

1856

**Diary of Wm Winckworth**

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*1st son* of John and Eliza Winckworth. *Brother* of John (dead); Henry (dead), James, Jane E, Henry (2nd, dead), Charlotte, Margaret (both dead), George F, Edwin, Sarah, Jonathan (dead), Walter Edward.

*Born* at 11 Upper Dover St, July 28th 1830. And Baptized at Walcot St. Swithin's Church, Bath. Admitted to the Bath District Central National School in 1836. Became a monitor at that school which entitled him to be apprenticed therefrom to learn the trade of a tailor on Novr 13th 1844. His master Mr T. Corbould of Lower Bristol Rd gave up his trade and transferred him at the end of 1845 or rather the beginning of 1846 to Mr Fdk. Crisp of 8 St Andrew's Terrace. Remained with him till the end of Novr 1849 when he obtained the cancelling of his Indentures. Worked for various tailors till September 1850 when he went to Argyle Day Schools to practise as a teacher under Mr Robinson. Was a Sunday scholar there first, in 1845. Member of the Church under Mr Jay in the early part of 1849. In the same year a Sunday teacher at Argyle School and also at Rush Hill. Was trained at the then Branch Normal School of B & F Sch. Socy. (from Jany till Midr 1851) at Portland Sqr Bristol. Was in the same Society's College at Boro' Rd London from Midsr to Michs when he went to Staines Midx. to supply at a school till Xmas. Went home, and in Jany 1852 accepted a situation, by recommendation of Dr Cornwell and Mr Dann of the Br & F. S. Soc. at the school of Mr Arnum 18 Upper Belgrave Place Pimlico London. Left through illness in May 1854. Shortly afterward worked at his father's business till Decr. when he was laid aside by illness, till Midsr 1855. Then by recommendation of Mr Arnum obtained a situation at Mrs Dawson's Academy, Alfred House, Bow, Middx. at £40 per annum.

Not being kindly treated, thro' the dishonorable conduct of Mrs Dawson's sister, quitted her service Decr 21st 1855 arriving in Bath the same day. Decr 24th sent in application with testimonials from Mr Arnum, Mr Hurd and Rev. G Wandby for vacant schoolmaster's situation at Bath Union Workhouse. Out of three candidates was chosen with Mr G. Brown of Whitchurch, Dorsetshire\* ~~late master of Cheltenham Workhouse~~ to stand for election on Wednesday Jany 2nd 1856.

The dying year this truth discloses  
Our life is but a bed of roses;  
Each tempting petal, blushing, hides a thorn.

\*see below [note beside entry for 2 January]

**1856 Tuesday 1 January**

Imitate Salvatorem.

Called on Mrs Simpkins in the afternoon. Spent the remainder of afternoon and evening with Louisa and her mother.

**Wednesday 2 January.**

[Note beside entry:] There seems to have been some mistake as to Brown being of Cheltenham Union School.

At 12 ½ appeared before the Board of Guardians as ordered. My fellow candidate was there before me - he was a stout tall and good-looking young man with a rather rusticated appearance. After waiting some time he was called before the School Committee. On his return I was summoned before them. They asked a few questions relative to the kind of schools in which I had been engaged and I then retired to my former place the Relieving Officer's room. Mr Brown was after a little discussion (which I could hear was passing) called before the Board. In a short time he came out and I went in. They questioned me closely for some time and I was bidden retire. After more discussion I was recalled when the Chairman J.W.Bush Esq pronounced me elected. Called on Mrs Billington. Spent the evening with Louie.

**Thursday 3 January.** Received visit from Mr Hurd who goes to St John's Wood College tomorrow. He told me I gained my election by a majority of 2 votes only. Met Mr Coombes in town and received his congratulations. Called on Mrs Simpkins, then for Louisa after having been to see grandmother and Frank. Rose and Louisa H with Mr and Mrs Bourne and Mr and Mrs Galbraith spent the evening with us. We separated between 3 and 4 in the morning. Mr Hurd called in the interim and wished me goodbye; he brought Mr S.M.Jones to see me...

The name of my late opponent is Broom, not Brown.

**Friday 4 January.** Arrived at the Workhouse at about ¼ past 11 am. Revd. Mr Newnham and Captn Evans with Rev. J. Murch arrived about the same time. They visited me in the school which was in pretty good order. Mr Murch addressed a few words to the boys and he and the others then left. I was told that the reason of my being so nearly thrown out was that the other candidate was a stronger man than I appeared to be. *May God help Me.*

**Saturday 5 January.**

School orderly. Went home in the afternoon - took tea with mother - packed some books to bring up but it turned out too wet to do so. Found Communion tickets had been left for me, indicating that I am still a member of Argyle which I feared I was not considered. Went to Swainswick. Louisa was just leaving as I arrived. Came back home - called at Mr Bourne's, and when I left, Louisa accompanied me as far as Broad St. In the House at 8. The boys, I discovered had broken some of their new hoops.

**Sunday 6 January 1856.** Weather very chilly in morning, wet in afternoon and evening. The behaviour of the boys in chapel required much attending to and correction. They sing exceedingly ill - the singing of the girls, especially in the anthem made me blush for my lot of boys. I must try improvement on that point. Mr Scott's sermons were very well worth hearing on account of their evangelical character. Went home after tea - found L.H. there. Spent an hour or so with the family, and after a very wet walk entered the House at 10 minutes to 9, having left at 5. L.H. accompanied me to Milsom St.

**Monday 7 January.**

In the afternoon walked with the boys as far as the canal Dunkerton way. The scenery very pleasing but the road muddy though a beautiful day. The boys exhibited much of their evil nature today. Made out course of lessons for my pupil teachers. The younger one, Saw has been plaguing me to give him holiday which rather perplexes me. He has not been a teacher but since October. I am afraid he will cause vexation.

**Tuesday 8 January.** Finished making notes of school routine and arranging Pupil Teachers' studies. Promised Saw he should go out tomorrow. George came up with some books for me. Wrote to Revd. Mr Wandby thanking him for his testimonial and describing some events which have occurred to me since he wrote. The boys have improved in their conduct today. The Pupil Teacher says they thought that I should be easy with them but now think otherwise.

**Wednesday 9 January.**

Weather very cold - windy in the evening - Gave Saw his holiday. He returned a little after 8 pm. Studied my subjects as per list but find little time to spare; in fact I find myself much pushed for time - was till 11 pm hearing Hobbs his lessons - he is a willing lad in point of learning quite the reverse of Saw who is very idle. I find that if I had not begun to rule the boys firmly they would soon have mastered me.

**Thursday 10 January.**

Went to Argyle Chapel in evening - on my way called at Aunt Sarah Baldwin's in Oldfield Road. Met Louie at chapel. Mr Dyer preached on the efficacy of Prayer, from Luke xi.13.

Louie accompanied me to the Old Bridge. I arrived at the House 5 m. to 9. The Messenger stopped me in the hall to tell me that he and the School mistress had paid 2/6 as footing money and that he was requested to ask me to join them, to have a party.

**Friday 11 January.** Mr Hagger the governor of the Union complained of the conduct of Saw in sending boys into the playground from their breakfast for punishment. I was detained in the evening till ½ past 11 hearing the teachers their lessons. Mrs Hagger complained of it.

Most of my leisure has been occupied today in writing the numbers from Register to the names in attendance book. Many of the boys had wrong baptismal names given them.

**Saturday 12 January.** Went home at 10m to 3. Passed on and took tea at Swainswick with L.H.&c. Returned home and packed books and shirts &c to bring up.

The pupil teacher told me this morning that Mr Hagger had been enquiring if I saw the boys fed at all; he advised me to come down and see when the table was laid. I heard when out that Mr Mannings the overseer had been told by Mr Hagger that I was very good as a schoolmaster but like Mr Hurd I did not attend to the boys' interests as regards their food. Mr M. made father acquainted with it.

**Sunday 13 January 1856** Attended Union Chapel morning and afternoon. The boys behaved better than on last Sunday. One or two new ones were troublesome. Went down to Argyle in evening. Mr Dyer's text was from John vi.47. Met Louisa and mother and father there. I left them in the churchyard. Louie seemed very quiet. I met Mr Bennet at the Old Bridge and as he was coming up I walked his pace and arrived here at 5m to 9. I feel very dispirited this evening but do not know from what cause.

**Monday 14 January.** Took boys for a walk towards Englishcombe. While I was out the School Inspector called. Mr Bush came up in the afternoon, made kind enquiries and gave me some useful information. I also had an interview with Mr Gore the surgeon. He gave me some good advice relative to the necessity of looking well to the sanitary condition of the school. I pointed out various things requiring improvement which are to be considered.

**Tuesday 15 January.** The School Committee paid me a visit today. Mr Shum and Mr Smith among them. Revd. Mr Scott came up in the afternoon and brought 3 books for the pupil teachers.

One of the boys absconded this afternoon, but returned again in the evening.

Wm. Saw is an idle boy and strives by every possible means to evade his lessons.

**Wednesday 16 January.** Rather poorly, with a sore throat. Saw said his lessons better tonight. Carried my own arrangements for conducting the school into operation for the first time, today.

**Thursday 17 January.** Mr Bush sent up Minutes of Com. of Council on Education for 1849. Mrs Cottrell sent 2 books for the Pupil teachers. I went to Chapel in the evening. Louie was there. Mr Dyer concluded the exposition of last Thursday's text on Prayer. Louie came as far as the Bridge. Started hence at 6, returned at 5m to 9. I had hardly left when Saw, who was with the boys in the dining hall quarrelled with some of them and finding me out went to report it to the governor. He had the impudence to ask me to teach him chess when I came in; his lessons not learnt.

**Friday 18 January.** Invited to supper with all the other officers; by drinking

and eating things to which I was not accustomed I was made very sick in the night - did not rise in consequence till nearly 8 next morning.

**Saturday 19 January.** Birched 3 boys for absconding. Punishment ordered by the Governor. The papers state particulars of a disturbance among the Guardians on acct of the Board slighting the recommendation of Mr Broom as master by the School Committee. Could not go out till near 8 - the boys requiring my attention. Walked to Stall St. and back. George brought up some books, a handkerchief and a nightcap. Saw was beaten by Mr Greenslade at the Governor's order for disobeying him.

**Sunday 20 January 1856** Used my new cane pretty freely today. The boys manifested their disrelish of its application by behaving better when I went out this evening which I did at 10m to 6. Attended Argyle Chapel. Mr Dyer preached a very encouraging sermon from James 1.4. Louie, mother and father were at chapel. The latter was better than when I saw him last before. Louie was poorly. They accompanied me as far as the National School. On my way up overtook Miss Dyer (schoolmistress) and Mr Bennett. Through them did not arrive here till the clock was striking 9. Supped with governor.

**Monday 21 January.** Took the boys as far as Midford and Southstoke this morning. Messrs. Bush and Vigne visited me in the afternoon. I asked their advice in several matters. Some of the boys complained of my beating them. I was advised to be careful, lest my enemies on the Board should make a handle of my proceedings to oust me. Those two seem very desirous to befriend me for which I am very thankful. The number of boys in the School is higher than it has been known to be before.

**Tuesday 22 January.** The boys kept in better order today. I received a letter from Wm Hurd.

**Wednesday 25 January.** Baker late a pupil teacher of Mr Hurd and now master at Clutton Workhouse School came to see his sister, the school mistress, and he paid me a visit also. I have great difficulty of getting through my studies &c. I intend giving 4 monitors lessons at night for helping me in the day.

**Thursday 24 January.** Wrote to Mr Arnum. Louisa came up to see me, stayed to tea and I accompanied her home to Dover St. On the way called to see Mr & Mrs Bourne. Back at about 7 minutes to 9. A wet night.

**Friday 25 January.** The Visiting Committee was up today. While I was at dinner I was called on to answer a complaint made to the gentlemen by one of the parents of a boy in the school to whom I have given a caning. I met the mother, boy, Capt. Evans and Mr Vigne. Capt. Evans was getting very consequential and authoritative till Mr Vigne took matters in hand, explained them away and prevented the case going before the Committee and Board.

**Saturday 26 January.** One of the boys was discovered to have the itch; a peculiar kind which even the pupil teachers were unacquainted with. When

washing I searched the boys and found that many of them were touched with it; some that have been to the doctor very recently and were sent back. I kept vigilant watch for it and feel blameless though I expect blame.

**Sunday 27 January, 1856** Went to Argyle Chapel in the evening after having been home to tea.. Accompanied L.H. down. Received a ticket inviting me to a member's tea meeting on Tuesday. Louisa says she has decided on becoming tract distributor for Bailbrook which Mr Northmore requested she would do. Mr Sculthorpe called on me here before I went down to Bath. Mr Dyer preached from John 3.18th on growing in grace. He brought my deficiencies before me fully. May God give me grace to amend my life.

**Monday 28 January.** Gave Bancroft a book. Saw has been very troublesome today.

**Tuesday 29 January.** Waited to see the committee, but as they did not come took the boys for a walk in the afternoon and in the evening went to the Members' Tea Meeting at Argyle Chapel. Louie met me in Holloway. After spending a very pleasant time was obliged to leave early and on returning found that some boys had given the Pupil teachers much trouble so that one was struck by the elder teacher.

**Wednesday 30 January.** I was informed this morning that one had suggested the flinging of the canes at mine and the teachers' heads. I think I made the offender ashamed of his conduct by reprimanding him before the others. I settled yesterday with the governor to go out on Fridays instead of Saturdays in the afternoon.

**Friday 1 February.** After seeing school commence at 2 pm went home, then to Louisa's. Took tea with her &c. and came back home on the evening. Read awhile to her and mother and arrived at the House on my return about 4 minutes to 9. Received from mother another handkerchief and nightcap, with two pair of stockings. Have been here a month.

**Saturday 2 February.** George came up this afternoon. I instructed him a little in Arithmetic.

**Sunday 3 February 1856.** After morning service at the W.H.Chapel I went down to Argyle Chapel, it being Ordinance Sunday. Louie was present. Went home to dinner. Walter still poorly. Called to see Mrs Simpkins at which she was much pleased - went to Swainswick - took tea there - returned afterwards to Dover St and then with father & L. to Chapel. Mr Dyer preached from Matt v.30. Very impressively. I heard that the Poor Law Board had confirmed me in my present appointment, wishing to know how the school will have been conducted at six months end.

**Monday 4 February.** Took boys for a walk to Combehay. Saw some of the Guardians on my return.

**Tuesday 5 February.** Mr J.W.Bush came to see me. He stated that he had answered certain questions put by the Poor Law Board, for me. I reported Saw for using obscene language. He will report to the School Committee. I have suspended him for his misbehaviour.

**Wednesday 6 February.** An order came from the Board to suspend Saw from his office and send him into the field to work till the Committee meet to enquire into his conduct. Wrote to Mr Hurd today.

**Thursday 7 February.** Wet weather coupled with fear of leaving boys as I have but one teacher prevented my going down to Bath.

**Friday 8 February.** Went home this afternoon. Mr Falkner overtook me as I went down. Met father - went to Dover St. thence to Swainswick - finding gate fastened got over the wall and in at the back door to their surprise - took tea there. back home awhile - thence to Mr Bourne's and up here again - the boys had behaved well while I was out. Mr Green measured me for a pair of boots.

**Saturday 9 February.** George came up. Spied John Saw at work in the field; he shunned me as I walked round. I am told he does not like his new employment.

**Sunday 10 February.** Went home in the evening to tea with Louisa who came up to Chapel but was too late to enter and therefore waited till service was over. Spent the evening at home.

**Monday 11 February** Was surprised by Mr Ruddick calling unexpectedly

upon me - he remained in the School during most of the morning. At dinnertime Mr Gape, Capt. Evans, Mr J W Bush, Revd Mr Newnham and he examined into the case of Olive who had been disorderly and who was sentenced to crack stones and into that of Saw the pupil teacher whom they suspended further and told they should recommend the Board to dismiss.

