close, magnificent sunset. Terrific frost at night, ..... wonderful old china plate from Hall's arrives.

Awfully cold, more snow, getting deeper and deeper. **Parsons and Maggie tobogganing down Church path, very amusing.** ..... Busy with Holland settling and making out seed list, come to about £2 5s, more than last year by 10s. Walk down Valley, snowing heavily and still at it 11.30, can't go on for ever. Mother very depressed.

..... Turns out lovely day but sun can't do much thawing. .... **In afternoon Phil Morcom comes and we have a great joke with the toboggan until dusk, Ettie and Maggie's performance being especially remarkable.** ..... Seeds ordered, Dixon and Son.

Thawing at last, ..... Rector comes for tea and gets it hot from Mother. Walk down Valley and meet Phil Morcom and wander round back with him. Take rabbit to Stephen Hickabottom. No more tobogganing, thaw continues.

..... More snow followed by cold thaw, most of fresh fall melted. Pope's Lenten pastoral. Walk with Rector,..... discuss tithes etc.

Lovely bright morning, tho' not much of a thaw. .... Mrs Morcom, Lowry, Phil and Sympton come in for tea. ....

Terrible day after heavy fall of snow, quick sultry thaw, and rain and fog. .... Phil Morcom and Symonds come about 5pm, show them the church..... Row about Tommy and George.

Ash Wednesday. Up to Mass, very chilly. .... Only Ettie and myself there. Candlemas fare (*sic, fair?*) at Louth. .... Busy in garden "Yon End" cutting and trimming etc. ....

Terrible morning, snowing and thawing, followed on by snow. .... **Foreman Dobbs, comes about the boys' misdemeanours. Walk down to Grainsby after lunch to summon the policeman.** Mother goes with me up the hill. Raining hard last thing at night, ..... (*Margin note, In hand at Bank £129 – 5 – 10.*)

Lovely baking morning at last with lovely sun. Hounds supposed to meet at Stainton X-rds, Maggie self and George all go out, neither Maggie or I even see them at all. Meet changed for Irby. **Get water at well with Parsons in three quarters of hour, four fills of buckets.** Meeting and lantern at school room for Central African Mission.

Chilly but no snow or frost. Put plants in church and cut willows Yon End. **The Bishop comes in morning. Lowry for lunch and tea. Confirmation at 2.30, 12 candidates. 8 men. Two long addresses. The Bishop in cope and mitre as usual looked very sweet.** Hurried after service and misses train via Louth so has to go via Grimsby. Mrs Sowerby and Mrs Alington both turn up at Rectory.

Up to Mass, chilly, ..... Last fragments of snow disappear all over. Custance preaches at night on Prayer, Fagan preaches at Binbrook. ....

Warm balmy spring day. **Attend Mattins, and get lecture afterwards about hymns being changed yesterday.** Get snowdrops for Cousin Clara. **Hounds meet at Wyham 12 o'clock, Maggie George and myself there. Give Cassey (Casswell, farmer, former trustee of Wright estate.) hold of it as he begins bullying me.** School meeting at Rectory 8.30. Thin trees in gooseberry garden. **Sky lark** contracts curious spots all over him.

..... Copy out Welly item from "Lincolnshire Notes and Queries". Get snowdrops for Mrs. Tonks, Mother sends off afternoon. Ettie and Maggie drive to Grimsby and take

snowdrops to Mrs Iles. Finish trimming trees in gooseberry garden, do up creepers on old house. Maggie gives me bottle of scent for last year's present. ....

Mother's birthday. .... Ride Kitty round by Oysters and back Louth road, pulls rather on returning home. Spent most of afternoon at Yon End cutting and fastening up creepers on house and willows. Parsons at Nainby's for lunch. Grand dinner in evening with champagne for Mother's birthday. Ted sends letter and cheque. I give Mother picture of Queen, hang it up in Mother's room. .... give Mother first Marechal Niel roses out of greenhouse.

..... Go with Parsons to Louth and leave him at station, he goes on to London by express. I fumble about Louth and see Mr Ingoldby. .... Walk down with Mother to Yon End after lunch, and go down and garden after tea. Service 7.30. Rector preaches rather good sermon, very fair congregation.

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

..... Ettie goes to Grimsby. I play organ for Ettie. Ride Kitty down to Fulstow to pay bill, ..... Ingoldby doesn't come after all. Parsons arrives back by ten train owing to getting in to wrong train.

..... Maggie takes Kitty to see hounds Aylesby via Bradley. Get snowdrops for Mrs Ingoldby which Ingoldby who comes in afternoon takes back with him. Long discussion about trustees etc.

..... Mother and Polly go to Bournemouth ..... **Get Rector to sign nomination papers for Parsons to be a Rural District Councillor. Bike on unutterable roads to Grimsby to RDC meeting.** Take tea with Tuckwells on return journey, both Mr and Mrs T very charming.

..... In afternoon trim apple trees Yon End and pear and rose trees, Parsons helping me with very heavy ladder. ....

..... Clears up about 11.30, go after Maggie on Marcella towards Welbeck where the hounds meet. Come up with some people at the tail end of a run which goes down to Bradley eventually after wandering about through awful plough fields etc. End up at Scartho about 3pm, Marcella going very well, and taking some little jumps well. After tea go on with my apple tree trimming in old Kitchen garden. ....

..... At Yon End finish apple trees and do sundry other cutting and trimming, consequence is I get bad attack of asthma in evening. ....

..... Write to Caswell in answer to his letter, ..... Ride Marcella to Binbrook, take cartridges to Harry B, 19 still owed to him. .... get some lovely Neapolitan violets out of frame.

Very full day. **Bike to Grimsby** to settle up Grimsby Spiritual Aid accounts, **have a spill on the way and get cut about.** See Jeannie Iles who looks much better. .... Ride with Maggie on Molly who doesn't seem very well. Dig up old violet bed, very tired, about done at night.

Bright and balmy spring day, crocuses coming properly out at last. ....

..... Ettie and Maggie go to Hull, ..... They get nice present for Ettie, writing case 14/-, .....

Ettie's birthday. .... **Petty Sessions at Grimsby at which Sharpley has a case. Make a point of not going, having a slight interest. Case lost owing to perjury.** Ride Kitty to Louth, see Mr Ingoldby in bed with a nasty cough, get back about 2.30. ....

..... Peacocks screaming. Hounds meet Waltham station, Maggie and I go on Molly and Marcella, run via Scartho to Waltham, Barnoldby, Hatcliffe Wold Newton and up at Beelsby. Ettie and I after tea walk over to see Mr Harneis who seems wonderfully well and clear. ....

..... George takes Kitty to Boswell meet of Southwold. ....  
**Parsons' motor and renovated 'Trailer' turns up. ....**

..... Attend 11o'clock service, Louie and Lewis come about 12.30pm, both looking very well, take them round garden and down Yon End after lunch. Hurt my back off tree guards, do Mrs Charles Smith's business. ....

