## (notes on front pages of Diary).

#### **Addresses**

Mrs a'Beckett, 33 Eccleston Sqre

Mrs Winslow, 1 Marine Terrace, Folkestone

Mr W.F.Adams, 5 Henrietta St, Cavendish Sgre

Annie, 3 Carlton Ter, Raynes Pk, Nr Wimbledon

Ada Pickering, Foules Cottage, Fairoak, Nr Southampton

Mrs Rae, 1 Forte di Cavalligieri, Leghorn, Italy

Mrs MacClean, 37 Courtfield Rd

Mrs Flower, 7 Gordon Place, Gordon Sqre. At home Wednesday.

Mrs Sladen, 32 Addison Mansions, Kensington.

Fanny Barker, Eversfield Hotel, St Leonards on Sea

Mad'lle Jacquinot, 16 Artesian Rd, Bayswater

Fanny Barker, 25 Gloucester Gds, Hyde Park.

Mrs Laurence Phillips, 134 Sutherland Avenue

Mrs MacKenzie, 17 Observatory Gds

Anna Dietz, 101 Sandgate Rd, Folkestone, Kent

Mrs Lennox Browne, 15 Mansfield St, Portland Place

Madame Visetti, 14 Trebovir Rd, Earls Court.

Mrs Carlisle, 17<sup>th</sup> of each month, Ashburton House, Putney Heath.

Mrs Lawrence Phillips. 134 Sutherland Avenue

Mary Robertson, Little Horringer Hall, Bury St Edmonds.

Aunt Bessie, La Retraite, St Peter's Port, Guernsey

Aunt J.Raden Herapath (Netta) Herne Villa, Up. Harefield Rd, Brackley

Uncle Sellick, B.J.Sellick Esqre, Devon Lodge, The Knoll, Bexley, Kent

Annie, 8 Blenheim Villas, Lower Down Road, W. Wimbledon.

Poor woman who took Roy into her cottage, Mrs Sheffield, organist at Earls Barton, Northamptonshire.

(opposite page for 1st January)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Jany. 1<sup>st</sup> box of 1 doz eggs arrived fr. Foules Cottarge, Fair Oak, Nr Southampton, 2s.6d.

Send Midge's Western Certificate to London & Westminster Bank,

1 Stratford Place, Oxford St, to be put with her other securities.

(opposite page for 3<sup>rd</sup> January)

Monday at homes

Mrs G. Stratton Tweedie, 3 first, 39 Pembridge Villas

Silver, 11 Princes Gds

Leech, 1 Wetherby Gds

Lady Blomfield, 28 Montague Sqre

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**Tuesdays** 

Mrs Williamson, 8 Eaton Sqre

(opposite page for 7<sup>th</sup> January)

Wednesdays

Wallace, 1st & 3rd

Mrs S.G.Harding, 2 & last, The Grove, Boltons

**Lady Hickman** 

Mrs Farquharson, 1st

**Miss Humphreys** 

Mrs Lucy

(opposite page for 9th January)

**Thursdays** 

**Mrs Cameron Corbett** 

Lucy, till Easter

Mrs H.W.Armstead, 58 Chepstow Villas

Mrs N. Cohen

Schulhof, 76 Palace Gds

**Burgess, 60 Finchley Rd** 

Mrs Hannen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday & Friday in month, 8 St Andrews Place,

Regents Park

Mrs Deosey(?), 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Linaro Lodge, 7 Lansdowne Rd, Holland Pk Miss Hogarth, 55 Oakley St, Chelsea

Lady Seton

Mrs Hartley

Mrs Percy Macquoid in May

(opposite page for 11<sup>th</sup> January)
Fridays
Mrs Shannon, till Easter
A.Levy, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 55 Cheniston Mansions
Mrs Calderon
Spielman, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 Westbourne Cresc
Mrs George Harley, 3 - 6

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Saturdays
Mrs W.Wallace, till June, Chelsea
Mrs Purdie, 3 first Sats
Moscheles, 80 Elm Pk Rd
Mrs Mackenzie, 17 Observatory Gds.

(opposite page for 15<sup>th</sup> January)

**Ayton Stories** 

Mayoress of Sidney renowned for mal à propos stories. She was asked to take her son to a certain dance, he being unable to go she took a young girl in his place: "I am sorry my son was unable to come but I have brought a prostitute" she explained to her hostess.

The same lady was to be painted by a celebrated painter & in discussing the gown etc she sh'd be taken in decided to wear her "lovely blue velvet mantle lined with vermin".

She also admired a friend's "fricasséed" ceiling for fresco, & proposed giving two dances as her aquaintance was so large, one to the "Beau Monde, one to the Demi monde."

(opposite page for 17th January)

#### Lin's Scotch stories

Pas de lieu Rhone que nous. Answer, Paddle your own canoe.

Make sense of following sentence: "It was and I said not but". Answer:

"It was <u>and</u> I said not <u>but</u>".

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(opposite page for 29<sup>th</sup> January)

Jokes & Bon Mots heard fr. different friends

Col Welby; A large garden party given by a country parson amongst the number being many clericals. A favourite parrot which was allowed to fly about the garden during the day perched itself on the bough of a tree under which tea was being served. The parrot, seeing all the people

together, called out "Oh I say, Oh I say! What a funny lot of rooks!"

Another parrot which had been trained to say "How do you do" was kept in a drawing room behind a curtain. A friend called & as he was looking out of the window awaiting his host (continued on page opposite 31<sup>st</sup> January) the parrot said "How do you do". He turned but seeing no one again looked out of window. This happened several times. Finally the host arrived but his visitor having been so often deceived still continued looking out of the window & took no notice of his friend's continued enquiries, until he was taken him by the arm when the mysterious early "How do you do's" were explained.

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Baring Gould's friend who called the day before Mr Gould's wedding day. Arranged to travel together abroad, to send the bride home if in the way. The friend went & came home engaged.

(opposite page for 2<sup>nd</sup> February)

Mr Clementson's story of social forgetfulness

Clergyman known to be very forgetful, his wife the same. Asked some friends to luncheon, forgot all about it. They arrived thinking they wd only remain a short time it being luncheon time. He saw them. Finding

they remained he asked them if they wd like to see the garden. They gladly accepted thinking this was a prelude to luncheon. Finding they still lingered he took them to a garden gate & told them he thought that would be their nearest way home. Another gentleman was asked to call any day but Tuesday. This day he always selected for that particular call.

(opposite page for 4th February)

Stories of Cap't Liddell's

Mayoress of Sidney was celebrated for her "maloprop" sayings. She once told a gentleman that she had so many friends to ask she must give two parties, one for the "Beau Monde" & one for the Demi.

(opposite page for 7th April)

Mrs Jon Langley receipt for Kedgeree.

Remove all bones from some cold boiled fish & flake it into small pieces. Mix with it about ½ the quantity of cold boiled rice, a couple of <u>raw</u> eggs. Cut up a few pieces of cold potatoes. Put the mixture in a small stew pan with a lump of butter, a little pepper & salt & a well beaten egg. Stir over the fire till hot.

(opposite page for 9 April)

Mrs Jon Langley's receipts.

4 oz of yellow beeswax scraped. 1 quart turpentine put into a covered tin to melt near the fire. When using place in a shallow dish so that only the ends of the brush take up the mixture. Apply & when dry polish with a dry brush.

Furniture polish. Dissolve in half a pint of water ½ an ounce of castile soap. Scrape 2 oz of white wax into ½ pint of turpentine. Leave each to stand 24 hours stirring occasionally, mix & bottle in a well covered bottle. Put on with a soft cloth.

Ammonia & olive oil in equal parts & kept in a blue bottle.

**Tuesday 1 January** 

Lovely day. Maud to Uncle Edwin's until tomorrow. I drove at 11.30 with Evelyn C. who brought me a basket of flowers, to Redferns, pd my bill there £1.10.0, to Mother's, & then drove Maud to Uncle's, saw them all, v. well, Uncle looks older. Roy to Club. Miss Chapman & Ethel English called, former v. clever & amusing, quite an acquisition. Dog's leg v. swollen. Marie out, quite hopeless!