**Tuesday 12 February.** Took boys out for exercise in the afternoon.

**Wednesday 13 February.** Our Messenger's last day here; he is going to Australia. All the resident officers except Mr & Mrs Hagger assembled at supper to spend a few hours together before Hendy should go. They played cards which I did not do this time.

**Thursday 14 February.** Louisa came up as far as the gates - walked down with her - told me that James and Emily Clark had been asked in Swainswick Church last Sunday for the second time. Mr Bourne measured me for trowsers and waistcoat.

**Friday 15 February.** Went down home this afternoon - overtook Louisa going to Swainswick. Prior to that called on Mrs Billington. Spent the afternoon at Swainswick - a few hours of the evening with mother and father. Took bow of violin to be mended in Green St.

**Saturday 16 February.** Rather poorly. Weather beautiful.

**Sunday 17 February 1856** Went home to tea. Called at Mr Bourne's for Louisa who had a bad cold. Went back home and staid the evening - was late in returning but by dint of hard running arrived here within 35 minutes of starting.

**Monday 18 February.** Took boys for a walk toward Englishcombe. Messrs Smith and Bell with Revd Mr Blathwayt visited the school. George came up in the evening and brought up some books.

**Tuesday 19 February.** The snow which fell last night made the playground very dirty. The Chaplain came to examine the first Class.

**Wednesday 20 February.** Still very cold. Mr Greenslade the Master Tailor is offended because I will not nominate Batt as a pupil teacher. He shows his dislike to my proceedings by threatening Curry who is a tailor that he will report him to the Govr or Comme. because he is not at work in time owing to my putting him on duty in the Dining Hall.

**Thursday 21 February.** Motto. To benefit my kind.

Went down home after tea. Louie was there - heard that on Monday James, on taking Emily Clark home was set upon by her two brothers and brother-in-law, but not much hurt. Emily was also beaten by them for crying for help and mother was insulted by her brother Tom whom James severely punished.

Mother has taken out a summons against him. Brought up some flowers given me by Louisa.

**Friday 22 February.** Mr Bennet goes to London today as a candidate for a situation to the Islington Board of Works. He borrowed my black leather bag. Heard that Mr J. Howell, painter, dropped dead while admiring a well-painted chimney-piece on Wednesday. Mr Clark has been to mother desiring to make up the quarrel of last Monday. Went down this afternoon - called at Mr Bourne's and took his wife over to Swainswick with me. Rose's birthday. Called at home - was nearly late.

**Saturday 23 February.** Mr Bennet did not succeed in obtaining the situation. George came up this evening.

**Sunday 24 February 1856.** The conference to settle the terms on peace or continued war with Russia first is holden today. May peace ensue. James and Emily Clark are married today. God bless them; I am afraid that it is only the common cement of more trouble with him. Went home to tea; to chapel in the evening, Louie with me. Mr Dyer preached an excellent sermon. I get my faults clearly depicted by him and strive to amend, but find myself continually running from my good resolves. I wish to live to God, but feel the flesh, world and devil too strong.

**Monday 25 February.** Mr Hagger invited me into his room when I have an hour to spare. Wrote to Jane this evening.

Mr Francis the storekeeper came in to spend half an hour with me. He is intelligent but in creed a Swedenborgian. Promised to come in again when opportunity permits.

**Tuesday 26 February.** Received Catechisms, Table Bks and Lesson Bks No.1 from the Board. Mr Francis brought me a book on Heaven and Hell by Swedenborg. Some of it seems stupid stuff.

**Wednesday 27 February.** I informed the Master Tailor of my intention of taking Curry from his shop as a constant monitor till mid-summer. He threw every possible objection in my way so that I am rather inclined to let the matter rest as it is. He is piqued perhaps at my not coinciding with his recommendation of Batt.

**Thursday 28 February.** Mr Green sent up my books today. Louisa came up to tea. Went down to Bath Rush Hill way and left Louie at the Bridge. Went down Oldfield Lane afterwards to see Aunt Sarah. Mother, Grandmother, Uncles Fred and James and Aunt Jane were there.

**Friday 29 February.** Mrs Hagger complained of Hobbs's not coming to dinner in time, implying that I shd take his place with the boys in the Dining Hall. Called at home on my way to Swainswick. James had been summoned by Ann Canes but had flown to Wales before receiving the cartel. Mother well recognizes Emily's claim to her care. Brought Louisa from Swainswick and

took tea at home. Called at Bourn's  
previously. Borr'd 2/6 of Mother. Wrote two letters for father. My images or  
Statuettes of the Seasons had been brought home.

**Saturday 1 March** Felt very poorly this afternoon - constant shivering with headache and sickness as though I had both a severe cold and a bilious attack. It continued all night. George came up with my new trowsers and waistcoat from Mr Bourn and brought two of the statuettes. He was accompanied by G. Cov[?] Had a little gossip with Jefferies the Gate-keeper - he is a very intelligent man and has seen better days.

**Sunday 2 March 1856** Still very unwell. Went down to Argyle Chapel after morning service here; but feeling very ill did not remain to the Ordinance so went home with mother and Louisa. Took some medicine and remained at home till near teatime when I and father walked to Swainswick - staid till after tea and accompanied by Louisa returned home, where we found Aunt Charlotte Cawley[?] from Devonshire. Was too ill to go to Chapel, so with mother and Louie spent the evening at home. Louie came as far as the Old Bridge with me. Heard that Emily has heard from James - he has work in Wales.

**Monday 3 March.** Sent home for the remaining two statuettes and sent a note to Louie stating myself to be better. Went out with boys; while absent Mr Bush accompanied by Mr Cotterell came and complained of a little room being dirty. Mr Greenslade conniving with the Governor has recommended the boy I had chosen to be pupil teacher, to go as an apprentice to a tailor. I spoke to the Governor about it not knowing his share in the transaction and he throws all blame on the other. Mr Hyatt borrowed 3/6.

**Tuesday 4 March.** Very poorly all day - in the evening Mrs Hagger asked me to go across and sup with her, Alfred B., Miss Dyer and Miss Baker. I did so; but I think it was merely to sound me as to how I felt with respect to the boy Curry. I staid away from dinner and I fancy it was put down as a mark of pique, Mr Greenslade being in the Hall. I am afraid that an old tooth I have is going to be troublesome like the one that laid me up for 3 months. I think I must have it out.

**Wednesday 5 March.** Wrote to Louisa this morning to tell her I shd probably not come down tomorrow.

Sent to nurse for a pill and black draught which she gave. The man to whom Curry was going on trial did not appear before the board. How that happened seems a wonder to me.

**Thursday 6 March.** Rather qualmish from the medicine I have taken; but better in my spirits. Louisa came up to see me this afternoon. She tells me that father is gone to Wales. Francis came in this evening - he has an idea of joining the Training School of the Boro' Road. Saw Mr Gore[?] and had his opinion on my teeth - the little swelling on my jawbone he says is that of a small gland.

**Friday 7 March.** Mrs Hagger came across to the school to enquire after my health. Much better today. Went down home this afternoon and after sending over for Louisa who came in to tea, remained with grandmother and mother till

8 o'clock. Played cards all the evening but not for money, nevertheless I do not feel comfortable for having done so. Father came from Wales last night (Cardiff). James sent a snuff box to mother, which I have. Mother attended Court today to watch proceedings for him; he is to appear as soon as he can be made [?]

**Saturday 8 March.** Yesterday our new Superintendent of Out Door Labour came into the House.

It was a beautiful day today - but no one came up to see me. Received a letter from Jane.

**Sunday 9 March 1856.** Went down home this afternoon. Mother was gone to Emily's to tea. Louisa came in and I went with her to hear Mr Binney of London preach at Argyle Chapel. The sermon was as might have been expected a good one. I was struck with the truth of his remark that it would be better to have longer texts and shorter sermons. I prevailed upon Mr Francis to hear him. He came and sat with me afterwards till tea.

**Monday 10 March** Waited to see Mr Bush but he did not come over.

The Chaplain asked for some of the boys about 15 years of age to be examined preparatory to confirmation.

**Tuesday 11 March.** Mr Dallaway and 1 other of the Com. met me in my bedroom.

Took the boys down to Midford and Monkton Combe and back by way of Coombe Down.

**Wednesday 12 March.** Mr Hulbert required another book to obtain copies of it for school. I sent him 1 in January. Gave Alf Bennet 2 inkstand glasses to obtain others like them.

**Thursday 13 March.** Louisa came up to tea. Accompanied her to Argyle Chapel.

A woman came to complain of her son's being beaten so as to make his nose bleed. She threatened to report it to the Committee if it occurred again. I had struck him on the hand and she said that might have hurt a vein and caused the blood to flow from the nose. After venting her anger she seemed pacified.

**Friday 14 March.** Asked Hyatt to return 3/6 but he has not been paid. Took copy of book and Manual to Mr Hulbert at the P.L.U. Office this afternoon.

Went thence home. Alfred Hopkins had not long left; he had been staying there since Monday having come to receive a share in some property. Borrd 1/1 of mother.

Mother will be able to prove an alibi for James, she thinks. Went to Swainswick; took tea there with Louisa and her mother - came back to Dover

St staid till 8 and was accompanied by L. as far as Cheap St.

**Saturday 15 March** Sent home for a book and waistcoat and also to Smith's in Broad St to have a glass put in my watchcase. I did not pay for the glass.

**Sunday 16 March 1856** Very wet this afternoon. I went down home and saw Mr Bailey and James there. The latter was come from Cardiff to answer Ann Canes's summons. Louisa came in about six. It being so wet we did not go to Chapel but remained till 8 when I came back and Louisa went home, promising to meet me at Dover St on Thursday Deo volente.

**Monday 17 March.** Hyatt returned the 3/6. The Visiting Com. (Messrs. Fuller or Clark and Falkner and Capt. Evans) came into the School. I happened to mention to Capt. E. that Hulance had been fighting and required punishment and he told me to bring the case before the Com. presently after they shd go over the House. He seemed put out of temper so that I regretted speaking. An hour after I was called before the Com. (the Gov. present) and I said I didn't wish to trouble them, I only asked advice as to the degree of punishment I shd inflict as Capt E was averse to Corpl punishment. The Gov. had told him of my dislike to it and that had soothed the Capt. who appeared much kinder and amicably settled the affair. He gave me a hint about wearing my hat in school; I must leave it off, although I may take cold.

**Tuesday 18 March.** Birched Hulance today; Greenslade looking on for the Governor, and Davis the Porter holding him; gave him thirteen strokes. Had my hair cut by Shaddock. Francis sat in my room this afternoon - came over again after tea. I corrected Grammar Exercise for him and went over to the Lodge and conversed with him. He put me on my guard against Miss Dyer and Hall the Engineer; whom I suspected before.

**Wednesday 19 March.** Asked Alfred Bennet for new check book. Was asked to take supper with the other officers as Mrs Ryan the cook will leave tomorrow. After supper most of them sat down to cards; I resisted for some time and at length had some dealt out to me. I however did not play; feeling some pricking of conscience and fancying that Bennet was watching to see whether I would or not, I thought better to resign my seat though constantly invited to resume it. Retired at 10 ½.

**Thursday 10 March.** Paid Smith for watch-glass - when I went down home this evening. Found James still at home. Frederick Baldwin had come to live with mother (from Ross). Louisa had just arrived as I got home. Mother and father had been to see Wilton the lawyer today about James's case. It is to be heard on Monday.

**Friday 21 March.** This day twelvemonth past Louisa Holbrook first came to our house. I have derived much happiness from my connection with her. If it please God may it continue through life! Went home to dinner. Mother went up to uncle Fred's to tea and supper. I spent the afternoon and greater part of the evening with Louisa and her mother at Swainswick. Then went home till 8. Played cards with Louie and

while walking toward Holloway agreed with Louie to play cards no more.

**Saturday 22 March.** Sat in the arbour in the garden this evening with Francis and Misses Dyer and Baker - they sang duets very nicely. Went over to see room of Miss D and read to her and the other. Played at Quoits with Francis.

**Sunday 23 March 1856.** Louisa came up to Chapel this afternoon. She afterwards went home with me to tea. We spent the evening together at home. Just before I left to come up, Uncles James and Fred and Aunt Sarah Baldwin came in. Met James and Emily W. as we were going.

**Monday 24 March.** (James came up to tea with me). Went down to the Town Hall this morning as a witness in Jim's case. Saw Jos. Gadd, he told me that Wm Brown once my fellow apprentice had been committed to Horsemonger's Lane gaol for 4 months because he robbed his master. There was perjury on the part of C A Canes and her witness, so to meet it James was instigated by Bailey, who stood behind him to flatly deny her charges. I stated what I believed to be true, but Admiral Duff who has always proved inimical to me induced me to say things that were not in all particulars correct. May God forgive us all! She was thrown. I went into Aunt Jane's and she gave me some brandy and water. Messrs Ashley, Grant, Mayor Baker, came up this morning after dinner. Mr Bush and his brother-in-law afterwards. Mr Greenslade made a little mischief with the Govr. about my giving the boys holiday.

**Tuesday 25 March.** Reported to Bennet that the Committee pointed out that the swings in the play-ground do not act properly. He said a blacksmith should be sent for to remedy the defect. Felt chilly and cold all day. Very poorly in the evening. Mr Francis came in after Tea with a song that he is endeavouring to learn. I sent Hobbs down to Aunt Sarah's for a paper. James went to Cardiff this morning.

**Wednesday 26 March.** Read prayers in Chapel this morning for the first time. Several of the boys went down to the Abbey to be confirmed. Took the boys round Englishcombe for walk. In a lane came suddenly in view of a horse ridden by a lady. It was terrified at the sight of the boys. The lady coaxed it till it took courage to face them and she then rode it up and down before them. When passing she said she was sorry to have frightened us. Mr Vigne met us at the top of Rush Hill. Francis came in this evening and had a lesson in Grammar.

**Thursday 27 March.** Went down home this afternoon. Overtook Mealing in Holloway who asked me if James had paid father when he was here. Met Ann Canes and Mr Hancock in Walcot St - the former said "Mr William!". I looked in her face and passed on. Found Louisa at home at our house. Mrs Batterbury was there paying father a bill account. Louisa came as far as St Michael's. Francis gave me a violin to examine.

**Friday 28 March.** Governor told me I did not do quite right in going out last night without letting him know....Dyer, the boy who cleans my boots &c.

attempted to cut off some of the G string from my violin and cutting off too much betrayed himself by spoiling the string. He said it fell down and broke! Made him pay sixpence for it. Went down home after dinner-time. Saw the May or, Mr Tite and others in the Churchyard arranging the site of a fountain the model of which was made of wood. Took tea at Swainswick. Walked in home - staid there awhile - mother accompanied me to Oxford Bdgs and Louisa to Devonshire Bdgs..Gave L a ticket to Assembly rooms.

**Saturday 29 March.** Spoke to the Govr about removing Coles from the School - must see Mr Gore. He said I must ask Mr Greenslade for Caps for the hoys, - I did so and he informed me they wd soon leave off wearing them about the premises and have new ones for walking as also frocks. Francis came over this evening - I tried Davis's violin before him - it doesn't seem such a good one as I thought it was but I will buy it if I can.

**Sunday 30 March 1856.** A most beautiful morning and milder than yesterday but still very cold. I have suffered much from rheumatic combined with indigestion lately. Went down home this afternoon. On my way saw that the model of the fountain was placed at the top of Bath St. Saw aunt Charlotte and her fellow servant at home. Went to Argyle Chapel with Louisa after tea. Mr Dyer preached from Tim. 4.16. Louisa came as far as to the top of Holloway - I feel very weak.

**Monday 31 March.** Mr Hyatt lent me Bath Friendly Society's Rules. Borrowed Mr Bennet's telescope and discovered a flag flying on St Saviour's Church. Saw the house where Louie lives - it seems to be on the left hand side of the bell-tower openings in the Church. On coming over with the glass I found the Misses Baker and Dyer here selecting books for their girls. Mr Bush came into the School with Messrs Hyatt and Greenslade to choose boys for their respective trades - they chose 7. Mr B. on my speaking of the Midsummer Examn asked me if I did not sit up to study at night. I told him I couldn't and he thought it right not to do so. Greenslade came in at teatime to tell me peace was proclaimed. Sat some time this evening in the Porter's lodge.