..... Ride Kitty into Louth to ask after Mr. Ingoldby, still rather bad tho' better. Pay Chwarden's (*sic, Churchwarden's?*) bill 4s 4d. Get back about 1.30. **Parsons goes on his Motor to Motor meeting at Sleaford and Lincoln. Roads very nice.** Busy burning leaves Top path 'Yon End'. .... Play billiards with Rector. Twizzy Haxby comes on **Hustie** business. See Mrs Good on her house improvement.

..... Mass 8, (not late!) Custance comes in evening and preaches as usual on 'Forgive us our trespasses'.

..... Hounds meet Welton, Maggie and George go on, I follow much later as Mackerill comes to see Mrs Good's repairs necessary. Find the hounds about 2.30 near Louth, come back. Busy Yon End. Parish Meeting in evening. ....

Terrible day, outrageously so, fierce North East wind with strong sleet showers more or less the whole day, too bitter to be out of doors with comfort. Write to Mother and do reading. ....

..... ride Kitty to Pelham's Pillar and just see the hounds, return via Rothwell getting back 2pm, read after tea, plant out Gladiolus and Montbretias near wire bed, **put up barbed wire to protect Cedar Deodora. (the one still in the park?)** Photos of Jack and my goddaughter Joan come from Hedon.

..... Bike to Grimsby and get pair of boots at Mrs Dobson's (note, boots 19/6), get back quickly with wind at stern, ride up Ashby Hill. Busy in garden and at Yon End in Nut Walk in afternoon, finish leaves burning on path. Service 7.30 as usual on Thursday evening. ....

..... **Hounds meet at Haverby cross roads, Maggie George and I all go, I change over to Kitty at half time. Kill after a run in far Cork tree plat, run round Cadeby and Wyham the whole day, second run and kill at Beelesby site of old Ch garden. Marcella dashes clean through wire fence, take four hedges with Kitty.**

..... Bike to Louth and see Mr. Ingoldby at his house dressed in his room still with a nasty cough.  
..... Do up Miss James Virginia creeper, and after tea finish the bottom path near pond Yon End. Parsons at Grimsby with motor car.

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Quite wintry morning, white world. .... Ride Kitty round by Irby and Beelsby. .... take book to Rectory and papers to Mrs Charles Smith.

White world and no mistake and bitterly cold but very bright, **roads one mass of slush. Bike to Grimsby and take the chair at first for Sessions, Quirk fortunately turns up, Haig also there. Bike from there to Louth**, get money £50, also examine pass book, in hand after all payments including today's, £77 16s 10d. See Mr Wilby, Ingoldby's office. ....

Bitterly cold, snow which even the sun has difficulty in dissipating. Hounds meet at Thorganby, Maggie George and I go out and find a very thin field. Go round by Swinhope gorse, Smithfield, Rothwell, Badger Holes and Irby Home, find at the latter place and return to Hatcliffe where I leave them with Maggie 3.30, change onto Kitty at Rothwell. Marcella clears a hedge well. Frightfully cold wind, snow deep in places, never thaws out of sun, about 13 people all out. Attend Evensong. Busy packing up etc leave this diary for next 5 weeks. DV hope it will soon turn warmer.

White world. Leave home 9.45, ..... Meet Mother and Polly at the Golden Cross Hotel (in London). Get Cook's circular tickets to Rome via Genoa and Pisa, back via Florence and Venice, Milan. Dine at Holborn Restaurant, Mother rather bad cold.

Leave London Charing Cross 10 o'clock, rather fuss with luggage £1 1s 6d booking to Rome. Polly sees us off. .... All luggage examined at Boulogne. Get to Paris 5.45 and drive to Gare du Lyons. .... leave by 8.40 for Genoa, .....

Get to Modana 8 o'clock French time, luggage examined in train. Arrive Turin 12.30 ..... get to Genoa 6.30, Mother rather fussed and overdone. Go to Hotel du Londres.

Pours with rain the whole day. ....

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

Pours with rain whole day again. ....

..... leave Genoa, get to Pisa 5.45. .... Go to Hotel Victoria Pisa, nice but people casual. ....

..... With Mother and Ettie in and about Cathedral and Campo Santo. .... Leave Pisa 6pm, get to Rome 12.30, go to Continental Hotel, and get rooms in spite of crowd in Rome. Mother's cold very bad.

Settle about rooms at Continental, 50 francs a day for us three, frightfully expensive. Get the luggage out of station, fuss about Ettie's box. .... Mother loses her bag which I find at the Tea place in Piazza Spagna. ....

*Good Friday.* Hot morning and damp. Mother fussed at finding brandy flask in her box. Ettie and I attend service at S. Croce in Jersualem. ....

Up early at Lateran and hear first Gloria in Excelsis of Easter. Go with Mother and Ettie to Forum, see new excavations. .... Intend to view Colosseum by illuminations, but give it up after waiting about for an hour.

*Easter Day.* Mother cough bad. Attend American church and go with Ettie to St Peter's for High Mass. All of us go to S.Sabina on Aventine after lunch.

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.....Afternoon to catacombs of Cabatus and down the Appian Way, strong wind, fine view of mountains, beggars awful. .... **Bought a crucifix in Campo de Fiore 5 lira (after rubbing proves it wasn't the bargain I thought it was.)** The vestments for sale were not as good as I saw there before.

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..... walk alone after tea ..... get back rather late , **smelling hard at camphor, rather nervous of catching the Roman fever.**

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..... Leave for Naples 1.25, get to Naples 7pm. Go to Hotel Vesuvius.

..... Afternoon at Pompeii, see diary on subject. (*separate diary?*) **Pompeii a wee bit disappointing. Lord Beauchamp also going round. Ettie encounters him. Guides by their officiousness spoil one's enjoyment very much.** .....

*returns up to Rome, then on to Perugia to visit Assisi, and on to Florence and then to Venice, Hotel Luna proves a great success, 11 lira a day and quite worth it, clean and healthy position, close to S. Mark's and only partly (and that very slightly) on a canal. Much time in gondolas including moonlight trips, then to Milan and on to Lucerne, returning via Basle and Paris on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> to London enveloped in thick mist, get luggage out of Customs and drive to West Central, find Parsons there. ....*

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May.** Not feeling very well. Mother goes by 2.15 train to Bournemouth, Maggie meeting at Waterloo and going with her. Ettie and I and Parsons return by the 4.15 train from Kings X and lose our luggage. All taken not very well. Met at Thoresby by waggonette so get home safe after our six weeks and one day travel.

..... See Mag's new foal, and garden which looks lovely. .... Hang up pictures and arrange library ..... Luggage turns up all right in afternoon, nothing the worse for its travels. Charles Nainby comes for lunch. Rash out on my body. Feel better.