# Wednesday 2 January

Lovely morg. Mad'lle arrived & we went together to pay Mrs Best 3/6 Private ac't. I sat or stood to Lin at 3.30. Left mantle lent at Barkers, called & saw Mother & Edgar, & fetched Maud fr. Uncle's. Saw Ted & Carrie. Mad'lle remained to supper, Emma out. Tipoo's foot v. bad poulticed it. Noticed for 1<sup>st</sup> time Otley seemed boosey.

# **Thursday 3 January**

Midge in morg. V. cold, roads v. slippery. Maud to lunch at Mrs Harrison's, walked there with her & back alone. Sent off P.O. Savings book. Maud back in cab at 6 o'c enjoyed her day v. much. Mad'lle here morg. giving Roy lessons for nothing during holidays. Cakes 6d, cods roe 7d, om 2d, total 1/3.

#### Friday 4 January

Dear Lin's birthday. V. cold. Out with Maud at 11 to Barkers, ordered comb for Lin. M. ret'd & I went on to Mother's & returned with Dora. Mad'lle here giving Roy lessons free. Dora to lunch & tea, Midge fetched her. Mother not so well. Called alone at 3.15 on Mrs Maclean, Mrs Russell, Holl, Macquoid & Miss Holland. Braid 10d, comb 5/11.

# Saturday 5 January

Pd. Fruit & flowers 2/- at Butts. Took dear Tipoo with Evelyn to Jarvis vet who says he has excema, & left the dear poggle v. reluctantly. Left letter at Miss Eykyn's. With Maud at 2 to Private V. Academy of Old Masters. Met many friends & went to Mother's to tea, better & seemed more

cheerful & doing needlework. Lin & Roy to Lyceum & walked home. V. cold.

# **Sunday 6 January**

V. v. cold & fog. Maud & self to early service, M. received communion & met me later at Mother's, not so well. Lin & Roy out, hard frost. Mr & Mrs Charlie Burnand called.

## **Monday 7 January**

X. Petit ami. Went with Maud to Lyceum Pantomime "Santa Claus". V. pretty. Met Roy & Lin there. Alice came also. Lin not feeling v. well. He & Roy walked home, bitterly cold. Maud left Lyceum earlier with Alice & went to tea at Miss R. Innes to meet the Macqueens. I fetched her. V. disappointed Dora could not go with us to Lyceum, only heard too late. Roy went & saw "Tip".

# **Tuesday 8 January**

Asked Fritz to dinner 8 o'c. Mr Bret Harte, Sir H. & Lady Bergne, Miss Eykyn, Miss Rose Innes. Maud did flowers, dessert etc. Mrs. Holmes, Miss Rose Innes & Mrs. Maclean called. Harris waiter called, somehow it seemed to hang fire the dinner, I felt seedy. Maud to a'Beckett's little dance, back by 11. Fritz & Miss R.I. stayed longest. Maud spent for flowers etc for dinner (blank).

#### Wednesday 9 January

Black fog. In bed till 12. Read Renan's early recollections. Lin feeling seedy, upset by something. Maud to Mrs. H. Dickens 8 o'c, little play. Mad'lle came morg, gave her French lesson. Mad'lle to tea & supper. Midge went to S'hampton to meet Hamilton who arrives at 7 tomorrow morning.

#### **Thursday 10 January**

Mrs. Donaldson 8.30, Tower House, Chiswick. Post'd. In bed till 12. Eve C. here & out morg with Maud. Box for Claud Duval, Lin, Roy & Maud

going. Ethel & Amy to luncheon & tea. I went at 3.30 & stayed till 6 o'c with Mother, seems v. weak & seedy. Ham arrived at 7 this morg, S'hampton.

## Friday 11 January

Mrs. Hunter's dinner 8 o'c. Lin invited to Ham F to shoot till Monday. Went to Mother's at 12 o'c, flowers 10d. Stayed till 5 o'c. Edgar came to tea. Midge & Hamilton returned. Mad'lle here morg. V. pleasant dinner at Mrs. H's.

## Saturday 12 January

Mrs. Tweedie 5 o'c, 39 Pembridge Villas. First night Irving Lyceum of (blank, King Arthur). Lin & I went, Roy joined us during last act & went behind scenes to supper. V. brilliant house, Duke & Duchess of York & Prince Adolphus of Teck there. V. fine performance. Home 2.30. Livseys(?), Millets, Dickens, Peruginis, Lawsons, Critchetts etc etc all there.

# **Sunday 13 January**

Hamilton & Midge to dinner, dear Mother not so well, afraid dropsy set in her dear legs are so swollen. Maud to early church & to Mother's after. Edgar there. Only Miss R. Innes called. Dull heavy day thawing fast.

## **Monday 14 January**

Lin & I dine with Mr Bret Harte at Bristol 7 o'c & go to Criterion Theatre after with him. Miss Rose Innes, Mrs. Herkomer, Mr & Mrs. Crawfurd & Mrs. (*illeg*) widow. Most delightful dinner, sat between Bret Harte & Mrs. Herkomer & next to Mr Crawfurd at theatre, enjoyed play v. much.

#### **Tuesday 15 January**

X. Lin dines at dinner given to Mr Tree. Lin & Roy rode morg. Much warmer, roads in fearful state of mud. Evelyn here morg. X. Maud petit ami, in bed to breakfast. To dear Mother's & found her very weak & ill. Midge in bed with chill. Returned to luncheon. Lady Bergne, Mrs. Spofforth & Lill Laver called.

Wednesday 16 January

Maud received dress fr. Tabbie.

#### **Thursday 17 January**

In bed all day with cold on chest. Maud to Mother's, thinks her looking v. ill, & weaker. Maud to tea at Evelyn C's.

## Friday 18 January

In bed till 12, lunched in my room. Maud out morg in brougham, called mother's, little better, sleeping. Maud dined with Miss Rose Innes & goes to Prof. Dewar's lecture & reception after. Wire fr. Mr Fowler about Maud's illustrating a (*blank*).

## Saturday 19 January

Private View Mr Abbey's "Quest of Holy Grail", 9 Conduit St. Mrs. Tyrell at home 4.30. Box for "The Lady Slavey". Midge, H. & Dora went also to our box. In bed all day.

#### **Sunday 20 January**

Mr Sterne sent me 3 tickets for Niagara ice, 3 - 7. Lin & Roy rode morg.

To Niagara after lunch, seemed to have enjoyed it v. much. Mr Woodruff,

Mr Adams, Mr & Mrs. Russell & Mr Molesworth called. I came down to

lunch & dinner, cough v. troublesome.

# **Monday 21 January**

V. muddy & dull. Hamilton Langley dined here & went with Lin & Roy to Pavilion after. Mother little better. Went with Maud in brougham to Fritz (out) to ask him to dine tonight. Fruit at Butts 3/6, lozenges 6d. Did not go to dear Mother's, afraid to get out of carriage, cough so bad.

**Tuesday 22 January** 

Mrs. Leech's dance 9 PM! 1 Wetherby Gds. Mrs. Banbury's dance. Heavy snow fall. Freezing hard at night, so Maud c'd not go to dance. Letter fr. Bret Harte to Fritz. No one called. Dear Mother not so well again.

## Wednesday 23 January

Mrs. Boughton at home 4.30. Heavy storm of snow, hail & thunder & lightning & almost complete darkness for ½ an hour. Went with Maud at 11 to Mother's remained there whilst Maud went shop'g with Miss Rose Innes. Dear Mother looking v. weak, Bates back & Westley. Midge & H. to Ramsgate until tomorrow to see rooms. Maud to Manning, fitted, & to tea with Eve C. Roy to town with Lin, & to Lyceum evening.

## **Thursday 24 January**

Mrs. Joachim's dinner 8 o'c. Dear Roy returned to Eton, he & I dined alone. Roy quite a saint this day & played backgammon with me. Maud to Mrs. Joachim's in my place, cough too bad to go out all day.

# Friday 25 January

Spent day with dear Mother, v. suffering & ill, makes my heart bleed to see her & not able to relieve her. Edgar called evening & was also quite upset, difficult to know what to do for the best, to go with his regiment or remain for a month longer. Gill here to luncheon. Maudie out shop'g. Maud went with Lin to Joachim's dinner party, I was too seedy to go yesterday, & seems to have taken fresh cold, had to go to bed early.