**Tuesday 1 April.** Took the boys out for a walk toward Combe Hay in the afternoon; they enjoyed themselves at ball in which I joined. Sent down to the Clerk, Mr Hulbert for the books for Second Class. I received 4 doz.

**Wednesday 2 April.** Took Coles to Mr Gore who agreed that he is unfit to be in School. Sent down for Minutes of Com. of Council. Mr J W Bush said I should have his. Received an order to call at the Office to be paid my quarter's salary.

**Thursday 3 April.** It was a pouring wet day today so that I could not go out nor did anyone visit me. I wrote a letter to Jane, my sister, this afternoon

**Friday 4 April.** A dry but threatening morning. Fine in the afternoon. Went down to the Poor Law Union Office to receive a quarter's salary; found that one week's amt. had to be deducted, so that instead of £10, I received only £9.4.7. Paid several debts and bought some few necessaries. Drew the salaries of 7 other of the officers. Called at the Bank (Stuckey's), at Everit, at home, Swainswick: Louie came back home. We then with mother called at Bourn's, Tuck's and Scovell's. Took a glass of beer at the Crystal Palace - left them at the Old Bridge and was accompanied up by A Bennet. Paid Hobbs 1/6, Mother 3/7 borrowed money.

**Saturday 5 April.** Greenslade and Hyatt both away today. George came up this afternoon with my chimney ornaments, two glass vases. He brought the Guardians' voting paper for me to fill up. Lent Miss Baker a "Home Circle" and borrowed an English History of her. Wrote her some lines this evening.

**Sunday 6 April 1856.** Went down to Argyle Chapel to the Ordinance after Service here. It poured with rain the whole time till I got to Dover St. Louisa was at Chapel - she went home to dinner with me; we remained in the whole afternoon. After tea as Louisa was poorly I took her to Swainswick and leaving her there returned to Dover St. Borrowed Matthew Henry's Commentary on the New Testament. Having that and being obliged to carry an umbrella together with the bad state of the roads I had some difficulty in getting up in time. Found my overhauls[sic] and new umbrella of great service to me. Emily Winckworth is gone to Wales today to James.

**Monday 7 April.** Greenslade and Hyatt out again today - the boys seem to behave better when all are in school that when there are fewer. One of the committee came over to the School this afternoon. I think it was Mr Kitson. Went down to Mr Hussey's this evening and after father arrived to the Blue Coat School of which Friendly Society I think of being a member, but Dr Barrett the Surgeon was not there, so I intend calling on Mr Mason and then giving my certificate to Mr Crowden on Friday

**Tuesday 8 April.** Parker the superintendent of field labour has been changing and otherwise disarranging the order in which the field boys should go out to work, so I complained to the Governor and asked him by what right he did it and he told me I ought not to allow it. I cautioned the field boys not to go to the field out of their turn and fixing the boys who should go out am

determined to have no further interference with my authority.

**Wednesday 9 April.** Took boys out walking this afternoon round by Midford Castle and Southstoke. Louisa came up. I took her over to the Girls' School and Nursery. Sent Miss Dyer the flowers Louie brought. Went down to Holloway with Louie thence to Aunt Sarah's in Oldfield Lane.

**Thursday 10 April.** Hobbs bought a violin of Davis the Porter; I cleaned and repaired it for him. Miss Baker is very poorly. Did not go down to Bath today, having gone down last Monday.

**Friday 11 April.** This morning went over to see Miss Baker who has been poorly. We talked about the boys' singing - she promised to come over tomorrow and hear them. Went to Bath this afternoon. Cashed an Order on P. Office for Bolser[?]. Looked into Bourne's. Louie and Rose there. Went home leaving Louie at her sister's - returned and took her up to tea with me and mother - father in Wales. She presented me with a new cravat in evg. Waited on Mr Mason to be examd for entering the Friendly Society - I might have passed if conscience would have let me remain silent about my having been suffering from hernia. He at first thought it an objection but finding me sound on all other points he said that as I had been healed of it so long, about 10 years, he wd mention it to Dr Barrett and Mr Crowden and I am to call on Sunday and know the decision. Took Louisa to Bourne's and came on up.

**Saturday 12 April.** Deum et Conscientiam Auscultabo.

Greenslade and Hyatt being members of the Blue Coat Club, I at their request told them of my interview with Mr Mason. Miss Baker came over to hear my boys sing.

Francis came also and staid till 8. Miss B. remained till near 9 hearing me play my violin.

**Sunday 13 April 1856** Went down to Bath at ½ past 3. Called at Mr Mason's and had to wait for him upwards of an hour. He told me that the Declaration I would have to sign previously to becoming a member of the Bath Friendly Society could not be altered and consequently I could not be admitted a member. I am thus excluded from providing for a time of sickness. I could enter some other society no doubt if I concealed my weakness, but I hope I shall be prevented attempting it Louisa called for me and we went to Argyle Chapel. Mr Dyer preached a convincing but encouraging sermon. Louisa came up Holloway with me.

**Monday 14 April.** Took the boys out towards Combe Hay, when they played a game of ball. On returning the Governor sent me word that a School Committee would visit me at ½ past 2. I prepared accordingly; they came about ¼ to 3. Recd Mr Newnham, Major Baker and Messrs. Bush, Gape and Walters. They examined the first Class, looked at the Boys' writing and selected Geo Porch as a Pupil Teacher. Mr Walters gave the boys some cakes and said they looked cleaner than he had ever seen them. Mr Newnham said the school was in better condition and ordered a half holiday.

**Tuesday 15 April.** Messrs Murch and Nokes came over to the School this morning. I mentioned that the Field Superintendent had complained against a boy, Tyler. He was taken before them and sentenced to punishment. Mr Newnham said the Governor had said that I sent the boys to the field irregularly - he came to ask me about it and I denied its being so or that complaint had been made to me of it. I had complained to the Governor of Parker forcing the boys out irregularly. It seems to be spite, because I received praise yesterday. I complained of it to the Governor. Went home this afternoon, thence to Swainswick. Called on Mrs Simpkins - then home again and back to the House.

**Wednesday 16 April.** Went to the S.M. Miss Baker to ask her opinion respecting having the children together to sing. Wrote a letter to Mr Bush but on second thoughts did not send it; it was in reference to what the Governor told Mr Newnham. Miss B. told me of his (the Gov.) plotting to get her into trouble as well as me. She is trying to dismiss one of her teachers. Francis came over to the School this afternoon. He came over after nine this evening and brought some beer for supper. I hear the Carpenter resigned office today. Lent Greenslade my Shakespear - Jeffries, Crabbe.

**Thursday 17 April.** Requested the Governor to allow the carpenter to repair my drawers. He said he should. Gave the Engineer a picture of Bath to conciliate him as he is a "snake in the grass". Invited Francis over to supper. I am sorry to find he is a little stage-struck.

**Friday 18 April.** All locked out of Chapel this morning - a boy left the door open and the keys inside. The wind blew the door and it shut with a spring lock, so that we couldn't open it without letting a boy down from the gallery, the doors of which were open. Took five pictures down to a picture-frame maker's on Westgate Bdgs to have them framed. Are to be done by Wednesday and to cost 13/-. Went home - father returned on Tuesday last. Spent the afternoon and evening with Louisa. On my way up called at home again. Found the Governor waiting in the Front - an unusual thing! Recd of mother 1/6.

**Saturday 19 April.** Francis the Storekeeper having decided on becoming a teacher came up to converse with me about it this evening. The Misses Dyer and Baker came up afterwards and remained till 9 o'clock. They sang two or three songs very nicely. The paper states that the Committee brought up a report last Wednesday to the New Board of Guardians on the state of the schools of which they spoke encouragingly. The Officers asked me to draw up a petition to the Board for an allowance of beer. I have drawn it up.

**Sunday 20 April 1856** Received £1 of mother. Gave the officers the petition I had sketched out. Went down home to tea and after tea to Argyle Chapel. Mr Dyer preached on the causes of declension in churches. Was up in good time, Louisa accompanying me to the top of Holloway. The Governor was out in Front, it being a fine evening. Hobbs, my pupil teacher requested permission to go down to Bath

tomorrow. As he has been faithful and persevering in his duties I freely granted permission though at a little inconvenience to myself. He deserves encouragement.

**Monday 21 April.** Hobbs went to Bath at about 9 this morning. Mr Taylor and another of the Committee came in to see the school. Took the boys out for recreation in the afternoon. On returning saw Mr Bush who informed me I could have Porch in the School to teach and who advised me to ask the Governor to allow the children to be kept back for singing in the Chapel as I desired it and if he would not to wait till the Committee of the School should come up.

**Tuesday 22 April.** Miss Baker came over to see my newly framed pictures after dinner. Francis followed. Chippell the carver sent them up this morning. Mrs Hagger informed me that the Nurse and Hanham the House Surgeon complained of the boys I sent up for itch yesterday were very dirty - a falsehood. Hanham desired to tell Mr Gore. Mrs Hagger prevented him. It is because I trouble him too much. We signed the petition for beer. The Governor appears more friendly. Bennet brought me a paper from Mr Hulbert to give the averages of scholars in School for the last ½ year. Miss Dyer came up and staid till 9 this evening.

**Wednesday 23 April.** After much trouble I made out the paper for Mr Hulbert and gave it to Miss Baker. Heard yesterday that Saw formerly one of my pupil teachers absconded from the House last week. I hear nothing of the success or failure of our petition. Miss Dyer, her sister and a friend came over this evening. Mr Francis came up.

**Thursday 24 April.** Miss Baker kept back her girls and I my boys after Chapel time to exercise them in singing after having asked Mr Hagger's leave in the morning. Louisa came up, and after I had taken tea we went down Rush Hill and across the fields to Bath. We met Miss Dyer and her two sisters. I overtook them after leaving Louisa and walked with Miss Dyer to the middle of the Hill where we waited for Mr Bennet. Miss Dyer thinks that Louisa is not my sister, of which I left her still in doubt. Spoke to Hanham about the boys being dirty...

**Friday 25 April.** Went down home this afternoon. Mother was poorly and had a swollen face. I went to Swainswick. Rose and Louisa at home - left with Louisa about 6 and went home for a time. Mother had made me a new necktie; the shoemaker sent in my boots which he has had a long time to repair. Called at Bourn's on my way back - it rained when I came out and I was very wet before I arrived at the House. Went to bed immediately.

**Saturday 26 April.** I read in the papers that our petition to the Board for beer was not acceded to. Mr Day opposed it strongly. Mr Hagger and others wish me to write a letter to the editor of the Express concerning it. I am inclined, but fearful of treachery. George came up with various trifles from home. Wasted the evening with some of the officers

**Sunday 27 April 1856.** Went down to Bath - met Louisa at Holloway and went to Mr Bourn's to tea where also I spent the evening till about ½ past 7 at which time I went to see mother. She advised me to have nothing to do with the critique on Mr Day's speech. Mr B advised otherwise. Louisa accompanied me to Stall[?] St. Mr Francis came over for a few minutes this morning evidently disconcerted at a little show of independence on the part of Miss Baker. I told Hall the Engineer that I suspected Greenslade of accusing me of wasting the coal and he gave me more light on his conduct. I suspect Hall a little also from what he avowed.

**Monday 28 April.** Took the boys for a walk round Midford and over Coombe Down. Met one of the Mr Fares. Mr Vigne and Mr Houghton JP for Staffordshire came into the playground and gave the boys holiday. Miss Baker and Francis are both gone down to town and will sleep out of the House tonight. Greenslade has tried to appear very amicable today but I have had little to say to him - he is so treacherous. Received a letter from Jane.

**Tuesday 29 April.** Capt'n Evans and Mr Bush came up to the school to choose 5[?] boys for the trades. In the evening while I was in the front of the House the Governor came to me and asked if I had written the letter for him to put in the paper. I told him I was fearful of consequences but he said he would take care that it should not be discovered. So I promised to write it and give it him tomorrow. I sat up to revise it.

**Wednesday 30 April.** Gave the Governor the letter after reading it to him, he having sent over to know if I had it done. So the die is cast. If it works me any harm it will be through the machinations of false friends and persons whom I have tried to oblige. The Gov. told me this evening that the officers have sunk in Mr Cotterell's opinion, that it will none any good[sic] and to some it will do harm. Miss Baker and Francis came over this evening and spent a few minutes with me.

**Thursday 1 May.** Took the boys into the body of the chapel to sing with the girls after the service. Miss Baker not there but two pupil teachers were. There were few girls and I had some difficulty in getting them to sing.

Went down to Chapel. Met Louisa near the turnpike. Mr Dyer preached. Overtook Miss Dyer near the House on my return.

**Friday 2 May.** Went down to where Mr Hurd's parents used to live to learn his address - they had left more than a twelvemonth ago. Called at Mr Vincent's shop and bought a pocket book and some paper. Miss V. asked me if I could obtain the orders of the Guardians to supply the House with stationery for them. Promised to try. Went home - thence to Swainswick to tea. Louisa accompanied me back home - thence to the Old Bridge. Mr Bennett overtook us there. I came up with him. He has succeeded in obtaining his situation at Ross as Clerk to the Union.

**Saturday 3 May.** George came up with my stockings which I sent home to wash. I sent down to Edwd Hurd for William's address, but he did not give it me. Miss Baker and Miss Dyer came over to see me this evening.

**Sunday 4 May 1856.** Went down home after going to Argyle Chapel to meet mother and Louie this morning. After dinner went over to Swainswick - took Louie round Charlcombe - called at Mrs Simpkins's and returned home to tea - went to Chapel in the evening. Thanksgiving day on acct of Peace being settled. I think from the cool conduct of Bennett and Miss Dyer this evening that the latter being offended at my not having been interested with her nonsense last night - has been making mischief about several little nothings that passed my lips yesterday.

**Monday 5 May.** Mr Hanham the surgeon finding it irksome to have so many boys to look at for itch tried to find fault again on the score of cleanliness. A boy with a naturally yellow skin was said to be dirty when he was not. Dr Baghouse[?] and friend and afterwards Major Baker came over as Visg. Comm. Took boys for a walk this afternoon round Oldfield Lane and up Rush Hill. Met Messrs Scott, Gore and Bush - went down to aunt's - and again after tea - mother being then there. Francis came over and brought some meat for my supper.

**Tuesday 6 May.** Bought 11 vols. of the Camden Society's works for 14/- of Bennett. Mr Scott came over in the afternoon and examined the Second Class. Francis came over this evening.

**Wednesday 7 May.** Wrote some verses and gave them to Miss Baker this evening when I went into her room at ½ p.8. Francis came over afterwards.

**Thursday 8 May.** Miss Baker poorly this morning and the pupil teacher having a cold requested I would dispense with singing in Chapel. She came in the evening. Miss Dyer and Hall were walking up and down the walk nearest the road in close converse for some time this evening. I went to enquire of Miss Baker's health at noon and this evening I found her up - Francis came in

soon after me and I left him there at ¼ to 9.

**Friday 9 May.** Went down home this afternoon. Father at Cardiff. Spent the afternoon with L. at Swainswick. Returned to mother's after tea. Called at Bourne's. Received a sovereign of mother. Louisa accompanied me to near the Plough. On leaving me she passed Miss Dyer and Hall. I waited till they came up and went on with them. Went over to see Miss Baker this morning - she was not up I think. Paid Bennet for the Books 14/-. Paid Davis for Hobbs' violin. Francis came over to supper.

**Saturday 10 May.** Went up to see Miss Baker and to ask her as also Miss Dyer about some missing books. Miss Dyer came up this afternoon to change some libraries. The letter to Mr Day which I expected to see in the "Express" fortunately has not appeared. Bought two medallions of Bennet. Bennet came over to take an inventory of the Union property. The Govr informs me that there is a complaint lodged against me at the Board for not allowing the Nobles to be up in School and thereby causing them to have bad feet. The mother makes the complaint. The Drs. are ordered to report.