..... Dog takes Ettie and I to look at his fowls, .....

..... Parsons takes me in trailer to Louth, put in Mother's money, take pictures to be framed etc. Tom Wright and Charlie Nainby, come for lunch. Call on Phil Morcom and find he has departed for South Africa. ....

..... Write letters to Stephens etc., Parsons' friend Smythe of Sutton comes about motor car for lunch. Tumble over step with geraniums near greenhouse and bark my shins well and ruin plants.

..... Peahen disappears for laying purposes I fear. ....

..... Ettie and Polly go to Louth and engage a cook. .... Discover peahen's nest and eggs. Put her and eggs complete in wire cage. ....

**Ascension Day. Brilliant day. Mr. Pickup reads Mass in Chasuble inside out, and Mattins afterwards. Give him two peacock's eggs as a reward.** ..... Evensong 7.30 Harris from Grimsby gives nice address, comes in after service.

..... Bike on Parsons' machine to M Rasen and on to Lincoln, go to tailor's and meet J. R. Hol old Malvernian friend, have lunch at White Hart and stroll around, he was very nice. Leave 3.40 and get back about 6pm. Busy in garden after meal, plant out scented verbena and geraniums. ....

..... Busy with lawn, twice over, rather exhausted. In afternoon drive with Polly to Thoresby and Cadeby to leave ..... Yeomanry papers at various places. Sow sweet peas in new place near east wire, Charles Nainby again her, Parsons and he go to Louth in motor, very done towards evening.

Dull and coolish. Pickup reads Mass and Mattins, whole day reading and taking it easy. **Lowry and 2 sisters come over and take evensong and stay supper – one sister very nice, one very frightening.**

Magnificent brilliant day. Mahon and Bobbie Wilson come just as I was going out, so stay in and try to entertain them. Parsons with his Motor also helps. Wilson who looks thin and overworked very jolly stays lunch. Darrell Brown comes in afternoon. Take papers to Tommy Sands on Marcella. Play first croquet of Season, very busy in garden until a late hour putting in sweet peas., get first lilac of season.

..... **Bike on Parsons' machine with a huge puncture to Grimsby Sessions which last from 11 till practically 4pm.** Call in vain at the Rector of Grimsby who apparently expected me to lunch. Find Tyson (the Yeoman) waiting for me, very nice looking. ....

Brilliant. Ride round on Marcella to Ravendale, Kirke's, Twizzy, Ashby cum Fenby, Barnoldby Hatcliffe. See Tom Haxby and Jannie Haxby. Fuss about willows telegraph etc. Parsons at Louth. Busy making safe fence near barbed wire facing village. View gorgeous trees Yon End. New cook comes. ....  
Examine water tank, nearly full. (*underground water cistern?*)

..... Polly drives me down to station, go via Lincoln and Grantham getting in (to London) about 2.15. .... Leave Waterloo 4.15 by train which never stops till we get to Bournemouth Central then on..... to Swanage getting in about 7.15. Drive in 'Bus to Grand Hotel.

Mother got bad cold, Maggie inclined to neuralgia. ....

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Absolutely perfect day, Have my first bathe, warm water in sea, Swanage not made disagreeable by too many trippers. In afternoon Mother Mag and self spend amusing time watching the steamers come and go with crowds. See the new steamer 'Majestic' come in en route to Weymouth, splendid boat but rather heavy looking. One funnel. Walk out in evening as we always do

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**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June.** Tip under-waiter 3/- (*WMW's former scout at St John's Coll*), H. W. 2/6, Bar-man 1/-, . Walk to station with Mother and Ettie and Maggie come in and see me off. .... get to Thoresby about 8pm, Polly meets me. Jeannie staying at home, seems very nice. Parsons turns up last thing. So ends enjoyable visit to Swanage.

Up to 8 o'clock Mass, play organ 10.30 and 6.30pm. ....

Very warm, writing letters and cheques etc all the morning, contretemps about photo in Mother's room with Jeannie. Afternoon ride over to Ashby cum Fenby, and see Bacon about paint. Jeannie Iles goes away, ..... play good game of croquet with Dog, .....

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..... Ride to Louth and take a long time about it. **See Mr Ingoldby, Sharpley requests rather irritate one.** ..... Busy in garden most of evening. .... Jolly letter from Mother, I wish I was still at Swanage. ....

..... plant out seedlings in morning, sketch Hawerby Church most of afternoon. Miss Burkinshaws call, I was out fortunately. .... Parsons and I irritate peacocks, make them yell. ....

..... Ride Marcella to Thoresway to take some subscription to Miss Burkinshaw. Afternoon Parsons takes me to Hatcliffe to sketch the Church and brings me back in his Motor. ....

Terrifically hot, ..... like an Italian day. Sketch in Yon End garden for Mags' birthday on Monday. In afternoon practise on organ, see Boissier, very busy in garden planting out seedlings until 10pm. ....

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Maggie's birthday, put up flag in her honour.. .... Charlie Nainby comes afternoon, Drink Mags' health in one bottle of Moselle. ....

Up to Mass, the only congregagtion. .... Very busy in garden all morning, and preparing Mother's boudoir. Tyson and Miss Scriveners and Dogs come for tea and croquet, furious wind made garden untidy. Tyson and Scriveners stay dinner. Parsons goes off to Mkt Rasen. Fuss over pea chicks, ....

..... Tom Wright comes for lunch, have good game of croquet afterwards. Walk over to Cadeby with 4 peahen eggs. Come back over the fields. Get flowers for Mother's room and house, rain comes down in torrents just as Mother, Ettie and Maggie return from station about 8.45. .... Parsons returns from his trip round the 'Dukeries'. Pea chicks rather chilly.

Busy planting out seedlings nearly the whole day. .... Put peachicks in greenhouse, too chilly for them out of doors. Walk over to Hawerby and see Mrs Morcom, Mr Harneis in a very weak state, can't last. Tyson comes in the evening. Toothache, also Parsons. Complaint everyone seems to have.

..... No more rain, alas. Tyson comes again and plays croquet after dinner. .... **Mr Ingoldby comes in afternoon on business, and very nice. Mother signs things and becomes trustee with Mr Ingoldby. (Presumably of WMW's father's Will Trust.) Charlie Nainby also comes looking very dirty and smelly, poor fella. (from motoring.....?)**

..... Walk over to Binbrook with Ettie to call on Miss Johnson and take tea with Custance's. Lowry calls, also Tyson's about croquet match. ....

..... High Mass 10.30. Lovely rain comes at last in earnest about one o'clock. Hear afterwards that Mr. Harneis of Hawerby dies late at night, a Happy Release, 85 years old.