#### Saturday 26 January

Maud in bed all day with v. feverish cold & sore throat, slept in her room. Dear Mother looking v. weak & ill when I called for a few moments afternoon. Only took M's mantle to Miss Manning & Evelyn's cape back. Bought fruit & flowers 5/6 with grapes for Maud. Miss Rose Innes to tea with Maud. Mrs. Sherman & (blank) called. Mr Fowler called about book for M. to illustrate & offers her £5.5.0 for 5 drawings, 2 small head pieces & 3 larger ones.

## **Sunday 27 January**

Asked the Wheats to luncheon 1.30, coming.

## **Monday 28 January**

Asked the Wheats to tea 4.30. Mrs. Jopling Rowe at home 8.45.

## **Tuesday January 29**

The Galbraiths to come to London, 40 Queen's Gate. Out morg. shops. & at 2 o'clock to Mother's. Fog terrible, so did not stay. Maud up, but in her room. Evelyn Coward & Miss Rawlinson came to see her. Sp. here morg. Dora & H. & Mad'lle to German Reeds.

# Wednesday 30 January

Evelyn C. here morg. Took "Tip" for walk, snowed & v. cold. Florence W. here for day & went with me at 2.30 to Whiteley pd 2/6. Whiteley 3/3, Lewis & Allenby 4/6. Hatchards for Balsac's Le médecin de C(*illeg*) 9d. Tangerine oranges 6d. Total 11/6. Called & left M.S & note Mr Fowler, & Mother's. Found Bee there who came on to tea here after. Dear Mother not quite so well.

# **Thursday 31 January**

Tabbie slept here night. Mother little better. Had tea at Mother's.

#### Friday 1 February

Edgar sailed with his regiment for Malta at 2.30. Midge & Dora to Ramsgate. Stayed till 6.30 with Mother. Arrived late as I went to stores & bought Edie Buck's present, ivory pepper castors £2.1.0. V. cold.

#### Saturday 2 February

X. 3 tons coal in today. Busy all morg. Read to Lin till 12. With Maud to Marshall's & Debenhams to get her hat 27/6, & to Mother's. Sent M. home & remained with Mother till 6 o'c. Hamilton dined here 8 o'c. Mrs. Galbraith & Lady Flower called. V. cold altho' thawing.

## **Sunday 3 February**

I went to Mother early & lunched there, ret'd at 3. Mother about same. M. went for walk, had to return, too cold. Hubard Farquhar, Eve Coward, Mrs. Galbraith, Bret Harte, Hamilton, Mr Blair & Mr & Mrs. Dietz. Ham remained to dinner. (*illeg*) v. much chaffed over introducing Mr Blair to Mr Bret Harte as my brother in law.

## **Monday 4 February**

X. Petit ami au lit till 12.30. At 3.30 to Mother's stayed with her till 6 o'c. Maud called at Mrs. Galbraith, Miss Enthoven & Aunt Linda's. Maud finished drawings for Minster & left them at Mr Fowler's. Maud for walk with with Evelyn morg. & saw them skating. Lin went skating on Long water, met O. Shakespeare.

## **Tuesday 5 February**

Edie Buckmaster's wedding day. V. cold but bright. In bed till 12.30. Mrs. & May Nembhard, Mrs. Godefroi (weirdly modern) Dolly Roberts massive & Ada Sp. & Blanche Cole. Poor Tip ill, went to stables & took garlic pill! Mr Galbraith called morg. & arranged about theatre Thursday. Midge returned fr. Ramsgate.

#### Wednesday 6 February

V. v. cold, in bed till 12.30. Lin slipped on rug & hurt his cheek. Maud & self at 3 in brougham to Mrs. Galbraith's & left cloth to be washed at Tisdale's. To dear Mother's, little better. Midge back seedy like self. Tabs came in, with Ham for few days at Alexandra. Stayed till 5 o'c at Mother's.

### **Thursday 7 February**

Lin Maud & self dine at Bristol at 7.15 & to Daly's theatre after with Mr & Mrs. Galbraith & Mr Blair. X. Maud petit ami. V. cold. In all day. Arrived early at Bristol only Mr B. there still feel v. shy of him. V. good dinner. Had 6 stalls at Daly's, stupid piece with excellent caste, H. Coffin, Marie

Tempest, Blakeley, Letty Lind etc, good music v. tuney. Dickie X & hurried off after. Mrs. G. said something about supper but was afraid of Lin who looked grumpy.

## Friday 8 February

Never slept & feel tired in consequence. Mr & Mrs. Galbraith, H. & Midge & Mr Blair to dinner. Golden & Mrs. Kelsey here!!! Went off v. well. Feel v. shy of Mr Blair. Evelyn C. came in Mrs. G's place. Maud did flowers shop'g etc & table.

## Saturday 9 February

Maud Evelyn & self to Pantomime "Drury Lane". Lin joined us later, Mr Blair, Mr Galbraith & Hamilton also. Lin left us early for Brighton to stay as Hartree's guest at Bedford Hotel. Mr Blair took us all to tea at Lady's place Bond St. Met Midge there. We drove Evelyn home after & Maud & self had quiet evening alone. V. pleasant afternoon.

# **Sunday 10 February**

V. cold. Maud to early church & on to Mother 12 & went to Mrs.

Galbraith's. Walked with Mr G. to see skaters & lunched at 40 Queens

Gate. Mr Blair brought her back at 4 o'c. I lunched at Mother's, returned here at 3.15. Mr Blair stayed to tea & dinner & left at 9 to fetch his portmanteau fr. club & catch the 10.30 for Edinburgh.

# **Monday 11 February**

Maud out skating with Evelyn. I took "Tip" to round pond, too cold to remain. Lin home in time for luncheon. Brighton too cold & windy & dull for words. Maud & self at 3 in brougham. Left Maud at Mother's & Lin at Serpentine & went to Marshall & Willets & Debenhams, then to Mother's, looks better but Dr O. thinks her weaker.

#### **Tuesday 12 February**

Mrs. Sladen's party to meet Mr Crockett, Scotch novelist. Went at 11 with Lin to Long water, lovely bright frosty morg, saw Maud there with

Evelyn. Maud lunched with Mrs. Galbraith after & to concert with her, I to lunch with Mother. Tabbie there, leaves for Nice tomorrow. Lin off skating to Wimbledon afternoon. M. & self dressed for Sladen's party, only discovering just before starting there was no time mentioned on invitation card, so remained at home. Mr & Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. A. Levy, E. English, Evelyn Coward called. Miss Gill came to stay a few days. "Tipoo" back & much better. Thought dear Mother looking better but Dr. O. thinks not.

## Thursday 14 February

Bright but bitterly cold. Maud with Cowards to Long water, met Miss Taylor & her brother. Miss Gill & self shops, met or fetched Maud & walked back with the Cowards. Lin & Maud had carriage for Ranelagh to skate after lunch.

# Friday 15 February

Gilly & self afternoon to Marshall's, bought silk for mantle 19/6, paid for it. To Mother's, returned bus.

## Saturday 16 February

Walked all morg. with Gilly & Maud & Evelyn to Serpentine, met Lockwood & Miss Taylor. Maud & self called at 3.30 Lady Lockwod, Mrs. Spielman, Mrs. P. Agnew, Holland, Macquoid, Rawlinson, Lewis Joachim, Galbraith, Mrs. Corbett where we had tea & dear Mother who was better. Gilly met us there & returned with us. Lin dined with Mr Rooth at Union Club. Mr Hutton & one other gentleman only.

#### **Sunday 17 February**

V. cold & foggy. Maud & Gilly to 9.30 church. Evelyn & M. for walk after. Gilly & self walked to Serpentine & back. Wrote Roy & Mrs. Mortimer about Roy, has another cold. H. & Midge, Mr & Mrs. Galbraith called. Maud & Mrs. Galbraith to Niagara, Lin also.

#### **Monday 18 February**

Gill left, huge relief. Spoilt my cape & burnt new towel & away ahe went.

Maud & self called on Lady Lockwood, Spielman, Agnew, Holland,

Macquoid, Mother. M. returned carriage & fetched me later.

## **Tuesday 19 February**

Mrs. Steincopff's dinner 8 o'c. V. pleasant dinner Herr Konil(?) took me in. Flowers & dinner exquisite. Walked to Mother's morg. & lunched there. Midge went to Ramsgate by 1.30 train.