**Sunday 11 May, 1856.** Went into the "lookout" in the garden for the first time. Mr Hagger and Hall were there. Went down home. Mother had been up all last night. Mrs Simpkins just having been confined to bed and given birth to a girl. After tea Louisa called in but we did not go down to Chapel She walked with me to the top of Holloway. Above Devonshire House I overtook Bennet, Miss Dyer and Hall. Went into the Officers' dining hall and staying till after Hobbs went up to bed - he talked me out!

**Monday 12 May.** Took the boys for a walk beyond Cross Keys - played ball in a field. Captn Evans complained to Mr Hagger of the dirty appearance of the boys' clothes. Went to ask Mr H. if the boys were to have holiday and he spoke of the state of the boys. Mr Bush being there an explanation was made and the Gov. has to see that Greenslade gives new clothes. I spoke of Mr Hanham's complaining of the boys' skin being dirty and of the complaint supposed to be made to the Board by Noble's mother. No complaint agst me. Spoke of the dirty state of playground in winter. New Carpenter came today. Mother and Edwin came up. Mother and I went to tea with the Misses Dyer and Baker. The early part of the afternoon I spent with Miss B and Francis. With Miss B and Miss Dyer in the evening - they sang several songs.

**Tuesday 13 May.** Went into the office to ask Govr to have my clock repd and blinds to room. Bennet and Mannings there. Ashton told me that Hall mentioned to the Govr that he thought I was keeping company with Miss Dyer. I fancy he is afraid I am. Francis and Ashton asked me to make out a paper suggesting a merrymaking on the 29th as some of them will not be able to go out on that day. I declined doing so. Francis came over to supper in the evening. Mr Barnes came into School to represent the Com. this aftern.

**Wednesday 14 May.** Recd a letter from Jno Blake and a circular from the Hanoverian Band Com'e. Showed the letter to the Governor who told me he shd leave the matter of which the circular speaks for me to arrange. I visited

Miss Dyer and Miss Baker concerning the matter and wrote an answer to be forwarded tomorrow morning.

**Thursday 15 May.** Greenslade tried to place the marking the numbers in the boys' new caps on my teachers. I reported to the Governor and he forbade it. He came to me afterwards and slyly insinuated that the boys' dirty appearance was my fault at the same time that he wished to make me believe he desired a reconciliation. I went down home in the evening. Heard of Mr Sculthorpe's death. Called at Bourn's. Was told Louisa was in town but I did not see her. Had my hair cut at Matthews. Sent note to Hy Smith Esqr this morning (20 Old Bond St).

**Friday 16 May** Wrote to Wm Hurd. Called at Poor Law Offc for "Minutes" and "Bye Laws" but could get neither. Manning promised to obtain them for me if possible. Saw Robt Flukes's name in Marriage register in connecrion with M Gillard's. Bought a book at Noyes's and ordered another. Called at Billington's. At home. Went to Swainswick to see Louisa who after tea accompanied me back home and as far as the top of Holloway. Surprised the folks at home by sending down my trunk by Chas. Cooper.

**Saturday 17 May.** Mr Greenslade was reported to me as having said that the boys he has to learn the tailoring are worse since I became school master. Took a paper up to Miss Baker in the dinner hour. Mr Ashton brought me two bottles of dandelion beer after dinner. Mr Greenslade came to ask my advice upon the boys' wearing their frocks tomorrow. Miss Baker came up a little while this evening, Francis came to tell her he was about to lock the doors.

**Sunday 18 May 1856.** A very stormy day. After Chapel went up to Miss Baker's room to ask Miss B if she was going down home to tea with me as she had promised. She excused herself on acct of the wet weather. Francis was with her. Went down home myself. Louie came in after tea and we remained at home till 8 when I accompanied her to Bourn's and leaving her there came on up. Took supper with Mrs Hagger, Miss Baker, Miss Dyer and Mr Bennett.

**Monday 19 May.** Mr Nokes and Rev. Mr Buckle as Visitg. Com. came into the school. The latter praised the manner of the boys holding their pens and pointed out the inattention of some of the younger boys in reading. Mr Bush sent for me to know what I had communicated to the Hanoverian Band Committee. I went to him into the Office and informed him. Louisa came up this afternoon quite unexpectedly and remained till 8 in the evening. I went to tell Miss Baker she was here but she treated me so coolly on speaking to her that I hasted[sic] to escape her company. On going down I met Mr Bennet and Miss Dyer. Wrote to Jane.

**Tuesday 20 May.** This afternoon 74 of the boys put on new caps and frocks and I took them through Midford and Hinton, being the first of our walks to visit the various parishes of the Union. On returning to Midford Mr Perry one of the inhabitants requested me to allow the boys to go up to his house, which I did. He had them paraded over his lawns, which command beautiful views of the

country round and after making them sit down he regaled them with a glass of parsnip wine each and some biscuit and he sat with me while they were refreshing themselves, talking very pleasantly, while I drank some very nice beer out of a silver cup and smoked a couple of pipes of tobacco in his summer house. He promised to have them down again in the summer and give them a treat of apples. Francis came over in the evening.

**Wednesday 21 May** Received a letter from Mr Hurd. Heard that Miss Dyer has received a certificate, on what terms I do not yet know. Sent to Noyes's for a book but did not receive the allowance. Francis came over just before 8 and practised singing awhile.

**Thursday 22 May.** Went over to ask Miss Baker in what I have offended her, but she refused to see me. Francis came into my room to practise singing - in coming over with him, met the Govr. who was watching to prevent my boys taking up more coal for me. Went down home after tea; on my way met Miss Dyer and her sister but did not stop to speak though they seemed to wish it - directly after met Louie. Went on to Walcot and with Mother and Louie crossed Grosvenor Bridge to Hampton - left them there and proceeded round Claverton to the Union and was hard put to get up in time. Heard that Mr Coward and Mr Arnum's[?] fathers are dead. Ashton brought over some dandelion beer.

**Friday 23 May.** Miss Baker and Mr Francis returned books they had of me. Mr Hagger came to measure my window for blinds. Went down home before dinner and called at Mr Tuck's to pay father's pew rent - took dinner at home and afterwards went to Swainswick. After tea returned home. Father gave me two brackets - brought one up with me when I left home at 8. Louie came as far as James's church. Received Tickets and Instructions for the fete day (Thursday). Mother gave me  $\frac{1}{2}$  a sovereign.

**Saturday 24 May.** Showed my tickets to the Governor and gave those allotted to the Girls' schools to the teachers. Took in the "Express" for the first time. Bought a swordstick of Mr C Hagger for 5/-. Francis came over in the latter part of the evening.

**Sunday 25 May 1856.** Went down home to tea this afternoon. Louisa came in after tea. Mother and the children went out for a walk. Father went to Chapel. At 8, I left Louisa still at home to take care of the house and went on my way back. Met Kate Simpkins and afterwards father. Took supper with the Governor - who said I had better go to the town hall tomorrow to get refreshment tickets for the children. Miss Baker was at supper with us still displaying her hateful temper.

**Monday 26 May.** Met the Committee in the office to arrange for the children's treat. Mr Bush gave me two pounds to assist and left it with me and Greenslade to provide. I attended at the Guildhall to receive £5.8.8 from the H.B.Com. towards the treat. Went to the Full Moon with Greenslade to have some refreshment afterwards - then to the House. Drilled the children this afternoon assisted by the Carpenter, a pensioner.

**Tuesday 27 May.** Arranged the quantity of Buns &c. that will be given to each child. Drilled children at 11. Went to Mr Carey's at the house near the Holloway turnpike and ordered 11 ½ gals. of milk. Went into the Bear and had a glass of beer with Greenslade. We met Mr Ashley in Milsom St. Went to Gill's on Walcot Buildings and ordered the buns. Called at 20 Old Bond St. for 2 more Fete tickets and proceeded up to the House. Before I went to Walcot called at Noyes's to ascertain why the book allowance was not made me.

**Wednesday 28 May.** Drilling boys and teaching them to sing most of the day. Thomas Baker, Miss Baker's brother came to see me.

**Thursday 29 May.** Children marched 4 abreast down to Bath and joined the procession of children to the Gardens. They were universally admired for cleanliness and steady behaviour. Had cake and milk at the Temperance Hall, Widcombe. Mr Cox, Beavis, Mr Cotterell and Messrs JW and J Bush addressed them. Afterwards came up to the House. I took dinner and after playing chess with Baker went home - then to Swainswick. Mrs Holbrook had met with an accident on Monday, injuring her hip. Went to Dover St. - thence to Bourn's - supped there and returned to the House at 11 at night.

**Friday 30 May.** Greenslade and Hyatt came up to my room this morning. About 11 we all went into the Dining Hall to lunch. Afterwards Miss Baker, her brother and Miss Dyer came over to my room, thus setting aside Miss B's animosity towards me. Went to Carey's and paid 9/7 for the milk used yesterday - then to Gill's to pay for the buns £3.8.8, thence home to dinner. Prior to that I called at Bourn's. Went to Swainswick - Mr Harries pronounced Mrs.H's hip fractured. Called at Bourn's coming back [Sentence in shorthand - Pitman's?]

**Saturday 31 May.** Thomas Baker left for Clutton this afternoon. The Governor told me that Mr Bush had proposed that Greenslade should manage the children's treat but that he (the Gov.) made a demur and I was sent for. The Govr. said he told Mr Bush we were not on the best of terms. I had Greenslade up this afternoon and apologised for any spiteful speech I may have made at any time concerning him. Hyatt, he, and I then took tea together. I gave them the odds of the bills I had paid amounting to 3d. Francis came over several times in the day. Ashton brought over Ginger beer for which I paid 6d. I proposed to Hobbs to become a teetotaller with him; he acquiesced.

**Sunday 1 June 1856.** After morning service started for Bath - met Miss Jones - intended to be at the Ordinance service at Argyle but on seeing mother I was informed that on Friday last James had met with an accident at Cardiff by which he had a compound fracture of the thigh besides being otherwise injured. R. Greenslade and father had a narrow escape with their lives. After dinner I went to Swainswick. Walked with Louie as far as Swainswick Church and back. Louie intends being a teetotaler with me. Went to Argyle in the evening. Mr Dyer preached from the words "Yield yourselves to the Lord". Met Miss Dyer's two sisters after I left Louie and Ann. Overtook Miss Dyer and came up with her - supped with Mrs Hagger.

**Monday 2 June.** Took the boys for another long walk, thro' Combehay, Wellow, Twinney[?] and Southstoke. The School Committee were up this afternoon, settling the dietary of the infants and I settled my account with them. They voted Greenslade, Hyatt and Parker 6/- each for the trouble of going to Bath with the children last Thursday. They came over to the school and expressed their pleasure at the clean appearance of the children and gave them a half-holiday. I asked them for leave to go to Cardiff - they told me how to get leave and suggested that I shd have two days' leave.

**Tuesday 3 June.** Gave the children holiday this afternoon. Wrote to Blake in the morning, and sent his letter off with the Inspector's report. After dinner went home and to Swainswick. While at the latter place Mr Dixon came to see Mrs Holbrook; he is supplying the place of Mr Dance the parish minister. I entered an application in the Master's journal for two days' leave. Louie accompanied me to Walcot and I left her at Bourn's.

**Wednesday 4 June.** Heard that leave was granted me to go to Cardiff. Left the House about ¼ to 8 - called at home and went over to supper with Louisa - returned to Dover St to sleep there.

**Thursday 5 June.** Started, after an early breakfast, to the Station. Arrived at Bristol just in time for the Packet - after a pleasant ride of nearly 3 hours arrived at Cardiff - found out father and after dining at the Red Cow in Womanby St. (having roamed about Cardiff for some time previously) went to see James at the Infirmary. He is fearfully shattered. Kneecap of left leg and jaw fractured and a compound fracture of thigh of left leg. He was in pretty good spirits. Took tea and slept in Loudon Square.

**Friday 6 June.** After Breakfast went to James's lodgings. Emily was waiting. Went for a short walk with her - returned to Loudon Square to dinner then to Emily's whence I went to see James again - he seems improved. Came away in the evening from Cardiff with father and Aust - on getting out of the train fell in with Gibbins - called at Back-house's and then home.

**Saturday 7 June.** Arrived at the House at 9 in the morning. The man who brings the newspaper was not paid - I must pay him for two next Saturday. Happening to call on Miss Baker as she was at tea, she invited me to take a cup which I did. Francis was there.

**Sunday 8 June 1856** Went down home at 3.20 pm - met W Corbould - left Mr Manchip with the Governor. Called at Bourn's, then went on home. After tea Louisa came. We went to Chapel afterwards, leaving her and father by the Abbey I came on up. Took supper with the Govr, Matron, the Misses Baker and Dyer and Mr Manning. Alfred Bennet leaves tomorrow for Ross.

**Monday 9 June.** Hyatt called on me this morning. Received a letter from Jane and answered it. Messrs. Day and Eckley came as visiting Committee into the school. Went down home after tea and was there met by Louisa. On my return I met Francis and Miss Baker who told me that we could stay out later to see the fireworks which should have been displayed on Thursday week last. I remained out with them till 11.

**Tuesday 10 June.** Took the boys out this afternoon, through the town to Swainswick where we rested and I went in to see Louie. On my way Mr Gore stopped me to ask where we were going - he said the boys looked nice and well. Returned through Charlcombe, Harley St. and the Gravel Walk. At Harley St. met Mr Gape. Was back at about 5½.

**Wednesday 11 June.** The officers having declared their determination not to partake of a gallon of beer which Greenslade, Hyatt and Parker proposed to give out of the 15 shillings given them by the Committee, considering that each out[sic] to spend half a crown, Mr Hyatt requested me to try to change their determination. I sounded some of them but they will make no concession. Allowed Hobbs to go to Bath this afternoon.

**Thursday 12 June.** Gave a song which I composed yesterday to Miss Dyer as she requested a copy and made an attempt to set it to music. Informed Hyatt of the result of my intercession with the officers on his behalf.

**Friday 13 June.** Went home before dinner - found father very poorly. Proceeded to Swainswick. Mrs Holbrook is better. Remained till 7 ½ when I returned home and thence came up to the House.

**Saturday 14 June.** Nothing particular occurred today worth recording. Weather rather cold and stormy. Heard that Bennett is much dissatisfied with his situation.

**Sunday 15 June 1856** [Most of entry deleted: 1 sentence of shorthand] Went towards home at ½ past 3, met Louisa in Holloway and fell in with Mr and Mrs Bourn at the bottom of Dover St. Father still ill. James has been worse but is better now. Heard Mr Dyer at Argyle, Louisa came to Holloway.

**Monday 16 June.** Captain Evans visited the school this morning - he came in a much pleasanter mood than he has done before. Took the boys for a walk through Dunkerton. While I was looking out for the proper road in a difficult place some boys threw stones over a hedge and nearly struck a man at work. I knew nothing of it till he came after us with a whip and very angry - he threatened to tell the Committee and would hardly hear a word of explanation - he seemed a thorough boor.

**Tuesday 17 June.** Mr Bush came up this morning and told me that the Committee had recommended that the Carpenter should assist me in drilling the boys but that I had better keep my eyes open to do without him as soon as possible. Went upon the scaffold raised under the Chapel roof - it looks tremendously high. Mr Scott came in to examine the first class. Louisa came up to tea and at prayer-time went into the Chapel with Miss Baker. Afterwards I accompanied her to Beechen Cliff. I left her at Holloway.

**Wednesday 18 June.** Nothing particular occurred today. Asked the Govr of the possibility of getting the school painted - he told me to mention it to the School Committee.

**Thursday 19 June.** Mr Hyatt tells me that Mr Hagger informed the Board of Guardians that he intended to leave soon. Lent Francis 3½ - he has forgotten to pay me 2½ which he borrowed before. I have been rather neglectful today of my private study. My memory seems so bad!