..... Get flowers together for Louie in basket and go in Parsons Trailer Motor to Grimsby, get caught in awful shower in Waltham, machine stops near 'Mews', walk to train and just catch it, get to Doncaster after 10 o'clock and walk up to Warmsworth, meet Louie and Lewis and little Louie on her pony. Spend enjoyable afternoon examining flowers, get back in trailer from Grimsby.

Cold but brilliant, ..... Bacon brings bees and suffocates bees in hollow tree. .... In afternoon go to Rothwell SPG ..... Bazaar, go on Parsons bike and examine turnip seed at Petterhills. .... Charlie Nainby here, Foreman Dobbs unwell in bed.

Very full day. .... Copy out money of Miss Mary Wright's Trust and bike to Louth, and return paper to Mr. Ingoldby, get cheque cashed, get back about 1.30. .... Take Marcella round by Petterhill's fields and Swinhope to Binbrook, to leave some boots at Fieldsend's. Play croquet on return.

Bacon busy painting greenhouse etc. After dinner plant geraniums, lobelia and adjeratums up at the Church. Feel rather done after it all. ....

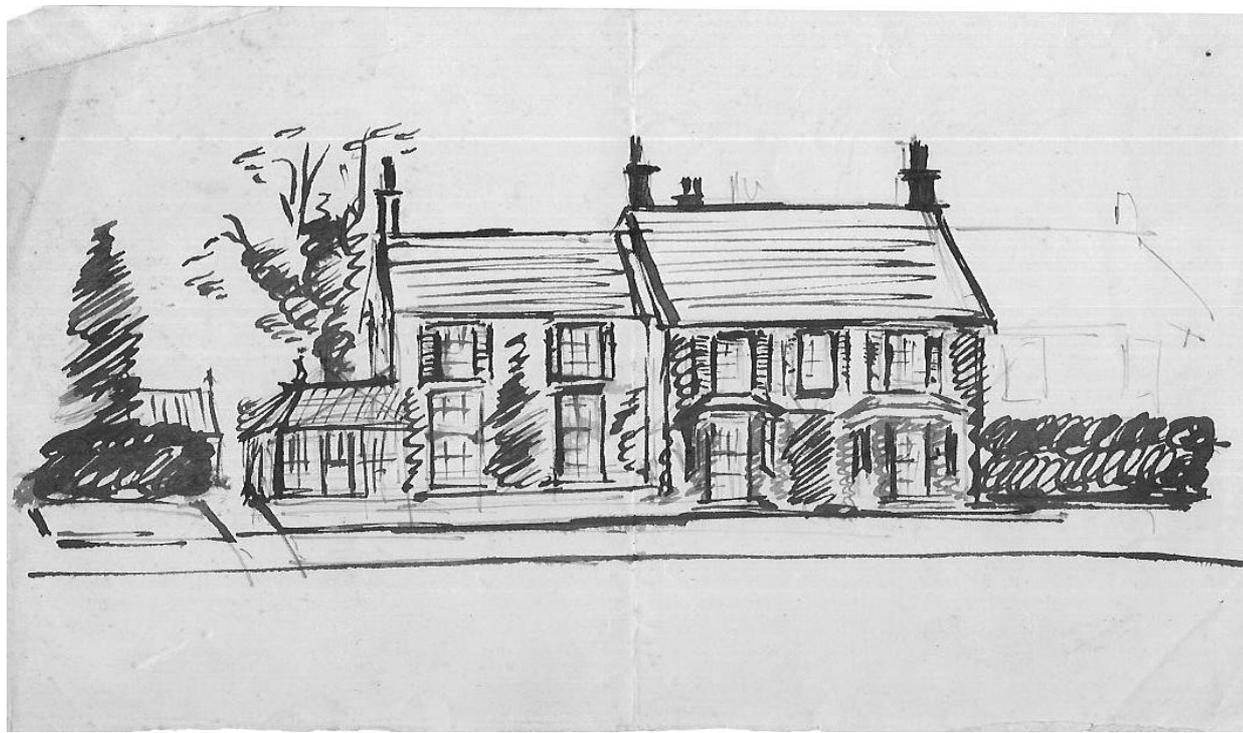
..... In churchyard most of morning planting out things. In afternoon see Mackerill. .... Try and sketch 'Yon End'. .... Polly and Ettie drive Marcella to Louth. ....

..... Mr Iles comes, Drain man busy at his work on cesspool etc. Plant out flowers and seedlings. Attend Mr Harneis funeral at Hawerby, rather large attendance. .... Examine fence where sheep get out.

..... Bike to Grimsby. Lunch with Iles', taking them roses from off house, wild roses in full bloom. Get back about 5pm, Charlie Nainby with his motor present. ....

..... Pea chicks look unwell, put back in greenhouse.

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*This sketch on a scrap of paper in the 1901 diary. WMW a fairly good sketch-er. Shows Manor virtually complete apart from verandah on front of library. Faint outline on East side a thought of an extension?*

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..... Bike into Grimsby seeing Tuckwell en route. Spend most of day from 11 to 5pm on the bench, dog-stealing case. .... Play croquet after dinner. Quite done towards evening with my business on bench.

Parsons takes me to Louth in his motor, and I bring back my own machine from Grundy. Eliza Mason and Miss Roberts turns up just before lunch. Also Mr Smith the gardener also goes round the place and takes lunch in library. On duty with home party and get strawberries for tea. Leave with Maggie 4.15 for Binbrook party at Clarks, return at 6.45, very amused at dresses and general entertainment. Mrs Brattleby Wright there. Play croquet and look round magnificent greenhouses. ....

Up late. Walk to Drake's farm, Swinhope and meet Mr Ingoldby, Sharpley and Sanderson to discuss the water question. In afternoon after Mr Ingoldby leaves, Ettie Maggie and I walk over to Cadeby. ....

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..... Tyson boy comes with the rabbits he shot.

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**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July. ..... Sharpley comes to pay the rent in the morning and stays some time talking and laughing in library. Take rabbits to Mackerill on Marcella after lunch. ....**  
**(Rent £846.)**

..... Bike to Grimsby for Sessions, rains some of the way. Only Bobbie Brooks and Haigh there, cases soon dealt with. Bike on to Caistor about the cope. Then back looking in to Nettleton Church. Get back about 4pm, too late to go to Harry Burkinshaw's party, only Parsons goes. ....

..... Bike to Louth putting £856 in bank. See Ingoldby and Sanderson about the water business. Come back via Thoresby calling at Mackerill's, see poor old Mackerill rather shakey,

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..... Mackerill and Sanderson come and discuss the well and water matters. Take magazines to Mrs Coates. .... Guild meeting at the Rectory, Mrs. Pickup's At Home, Maggie and I there, large 'do'. .... Get back for Service 7.15, Domenichetta preached, Procession and Cope –

Cousin Fanny leaves, Ettie going with her as far as Authorpe to spend the day with Eliza Mason at Burwell.