# Wednesday 20 February

Thawing. Lin & M. to ice. Ham L. called about Con's coming to us today as Mother too ill for him to go there. Went out for an hour with Tipoo, head v. aching do not feel well enough to go to Mansions. Evelyn Coward called morg & came to tea, also Effie Harrison. Went to call to enquire for Mr & Mrs. F.C.B. with Lin, left him & called & saw dear Mother, seems v. weak.

# **Thursday 21 February**

Thawing. Maud lunches at Mrs. MacQueen's, 31 Pembridge Gds. I walked to Mother's & lunched there. Bates v. rude to Midge, v. annoying now dear Mother so ill, seemed weaker today. Lin Maud & self to St James' Theatre "The importance of being Ernest", O. Wilde. Mr Guthrie going to meet us there, did not come. Most amusing play smartly written. Mr Galbraith & H. & Livesey came to our box. Saw Mr Molesworth & Mr Newton & a Miss Davis friend of Maud's there.

## Friday 22 February

Dull raw morg. still thawing. Lin with cold! Hateful influenza. Maud doing drawing. Walked to Mother's & lunched there, no, returned here to lunch. Fetched Midge 3.30 & went to stores with her, tablecloth 1/4, cheese 1/-, biscuits & rice 3/8. Called & saw Con at 2 Egerton Terrace, Chay there. Lin's cold v. bad.

# Saturday 23 February

Mrs. Boughton at home 4.30. Mrs. Walter Crane at home 9 o'c. Out morg. with Tip for flowers & fruits 2/4, shoes 10/6. To matinée Gaiety, H. Farquhar met us there. Called to enquire for Mrs. Galbraith, sent me lovely flowers. Midge called morg. & Evelyn. Lin met us at theatre & walked part of way home. Mrs. Geiger called.

## **Sunday 24 February**

To Mother's at 11. Saw dear Mother looks much weaker to me. Saw Con who is staying there & Ham L. Maud & self walked back together. Effie Harrison to luncheon. Mr Richardson, Mr Marshall & Mr Richards called. Mr M. gives me indigestion he is so silent. Lin Maud & self dine at Mr Fletcher Moulton.

# **Monday 25 February**

X. Alice gave notice. Went at 4.30 with Maud to Miss Ratcliffe, ordered black dress. To Mother's, looking better. Saw Con, Amy English, Chay, & Midge there. To Mrs. Galbraith only saw mère & W.G. & chicks. Mrs. C.G. ill with influenza. Quiet evg. colder.

#### **Tuesday 26 February**

Maud received 2 books fr. Mr Blair & letter 8 pages! Only Effie H. & 2 Miss Clerkes called. Out morg. shop'g. Maud would not go out on account of work, looks v. seedy again.

#### Wednesday 27 February

Maud v. seedy with cold, in bed to breakfast. Called alone on Mrs.

Steincopff. Lin went part of way. Had tea there, left cards Lady M.W. & to Mde. Dawson's, & Mother not so well, saw Con & Midge. Maud & self to bed early.

#### **Thursday 28 February**

Mr Farquhar dines here 8 o'c. Evelyn C. & Mr Hood. Walked alone with Tipoo to Grove, ordered brooms & mat for Emma, fitted at Mrs. Best's, bought bonnet 18/9 Courtneys. Drove at 4 Barkers for flowers, fruit,

plants, left cards at Mrs. W. Crane's & Mrs. Merton, abroad. Maud very seedy again, cold or chill, looks wretched.

# Friday 1 March

Mrs. Walter Crane 4 - 6. Sat with Mother morg. Lunched at Mansions, Con & Midge there. Midge went with me at 4 to be fitted at Miss Ratcliffe's. Lin worried, had to finish drawing late, dined at 9.30.

## Saturday 2 March

X. Roy arrived in tails & stick up collar a v. great masher with violet buttonhole at 1.30, grown & looks well. Went with Lin to matinée of "Shop Girl". Mr Hood dined here evg. Roy & self on first to "Palace" to see Carmenita. Lin & Mr Hood followed. H. & Midge joined us there. Walked morg. to Mrs. Best, fitted with dinner gown, not worth doing. Ham returned this morg. fr. Mr Galbraith's, enjoyed his Ayton visit immensely.

# Sunday 3 March

Grace Wheat comes fr. 3 - 6. Did not come. Maud to early service & on to Mother's & Mrs. Galbraith. I walked to Mother's & back, took "Tip". Mother v. sleepy semed tired but hope the long sleep has done her good. Only Fritz called. Lin to Niagara, Roy to Queen's club morg. Quiet evg.

#### Monday 4 March

X. Petit ami. Read to Maud whilst she drew "The Raiders". C(illeg).

Called at 4 Miss Ratcliffe ordered grey gown. To Mrs. Galbraith's stayed some time & to Mrs. O. Crawfurd's had tea there. Left cards of condolence on Mrs. Chapman.

#### **Tuesday 5 March**

Mrs. Corbett's drawing room tea 4.30. First day of Hackney horse show, Mr Galbraith sent us 2 tickets for tomorrow. Gilly here to lunch, out with Maud morg. Lovely Miss Wallace & Bill Weigall called.

## Wednesday 6 March

Mrs. Cameron Corbett's dance 10 o'c. In bed till 12. Read "Lourdes". Mrs. Corbett promised to chaperone Maud, Alice took her & fetched her at 1.30, not home till v. late. M. enjoyed dance immensely. Mr Galbraith, Richardson, Davies, Orlebar there. Con came morg. & stayed to lunch, stood to Lin for photo for Maud's drawing, also M.

#### **Thursday 7 March**

In bed till 12. Called a 3.30 on Mother. Midge & H. gone away till Saty to Dickinsons. Con v. seedy & in great pain. Went to Susie a'B's alone, crowd of ladies there. V. pretty light house. Left cards Mrs. Sherman. Read to Lin "Marbots Memories". Mr Galbraith's Lady Ulrica took first prize Hackney show.

# Friday 8 March

In bed till 12. Read "Lourdes" fascinated with it. Maud hard at work all day, & Lin, feel so idle with such industry around me. Went at 3 taking "Tip" to Miss Ratcliffe's fitted with grey & white evening dress & to Mother's, found her in dining room. Sat with us after in drawing room, feels weak but looks so pretty. Gilly here to lunch.

#### Saturday 9 March

Went at 3 to Mother's after being fitted at Miss Ratcliffe's stayed with Mother till 6. She sat in drawing room with Con & self & seemed better tho' v. weak. Lin, M. & self to see "His Excellency" evg, dullish. Lady Mackenzie sat ops. us.

#### Sunday 10 March

Morg. walked to Mother's. Maud & Evelyn walked part of way with me. Lin out riding & to Club to lunch, Niagara, slept after dinner. Mr & Mrs. Cohen & Col Welby called stayed a long while most interested hearing about Col. W's visit to Russia & Berlin. X. Mr Alfred German Reed died.

## **Monday 11 February**

Otley & Marie turned out loft. Read to Maud, v. hard at work & won't go out. Unable to have carriage & walked & called on Mrs. Hartree, Rawlinson, Tuer, V. Cole, dressmaker Mrs. Best, Prices, Mc Dougall, Judy & Miss Webster. Midge goes to Ramsgate to see about fresh rooms for Dora.

## **Tuesday 12 March**

Lunched at Mother's, home in cab. Effie & Con there. Mr Fowler called, v. v. pleased with Maud's drawings in Minster. Gave him all the drawings for April number seemed v. pleased to have them to time! Maud Lin & self to "Chieftain", v. dull not worth seeing twice, hugely dull.

#### Wednesday 13 March

Baby Galbraiths to tea. Lin rode mare early. Had brougham at 11, ordered wreath for Mr Reed (Aldons'). Bank, ordered purchase of £100 stock Jamaica 4% debs buy at £108. M. & self walked to end & back of Row, met Mr Galbraith who was riding Mrs. G's horse, went some distance with us. M. left me at Mother's where I stayed till 3.30. Evelyn also came in to tea. Chicks v. good. Sent wreath by Otley. Eff called at Mother's, Con came in after, left both sleeping.