**Friday 20 June.** Went home - on my way met Mr Walters. Father is still ill. Mother goes to Cardiff tomorrow. Went to Swainswick. Mrs Holbrook asked me to draw up an agreement between her and a man named Garraway who is going to rent the garden of her. On leaving home Miss Colethard[?] and Miss Nicholls stopped me to ask for a subscription to aid in repairing Argyle School Rooms - I promised 5/-. I had a hard run up the hill owing to their detaining me. Jane will be here on Monday. Miss Baker sent over to ask me to allow the boys to lead the singing in Chapel. I said I would see her.

**Saturday 21 June.** Mother goes to Cardiff today. Rev. Mr Hancock, Mr Walters, Mr Harding and another visited the School this morning. The former two examined the boys cursorily. I get very nervous when they are here. I wish I could overcome that disposition. Took a copy of the "Express".

Went up to hear what Miss Baker had to say about the singing. I did not consent to take it off her hands.

Mr Hagger suggested to me that the officers ought to ask for an answer to the Memorial we sent to the Board. I shall not imbroil myself with the Guardians by having anything to do with it.

**Sunday 22 June 1856.** Walked down to Bath with Mr Scott. Met Louisa at Nelson Place. Called in home. Aunt Charlotte there. Mother poorly - father better. James was left in a very weak state. Went to Swainswick - George Bourn and Elizabeth were there - he resolves not to let Garraway have the garden under the conditions named. Promised to go down tomorrow to make out the agreement. Left at 7 ¼ - Louisa came in as far as Walcot Church. Supped with Mrs Hagger. Brought a note up to Mr Hagger from Greenslade whom I met.

**Monday 23 June.** Took the boys down to the Prior Park cemetery and round Widcombe. Mr. Newnham passed us in the lane leading from Prior Park. Mr

Thomas from Mr Ruddick came to ascertain the improved manner of ventilating in the House. Mr Francis paid me 2 ½. Messrs Bush and Vigne came up this afternoon to select boys for the trades. They chose 4. I went down to Bath at 4 o'clock to see Jane. Went to Swainswick to settle Mrs Holbrook's letting the garden but the dispute as to him[?] prevented it. Jane and Louisa accompanied me back to town.

**Tuesday 24 June.** Nothing of importance occurred today. Jane goes back to Weston this evening.

**Wednesday 25 June.** Gave Mannings the receipt for my quarter's salary.

A Miss Palmer and another female came to see the school - I learned that Mannings sent them.

**Thursday 26 June.** Received my salary from Mannings . Did not go down to Bath today, having gone last Monday.

Mr Hyatt came up to tea. Walked round the garden a little time in the evening.

**Friday 27 June.** Called at The Poor Law Office to get some statistics and a book. While there Mr Bush came in and I informed him that I always had summed the totals in my school attendance Book contrary to his supposition. On coming out met Mr Hulbert who said he should be glad to give me information at any time. Paid Mother for Father 5/-, gave her 2/6 and for James £1 and to put in Bank for me £5. Wrote out an Agreement for Mrs Holbrook. Took tea with Louisa and came home - called at Bucknell's to have haircut. Louisa accompanied me to the Abbey.

**Saturday 28 June.** Bought an "Express". Simmons was reported for throwing stones and breaking a window so I informed the Governor of it and told thim I should birch him, with which he concurred. And I gave the boy ½ a dozen. Took supper in the Officers' Hall.

**Sunday 29 June, 1856.** Went down home this afternoon. Father still very poorly. Heard that James is better. Went to Argyle - Mr Davenport preached. Mother and Louisa accompanied me to the Bridge. Supped with Mrs Hagger.

**Monday 30 June.** Wrote to Uncle John. Took the boys beyond Southstoke to bathe in the river this morning. Louisa came up this afternoon and I accompanied her down to Bath in the evening. Sent my coat down to be repaired.

**Tuesday 1 July** The visiting Committee came into the School this morning. I have been trying to make my receipts and expenditure for the last six month balance but cannot. I must have a fresh plan. Exercised myself in playing quoits this evening. Sent off the monthly report to the Inspector.

**Wednesday 2 July.** Rather unwell before breakfast. Played quoits this evening with Warren who beat me by 9 to 4. William Hurd dropped in this evening - he has been down here about a week. Mr Manning is very ill; he seems to have the fever common to most new officers (though he is not an officer). How thankful I ought to be that I have escaped it.

**Thursday 3 July.** Began an attempt at flower painting again. I begin a number of things I find but alas! how few I complete properly. It is so with my resolutions. I wish I were more firm.

Mr Manning is obliged to keep to his bed.

**Friday 4 July.** Mr Manning was alarmingly ill last night; his fever is typhoid. I dreamed last night than[sic] John was bidding me farewell before he died. I left the House at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past twelve - went home, found father still very unwell. Uncle Cawley and his son John were there. My brother James is said to be still in a critical state. Went to Swainswick, altered the Agreement I had written for Mrs H. - left at five. Met Mr Vincent and went back to his house to tea - returned home - then to Bourne's new habitation - then to Tuck's - paid pew rent - then to Sisley's[?], then to the House.

**Saturday 5 July.** Mr Hurd came up to Breakfast with Mr Hagger. He came over to the school about  $\frac{1}{4}$  past eleven. Uncle Cawley, his son and my brother George came up, a little past twelve and I showed them over the House. Mr Hurd sat with me some time this afternoon. I have been very poorly all day. Sent a hat down to Cox's to be cleaned. Mr Hulbert sent up the "Minutes" of 1848-9.

**Sunday 6 July 1856.** Went down to Argyle Chapel after eleven o'clock. Mr Dyer preached. I and Louisa remained to the Sacrament. She accompanied me home to dinner and remained to tea. Wm. Hurd came up to tea. He afterwards went to Charlotte St. Louisa and I to Argyle. Father is gone to a country place to recruit his health - he is still very weak.

**Monday 7 July.** Mr Nokes on Committee came into the school. Commenced reading 1st Bk of Euclid once more. A very wet day.

**Tuesday 8 July.** Very cold and windy. Took boys for a walk about Rushill[sic] this afternoon. Louisa and Geo Bourn came up with my coat. I accompanied them as far as the Devonshire Arms - took a glass of beer with them and came back.

**Wednesday 9 July.** Reeves, one of the carpenter boys fell off the scaffold in the Chapel this morning - having gone on it in the absence of the carpenter. He fell across the seats splitting one of them. Dinner over went up in hospital

and remained with him an hour. I thought he was dying but he has since revived astonishingly - his leg was taken off by Mr Gore. Mr Scott came into school this afternoon. The Governor and Mr Douglas, the relieving officer, have resigned today. Went down to George Bourn's and wrote out two copies of Mrs Holbrook and Garroway's agreement. Louie accompanied me back to the fountain.

**Thursday 10 July.** Went up to see Reeves this morning - with Mr Scott this afternoon. He is as well as can be expected. *Lent Mr Hyatt 5/-.*

*My Religion.* To acknowledge myself a sinner - to believe in Christ and to look to him only for salvation - to imitate him.

*My Duty* - to love God with all my soul mind and strength and my neighbour as myself.

*My Business* - to endeavour to raise the religious, moral and intellectual character of my school by all possible means.

*My Pleasure* - to benefit my mind and study God in all his works and ways.

**Friday 11 July.** Received a letter from Mr Hulbert informing me of the intention of Mr Ruddock to examine the schools on Monday. Conveyed a similiar note to the Chaplain and viewed his pictures. Went home - father there and better. To Swainswick - thence home and about 7 ¼ returned. Also on going down called at Cox the hatter's and coming back at Axford the glazier's.

**Saturday 12 July.** Have been busy today in preparing statistics for the Inspector - as also in getting the school clean.

**Sunday 13 July 1856.** [Note] *Put here for July 20th.* Louisa came up to tea - John Dew formerly pupil teacher under Mr Hurd came up. Went down to Argyle C. Saw Edwd Bennet an old friend come from London - invited him up to see me. Mother Sarah and Edwin were there. Miss Malone formerly Infant Sch. Mistress visited the House from Wellingbro' Northampton.

**Monday 14 July.** Mr Ruddock the School Inspector came to examine the school. Mr Scott also was here for a short time. Mr Shum and another of the Visiting Committee looked in. Porch was examined today and approved of. Edwin my brother, came up this morning.

**Tuesday 15 July.** Hobbs and I were examined to day, he in the committee room, I in my own room. We began a little after tea - I finished at ¼ past 11 at night. Hobbs this morning. I answered all the highest questions but two, making to my own knowledge 3 notable blunders, how many more I cannot say. Mr Ruddock acted with uniform kindness both yesterday and today. I made out a list of things required in the School.

**Wednesday 16 July.** I feel very poorly this morning. Sent down the papers

left me to finish, under cover. Expected Mr Ruddock but he did not come. Went down home, Mr Hurd having come up to see me after tea, so I went with him to Bath. as I was coming up fell in with Mr G. Bush who said Mr Ruddock had spoken highly of me at the Board today.

**Thursday 17 July.** Took the boys towards Coombe-hay for recreation.

Was occupied all the afternoon in preparing statistics with reference to the children in the House on the twenty-fifth of March last.

**Friday 18 July.** Was in the infant school all the morning making statistics for the Governor who, cunningly, put it on me to do it. Went before the Finance Committee, who asked me if I had plenty to do and could do it. I answered Yes. Went home - then to Swainswick - (on my way down called at the P.U.office.) Called on Mrs Simpkins at home again. Louisa had made some collars which I marked there. Called at Bourn's - at Larey's[?] - at a fruiterer's next the Bear and up.

**Saturday 19 July.** Copied from today's Express "Mr Ruddock stated that he had visited the schools at the work-house on Monday and Tuesday. As they had two new officers there, he devoted more attention to the manner in which they had discharged their duties than to the actual condition of the schools; at the same time he had sufficient opportunity to form a fair opinion on the subject. Both schools he found going on extremely well. The master discharged his duties very efficiently, though he could wish that there was a little more life and energy about him. This he believed was more a question of health than of temperament and he had no doubt that when the health of the master was restored they would find him an energetic officer." George came up this afternoon.

**Sunday 20 July 1856.** [Note] *Put here for July the 13th.* by mistake. Felt rather poorly all day. After service in the afternoon walked as far as Mr Scott's lodgings with him then, having met Wm Hobbs in Holloway went in to see his wife. Thence home to tea. Miss Gauntlett came in as also Mr and Mrs C Simpkins. Louisa Holbrook came in after tea. It threatened to rain so I and Louie went up to Bourn's in Lansdown road. I left at about 7 ½ and in my way down met Bennet. Arrived at the House before ½ past 8.

**Monday 21 July..** Permitted Hobbs to go to Bristol with Dew by Excursion train. Messrs. Skrines Taylor, J. Titley &c., the visiting Com. came into the School this morning. I expected the School committee but they did not come. Mrs Manning, Miss Manning, the carpenter's wife and Mrs Bettries came to see the school-room this evening.

**Tuesday 22 July.** Went down after tea to see aunt Sarah Baldwin in Oldfield Lane. Sarah Dore and a Mrs Kemp were there. Walked round the garden; aunt cut me a very nice posy of flowers. Prepared Syllabus of Lessons for Hobbs and Porch today.

**Wednesday 23 July.** Took boys for a walk today 16 Miles distance more or less. Through parts of St. James's[?] Weston Langridge, Swainswick, St Catherine Batheaston Bathford Bathampton and Widcombe - took victuals with us. Met Mr J Bush at Weston. J Dew at Batheaston. Dined at Langridge. Haswell taken ill at Hampton left in charge of two boys was by some means taken to the Hospital. Several were over-tired and faint the heat being excessive. Started at 9 in morning back at 5. Girls went to Hampton Rocks.

**Thursday 24 July.** As J Dew promised to come to tea with me I anxiously expected him but he did not come.

**Friday 25 July.** Mr Greenslade showed me a circular he had sent to the Guardians. Davis requested me to write one for him which I did. They intend being candidates for the Relieving Offices. Went home - George Millard from London came to tea with me there. I sent over for Louisa who came in after tea and accompanied me to the top of Holloway. Called at Amery's going and coming back. Uncle Joseph brought up my Book case for me. Father went to Cardiff yesterday.

**Saturday 26 July.** Nothing much worth remarking occurred today. Mr Hagger asked my opinion in relation to Mr Francis's visiting Miss Baker if it were not improper - as also with respect to Hall and Miss Dyer.

**Sunday 27 July 1856.** Mr Scott the Chaplain told me he was suffering from a cold but not having anyone to perform duty for him he was obliged to perform services today. I went down home after service this afternoon but did not go to Chapel as it threatened to be a wet evening. I was rather out of humor I am afraid and said things which I think occasioned great pain to poor Louie who was actually led by it to ask me if I wanted to part from her! She accompanied me to Rush Hill and back to Greenaway lane. I told Miss Baker what Mr Hagger said last night.

**Monday 28 July.** This is my twenty-sixth anniversary of birth. Messrs Vigne and Walters came up this afternoon while I was drilling the boys and were very much pleased at their order. I asked for a week's holiday for which they advised me to apply through the Master. Jane sent me a letter with a nice bookmark in it. I went down to Bath in the Baker's trap after 4. Called at Bourn's and took tea there. Went home - thence to father's garden and on to Swainswick. Left notes for Davis with several of the Guardians.

**Tuesday 29 July.** Wrote to Jane and to Wm Hurd . Sent Minutes of C.C. down to the Board; told Gov. to apply for a week's leave. Sent home Frank's music. Birch'd Hulance this evening for cursing. Louisa came up with G Bourn and brought me up some fruit

**Wednesday 30 July.** I, Mr Greenslade, Mr Hyatt and the boys went to Hampton today on an excursion. Mr Hurd and Messrs. Jones and Gibson met us there. It was a beautiful day and all enjoyed themselves heartily. We returned by 10m past 7. There were several other pleasure parties there. Made an engagement to meet some parties there on Saturday. And to go to

Mr Jones's on Friday to have my portrait taken.

**Thursday 31 July.** The weather has been very hot today. I received a letter from Jane stating she had obtained lodgings for me at Weston. I answered it immediately. Supped in the Hall with the other officers, it being A. Bennet's birthday.

**Friday 1 August.** Still hotter than yesterday. Packed up for my holiday and came down to meet Louisa at Bourn's. Mrs Millard asked me for a subscription to a testimonial to Mrs Hagger and Mr H. I wrote for 5/-. After meeting Louisa went to Avon St to Mr Jones's and sat for likeness. Then home to tea - then to Swainswick - at ten returned to Dover St. Backhouse was up to tea.

**Saturday 2 August.** After breakfast went up to Bourn's. Louisa was there. Returned to read the paper - wrote some bills for father and after dinner went to meet Louisa when we proceeded to Hampton and spent a pleasant afternoon with Mr & Miss J Hurd. Mrs Gibson and Mr G and servant as also Mr and Mrs Jones and child with servant. Took tea in the open air. Returned to Swainswick to supper and slept there.

**Sunday 3 August 1856.** Went to Chapel in the morning and remained to the Ordinance. After dinner went to Bourn's to tea. After tea to the Abbey Church, back to supper at Bourn's and after supper took Louisa home.

**Monday 4 August.** Started for Weston at 7.10 in company with Mr Hurd. Had some little difficulty in finding out my lodgings. Wm Hurd did not like the place or he would have remained with me. Went to see Jane and Aunt - then to bathe in the sea. Strolled about - lunched at the Bath Hotel with Wm H. Dined and took tea and supper with aunt.

**Tuesday 5 August.** Went to breakfast with Aunt Fanny and Jane at 7. Then to bathe in the sea, when I met Wm Hurd. Jane went with me to Aunt Ann and grandmother's lodgings. After bathing went out on the water in a boat with Wm Hurd. Went so far that what with rowing and the heat of the sun I was thoroughly fatigued. Paid immoderately for that laborious pleasure - went to dinner with Jane and Aunt Ann, and to tea over the cliffs at the turnpike with Aunts Ann and Fanny and grandmother - to supper with Grandmother and Aunt Ann.