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..... Lunch with Mrs and Miss Morcom at Hawerby and spend afternoon, Ettie and Maggie coming there for tea. .... Wigan comes rather late getting in just in time for dinner. Up late talking, Mother in bad humour.

..... High Mass 10.30, roses gorgeous. Examine Fenwick's garden after Church. Wigan plays in evening. Miss Morcom comes for tea and service.

Magnificent brilliant day from sunrise to sunset, too brilliant to last I fear. Write to Meade and settle to go in a fortnight's time. Walk to Yon End with Wigan.. Afternoon fumble about, get strawberries and rasps, and after tea bike to Caistor with Wigan and see Westbrooke and look at the Church. ....

Magnificent day, sun blazing out. .... **Letter from Teddie to say he is married, was so last October (!!Is this his brother?!) Ettie, Maggie, Wigan and I all go to Ravendale, Sowerby's garden party.**

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..... Frank Sowerby and his brother in law Brown come to look round garden and Yon End.

..... In afternoon Maggie Wigan and I go to Clarke's At Home, I on bike. Sutcliffes there, enjoyable, sea fog comes on. **Catastophe. Fox takes 5 chickens from coop 3 o'clock am, one tumbles into tar bucket and dies. ....**

Terrifically hot sun, ..... Prepare for garden party which takes place 4 to 7pm, quite enough people. Mrs Pickup's Bazaar also on, takes most of people. ....

Bike to Grimsby with Wigan to catch 9.15, Maggie driving Marcella with luggage. (*spends two days at Ripon/Fountains with Wigan, gets back to WN Sat evening.*)

..... Miss Morcom comes in evening for tea and service, say goodbye.

Up fairly early get roses for Mother to take to Scarbro', ..... Ettie goes on to Doncaster to look after Lewis, I go with Mother to Hull ( en route to Scarbro where Mother joins Louie and little Louie at Esplanade. .... see Mother off....I come back ..... via Brocklesby, .....

..... Mackerill comes and I discuss our water proposal. .... I bike round by Waltham leaving magazines, and round by Barnoldby le beck, note church tower being rebuilt. ....

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Terrifically hot. Brigg Show. Polly and Maggie drive off 9am and go via North Kelsey where they put up. I intended partly to go but after lunch gave it up while putting on my clothes, simply unbearable.  
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..... Charlie Burkinshaw comes and finds us still at our breakfast, being really later than usual. Walk round stables Yon End and examine the 'Well'. ..... **go with Maggie to the Haxby's 'at Home', very nice, Parsons comes later. Leave early, wish we hadn't. Play croquet and water. Never saw Miss X to say goodbye. (?!?)**

..... Bike to Louth via Hawerby, call on Lowry who tells me he is proposing an exchange of livings. Then on to Louth, get cheque cashed and see Ingoldby, .....

..... Play organ in place of Ettie, Miss James, Rector and wife come to look at garden which is very fine just now. ....

*Goes by train to London gets 2<sup>nd</sup> class return tickets to Rouen 33s 9d, , overnight ferry, then on to Breaute – Beurville to stay with college-friend Meade and wife at Manoir du Tot, "quaint old place, fine timber." Stays there, looking at churches in area, returning overnight Sunday/Monday, getting back to WN Mon evening. Total expenses of trip £5/10/0.*

..... Old Scarborough comes from Hawerby, take him round the garden, Mackerill also comes. Binbrook Flower show, the Lowry requests to be taken in our conveyance. Excellent example of flowers, especially Sowerby's larkspurs. ....

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**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August.** ..... Flower Show at Grimsby. Go off with Mackerill to examine the water-mill/windmill at Thoresway, awfully hot biking, ..... **Parsons' machine with "New Quick Front" arrives.**

..... **Parsons takes me in his new "Quick Front" to Yon End, get all black currants left in both gardens. Make discovery of stolen apples. 'Pat' very bad, has to be shot and buried towards evening. (a terrier dog, I think. I hope. )** Have splendid game of croquet at Rectory. Annie Tootal to arrive, misses last train at Thoresby. Tea fight at the Nainbys. Annie Tootal turns up last thing.

Up very early without any result. Find Annie T. on coming down to breakfast. .... After lunch bike to Grimsby to take the lent lamp back to Corringham and Davy. .... Infuriated letters between Rector and Ettie. .... C. Nainby comes in morning, great cheek.

..... Mass 11am, hardly anyone there. .... Walk with Rector after 3pm and tea.....

..... Tysons come in morning and cause excitement re scarlet fever. Bee episode. ....  
Ettie beats 'Dogs' at croquet. ....

..... Bike down to Grimsby and attend Sessions, my day on Rota. Over fairly early., return via Thoresby, call on Mackerill's . After tea, Parsons takes me down again in his motor to Broughtons, have splendid game of croquet. ....

..... In afternoon, ..... Annie, Maggie Parsons and I all go down to Tetney, examining the Church, and going on to the lock, and try in vain to get to the sea. A very dreadful place, more mudflats than anything. Annie and Maggie change places in Parsons' motor. Read long account of the Empress Frederick in the 'Standard', - wonderful woman. .... New hen and chickens come off, 8 out of 13, not bad.

..... strong wind from W, too strong to allow biking or motoring to Brattleby. Parsons takes me to Binbrook to ask the Custances for next Wednesday. .... Get money cashed from Parks of Ulceby and send receipt (from osiers, £14/18/9).

Polly's birthday. Very hot. ....Remember to put flag up. Intend to go to Mablethorpe but find Contrary wind too strong. Clean my bicycle thoroughly. ....

..... Wind rather strong from SE. Bike to catch the 12.5 train from Louth to Mablethorpe, get frightfully hot., train very late as indeed all the trains were. Sea rather rough, but tide high and water beautifully warm, in the water for more than half an hour. Annie and Ettie come by the 3 train, all examine the curious church and tea with the Parkinson's who were very nice. ....

..... Up to 8am Mass ..... **Plough boys in our pew in evening.**

Heavy clouds about. Polly Annie and I start for Beverly driving to Grimsby, but alas get caught in an awful downpour just beyond Waltham and return ignominiously, ..... go to Yon End and cut out the creepers from over the window. .... Parsons at some case or other at Market Rasen. ....

..... In afternoon play croquet and bike to Boissier's 'at home', ..... Dogs go, a very large party. Cleethorpes day for bible lads. ....

..... Ride round the harvest fields..... in afternoon Custances don't turn up as expected owing to rain, ..... have two good games of croquet with Maggie, get beaten badly and beat badly. ....

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..... Annie and I bike down to Grimsby, Maggie and Parsons join us at the station in motor, go on to Hull and see about new chair, lunch and train to Beverley, have about an hour in the Minster, the new statues very improving to exterior especially Porch and west front, ..... Maggie bikes back, Annie with Parsons in the motor.