#### **Thursday 14 March**

Maud out with Evelyn. Con called, walked back with him to Mansions, Mother about same. Lin to poor Mr Reed's funeral. Went alone at 3.30, pd Aldon's 9/6 wreath returned box. Left lan's(?) pinafore, called on Mdes Ware, Thomson, Lady Flower, Mrs. Corbett. Left flowers at Mother's & Mrs. Geiger's. Mrs. Fowler called.

#### Friday 15 March

Midge returned fr. Ramsgate. Walked to Mother's & called on Abernethys. Stayed with Mother till Midge arrived 6 o'c. Ada Sp. & Hilda called & had tea. Maud went to dinner at Mrs. Steincopff's & dance after enjoyed it immensely.

## Saturday 16 March

In all morg. Lin Maud & self to matinée "Dandy Dick Whittington", Yoké. Ham & Midge joined us there, most excellent bright piece. Lin rode in park with Galbraith. Lin had Turkish bath after. I took Tip to get fruit & flowers 3/9. Quiet evg.

## Sunday 17 March

Lin Maud & self lunch at Mr Moulton's 2 o'c. M. to early service. Evelyn in. Lin rode with Shakespeare, Millet, Parsons, J. Hood etc morg, came in quite done up. Delightful luncheon with Miss Thomson, Mr Moulton away again. Sir J. Robinson whip of Liberal party, Mrs. Crawfurd, Justin McCarthy, Coupé London. Sir J. sat next to me was most entertaining admired Maud v. much. The Cassels called after. Could not leave before 5. Sp. & Hilda came morg. & found several visitors here, Mrs. Dickens & Miss Hogarth, Miss Wheat etc. Mr J. Hood was here & Mr Ryle had tea with us. Ham L, Mr Campbell Praed & Mr Pepys Cockerell dined here. V. cozy little dinner. They all stayed until 12 thinking it was 11! Mr Cockerell who I saw for first time charming & so handsome.

#### Monday 18 March

Lovely day, spring!!!. How long will it last! Called & saw Mother & Midge & H. just returned fr. seeing unlikely home. H. seems to have enjoyed himself here last evg. v. much. Called & had gown altered Miss Ratcliffe. Called on Mrs. Palmer & home early.

#### **Tuesday 19 March**

Lin Maud & self dine with Mr & Mrs. Galbraith at Berkeley & go to see Arthur Roberts in "Gentleman Joe". M. & self for short walk, home to work. Miss Wallace, Lill Laver, Mrs. Joachim, Mrs. & Ella Ritchie, Miss Chapman, Mrs. & Miss Livesey, Midge called. Delightful evg. with Galbraiths, excellent dinner.

## Wednesday 20 March

Maud hard at work, read to her. Expected Mad'lle to dinner, did not come.

# **Thursday 21 March**

Maud hard at work morg. She went with me at 3.30 to call on Fildes, Chetwynd & Miss Hogarth where we had tea.

# Friday 22 March

Read to Maud & Lin. Called alone at 3.30 on Mrs. Sington, v. ill, saw Louise S. Took M's drawings to "English Woman's" office Bedford St. Called on Mrs. Latham, Mrs. Simpson & Mrs. Medley, Mother's, where I stayed till 7. She seems weaker. Maud dined with Mr & Mrs Wallace & went to see "Gentleman Joe" again with them.

## Saturday 23 March

Mrs. Boughton at home 4.30. Mr Ryle. Went with Maud who seemed v. tired & seedy. X. M. petit ami. Met Mrs Reeve & Mrs. Drummond & Cap't Ridley at Mr Ryle's. Lin, Maud & self to Lyceum in cab. Mr Bram Stoker came to our box. Like the piece better than 1<sup>st</sup> night even.

#### Sunday 24 March

Mrs. Heilbut's dinner 8 o'c. Called & stayed with Mother morg. Took her chicken broth, seems v. weak & suffering again. Con, Midge & H. there. Mr Thomson (Coupé London) & Mr Nicol called & Evelyn. Huge dinner of 20 at H's. Exquisite dinner, room v. hot. Alexanders, Sir B. & Lady Seton, Gilgoods, M. Stones, Lacy, Mathews 3 etc, de la Rues. Winnie Lockyer to church & lunch with Maud. Lovely day.

#### Monday 25 March

Heavenly day. M. & E.C. to Mudies. Miss Ritchie called & went for walk with me. After luncheon called with Maud on Mrs. Leech had tea there, Mrs. Best about M's dress etc, Mrs. Tweedie, Wirzman, left dress for Mad'lle.

**Tuesday 26 March** 

Out morg. to Mrs. Best's & Miss Ratcliffe & shop'd at stores. Mrs. Galbraith dined here evg. Mrs. Nembhard & May, Miss Ritchie, Mrs. Fowler & Mrs. Geiger called.

# Wednesday 27 March

Ethel Sharpe's concert evg. Pouring wet day. Went with Maud to Derry's, she left me at Mother's, v. weak & suffering again terribly with heart.

Remained to luncheon, home by bus. Maud dined at Mrs. Leche's & they had dance after, about 12 of them. Mad'lle here with me to supper.

## **Thursday 28 March**

Maud goes to Brighton to stay at the Cowards. Lin rode with Mrs.

Galbraith before breakfast. Took Maud at 4 o'c to Vic & saw her off to

Brighton. Called after & had tea at Mrs. Lucy, called & had long talk with

Edwina(?) Hamburg at 32 St George's Sqre, & Mother's. Con, Midge & H.

there. Quiet evg. here late dinner 9 o'c.

### Friday 29 March

Miss Wheat to lunch. Pouring wet day. Lin rode before lunch, heavy showers on & off all day. Called on Aunt Linda, Uncle still v. ill, Mrs. Harley had tea there, Mrs. Tweedie also & Mrs. Pollock had tea there & then left Miss Wheat at Notting Hill (her aunt's). Called & enquired after Miss Webster & home.

#### Saturday 30 March

Petit ami. Mrs. W. Crane at home 9 o'c. Pictures Fine Arts Gallery, Sir J. Tenniel's. Went to Mother not so well, Midge staying with her all afternoon. Went alone to see Tenniel's drawings Fine Art Galy. V. charming but look strange being done in pencil & many tinted pink, do not admire them en masse as much as Lin's. V. much stuck with paintings of lovely old gardens by G. Elgood. Called & saw Herkomer's 10 portraits vy. solemn affair. Quiet evg. too tired to go out.

## Sunday 31 March

Lady Seton's luncheon party 1 o'c. V. charming luncheon at Lady S's. Mr & Mrs. Rawlinson (Tattersall's partner) Sir (blank) c'd not catch his name, Mr Lennox Browne & one lady. Took Lin to Niagara & ret'd home to find Mr Lacy & young Paxton had called. Mr Richardson & his brother & Mr Sladen came to tea & stayed till 7 o'c. Gave Ada Sp. Niagara tickets. Sp. & Hilda called morg.

#### Monday 1 April

Mrs. Walter Crane at home 4 to 6. Lin out for lunch & dinner. Went at 3.30 called & saw Aunt Linda, Uncle little better. Saw Carrie too weird for words. Called & saw dear Mother stayed & had tea & dined there. Effie, Con & Midge only as Ham went to see some prize fight! Horrors! Eff told me all about Lady C. Lawson's terrible malady. Letter fr. Fritz on return announcing his engagement to Miss Grant Duff.

# Tuesday 2 April

In bed till 12.30. Drove at 2.30 Lin to cycle place. Great crowd at Brompton C, Sir Patrick Grant's funeral. Aldons for flowers & took Mother a piece of salmon which Mr Hobart Farquhar sent me. Mrs. & Miss Wallace, Ethel English, Ethel Herapath & Effie Herapath called.

#### Wednesday 3 April

Tea at Mrs. Nembhards. In bed till 12.30. Drove at 3.30 to Mrs. Critchett's, looking quite sweet with her two lovely little girls. Lady Lockwood & Mrs. C. Dickens there. Long talk with Lady L. about Holland. To tea after at Gen. N's, met Miss Neaves & brought her back. She knows a number of our friends in Scotland & is vy. pleasant, also knows all the Haggards. Mad'lle J. & violin, to dinner & music after. Wonderful the way she plays after only one month's study.