**Wednesday 6 August.** Went to breakfast with Aunt Fanny then to bathe. Then to my lodgings where Jane found me, she bringing a letter recalling me as Hobbs was taken ill. Went to lunch with aunt and returned to my lodgings whence I left for the railway, meeting Capt Evans on my way. Took some shrimps to George Bourn's - home to tea - on to Swainswick where I remained till about 12 at night - then home to bed.

**Thursday 7 August.** Rose at 5 and came up to the Union - before going looked in on father who told me that Greenslade had been saying something about me to my injury. I could not learn what. Hobbs is quite well now. It seems that Mr Greenslade wrote on his own responsibility. I heard today that the boy who was taken the[sic] hospital is discharged.

**Friday 8 August.** Went home. Called at Board Room for report - then to Swainswick. Louisa was at Bourn's - returning home met Mr Walters - went on to Bourn's where I took tea - and afterwards came up, Louisa accompanying me to Greenaway Lane. The Carpenter put my Book-case up this afternoon.

Wrote to Ross to Alf. Bennett offering to purchase his piano.

**Saturday 9 August.** Mr J.W.Bush came up this afternoon. He said if I wished to take the remainder of my holiday it had better be done soon. Mother sent up some articles for me.

**Sunday 10 August 1856.** After the afternoon service went down home - on my way met Edward Bennett who promised to come up on Saturday if possible. F. Curtis was with him. Louisa came in after tea - we did not go to Argyle Chapel but after remaining at home till the cool of the evening went down to Galbraith's. Took supper with the officers.

**Monday 11 August.** The governor and Hall are gone to London. Received a letter from Alf Bennett stating I shd have his piano for £6.10. Wrote in answer that I would have it if he wd give credit for part till Michs. and for the remainder till Xmas. Went down home in the dinner hour. Went on to Swainswick and slept there.

**Tuesday 12 August.** Went home to breakfast. After dinner went to Swainswick and returned in the evening with Louisa - took supper and saw Louie home.

**Wednesday 13 August.** Had my hair cut at Bucknell's. Met Mr Green. Went to Swainswick and called on Frank. Came up after dinner and found a letter from Mr Bennett consenting to my terms with respect to buying his piano. Had it brt up into my room. The officers drew up a paper for subscriptions to a testimonial to Mr & Mrs Hagger. Mr Hagger having called to acct for his share in disturbing my holiday was pleased to send for me to know whether Greenslade had said he told him to write for me which Mr H denied doing.

**Thursday 14 August.** Finished copying the verses I had written into a book. Wrote Davis's application to the Board for the situation of Relieving Officer. The postman thought that sixpence more ought to be paid for the postage of the pianoforte books. I showed him that it could not be.

**Friday 15 August.** Received a note from Wm Hurd. Went home (as far as top of Holloway in Denman's Bread Cart) before dinner. James is pronounced to be lamed for life. Passed on to Swainswick. After tea returned home and accompanied by mother and Louisa went to Aunt Sarah's who was just going out with Mrs Partridge - staid ½ hour and departed for the House. Heard a person calling after me several times and found out at last that it was the "cook" who wanted company up the road.

**Saturday 16 August.** Edward Bennett came up to see me this afternoon - he took tea with me and left at 8. He wishes me to write for the Christian Weekly Times. I let him have the book containing pieces I have written in order for him to copy a piece to send to the paper for attempted insertion.

**Sunday 17 August 1856.** A very gloomy and wet day, rain incessant. Went down home in the afternoon. After tea Louie came in. Mother and I wrote to

Jane. Took supper at 8 and left. Remained there all the evening till then.

**Monday 18 August.** Hobbs went out for holiday - he did not return till after the time specified for him to do so. I took the boys for a walk towards Midford in the afternoon. Two of the Visiting Com. came into the play-ground while I was drilling the boys. Mr Blathwayt being one. Weather wet and miserable.

**Tuesday 19 August.** Bad weather still. Nothing of great importance transpired here today. I foolishly asked Mr Hyatt to go to Randall's the Astrologer to cast my nativity, which he consented to do, In fact, he seems to have been desiring me to let him go, he believing much in it himself.

**Wedneaday 20 August.** Weather still bad. Went up to the Front at 11 o'clock, found some of the officers talking over the business of Mr and Mrs Hagger's testimonial. Wm Hurd had his name put down for 10/-. Mr Hyatt came up after breakfast with the horoscope drawn by Randall. I am under Mercury. Must not go towards London to live - no success - shall not marry till 1860 if I do not marry this year - it will not do me much good - eat little cheese or salt meat. Medicine - cuckooflower. Clever at anything - and other rubbish. Beware of 1858 and colds - also acids.

**Thursday 21 August.** Father's birthday. Mr Hyatt came to tea with me and I and he went down towards Bath. Greenslade who was in the Bear public house called to us and we went in. Took a glass of his beer and left after sitting a while. Went on to Bourn's - then home. Chas. Simpkins had been to Cardiff and found James improved. I hinted my thoughts of getting married to mother who seems averse yet or at least till May.

**Friday 22 August.** Rather poorly during the night. Reported to the Govr that I thought ventilators were required in the Long Room. Went to Walcot and Swainswick - returned to tea at Walcot with Louisa - then called at Mr Bennett's Westgate St - had called there at dinnertime. Remained there during the evening. A Miss Gay who sings at Argyle came in. Mr B. seems to be endeavouring to engage her affections. Mr B., Miss G. and one of the Miss B's accompanied me to Barrack Farn Cottages. Also W. Hurd who met us near the Turnpike and gave me 10/- for the testimonial. I gave it to Davis.

**Saturday 23 August.** Mr Bennet, one of his sisters and a Miss Coombes came up to see the House and take tea with me. Miss B. played a long time on the piano. While they were here I took them over the house.

**Sunday 24 August 1856.** Went to Argyle after service here in morning. Louisa was there and accompanied me to Dover St. Met G. Bourn in Walcot St. Father still poorly. Took dinner - afterwards went to Swainswick. After tea returned to Dover St and with Louisa called at Uncle James's for a carpet bag which I could not get. Went to the Railway Station to get a ticket that Louisa might go to London tomorrow with Mother and Grandmother, but I could not get one - she has to go tomorrow morning early when she may obtain it. Went

back as far as James's Church and up to the House.

**Monday 25 August.** Revd. Mr Buckle and Mr G. Bush came up as visiting committee this morning. Mr Buckle, Mr J.W. Bush, Capt Evans and Mr Gape came up - as School committee. They just looked into the School and having heard the boys sing - examined some reported as idle &c by the carpenter - conversed with me a while about my holiday having been broken in upon - made notes of things required for the school and left. Louisa did not go to London - came up here - I saw her down to Holloway.

**Tuesday 26 August.** Took boys as far as Midford in the morning. Gave them holiday in the afternoon, and myself went to Mr Hurd's. Went rowing on the water and shooting with the rifle at Aust's - back to Wm Hurd's to tea and sat in conversation and reading with him till 7 o'clock. Then through the town accompanied by him (and Edward Bennett whom we met) to near the House when they left. Exchanged my swordstick for Wm Hurd's and some paper and a shilling.

**Wednesday 27 August.** Went to the front and took lunch with some of the other officers. Was appointed by them with Hall and Greenslade to select patterns of plate to form testimonial to Mr and Mrs Hagger. Mr Hurd came up to dinner. Carpenter resigned today. Mr Scott examined the third class today.

**Thursday 28 August.** The election of Relieving Officers and Master and Matron today. Mr W.H. Eaton was elected as master and Messrs Douglas and J Manning as relieving officers. Mr Eaton with his wife came up and slept here same night. I made a bet of 6d. that Greenslade would be elected - as I lost I spent the money at night among the officers prest.

**Friday 29 August.** Took lunch in the Front with 8 other officers. Went down to Bath to dinner. Green the tailor who seems to be mad, was at home. He talked very grandly of some houses which he supposed he had bought.

Went to Swainswick. Told Mrs H of my intention on the arrival of May 1857 to  
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Met Greenslade, Hyatt and Hall in town to select presentation plate. Went to Harris's, silversmith, after having gone about town and to the Full Moon, Boro' Walls.

**Saturday 30 August.** Very poorly last night. I see in the report of the Board of Guardians that Hullah's Music Sheets are refused me. Was poorly all day from biliousness. No one came to see me.

**Sunday 31 August.** After the afternoon service I went home to tea. Wm Hurd was there by appointment. Louisa came in after tea and accompanied me to Claremont Chapel to hear Wm Hurd preach. We after service went to Belvedere and left Louisa there. WH and his brother came as far as the Old Bridge. Ann is ill.

**Monday 1 September.** Mr J W Bush came up to choose boys for the trades, also as Visiting Com. He saw the boys drill and pronounced them improved. I spoke to him of having my room painted and he referred me to the Governor. Took boys out walking towards Combe Hay. After tea went to Belvedere, only Louisa was there - remained till ¼ to 8 and returned by way of Walcot St.

**Tuesday 2 September.** Wrote to James.

**Wednesday 3 September.** Mr Hyatt tells me that the Governor is to have the Superintendence of the New Lunatic Wards till finished in order to establish a plea for the Guardians' presenting him with a testimonial of respect. The Tea Service which we selected for presentation was brought up today to be inspected. To buy it we must have more money.

**Thursday 4 September.** Mr Greenslade called the Male Officers together to propose extending the liberty of subscribing to Mr Hagger's testimonial to the Guardians and tradespeople employed by them. It was agreed to. Hobbs went to Bath during Chapel time.

**Friday 5 September.** Called after dinner on Mr Jones - he was not ready for me. Called on Mr E. Bennett - he told me that "The Throne of Grace" had been inserted in the Christian Weekly News. Went home and sent for Louisa who came after teatime. Engaged to take in a work on Nat. History. Waited for Bennett and as he did not come set out with Louisa. Met the former and sending him to his home with L. called again on Jones. Went back to Bennett's and then up - he and L. accompanying me to The Turnpike.

**Saturday 6 September.** Miss Dyer came over with a "Home Circle" this afternoon. She remained some time in conversation on various matters. I gave Hyatt my boots to repair. There is no chance of obtaining my 5/- else. People get in my debt and appear never to think of payment. I get vexed with such dealings.

**Sunday 7 September 1856.** Went down to Argyle Schools this morning. Saw Mr Vincent - next to Chapel. Mr Dyer seems very weak from illness. Mother, Sarah, and Louisa came. John Blake was there from London. Blake and E. Bennett accompanied us to Dover St. I went to Swainswick to dinner and tea. Came in home and Mother and father went to Chapel with Louisa and me. Called to see Mrs J. Blake at Dill's. Louisa, Bennett with two sisters and Blake accompanied me up. Blake and Bennett the whole way. Bennett goes to London today.

**Monday 8 September.** Took boys out for recreation this morning down to Southstoke along the canal and back by Combe Hay. Messrs. Day and Cotterell came into the School as Visiting Committee. The watchmaker brought up a new clock and took away the old one. The former is to be fixed after the school room is coloured. Two females came with Greenslade to see the school.

**Tuesday 9 September.** Mrs Hagger came over in an ill humor complaining of

Hobbs's not going to dinner - she muttered something about "an alteration soon" which I am sure I shall welcome. Went down to Bath, met Louisa and called with her at Jones's to see our portraits. Went on to Bourne's - he was at bed ill - returned to the House at 9.

**Wednesday 10 September.** Greenslade is gone to Chipping Sodbury to stand as candidate for the Mastership. Hall drives him in a borrowed trap. An old scholar named Mars with his wife visited the school. Hyatt brought up two acquaintances with their wives to see the school.

**Thursday 11 September.** Greenslade failed to obtain the situation he sought yesterday. I received a letter from Emily stating that James is making progress in health.

Some of the officers met in my room to decide upon some matters connected with the Testimonial.

**Friday 12 September.** I read a letter that was published in the "Journal" taking the Guardians to task for refusing Hullah's sheets for the School. I discovered when I went down to Bath that it was written by Saunders the solicitor. Called at home on my [way] to and from Swainswick - and with Louisa at Mr Jones's for my portrait in the evening - waited while he finished it and brought it up. The officers met to consider matters connected with the Testimonial this evening.

**Saturday 13 September.** Met Mr Eaton our new Master in the Front this morning. He politely bowed. George came up in the evening and I sent various articles home to be repaired. I also gave him my violin, instruction book &c.

**Sunday 14 September 1856.** Went as far as the Old Bridge and met Mother and Louisa - then visited Walcot Burial Ground to see the tombstone erected to John's memory. Home to tea and spent the evening there in company with Louisa. Afterwards up to the House.

**Monday 15 September.** Mr Eaton took an inventory of the property of the Union under my charge. Capt. Evans and another came into the School as Committee - I went to Bath and took my portrait home to be seen. John Blake and wife, Louisa and Aunt were at home. I went down with Alfd Bennett.

**Tuesday 16 September.** Messrs J W, J, and G Bush were in the house as furnishing Committee. The former showed me a letter from the Sec. of Com of Council on Education stating "That the entire of the gratuities set forth in the Minutes of 1846 were to be paid to the Master - that G Porch is approved of as pupil-teacher and must take date and emoluments of the second year and that Hobbs should improve in spelling and his writing is too small". Enclosed was 7 mo pay for educating Hobbs £2.18.4. Took boys round by Englishcombe in afternoon - called at Aunt Sarah's for pictures - Met Mr Galbraith.

**Wednesday 17 September.** Went down to Bath today instead of Friday next. Called at Board Room saw there Govr. Ex Govr. the three Relieving Officers and Messrs J W and J Bush and Day[?]. Copied letter from Com of Comm and received Broad Sheet. Called at Bourne's and told Louisa to come home afer me - went with her to the Sydney Gardens. Saw there Mr Hurd, Galbraith and Mrs Blake, Aunt Jane. Met Mother in Northgate St. - went to Aunt Sarah's - she was not at home. Waited and went afterwards into the Devonshire Arms with Mother and Louisa. Up and supped with the Officers as invited. Greenslade at Bristol. Miss Dyer commenced her fortnight's holiday.

**Thursday 18 September.** Letter from Jane. Mr Hyatt brought up my boots which he had repaired - I paid him at the same time he acknowledge[sic] his owing 5/-. Wrote to Jane and E.D.Bennett. Mr Eaton proposed a plan for having the workshops away from the School and a passage from the School to bedrooms.

**Friday 19 September.** Had some conversation with Govr about improvements in the boys' clothing. Gave boys holiday on account of presentation of testimonial to Mr and Mrs Hagger. Mr Bush was chairman. Mr Gove presented the testimonial (a silver salver & £26)[?]. Mr Walters, Mr Bush's daughter and other ladies were present. Messrs Bush, Gore, Revd J Scott the Chaplain - Greenslade and Hyatt made addresses. All the officers were present. Mr Hurd and others and a reporter. Mr and Mrs Hagger were much affected. They have served 17 years. Mr Hurd took tea with me.

**Saturday 20 September.** The Governor granted me a fire today. Letter from E.D.Bennett. George came up this afternoon with various articles for me. He remained till 9.

**Sunday 21 September 1856.** Went down to 19 ½ Westgate St. Saw Curtis - he appears to me to be dying. Proceeded home. Aunt Twining[?] from London was there, also Aunt Charlotte and Uncle Joseph. Louisa called after teatime - remained during the evening.

**Monday 22 September.** Mr Maguire an agent for the sale of "Old England" called on me to request me to become a subscriber. I engaged to take in the work and took the first copy. I went with him to Miss Baker who also became a subscriber.

Residence of Mr Maguire 5 Frankley Bdgs.

Mr Gape came up on Committee he promised to ask the Board to paper my bedroom and to repair my chimney and to ask to have my Books sent. Finished reading Lallah Rookh. Sent down to Bennett's for my book.