..... lunch with Boissier at Rothwell, bike there. ....

..... Mother Polly and Annie go over to morning service at Hawerby, Show 'Dog' party round garden after our service. Lowry comes for evening service. Garden looks perfectly splendid.

..... Contretemps, **Annie Maggie and I get off to Skegness, Ettie and Parsons never do. Get to S about 12.45, hour late. Large place, very trippy, fine air and sea. Glad to get away at 5.45. Bike back from Thoresby, Mackerill lending lamps. ....**

Horses brought up. .... Ride Marcella down to Thoresby and take back bike lamps to Mackeril.  
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..... the army veteran calls for alms. .... Write to Ollard, longish dispatch. ....

..... Take Marcella out, flies very bad. Mr Ingoldby and two daughters come for lunch and stay the afternoon, very pleasant day. ....

**Bike down to Grimsby, very warm. Catch 11.15 to Gainsboro, view ugly church and old English Mansion and lunch, leaving by 2.10 for Sleaford, don't find Wigan till we get to Lincoln, looking much better. Leave him at Sleaford about 3.20, view fine church, ..... bike on to Heckington, stopping to view Asgarby, ..... then on to Swinehead, grand church, see site of abbey, then on total 18 miles to Boston, Ride from Thoresby. (Could this be repeated by modern public transport?)**

Forgot about Bartholomew's Mass till I heard the bell. Attend Matins, find mushrooms in the field. Mr and Mrs Walwyn Iles come for the day, ..... he brings a book for Mrs Good, .....

Magnificent day, glass going down hard which ends in rain at night. ....

..... Bike into Louth, strong wind, get housekeeping cheque cashed, and various things from chemist, **go on to look at the small remains of Louth Abbey, undoubtedly where my sculpted stones came from.** ..... Bike over to Binbrook to take letter, get thoroughly wet through.

.....Harvesting renewed, wind soon dries up yesterday's wet. ....

..... Drive down in the pony carriage to Thoresby and leave by 10.20 to Grimsby and on to Leeds, lunching at Doncaster, getting to Leeds about 3pm, ..... get to Ripon about 5 o'clock, go to the Unicorn Hotel. Walk round Cathedral which is shut up, and look into quaint old town. ....

Spend morning in the Cathedral, ..... in afternoon have carriage to Studley Royal and spend the afternoon in the abbey of Fountains, most enjoyable, Mother much impressed with glorious abbey and trees.

Up early and leave by the 8.55 for Richmond,changing at North Allerton and Darlington, view curious old engines in Darlington station. Get to Richmond about 12, go to the King's Head and have lunch.  
..... . walk alone to Eastly and sketch the castle down by the Swale.

..... Walk with Mother along the Swale to Eastly.....Leave Richmond..... get to Youk 6.15, go to Harper's York Hotel, very nice but expensive.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September.** Not at all well in the morning so don't go out till about 3, attend Evensong and Litany in the Cathedral, walk on the walls and go to Congregational Chapel, a new experience.

..... Mother and I spend all morning in the Minster and S Mary's Abbey, excavations going on in the latter place show what a splendid Church it must have been. Minster impresses me more than usual. ....  
Leave ..... for Doncaster, Louie and little Loo meet Mother and go off to Warmsworth, I return to ....Thoresby, walk up from station.

..... Bike down to Grimsby Licensing Sessions, Full Bench, get back about 3pm. Polly and Ettie at Louth servant-hunting. ....

Take Kitty out for the first time, pulls very much ..... Holland preparing for the Laceby show. Polly and Maggie..... meet Mother, ..... appears to have had a very good time, ..... General inclination to sparring and jarring on both sides, very nervous –

Parsons goes off with Odling on his motor to Scarbro or in that direction. Polly and Ettie, go to Louth, a vain hunt after servants. **Take Kitty out, ..... becomes unruly and wild, too much for me, hopelessly untrained, must be sold.** Bike to Lacey to see Show, Holland gets first and second prizes for double and single dahlias respectively. ....

..... **Ettie and Polly go servant hunting to Binbrook in vain. .... Mackeril comes about drain etc, Foreman complaining of super-abundance of rabbits.** Write to Teddie.

..... Maggie takes Kitty out, all right for a change. .... Go alone to Stock Furlong to get blackberries, jungle awful. Parsons returns on his motor from Scarboro'. ....

..... Drain near sink being seen to. Housemaid hired at Thoresby. After lunch bike to Grimsby to inform Clerk to Justices I can't be present tomorrow. See Bobbie Brooks and Frankish. ....

..... **New grandfather's chair comes up with Wakes and Lamb, spend morning with him and Mackeril examining well and pumps** etc. .... Lewis John turns up about 7.30 from Thoresway. 7 1/2 couple result of rabbiting.

..... Take Lewis John round garden. Bicycle to Miss Marris to show her the rose, Cheshunt I think, lovely scent. Lewis leaves by ... train, Parsons takes him down to Thoresby on motor. .... **Lewis J won't by (sic) Kitty so she will have to be sold elsewhere. Off to Swanage tomorrow for fortnight, awful bore.** Take £7-11-6 altogether, expect most will be spent.

*Goes to Swanage with Ettie and Maggie for two weeks, sea-bathing and visiting Churches and nearby towns. Get back on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, crossing London I on foot and omnibus, Ettie and Maggie drive. .... Mother and Polly looking well in spite of servant turmoils.*

..... See George about Kitty and Mackeril calls. .... Servant turmoil continues. .... Feel very flat after Swanage. ....

Turns out a glorious day, very warm. Hounds meet 8am in field, only one or two besides huntsman and whips, go to Scallows and Stock Furlong. Take Marcella. Maggie and George etc. ....

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** .....Go to Stock Furlong alone and get a quantity of blackberries, few mushrooms coming back. Parsons performing at Beelsby Harvest Festival. ....

..... **Hear from Louie that they will buy Kitty for £35, write and settle that they shall have her.** .... Take Marcella round by Cadeby to enquire after Miss Scrivener, ..... Bacon's men painting the inside of the greenhouse. George takes Kitty to Louth for last trial for sale. Cut off branches from library weeping elm. **Take final short ride on Kitty down the Ravendale road, glad it is the last one, otherwise soon be the last of me.**

..... Gracie Wright comes in evening for few days. Much amused at account of coming marriage at Brattleby.

..... Hicks Diocesan Missioner addresses communicants in evening, 7.30pm, fair congregation.

..... Busy all morning decorating the church, getting creepers etc. .... **'Kitty' goes off by train to Doncaster by the 9.15 train, Box costs 12//3d.** .....