#### **Thursday 4 April**

Dull dreary day. Afternoon to Bank find I have only £6 left! To Mother so ill remained & sent carriage away. Feel v. weak & tired self, awful

indigestion. Left Mother at 6 o'c, called to enquire for Mrs. C. Galbraith away & Mrs. H. Reeve out. Heavy bills for Roy this term. Books arrived fr. Edinburgh for Maud, sent them on.

#### Friday 5 April

Out at 11 in brougham to Mother's, better. All out except dear Mother. To Whiteley for household things. Met Fanny B. & Alice Linley, also Mrs. Dickens and sister. Dear Roy returned fr. Eton in time for breakfast, going to ride with Mr Stone & go to theatre with him. Nearly went to Mrs. Corbett's tonight instead of tomorrow. Sent off books to Mr Macmillan & Mrs. Humphreys. X. Sent 8 drawings & 2 paintings of Maud's to Blanche Cole's.

# Saturday 6 April

Mrs. Corbett's dinner 8 o'c. Pictures on view Goodall, Herkomer, Brett etc. Went at 3 o'c with Mrs. Galbraith in our brougham to David Murray's, Goodalls, Breton Riviere, Blanche Cole's & Frank Dicksee's. Many good pictures. Maudie's little drawings looked charming at Blanche's. V. dull party at Mrs. Corbett's, not introduced to a soul. Enjoyed Mr Galbraith's company during dinner. Felt tired after pictures. Dear Maud ret'd fr. Brighton at 7 o'c, Emma met her. Roy went to see "His Excellency".

#### Sunday 7 April

Pictures Goodall. Maud to early service pouring with rain, sent Roy to fetch her. I walked with Roy to Mother's v. bad again. Went at 3 o'c with Mrs. Galbraith & Maud to Fildes, Thorneycroft, Hunter, Stone, Leighton, Princep, Stan. Forbes, studios. Back here to tea. Mr & Mrs. Rider Haggard called. Mrs. G. & Maud went on after to Boughtons & F. Dicksee's. Lin for an hour to Niagara. Quiet evg.

#### Monday 8 April

Walked with Maud morg. At 3.30 to Bank, Mother's, saw Con & Midge.

Mother still v. bad. Stores, & Miss Ratcliffe about Maud's dress. Roy at his club.

## **Tuesday 9 April**

Out morg. with Maud & Ethel Herapath, walked part of way home with her. Ap't with Mr Anderson Critchett at 5.30 to 6 o'c about Maud's eyes.

V. glad I took her, her sight different in each eye, glasses & lotion to get.

Left Maud at Aunt Linda's on way home where she dines. Mrs.

Armstrong's sister & Fanny Barker & Alice Linley called.

Wednesday 10 April (blank)

#### **Thursday 11 April**

Packed morg. & came to Ramsgate by 3.25 fr. Victoria Stn. Train v. late. Met B.W. at Ramsgate. Found Dora & Miss Healey at 9 Wellington Cres, had secured bedroom behind dining room for M. & self. Had little supper at 7 o'c & to bed early & slept v. well, Maud not so well. Lin & Roy dined out & went to see "Shop Girl".

## Friday 12 April

To church with D, Miss H. & M. at St Georges. To Church Parade after & to call on Miss Graves who looks much better than she did 2 years ago. Met B.W. who asked Maud again the eternal question, seems to upset her & worry her. Walked after luncheon to Lady Wills, away. Went with Dora to see if Lin's & Roy's room secured at Granville, it was.

#### Saturday 13 April

Miss Healey away all day. Dora had her music lesson & has improved v. much. Maud, Dora & self for walk, bought 1/- of buns & 1/- stamps. Walked on Pier with Mr Weigall père, met Burnands etc & B.W. who walked short way with us. At 3 o'c D, M. & self to Mrs. Buck's, had tea there. Had to leave at 5 o'c to meet Lin & Roy at L.C. & Dover Sta. Gerry

Weigall there, stayed with us till train ar'd. Walked back with Lin, they off to Granville. Came in again after dinner seems not to have been vy. comfortable at Granville. Dewars dining in their room, Lin did not see them.

# **Sunday 14 April**

Miss H, D, M. & self to Church St Mary's, met the Bucks coming out. Mr B. stayed all morg. with Maud on Parade. Met Weigalls. B.W. joined Lin & self & walked with us & met Mr Burnand looking v. well & much thinner, given up riding but takes long walks instead. B.W. again importuning M. & asking for an interview.

## **Monday 15 April**

Out morg. bought cakes. Mrs. Dewar's little nephew & niece Nora & Douglas Dixon came to tea. V. handsome & intelligent boy only 9 draws & plays violin beautifully. Maud to Mrs. Bucks for tea, Willie brought her back. Quiet evg. here. Mrs. Warre called.

## **Tuesday 16 April**

V. v. cold & windy. Went to Granville to meet Lin, walked with him & Roy to Station. They went to Margate met Miss Goodenough & little Pepys Cockerall. Lin & Roy lunched at Margate & walked to the Fildes at Kingsgate where they had tea. The Marcus Stones there. Maud & Dora to Burnand sports, met B.W. who was as tiresome as ever. I called & had tea at Miss Kelly's & Mrs. Hammond's & went in to B's after. Lin, Roy M. D & self to Mrs. Burnand's for race game evg. Unpleasant altercation with flyman & had to walk home. Spent 2/11 on race game. Fortunately warmer & was no wind returning.

### Wednesday 17 April

Not quite so cold & more sun. Lin & Roy return home.

**Thursday 18 April** 

Warmer altho' wind in west cold. Walked to Woodwards ordered rug for Victoria. Went at 3 o'c to St Peters. Grave looking lovely & on to Mrs. Fildes quite fascinated with her house, saw Mr Maclean but no time to go in. Enjoyed drive immensely.

## Friday 19 April

Ret'd by Granville fr. Ramsgate. Much warmer in London. Mr Farquhar called & had tea. Maud & self went to see Mother. Poor darling seems weaker & less herself even than when I left & takes less interest in things & seems to wander. Expenses to, at, & fr. Ramsgate £5.3.0.

#### Saturday 20 April

Lovely day, v. hot after Ramsgate & slept badly, finger v. painful. Went to Mother's at 3.30 & stayed till 6 o'c. Mother seemed a little better, took her some jelly fr. Dance's.

## Sunday 21 April

M. to early service, worked hard all day till 5 o'c. I went to Mother's, seems v. ill & weak. Mr Bret Harte called & stayed a long while, was most interesting, I never remember him in better form. Harold Paxton came. Lin to Niagara afternoon, rode morg. with Roy. Mr Galbraith came 10.15 PM stayed till nearly 12 o'c.

## **Monday 22 April**

Mr Stone & Hobart Farquhar to dinner stayed until 12 o'c. To stores at 3.30 not back till 6.10, did flowers & dressed. Maud in all day hard at work. Soup, dressed crab salad, roast lamb, new potatoes & asparagus, chicken & salad, apricot tart & cream, cheese savory.

#### **Tuesday 23 April**

Lovely day. Maud v. busy drawing, in all day. Went with Sp. at 11.30 to Harrods, ordered tub for Alice for washing up, 4 plants. Bought 2 at 1/4 & ordered 2 Yucca at Smith & Larkes. Lin, Roy, Maud & self to Adelphi. Saw "Girl I left behind me" usual sensational piece. Mrs. & Miss Schwann, Mrs. & Miss Abbot & Mrs. & Miss Fagan called.

## Wednesday 24 April

In morg. working, at 3.30 to Niagara. Lin met us there after lunching with Spencer. All 3 skated, M. gets on well. Met Miss Gordon. Called on Mother way home v. v. weak seems to lose strength each day. Judy there, left her at Brunswick Gds, pouring rain. Evelyn Coward here on return. Quiet evg with 2 children.

#### **Thursday 25 April**

Mrs. Cahill at home at the Chelsea Town Hall 9 o'c. Pouring wet, wrote unable to go. Called & saw dear Mother, Tabbie there & Mrs. Cornwell sang charmingly. Mother seems v. weak. Miss Ratcliffe's about M's dress & Woollands.

## Friday 26 April

Dance at Kensington Town Hall (Maud) 9 o'c. Sandown with Mrs.