**Tuesday 23 September.** Received my certificate this morning from Government. Third division of Efficiency with an increase in my salary of £10. Went down to Bourn's this evening calling on Mr Titley in my progress - the latter much pleased with my success. On to Dover St. with Louisa and return.

**Wednesday 24 September.** Sent my certificate to Mr Bush. He read it to the Board. I am to have my chimney prevented from smoking, my bedroom papered and Porch clothed.

Took boys walking this afternoon after showing 2 Miss Bennetts over the House (Englishcombe).

**Thursday 25 September.** Mr Collins of Bath a music seller sent up the first 20 sheets of Hullah's music by permission of the Board. Finished pasting prints in Aunt Sarah's book and sent Hobbs down with it and also to the Express Office to pay six months' subscription to the paper.

**Friday 26 September.** Mr and Mrs Eaton send for me to the sitting room. I discover it is to make a new arrangement with respect to the P. teachers' meals. Axford[?] brought some patterns of paper that I might select one for my bedroom.

Went to Smith's in Broad St and bought a thermometer and pocket compass. Went to Bourn's and spent the afternoon, afterwards to Dover St and spent the evening. Louisa came as far as St Michael's Church.

**Saturday 27 September.** Wrote a letter to J. Ruddock esq., H.M. Inspector of Schools. Messrs Kitson, Nokes and Revd Mr Hancock came up on Committee. Mr Nokes enquired if I could teach singing. Measured the playground for Mr Eaton about 750 sq. yds.

**Sunday 28 September 1856.** Found a scribble in my clothes bag, put there by one of the washerwomen asking for a gratuity. Thermometer at 9 am 60° in my room. Went down home after afternoon service. Louisa came in after tea - we remained till 8, when I returned.

**Monday 29 September.** Nothing particular occurred today. I sent off Report to the Inspector. Gave the boys their first general lesson from the Music Sheets.

**Tuesday 30 September.** Took boys walking about Lynecombe and Widcombe. Francis Hilyer came up for the afternoon. Mr Bush, his son and party of 4 came up, saw the boys drill and distributed cakes among them. Mr Scott the Chaplain came in to visit the school. While I was gone round the House with Frank Mr Bush returned to the School and I had no opportunity of questioning the boys before them nor of making them sing.

**Wednesday 1 October.** Went down to Belvedere this evening. Louisa accompanied me thence home from which we returned at 8. Sarah Butler wished me to convey a message to her brother.

**Thursday 2 October.** Went up to the sitting room to receive my quarter's salary. Misses Dyer and Baker there before me. We remained some time conversing about various matters.

**Friday 3 October.** Received a letter from the School Inspector relating to the questions I had asked him in my letter. Took my piano to the girls' schoolroom as the late and present Governors gave us an entertainment tonight. Mr Hagger forgot to invite Mr Hoare to play so I ran down at 8 but could not prevail on him to come up. Kept up the game pretty late. I had to propose Mr Eaton's health - which I did in very few words.

**Saturday 4 October.** Have a smart headache and a feeling of being stewed. Called up the tailor and shoemaker to help me finish the bottle of Port which I bought this week. Mr Mannings senr hanged himself last night - horrible! Went down to Pawsey's[?] for Govr. but called on Wm Hobbs in Holloway first. Next to Bourne's to see Louisa - next to Mrs Billington's. Met Billington's grandmother and father - arrived at home - paid several accts. After tea called on our late carpenter - next on Bourn[sic] again. To Avon st - Mr Jones out. Up and paid Miss Dyer the £2.10 the Govr. gave me for her.

**Sunday 5 October 1856.** Went down to Argyle Chapel this morning. Mr Bromley preached and performed service at the Ordinance. Mother, Louisa with Laura, Sarah and Edwin were at chapel. Saw Mr and Mrs Hagger there. Went home to dinner. Louisa came in the afternoon and remained till we left together at 8 in the evening.

**Monday 6 October.** Mr Greenslade is going to stand candidate for the late Mr Mannings' situation. I sent Adams home, with letter &c to mother and money to Mr Jones in Avon St. P.Order to Alfred Bennett. Mr Bush came up to ask me to let him look at the singing sheets. I asked him if the Board would forbid me using them, but he would give no opinion. We had some conversation about my certificate - the Inspector, Mr Hurd, Mannings &c, and he then left. Gave Mr Bush father's trade card.

**Tuesday 7 October.** Mr Nokes and another came up on Committee. (Mr Love). Packed up the maps &c preparatory to having the schoolroom painted and whitewashed.

**Wednesday 8 October.** Men began repairing the schoolroom. Took boys walking towards Dunkerton. Had boys of first class into my sitting room. Went to Bath after tea. Met Mr Jones, appointed to call on him on Thursday. Called at Bourn's. Louisa accompanied me home. On my way back called for the cook at Union Passage. Overtook her above the turnpike. She seemed tipsy. A. Bennett's letter arrived this morning.

**Thursday 8 October.** Miss Baker and Mr Francis came up to see me. The former borrowed a Home Circle, the latter Shakespeare.

**Friday 10 October.** Mr Greenslade informed me that he met Mr Hagger in the Poor Law Office and severely rebuked him for bringing Alfd Bennett as a candidate for the Relieving Office - the election takes place on Wednesday. Mr Stent[?] formerly schoolmaster and Mr H's son-in-law is a candidate. After dinner called at Mr Jones's in Avon St - posted 2 letters for the Govr at Genl P. Office - went to Bourn's - then to Dover St with Louisa. Returned at 8 o'clock, Louisa came to the top of Holloway.

**Saturday 11 October.** I see that Mr Titley's proposition to prevent vocal singing in the Workhouse School is lost by 2 votes (17 for 15 against). Mr Nokes thought proper to say that he doubted whether anyone in the workhouse was competent to teach music. I was about to write him a letter concerning it but Mr Eaton persuaded me against it. George, my brother, came up and brought a kitten about 2 months old which I named Tom Pinch. Took tea with Miss Dyer.

**Sunday 12 October 1856.** Louisa came up at about ¼ past 3 this afternoon - we took tea together and went down home. Mother and father were out - father came in while we were there with a relation of Backhouse's and another young man. L and I left soon after and called at Bourn's. I left her there and came up. Amor, an old Scholar, came up to see his brother this afternoon.

**Monday 13 October.** Took the boys walking on the canal near Dunkerton. Found Messrs. Vezey, Newnham and Nokes here as visiting Committee when I returned, conversed with them concerning the music sheets. Mr Bush came up in the afternoon to select boys to learn trades. Geo. King absconded this morning, but was brought back by a constable. Borrowed a book of the Govr.

**Tuesday 14 October.** Mr Hyatt informed me of a boy's having proposed to poison my cat. Rode with the Govr to Hampton and into the town and back early this morning. Received 2 doz. Grammers, 2 compositions, Hullah's manual and a Map for the use of the school.

**Wednesday 15 October.** Rode down to the Poor Law Office with the Govr to await the election of R. Officer. Mr Nokes questioned me about the singing again. Mr Newnham asked me afterwards if he had not been bothering me about it and repeated what he had said on Monday respecting my not being required to teach out of school hours. Mr Willis was elected to the Relieving Office, much to the chagrin of Greenslade and Bennett and to the disappointment of many. Returned with the Govr.

**Thursday 16 October.** Received a letter from Jane - my sister. Went down to Bourne's and over home after tea. Louisa accompanying me home and back to St Michael's church.

**Friday 17 October.** Called at Noyes's and bought Books. At Bourn's. With Louisa home - Mother had heard from James, he has been worse but is now

better. Over to Swainswick with Louie and took tea with Rose. Back home - thence to Wadham's over the Bridge and up. Louie came as far as the Old Bridge.

**Saturday 18 October.** Sent boy down home with a bag - he called at Bourn's and brought up 2 books and my coat. The Vis. Com. came into the school room (Shum[?] Taylor &c.). Mr H. Smith of Old Bond St and a Commercial Travr came up - the latter wanting a boy as servant. I recommended T. Hard[?]. Went to supper with the other officers.

**Sunday 19 October 1856.** Mother's birthday. Went to Bath after the afternoon srvice and called at Bourn's. Elizabeth was hourly expecting to be confined to her bed. Went on home. Aunt Charlotte was there and Uncle and Aunt Fred. Baldwin arrived soon after. I remained till 8 when I returned. Mr Crowden, my brother George's schoolmaster has asked him if he would like to be a pupil teacher. I intend seeing Mr C about it. Elizabeth Bourn was delivered of a son at  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 9 this evening.

**Monday 20 October.** Took boys walking to Combe-hay - they played trap[?] for some time in a field. On returning I was informed of Frampton's having attempted to rob the charity box in the Chapel - at least that someone had attempted it and I discovered it to be Frampton. Messrs. Bush, Cotterell, Murch and Day came up at the time I took him before the Govr and concluded it was best to leave the punishment of him to me and the Govr. New clock put up.

**Tuesday 21 October.** Frampton was locked up for 8 hours today. I went to Bath this afternoon. Called on Bourn. Negotiated with Mr Jones for taking Uncle Fred's likeness. Went home in the evening and returned at 8.

**Wednesday 22 October.** Wrote to E. Bennett. George came up this afternoon and staid till about 9. Agent brought another copy of Old England for which I paid.

**Thursday 23 October.** Wrote to Jane. Felt rather poorly today.

**Friday 24 October.** Went down to Mr Jones' house after dinner meeting Mr Hagger on my way, who told me there had been some discussion at the Board about the increase of itch. Mr Jones took another likeness of me by an improved method of Calotype. Bought a box of mathematical instruments for Hobbs at a pawnbroker's in Bath St. Met C. Hagger. Went to Bourn's - Louisa following me to Dover St. afterwards. She, mother and I after a walk called at Simpkins's, afterwards at Bourn's. I then came up.

**Saturday 25 October.** Received my usual copy of the Express. Troubled very much with the Rheumatic.

**Sunday 26 October 1856.** The weather has become very cold. Went home after service this afternoon meeting Louisa on my way. Remained all the

evening at Dover St. Father and Ann went to Chapel. Mrs Galbraith and son and afterwards Uncle James called. Left at 8. Resolved to leave off snuff-taking.

**Monday 27 October.** Met Messrs. Titley Vezey and Thom as the Vis. Committee as we were entering the gates from having taken our weekly walk round pt[?] Coombe Down and Midford, the girls with the Misses Dyer and Baker having accompanied us. Received a letter from E W Bennett. The School Com. (Messrs Evans, Bush, Gape, Maj. Baker, Revds. Newnham and Buckle) came up to examine into the grounds of the report on the spread of itch. They exonerated me of blame.

**Tuesday 28 October.** Gave the boys holiday this afternoon and went to Bath, calling first at Uncle James's, then going home. Remained there till near 7 when I returned, called at Bourne's. Louisa H accompanied me to Quiet St.

**Wednesday 29 October.** Wrote to James and Emily at Cardiff.

**Thursday 30 October.** I hear from the Governor that nothing was said at the Board Room about the Itch. I requested Mr Francis to ask his brother to give me a few lessons on the piano.

**Friday 31 October.** Miss Baker sent over requesting me to lead the singing with my boys in chapel. I went and told her I could not take it out of her hands and asked the Governor to persuade her to continue her duties, but she resolves to give it up. Called at Jones' house after dinner - picture not done. Went to Oldlands for glass - to Bourn's, no one answer'd my knock - going home found L there. She went to Swainswick - called on returning, accompanied me to Jones's and partly up.

**Saturday 1 November.** The Govr wishing me to speak to Mr Scott about Miss Baker's refusing to lead the singing as formerly, I did so and took a message from him to the Govr giving his opinion of Miss B and requesting him to require the girls' pupil teacher to lead in preference. George came up.

**Sunday 2 November 1856.** Miss Baker, I was informed was willing to lead singing as usual this morning but will not do it again. Went over to Miss Dyer - saw a little child who has died during the night in the nursery. Went to Argyle School this morning. Saw Morgan there. I heard Mr Dyer preach a very nice sermon. Home to dine: Louisa came after and I went with her to Swainswick - remained till after 7. Went home - then up. Into the Officers' dining Hall after supper.

**Monday 3 November.** Took boys for a walk round by Englishcombe. Received a letter from Mr Bennett. Found a committee on the premises. One of them, viz. Captn Evans came into the boys' dining hall and schoolroom with two of his boys and examined my boys' writing. He also saw them drilled and promised to get me a book on "drill". I acquainted Mr J W Bush with Miss Baker's conduct: he informed me that the Committee gave a favourable report last week. Mr Hulbert sent up for statistics of attendance during the ½ year. Went home in evening - found Ann ill. Mother and father gone to Cardiff. Took Louisa from Bourn's to there tonight

**Tuesday 4 November.** Mr Easton informed me that Mr Bush and he spoke to Miss Baker about the singing and she said she would continue to lead it for a while. Sent Hobbs to Bath this afternoon to get Miss Hurd's address and also to see how my sister Ann was. Mother had returned. Miss Dyer came over after 5 to say she wished to go to Mr Jones's to have her likeness taken. I promised to inform him. At 8 walked down to the Bear and back.

**Wednesday 5 November.** Mr Easton came to report that the boys had been walking on the beds with the boots on. A letter from Mr Taylor, Bristol, stating that S. Hard would be in Bath by 11 am induced me to go to the station to meet him having called on Mr Jones previously to bid him prepare to meet Miss Dyer on Friday. Mr Eaton mentioned the circumstance reported by Mr E. Porch's lessons not ready this morning; as is often the case.

**Thursday 6 November.** Porch not prepared with his lessons again. Took a walk to the top of Holloway after 8, as I did on Tuesday. It has been very cold today.

**Friday 7 November.** Mr Greenslade came in with a paper on Grammar written by his daughter. Very good. At 12 am, accompanied Miss Dyer to Mr Jones's in Avon St to have her likeness taken. Mr Gibson came in while we were there. Left Miss D. at Mr Williams' and went to Bourn's. Soon after Louisa accompanied me thence home where we remained till 8 o'clock. I called at Potts' the chemist's coming out from whence I think I lost my pocket book with 2/6 &c.

**Saturday 8 November.** My pocket book was found in my bedroom. Received

a copy of the Poole Herald from Mr Bennett who has obtained the situation of reporter to that paper; in it I found my piece "The Throne of Grace".

**Sunday 9 November 1856.** Went home after the afternoon service, meeting with Louie at the bottom of Hay Hill. Went to Chapel with L after she returned from Swainswick. Mr Dyer preached a sermon on the impossibility of there being any neutrality between religion and irreligion. Mr Bennett, who had come from Poole, was there and he requested me to let him have the book containing such pieces of my attempts at poetry as I had written therein, as he had a corner in the "Poole Herald" allotted to him to enter my compositions. I am to write every week. He and J. Jones came up to the House for it. I engaged to take lessons on the piano from Mr Cooke on Fridays, £2.2 per quarter. Louisa left in Bridge Street.

**Monday 10 November.** Requested Mr Eaton to obtain the repair of my grate in the bedroom. He reported it in his journal. Mr Clark came into the school as one of the Visiting Committee. Reported to the Govr that some of the boys suffer from Diabetes. Went home in the afternoon, meeting Mr Bush in Southgate St, who repeated what had occurred last Monday respecting the singing, adding that the guardians wd order both of us to lead our own in the event of Miss Baker again turning sulky. Saw article of furniture at Mr Sinclair's but did not decide on purchasing. Went to Bourn's in evening. Aunt Sarah took tea at Dover St and accompanied her to Grandmother's.

**Tuesday 11 November.** This afternoon took boys for a walk to Hampton. I went in to Mr Silcox' house to see Fred. Curtis who appears much changed since I last saw him - he is evidently dying of consumption. Mr Barter came in to see how he was and changed his medicine. It was 20 minutes past 5 when we returned. Finished some verses for mother and took them across to show to Miss Dyer.

**Wednesday 12 November.** Received a list of Members of Argyle Chapel from which to select three for deacons - chose Dr Trull and Messrs W Coulthard and R P Lemon. Sent it down to Louisa to take to the Chapel. Mr Scott came in to examine second class. Began writing another piece. Sent the one written for mother to Bennett at Poole.