**Terrible morning, pouring with rain. .... Vespers 6.30, crowded church. ....  
Mother in regular mood. .... Servants terrible.**

..... I go to Warmworth biking to Grimsby leaving 11.15, Find Louie and Lewis in very good form, also Litle Loo, who got the Fox's brush and was 'blooded' in morning. .... Leave 7.20, get to Grimsby 9.30 (late). Home nearly 11pm. ....

**Very chilly damp and drizzly. Shooting day, regular horror. Sharpley, Odling, Davy, Harrison and Aldwood, a huge lunch at 1.30, Parsons walks with them, I won't be bothered, Total result of day 5 hares, 5 brace of partridges and one of pheasants and a rabbit. .... Mother regular mood.**

Bright morning, Teddie Fagan goes to College, S. John's Coll. .... Ride to Louth and get Phillip's present, a pin sword-shaped 25/-, diamond ruby and pearls. .... Mag and I go to Stock Furlong and get quite a quantity of blackberries, the Lowry and Burnham there, fine sunset, very chilly, there will be a frost. .... Hard frost, dahlias survive partly here, ruined in Holland's garden.

..... Maggie and I ride to Coates' and examine three mares for sale. The first £60, suitable but too much money. In afternoon all of us go brambling in Stock furlongs. I get a large basketful ..... begin to remove old wood in stackyard, rather excites me.

..... Bike to Mkt Rasen, train ..... walk straight up to Chapter House, a long meeting there till 2pm. Canon Andrews opens a long discussion on laymen appointed to Hd Masterships. .... get back before 6 ..... **Find out Teddie's wife was a Miss Naup of GNR Hotel. (Is this his brother?)**

..... Ride over to Hawerby with flowers for the church, ..... go on to Beesby and see Mrs Tharratt, her husband being out, Sydney Tyson calls and bottles me for over an hour. **In afternoon get down what few apples there are,** ..... I bike over to ask Twizzy to shoot, no use, .....

..... Up early and walk round Stock Furlongs with Holland. Shoot, Sharpley, Coates and Odling's son come. Phillip turns up about lunchtime, rather fussed. All go out afterwards, draw Stockfurlongs and get 2 ½ brace of pheasants. Get them off soon after 5, Phillip 6. .... glad the day is over, a regular caution.

..... Bike to Grimsby and see Bullock vicar, return for lunch and then bike to Louth taking flowers to Mrs Porter, .....

..... Hounds meet at Hawerby X.roads, Maggie goes 9am, **Parker brings the horse for my inspection, which I try and finally offer him £50 provided it passes the vet.** First saw it up at Stocky, awfully damp. ....

..... **George takes the new horse 'Rampolla' to be examined by the vet, declared sound, so will be kept. .... (horse's grave marked by stone under tree in Park near church.)**.....

..... George takes cheque to Humberston (for horse.) ..... First fires in greenhouse for the damp. ....

..... Ride new horse Rampolla as far as Binbrook. .... Cook departs, a good thing. ....

..... Basil (*Morcom*) and Parsons go off to fetch recalcitrant motor from Waltham. ....

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22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. Departs for trip to Wellingboro to stay with friend Sydney Cuthbert, then on to London for wedding of Phillip Wright of Brattleby at S. Thomas, Orchard St and afterwards at Portman Square, then on Folkestone to stay with college friend Wigan, visit Canterbury, then on to Hastings to visit Ollard, spends a couple of days with SLO, returns home on 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** ..... Ride Marcella to Louth, see Ingoldby, Dickinson and Hall.....

..... **After lunch go round the woods with the woodman and decide to do something in the felling line.** Rector and Mrs Fagan to tea, Mother quite pleasant to them. ....

..... High Mass 11am, nice congregation. Busy tearing up old papers in the afternoon. .... Parsons turns up last thing from Woodhall Spa after many breakdowns.

..... Bacon comes at last to do the Shed. First meet of season at Welbeck Hill, large turnout on various machines. ....

**Another dreadful day with dense fog. Mr Sharpley, Tharratt and young Odling turn up for the shooting. I walk in the afternoon, total result 8 brace of birds, 2 hares and a couple of rabbits.**

..... **Parsons gives a firework display, very good one after dinner.** ..... Send hare to Mr Ingoldby.

..... Ride Marcella round by Hatcliffe and see Janey Haxby, .....bike on to Caistor arriving there about 6.30 and go to Westbrook's to put up. ....

..... Go down in omnibus with Mr Westbrook to Moortown station to catch 8.25, change at Lincoln, get to Gainsboro about 10.20, go to S. John's Church, High Mass 11, ..... meeting and lunch at ..... of ECU, my speech a perfect horror. Leave 4.35, tea at Phillips in Lincoln, get back to Caistor about 9.30 and bike home after supper.

..... Ride Rampolla round by Binbrook ..... and call on Admiral Alington who seemed very nice. ....

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Pouring cats and dogs. Ride Marcella into Grimsby for Petty Sessions, only Mr Coates and I present, fortunately not a very long sitting. Get very wet. .... **Only one side of new Pigeon Coot shed tiled, exciting Maggie.** .....

Dull quiet suspicious-looking morning, write and send cheque to Teddie for £16. **Woodthorpe Clark and Admiral Alington and later on Tom Haxby turn up for Shooting, after a fair start it begins to pour cats and dogs, however we struggle on till lunch, spending long time in changing and drying clothes. Don't attempt anything in the afternoon. New cook comes. Maggie starts for a day's hunting but soon turns back, meet at Welbeck. Steam sawing rather failure. Shed finished and covered in.** Mackerill calls, send him a hare.

..... **Busy all morning getting together my notes for the 'British under the Romans' lecture. Examine the well with Mackerill, 38 feet of water in it, not so much as we expected. Walk with him to Hawerby and examine new well about 12 feet dug.** Go over to the Hall and call at Lowry's, lecture in evening, don't feel at all satisfied.

..... commotion about Bacon's cutting of three holes in wood. Take Marcella round by Cadeby where I hurt my leg in trying to remount. ....

..... One of the three maids departs. Cut down some of the nut trees. Fence between Rectory and Manor being put up. ....

..... **Hounds meet Hawerby X-rds, and run round Stock Furlong and valley, Grainsby etc. My jumping appalling. Lord Yarboro' out, see also Caton Haigh, get back at 3pm. Cut down more nut-trees.** .....(Pays woodman £3 15s.)

..... Cut down more nut-trees Yon End, ..... Ride to Waltham, tea at the Tuckwells, lose new cap in wind and darkness coming home, very annoyed. ....(Pays Waltham ostler 1s.)

Terrible day. Up by sunrise and bike to Waltham and after half-hours fumbling about discover the lost cap at last. Get back rather exhausted and go off on Marcella to Louth, rains whole time on and off. .... Cut down remainder of the nut trees. ....