Galbraith. X. petit ami evg. V. wet morg. Went with Maud & Galbraiths to Sandown Pk. races. Saw Hollands, Mrs. H. Lawson, Lindos. W.

Buckmaster there. Returned just in time to dress, dine & go to Criterion to see "An Ideal Husband" with Roy. Met Mr Holland & wife there, introduced to his wife. Liked play immensely. M. home at 3 o'c.

## Saturday 27 April

Heavy thundershower. In bed till 12.30. Went with Maud to New Gallery to meet Lin & Roy & ret'd & spent afternoon with Mother. Midge & H. away seeing a house. Mother v. weak could only hold my hand. Lin, M. & Roy met Fritz J. at New Gallery, did not introduce his fiancée.

#### Sunday 28 April

Mrs. Tate's dinner 8 o'c. Mrs. Laurence Phillips at home 3.30 to 7 o'c. Mr Molesworth, Evelyn, a Mr Marshall (unknown!) & Mr & Mrs. C. Burnand called & two Mr Lockyers. Lin to Niagara. Too seedy to go to Mrs. Tate's. Maud went instead, sat between Mr Alexander & Mr Sterne. Maud to early service & to dear Mother after, was bit better.

## Monday 29 April

Mad'lle called & stayed to luncheon. Mr Galbraith called. Lin rode & had his photo taken for some paper. Varnishing day at Academy, Lin there. After dinner Roy & Lin to "Tivoli". Drove at 2.30 with Maud about her dress, & to Mother's. Mervyn arrived fr. Australia this evening. X.

# **Tuesday 30 April**

Mrs. Harley's dance. Carrage at 10 o'c to Woollands to be fitted. To Miss Ratcliffe's, stores for flowers, & dear Mother. Found all out, dearest Mother v. weak & suffering, it makes ones heart ache to see her.

## Wednesday 1 May

Royal Academy Private View, for Lin only. Mrs. Galbraith's juvenile party. Mrs. Mocatta's dance 11 o'c. Went to dear Mother's to luncheon. Saw poor Mervyn awfully overcome about Mother, no wonder. She seemed slightly better. Midge walked part of way home with me, rained had to take cab. Maud enjoyed Mocatta's v. much. Lin fetched her. Mad'lle here all day.

#### **Thursday 2 May**

Mrs. Fairfax Rhodes' dance 10 o'c. Lovely day. Mad'lle & self off shopping together, ordered boots & Fritz's present. Mr Blair & Mr Galbraith called. Mr G. drove M. home. Maud out after lunch with Evelyn. I took Maud to dance, left her in charge of Mrs. Huish who brought her home in our brougham at 1 o'c. I sat with dear Mother.

### Friday 3 May

Private View at Academy. V. fine day. Maud & Lin went, M. looking sweet in her new Holland & pink dress. I went & spent morg. & lunched at dear Mother's.

#### Saturday 4 May

Lin, Maud & self go to Paris D.V. Left by 11 o'c. Had lovely crossing & reached Hotel Continental at 9 o'c. Dined we 3 alone at 10. Sat out till 11 & went to bed. Had 2 charming rooms facing Tuilleries on 4<sup>th</sup> floor, 17 frs & 14 frs each. M. & self just missed seeing our party they all went to "Folies Bergères" which they declared a v. dull & tame performance. "Mabel Love" the best there.

## Sunday 5 May

V. cold wind. Saw Sir Charles Hall, Mr Millar at hotel. Lin & self walked to Grand Hotel & called on du Mauriers had long talk with them. Found rest our party out on return. Mrs. Galbraith, Mr B. Lin Maud & self lunched at Ledoyens & drove after in two carriages to the Acacia Avenue in Bois de Boulogne. Met Mr Galbraith & H. Livesey also driving. Lin & Mr Livesey walked home whilst Mr G. & Mrs G. with Maud drove home in one carriage & Mr Blair & self in another. Had delightfully lively dinner at Hotel & sat in Vestibule after. H. Livesey most amusing & original. Mrs. G. wrote letters.

## **Monday 6 May**

Maud & self went to Louvre morg. but felt too tired & hot took carriage & drove to L'arc de Triomphe & then to Ledoyens & sat there with Mr Blair until luncheon time when Lin joined us & we lunched together. After Lin went to see "Les beaux Arts" whilst Maud Mr B. & self sat out on Champs Elysées & watched people. Lin met us at 6 & we walked home in time to dress for table d'hôte dinner which was excellent. Mr Livesey was leaving by night mail so we had to hurry, v. cheery dinner all the same. Mr Blair & I went after to Nouveuté theatre to see "Hotel de Libre Echange" which was most amusing & v. French. We drove there & walked out between acts, & walked home. We listened to the Opera music thro' phonograph also. Mr & Mrs. G. & Maud & Lin to Circle d'Eté.

#### **Tuesday 7 May**

Mrs. Douglas Sladen's at home 9.30 PM. Miss Clerke's at home 4.30 to 7. We all went in steamer to St Cloud, lunched at Restaurant Blué there &

had a most excellent lunch in one of the alcoves with "demons" painted all over the walls. Lin & Mr B. went after by rail to Versailles, we drove. Charming drive. Saw the petits apartements of Marie Antoinette etc & sat out in the lovely grounds & garden & met Graham Winchester Clowes & Mr Millar doing the Palace like ourselves. Returned by rail, dined at Ledoyens. V. cheery dinner & went over after to "Ambassadeurs" not v. amusing performance. Walked home, sat in Vestibule till 12 o'c. Sp. came in after a most charming day.

#### Wednesday 8 May

Went at 11 o'c to Bon Marché with Mrs. Galbraith & maid. V. late for luncheon. Met Mr Blair, Papa & Mr Galbraith at Ledoyens. Mr G. went to lunch with wife & friend & shop'd after & drove to see Mary McQueen. Lin, M, Mr B. & self to Luxembourg, delightful pictures, charming. Met Mr Pollin. Sat out in Gardens & walked home along quay & saw old books. M. bought "Ivanhoe" well bound for 60 cts. To Hotel, dressed & went to dine with Mr Galbraith at Café des Ambassadeurs, table in front of balcony. V. excellent dinner & v. amusing enjoyed it immensely. All our party went on after to Opera except Lin & self. A man v. tall & thin dressed as ballet girl danced, v. funny & a little indelicate. Sat in vestibule at Hotel until 12 o'c.

# **Thursday 9 May**

Lin Maud & self left Paris Hotel Continental at 11 o'c. Saw Spencer, Mr Blair, Galbraiths & Palmers & Nelsons before leaving, bought mantle for £10.10.0, broaches for maids 5 frcs. Pleasant journey, cold on channel. Mother about the same losing strength sowly but surely.

#### Friday 10 May

Walked to Mother's took her forget me nots. Seems v. v. weak. Stayed to luncheon. Mervyn there. Saw Dr O. says Mother not as well as last week. Evelyn came in at breakfast & went for walk with Maud. Lin rode, met Sir W. Dolby.

## Saturday 11 May

Mrs Gordon's at home 4.30 to 6.30. Fritz's wedding. Lin Maud & self went by rail to Twickenham, met Edgar & Sophy, Con, Eff & large party of friends at Waterloo. We family all went in same carriage. V. pretty wedding but on coming out of church saw a hearse standing right across the porch which seemed sadly out of keeping at such a time. House charming. Duchess of Albany & many aristocratics there. Think Fritz's wife pretty little thing after Maud's style with large eyes & long lashes, otherwise not as pretty as M. Went to Mrs. Galbraith's party on way home. Mr Blair, Con & Mervyn dined here evg. Con v. vulgar & rude felt ashamed of him, uncomfortable in consequence.

## **Sunday 12 May**

Maud & Eve to church. I went to dear Mother's, saw Sophy, Ham & Midge. Returned home to luncheon. Mr Blair & Lin rode morg. & came home late did not lunch until 2.30. Mr Stone called (after 29 miles on his bicycle) just as M & self were leaving dining room. He remained on to tea & Evelyn came also. Mare slightly lame. Mr Blair stayed till a quarter to 7. Mr Stone promised to take Roy out for day on their bicycles. Lin & self dined at a'Becketts. Awful dinner, sat next to a familiar little Frenchman M. Villas & Mr Inderwich, found the latter far more entertaining. Mr Inderwich's coat disappeared & was not found when he left at 11 0'c.