**Thursday 13 November.** Mr Greenslade came up to complain of the boy Tyler threatening to inform the Govr that he would not give him a jacket. I made the boy beg his pardon. The National Schl Pupil teachers examined at Walcot School today. Received a letter from Jane enclosing one to mother. George came up and brought up a list of the things Mr Sinclair has for sale. I think some of the prices too high. Finished a piece I began last night and sent it to the Express Office by George, in what I think the vain hope of insertion.

**Friday 14 November.** Received a paper stating the election of Dr Trull and Mr Pooley to be deacons and mentioning Mr Lemon and Mr Gregory to be voted for again. I voted for Mr Lemon. Sent maps to be varnished by Mr Gregory and called on him as I went down after dinner. Davis, the Porter, thinks that the Govr marks the time we take to go out, above that allowed by

the Board. Called at Bourn's. Took first pianoforte lesson at Mr Cooke's - returned to Bourn's - went home to tea - sent father to negotiate the purchase of various articles at Sinclair's and returned leaving L at Hay Hill.

**Saturday 15 November.** Found that I was too late for the Express on Thursday. Sent for blacksmith to repair grate - asked Govr for a key of the yard. George came up with a letter to mother from J Blake for me to read and advise with her upon &c. Saw a book, the Science of Health, advertised and thinking that I shd get some good receipts and advice in it sent Porch down to buy it but found it merely the advocate of the writer's quackery. The second time I have been served so.

**Sunday 16 November 1856.** Went down home after the service in the afternoon. Met the late carpenter - just after met Louisa and went to Dover St with her - then to Swainswick. Returned to Dover St after tea and up to the House at 8. At ten o'clock I left to go to bed but found the staircase door locked. Having no key as one of the boys had it I could not get in. Signalled to the Govr (he seems not to have heard). He came down and also bolted the door. Hearing me there he unbolted and went away thinking I had my key - was obliged to wait some time longer and we had a little dispute about the time.

**Monday 17 November.** Took boys for a walk towards Combe Hay. Hobbs' sister (Mrs W Osborne), Mrs J. Osborne, nurse and two children visited the school. The boys sang and I showed some of their writing. Mrs W O gave me a half-crown to spend among them. I apologised to the Govr for exhibiting some warmth of temper to him last night.

**Tuesday 18 November.** Mr Barnes on Committee visited the school this morning. I visited Miss Dyer this evening - Miss Baker was with her. She left before me. Miss D showed me a small pin-cushion which Adams the girl pupil teacher's mother presented to Miss D as a mark of respect. A mere trifle as to worth but valuable for the spirit shown in presenting it.

**Wednesday 19 November.** Mr Eaton sent Hunt up to be punished for breaking a stone. He asked me this evening what I did with him. I told him I punished him. went down to Bourn's and home with Louisa. I wrote a letter to J Blake for mother. In coming up the hill overtook and passed the Carpenter and Cook. Feel very poorly.

**Thursday 20 November.** Received letters from James, my brother and Mr E D Bennett, the latter requesting me to write a piece on the marriage of parties at Branksea[Brownsea?] island. I have written the first stanza but if I feel so ill as at present I shall be unable to finish. Sent Hobbs to Bath for several matters - distributed sweetmeats among the boys.

**Friday 21 November.** I feel very poorly today. Went to Bath after dinner - called at Bourne's. Louisa went to Swainswick - I to Mr Cooke's to learn the pianoforte - he was out and did not return till 3 ¼. Took my lesson and went home. Father had brought my furniture from Mr Sinclair's to the amount of £9.

I and he went to Mr S's and paid him. Called at Bucknell's and had my hair cut. The agent for sale of "Old England" brought my monthly number for which I paid, and took Miss Baker hers.

**Saturday 22 November.** I see that my piece "The Pauper Boy" did not come out in the Express last week nor has it today. Felt better today than yesterday. It is as much as I can do to work at my piano all my spare time.

**Sunday 23 November 1856.** Went down to Bath after services were over. Met Messrs Harris and Francis and the Miss Bowens. Went home to tea. Louisa came in afterwards and we went with mother to Chapel. Left them in the Abbey Churchyard South. Passed Miss Dyer and Hall in coming and met those I met before. Had Hobbs and Porch in to Prayers with me intending them to come in every evening.

**Monday 24 November.** Took boys walking on the Canal. Govr complained of some boys this morning disobeying Porch &c. Wrote to Bennet at Poole declining to write on the subject he named. Miss Baker came in at 3 and remained till 8.

**Tuesday 25 November.** Lansdown and England two adult paupers came to complain of my having punished their boys. Revd Blathwayt and Buckle and Mr Walters came into the school as visiting committee. Mr W. gave boys cakes and asked for holiday which I am to give. Borrowed a book of the Govr.

**Wednesday 26 November.** Reminded the Govr of several things which he is to obtain for me. The Matron showed me what improvements she had made in the store-rooms. Gave the boys a half holiday this afternoon and went to Bath calling first on Uncle Fred and next on Bourn. Went home to tea - spent the most of the evening in putting up my bed-stead. Received 2 Nos. of Nat. Hists. *First snow last night.*

**Thursday 27 November.** I was very poorly last night so I lay in bed later this morning. 5 boys from the Nursery were sent over last night. The Govr complained again this morning of Porch's inability to manage the boys while they are taking their meals.

**Friday 28 November.** The Govr gave me an order for writing books &c. Went to Bath in the Baker's cart, Mrs James, the cook, also. Called on Fred B. Gave the Govr's order to Mr Dawson - went home - then to Mr Cooke's to have my music lesson - home to tea. Louisa came afterwards and we left together at 8. She left me at Broad St. (Mannings disputed father's bill).

**Saturday 29 November.** I asked Mr Hyatt for the return of the 5/- I lent him - he excused himself by saying the Carpenter had disappointed him in paying him a bill part of which he intended for me. The third mastership of the Grammar School at £70 is closed to me, I being a Dissenter. George came up this afternoon. Mr Francis, being about to apply for an increase in salary asked me to write his application.

**Sunday 30 November, 1856** Mr Eaton poorly. I went to Bath after 3 o'clock. Met Louisa near the Devonshire Arms, Maher was with me. Went home to tea. Grandmother came in after tea. I left with Louisa (who accompanied me to the top of Holloway) a little before 8.

**Monday 1 December** Took boys for a walk in the Parish of Lyncombe. Messrs J W Bush, J Bush and C H Vigne visited the schoolroom on Com. Wrote out application to the Board for Francis.

**Tuesday 2 December.** Sent Hobbs to Bath to buy a book for Porch. He could not get it so he ordered it of Noyes.

**Wednesday 3 December.** Hyatt informed me that Davis, James, Mrs Ashton and Millard went before the Committee on Monday respecting some misconduct of the former two. Francis' application lost by one vote. Went to Bath - home- Louisa there. Before going, the Govr asked with whom I was going! On returning overtook Mrs James and the carpenter - the latter said something about my going down to Bath in the baker's cart. I asked Mrs James if it was on act. of that she went before the Com. She said it was about her child. I intend asking the Govr if it was on acct of her going with me Friday he put his question. He asked me for a book. Francis came over.

**Thursday 4 December.** Lent the Governor the 1st double volume of the Home Circle and told him what occurred last night respecting Mrs James.

**Friday 5 December.** The carpenter requested me to help him measure his timber tomorrow. Went to Mr Cooke's to take my music lesson - afterwards went home to tea. Louisa came and remained till 8 when we left together. Had a difficult walk up.

**Saturday 6 December.** A very dreary day. The only remarkable event was Mr Greenslade's bringing me some poetry to read which he had copied. went over to the new wards to calculate some measurements for the Carpenter.

**Sunday 7 December 1856.** Went to Bath (Argyle Chapel). Mr Vincent acquainted me with poor Fred Curtis's being dead and his having been buried today. The Bible Class had supported him by subscriptions - they carried him to his grave in Argyle Burying ground. When he and I were ill together this time 2 years it was a question with some whether I or he would die first. Why am I spared? I who cumber the ground. Remained to the Ordinance. Louisa also - mother and Edwin were at chapel. Mr Jones (smith) said Miss Bennett had some "slip" for me. Met Mr Robinson, but he would not see me. I wonder why? Home to dinner - took tea at Swainswick. Uncles J and F B and wives at home at 8.

**Monday 8 December.** A wet and dull day. Mr Francis came to get me to word his renewed application to the Board. Sent 2 vols of Home Circle to the Govr who came to see the state of my room from smoke. Compiled a set of rules for my daily practice. Miss Baker returned the consolidated Order. I went to Miss Dyer's with minute glass.

**Tuesday 9 December.** Took boys for a walk round by Entry Hill back over Coombe Down. Received a letter and paper from E D Bennett, containing 2 pieces of my poetry. Gave one piece to Miss Baker. The Carpenter told a boy to ask me to allow him to remain up with the former tonight in the Lunatic

Asylum to keep the fires up. I refused.

**Wednesday 10 December.** Went to Bath this evening to Dover St. Louisa came in afterwards. Nothing remarkable occurred. Ann Canes's child is dead. Called at Noyes's and brought Porch's book.

**Thursday 11 December.** The Govr finds that he wants more room for aged paupers and therefore sends eight boys from Porch's room into the long room to sleep. Mr Gregory brings up the maps he had to varnish and I take him over part of the House. Returned a book borrowed of the Govr and borrowed another. Sat with Mrs E in conversation 1 ½ hour this evening. They thought me a stranger with respect to visiting them!

**Friday 12 December.** Received a paper from E D Bennett containing one of my pieces and a very kind notice of my poetry from the Editor. Went to Bath. It was very wet in going. Took my music lesson of Mr Cooke - and went home - Louisa was there - she remained and accompanied me as far as Holloway.

**Saturday 13 December.** From the misstatements of a boy there was likely to have been unpleasantness between the carpenter and me till I went and had it cleared up. Mother sent up my leather bag and a paper. I sent the former back by George with things to be repaired. Mr Greenslade came to beg pens of me for his daughter to take with her to Cheltenham where she is going to be examined.

**Sunday 14 December 1856.** Went to Bath at 3 ½ pm. Met Mr Harris and friends at bottom of Dover St. Took tea at home. Louisa came afterwards. We went to chapel with Mother. It is much better to go than to remain at home. Father met us outside. Left them near the Abbey. Messrs Harris and Francis were up here when I came up.

**Monday 15 December.** Took boys walking this morning towards Midford. Messrs Falkner, Cotterell and Day with ladies came on Committee. Mr Bush the Chairman came to tell me that the School Committee would meet on Tuesday afternoon and if I wanted anything I had better send down. A painter selected S Hard for service. Old Mrs Quin buried today.

**Tuesday 16 December.** Received a letter from W Tuck requesting me to pay rent of a sitting in Argyle Chapel for this quarter I not having used it and having given notice of not keeping it on, but not in time as those I deputed to do so neglected it. If he persists I will leave the place altogether. Sent note to the Sch. Committee for books. Miss Dyer asked me to tea, it being her birthday. I went and cards were produced for me to play with them. I would not. Francis and Hall came. Miss Baker there.

**Wednesday 17 December.** Requested 2 days' leave of the guardians, which was granted. Went down home after tea. Met Aunt Sarah in going. Louisa came - we left at 8 . Francis, Greenslade and Mr and Mrs Ashton have their salaries raised £5, £5.4, and £3 respectively.

**Thursday 18 December.** Sent letter to E D Bennett enclosing some poetry.

**Friday 19 December.** "The Bank of Hope and British Workman" papers were sent addressed to me and Miss Baker. Hobbs has been at cross purposes today. Went home after dinner and back to Mr Cooke's to have my music lesson. I asked him if he would be paid for my past lessons at Xmas. He leaves it to me but seems to prefer it. He is going to Welshpool to play in three weeks. Went back to tea. Ann and Fred Baldwin are going to see our Jane at Weston tomorrow. Louisa came after tea, spent the evening with us, and accompanied me as far as the York House. On coming up overtook the Carpenter and Cook and at the gate Miss Dyer and Hall. The 4th Part of Old England was left today. PS called on Uncle at Titley's - he invited me to spend New Year's night at his house.

**Saturday 20 December.** Received a paper from E D Bennett with part of my Ballad of the War inserted. The Governor's son is here to spend Xmas I suppose.

**Sunday 21 December 1856.** Have been very poorly all day. Noone called me to dinner so I went without, it being too late when I went across. Went to Bath after the afternoon service, to Dover St. Louisa came in after tea. We did not go to chapel. I do not know that I shall go anymore as a regular attendant.

**Monday 22 December.** Requested the Govr. to attend to the condition of my sitting room on account of the smoke coming through the floor &c from the shoemaker's shop; he will not be able to for some time. Took the boys for a walk by Midford Castle and back by Coombe Down. Met Revd. Mr Newnham. Captn Evans and Mr Hancock came as Visting Com.

**Tuesday 23 December.** Miss Baker sent to ask me to inform her where she could get some holly to decorate her schoolroom. I sent boy to obtain some for me. Miss Dyer came over this morning.

**Wednesday 24 December.** There was not much done in school this day. I went to tell the Govr how I was going to appropriate my holiday after tea and went to Bath. Louisa came down from Bourn's shortly after I arrived at home. A letter from James to mother announced the confinement of his wife with a son on Friday. Uncle John had written to mother and informed her of my promise to tell him how I had succeeded in my examination. I left Louisa at Holloway. Supped with the officers.

**Thursday 25 December.** Went to Chapel in the morning. Mr Bennett (A) was in the front as I was leaving for Bath after the service. Dined at home. Louisa called and we went to Swainswick to tea, staid till near 11 and walked back to Dover St. Slept there.

**Friday 26 December.** Rose rather late. Mrs Simpkins called - while she was talking with mother went to have my hair cut. On returning went with Mrs C. Simpkins to her residence, dined and viewed her father's workshops and went home. In the afternoon went to Cooke's but took no lesson. I had called prior

to this at Bourn's for Louisa and she accompanied me. Elizabeth was out of temper with her because she wished to come with me. Staid at home till 8. Wm. Hurd called having come from College. He announced the principal's death. Louisa came to Broad St. Wm Hurd to Holloway and left with Harris. Overtook the Carpenter (drunk) with cook.

**Saturday 27 December.** Received Almanack with my paper this morning. Sent home for night-shirt. It was sent up with other articles. Saw Alfred Bennett in the Office. I told him he would hear from me towards the latter end of the week. I owe him £3.5. I wish I did not.

**Sunday 28 December 1856.** Took monthly report to the post. It is very cold, the snow lying on the ground upon all the hills. Starting for Bath this afternoon was met by Louisa. Came back - took tea and went down to Dover St. Left with L at 8, she going to Swainswick. Hobbs requested holiday tomorrow.

**Monday 29 December.** Hobbs went to Bath this morning. I saw Messrs. J W Bush and Green go down one of the passages, but neither of them visited my school. I lost almost the whole of this evening as far as self-improvement went - spent part of it in Miss Dyer's apartments, Miss Baker being there. Father gave notice at the Savings bank of my intention to draw £7.

**Tuesday 30 December.** Mr Eaton has been poorly today, the weather has been unhealthy. A man pulled out the stove-pipe from under my room and found it surrounded with wood in a dangerous manner. Went over to see the Xmas tree Mr and Mrs E have prepared for the nursery children.

**Wednesday 31 December.** Took my receipt for the past quarter's salary to Mr Eaton. Went for a walk this afternoon with boys towards Midford. On returning, Miss Baker asked me to tea with her and Francis; he wanted me to write a song satirising his brother. Received my salary through the Govr's hands, he having drawn for all of us. Went down home. Louisa was there. Returned at 8 ¼ and went in to supper with the officers - the two Miss Millards were there, it being the younger one's birthday (Adelaide, 22). Remained till between 1 and two in the morning playing cards and singing &c.

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