..... Spend the morning **getting the course of new well at Hawerby at Wold Newton. Mackeril and find it finally in Rectory garden.** ..... Parsons dines at Cycle Dinner in Louth and shocks people by "How Rude" and "Little Bit further on" (Paid by sawyer £10 5s.)

..... Take Rampolla round by Cadeby and Job's Lane over some jumps. .... Correct last lecture, Mother better tho' she writes to Dr Fawcett.

..... Hounds meet at Aylesby, don't come in with them till about 12 when they run from Bradley. Hang round Irby Beelsby Croxby. Take 3 jumps by no means ably. .... **Dr. Fawcett comes to see Mother and doesn't think there is much the matter.** .....

..... In afternoon Mackerill and Roberts of Stony Stratford, water man, comes over to give his opinion of proposed water arrangements. ....

..... Mag goes hunting on 'Rampolla', go down on Marcella and see the hounds near Grainsby. Very busy whole afternoon gardening finishing up my perennial bed. .... A long time writing out my lecture. .... Servants causing irritation, grumblers **to the Ring**. Sit up very late writing out lecture, a very different one, no time for reading.

..... **Busy on and off the whole day with my lecture on the Saxons.** ..... tea at 5pm, lecture 7.30. **Had prepared a great deal more than I wanted.** .....

..... **Hounds meet at Croxby, Maggie and I both go, have a really most enjoyable day, take several hedges, Mr Sharpley out. Ld Yarboro' introduces me to Ld Powis. Call in for whisky etc coming home. Kill near Cross roads.** .....

..... Woodman at Stock Furlong. ....

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December** .....

..... Busy in garden planting rose trees, stocks, order new trees from Pennell and Merryweather. Parsons' shed enlarged. Motor comes back intact. ....

..... Cut and thin creepers round front. .... Take Rampolla out, just fresh enough. Louie admires him immensely. In afternoon walk with Loo and Mag round by Stock Furlong and Valley and Yon End. **Hawks woodman busy in Stocky.** .....

..... Parsons goes to Coventry with Charles Nainby. ....

..... Doctor comes to see Miss James, and calls. I go on bike to Binbrook for medicine, very dark and strong wind. ....

..... Louie goes back to Warmsworth, George driving her to Grimsby. Mag and I go hunting, hounds meet at Welbeck and run round Bradley, Aylesby, Healing and Gt. Cotes. See Louie in the train at Gt Cotes. Don't get home till 5.30, Rampolla a bit done I fancy. ....

Most unfortunate day. Terrific snow showers. Hounds meet at Swallow X road. Maggie starts before me, Then I have to turn back at Beelsby, too awful. Mag also returns. Plant elm self-sown in the place of the dead Spanish Chestnut in tree guard. ....

Terrible day, snow showers, ..... Help Holland the whole day to plant the roses and various trees which arrive from Merryweather and Pennell, ..... Mackeril's men fumbling around. Begin to prepare for my third lecture.

..... Go to Petterhills with Maggie and get gorse for Cedar of Lebanon, and go on to see Vere about killing the rabbits in the hedge of Petterhills 16 acre. Long family discourse with Mr Vere. ....

..... **George goes to fetch and bring back thirteen pigeons from Ashly which are placed in new coot.** Comes on to rain then snow, gets worse and worse, positively appalling about 6pm, so put off my lecture which I was most of the day preparing. Parsons went off to Mkt Rasen and couldn't of course return.

Another terrible morning, ..... get Bee-bag put in bee-hive. .... Drive to Thoresby..... get to Hedon about 5, take tea with Mr Jack, and dinner later on. Get to the dance 8pm, a very good do and great fun, don't get to bed about 4pm.

..... Breakfast 10am, .....rather rough passage across Humber. ....

..... Get bottled for County Bench tomorrow, ..... (pays woodman £4/2s/6d).

..... **Bike into Grimsby roads once past Ashby Hill a mass of mud. Poaching case and pigeon stealing case on. Field and Coates present, get back about 1.30 fearfully hard work. Go to the Valley and mark trees to be felled with the woodsman. After tea Parsons helps me to get pigeonhouse door planed and so closed properly.** ..... after dinner, display my chest curios.

..... Hard frost, no hunting. Hounds meet Hawerby Xroads. Take Rampolla out with George round by fields, roads like glass, ..... Parsons goes off to sing at some concerts. Holland rabbiting, get three couples. ....

..... Holland rabbiting , get 6 couples. **Lecture in evening on conversion of the English, good attendance.**

Very hard frost. Go to Lincoln, biking to Mkt Rasen, roads above Walesby very bad, frozen snow in lumps, hardly can stick on machine. Get presents and cards. .... come back,..... bike by Tealby as the roads are better. ....

..... Frightfully slippery, roads and every place impassable. Bike to Louth, machine going very well on places where it was impossible to walk. ....

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..... Coldest morning we have had, enough to take your head off. Go down Yon End and cut down holly, some splendid berries. **In afternoon walk with Maggie to Thorganby to fetch a duck.**

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..... Go to Valley and Yon End to get ivy. Busy helping Ettie and Maggie with the Church, get it done about 3pm. .... **Sweeten the church, telegram from Teddie, am amusing evening, very.**

*Christmas Day.* ..... Up to Mass, 8am, quite a mob of people present. Low Mass again at 10, total 31 communicants. Mattins sung 11.15, no High Mass. Evensong 4pm. **A good crowd at all services. Skate down the village and antic on the pond and in it for Parsons' and Holland's benefit. Teddie turns up about 6.15pm much to everyone's astonishment. A good Xmas dinner and evening, tho' Mother wasn't at all in good form. Get to bed about 12.30, Teddie just the same, extraordinary person.**

..... Walk round Stock Furlong and the Valley with Teddie and Maggie, bag no bird or beast, as cold as ever alas. Parsons performing at Rothwell. ....

Colder than ever,..... take Poor Rate books to Dobbs Yon End, decide to have the horses exercised in 'crew'. **Teddie bikes to Louth, Maggie and I skate down village to Pond and have a good time, also sliding. .... Not in a very good mood, feel grumpy, over-eaten I expect.**

Change, begins to rain, ..... I go down to Waltham House on bike and get full force coming back by Thoresby to examine the new window Victoria Memorial, very nice. Get very wet, ..... Attend Evensong in vain, no priest. ....

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Thaw continues, ..... **Teddie leaves, going via Nottingham, a personal relief.** Haul huge stones up to rockery in afternoon and plant out Solomon Seals. Childrens' Xmas tree in schoolroom.

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Lovely spring day, balmy wind. .... Rector and Mrs Fagan come to dinner in the evening, very pleasant evening. .... Ring out the old Year.

Bicycle mileage 1007. 21 books read. £33 3s 2d clothes expenses. 100 times out riding. Charity account £33 4s 7 ½ d, Sheep in field, Sawyer paid £10 5s for year,