#### Monday 13 May

Lovely day. X. Lin fell in Row riding cob & sprained his thumb, more than thankful it was no worse. Evelyn sitting to Maud. Went with Maud at 4 o'c to enquire after Mrs. Sington both herself & son v. ill. Had tea at Mr Hartree's, called on dear Mother. Edgar there so did not remain. To Galbraiths who go to Scotland tomorrow with children. Lady Anne Blunt called. We also called on Mrs. Steincopff, Lady Margaret Watney. Midge went to Fittleworth with Dora & Miss Healy, returns tomorrow night. Mr Blair returns to Edinburgh.

#### **Tuesday 14 May**

V. hot. Mervyn here to stand to Maud. I sat with Mother, seems v. ill & suffering. Midge not returned fr. taking Dora to Fittleworth, arrives tonight. May Nembhard, Miss Goodenough called, & Miss Rose Innes who took Maud to dine with her at de Vere Gds & met Lin & self at Savoy Theatre after, saw Hansel & Gretchen. Thought it v. dull & stupid, noisy tuneless music.

## Wednesday 15 May

Mrs. de la Rue's fancy dress ball. Postponed. Sat with Maud morg, drove her to meet Mr Fowler at (*illeg*) writing office at 2.30. He brought her on to me after at Mrs. English's where we saw Mrs. Holland & Mrs. Cox in their drawing room gowns. Mrs. C's v. pretty, white with yellow roses & black satin, lace & diamonds. Called & saw dear Mother, Tabbie & Mervyn there. Edgar, Sophy, H. & Midge lunching together.

## **Thursday 16 May**

Miss Neaves at home 3 to 7. Blanche Cole 4 to 7. In all morg. At 3.30 to enquire after Mrs. F.C.B, Mrs. Leech, Ritchie, where we had tea. To Mother's all out. Blanche Cole, interesting talk on books with Coles, & Miss Neaves, last dull, met Mrs. Mackenzie there. Miss Rose Innes dined with us & we went to Lyceum to see "A tale of Waterloo" charming little poem by Conan Doyle perfectly conceived & well carried out.

#### Friday 17 May

V. cold, fires again. In all morg. Went with Maud at 4 o'c to call on Tabbie & Mr Stone (away) Mother's & found Edgar there. Gave me pretty Maltese lace handkerchief. Mr Blair sent two boxes of toffee, & peonies fr. Tabbie!. Lin hard at work, fortunately finger does not hurt him.

#### Saturday 18 May

Asked Tabbie & H. to dine. Went at 3 to Mother's, & Mrs. Moscheles, out. Tabbie dined here, H. away. We went after to see "Vanity Fair" at Court,

drove Tabbie home. Out morg. shops, flowers & jelly for dear Mother & cakes. Lin v. late finishing work.

# Sunday 19 May

Maud early service, I to Mother. M. joined me there & we went to Park with Hamilton. V. v. cold. Spencer came to luncheon. Lin to Sir Alfred Hickman for tennis. Tabs, American girl, Miss Rose Innes, Winnie Lockyer, Harold Paxton & Mr Carlisle & Mr & Mrs. Galbraith called.

## Monday 20 May

Mrs. E. Reed's at home 4.30 to 7 & May Burnand's. Went alone Maud too busy to go. At 3.30 to Mrs. Temple, Hare, Orchardsons had tea there, Mrs. C. Burnand & darling Mother's, little better. Edgar & Sophy to dinner, stayed till 11.25.

# **Tuesday 21 May**

X. Petit ami. Mr & Mrs Biggs' dance 8.30, Broadside, West Hill, Putney. Mr Agnew's dinner 7.30 sharp. Postponed till 28<sup>th</sup> inst. Mrs. Fagan's dinner 8 o'c. I lunch at Tab's 1.30. Emma took Maud in brougham at 6.15 to Mrs. Carlisle's. I lunched with Tab & went on in Midge's carriage with Tab to Regent St & home. Mary B. & Effie H, Miss Hollingshead & the Sketchleys called. <u>V. pleasant</u> dinner at Mrs. Fagan's.

#### Wednesday 22 May

Mrs. Tate's at home 10 o'c. Mrs. Wallace's dinner for Maud 8 o'c. Maud returned from Mrs. Carlisle's in dog cart at 12 o'c. I went in cab at 4.30 to Mother's. Edgar, Sophy, Mervyn, Midge, Ham & Tilda there. Remained until 8 o'c. Had dinner with Midge. Emma & Marie out. Mrs Henderson & Mrs Cameron Corbett called. Maud enjoyed parties v. much, home at 2 o'c.

#### **Thursday 23 May**

Mrs. Cohen's dinner 8 o'c for Lin, M. & self. Mrs. Macquoid at home 4 to 7. Winnie Lockyer to lunch. Roy home for day & off at once to Oval to watch cricket. V. pleasant dinner at Mrs. Cohen's.

## Friday 24 May

Mrs. Macmillan's dinner 8 o'c. Asked Miss Mackenzie to tea. Drove to Mother's, went on in carriage with Midge (hers) to Alexandra, fetched Tabbie & to stores. I sat in carriage. Horse fell at Alexandra Hotel broke both shafts. Midge brought me home in cab. Long chat with Miss Mackenzie.

#### Saturday 25 May

Mrs. Steincopff's at home 5 to 7. Prince's band. Maud dines at Baileys with Mrs. Galbraith & goes to Vaudeville 7 o'c. I out morg. at 10 to stores alone shop'g. Spent £3.11.7. Lin gave me £3.10.0. After lunch went with M. at 4.30 to Mrs. Steincopff, dull at home except for long talk with Col. Welby & Mrs. Jones. Called to enquire for darling Mother unable to see her, too weak. Tabbie & Edgar there. Lin off to first night of "Fedora", B. Tree & Mrs. Pat Campbell, only 1 place to be had.

#### Sunday 26 May

Asked Mr & Mrs. Galbraith, Mr & Mrs. Arthur Russell, Mr Stone & Tabbie to dinner. Man to wait. Evelyn returned fr. church with Maud early & remained on with me whilst Maud went to Park with H. Langley Mervyn & Tabbie. Mr J. Hood & Mr & Mrs. Fowler called. Not as lively a dinner as usual all left at 11 & 11.30.

#### Monday 27 May

Mrs. H. Levy's dinner 8 o'c. Sp. here, went with Lin to see house in Vic. Rd. Met Mrs. Boulanger & Violet Cotton. Stayed after with dear Mother until 1.30, seemed more her dear self. V. pleasant dinner at Mrs. L's of 23. A Frenchman amused us, after dinner had a long talk with him on French literature. Maud had Hon. Mr R. Gore to take her in to dinner She seemed to be amused with him.

# Tuesday 28 May

Mr Agnew's dinner 8 o'c. 11.30 to School of Music to be shown over by Mon. Visetti. Mrs. Lennox Browne at home 4 to 6. I went at 11.30 in brougham to School of Music, found Senor Visetti giving lessons, heard 4 girls sing, 3 quite charmingly & one gentleman who shouted "Mortals all rejoice welcoming spring". I saw Mr Donaldson's museum after, v. interesting old instruments. Signor Visetti v. flowery as usual. Mr & Mrs. Nelson, Sp, Ada Sp. & Hilda, Mrs. Walter Crane & Mrs. Lawrence Philips & Miss Cohen called. Maud quite delighted with Miss C's playing. Enjoyed dinner at Mr Agnew's v. much. 4 small tables at which 6 sat. Mr Agnew, Mrs. F.C.B, a'Beckett, du Maurier, Mrs. Lucy & self at one. Mr F.C.B, Lin, Sir J.Tenniel, Mrs. du Maurier, Mrs. Phil Agnew. Dinner charming. I had most interesting talk with du Maurier about his books. Tiresome music after dinner when we all wanted to talk.

# Wednesday 29 May

M. & self to Park 1<sup>st</sup> time together this season, sat there till 1 o'c. Derby Day. Sir Visto, Ld. Rosebery's horse ridden by Sam Loates won. (*illeg*). Lin rode morg. Turkish Bath afternoon. Italian lady & gentleman called fr. Mrs. Rae. Mrs. Arthur Russell called. M. & self at 3.30 to Lady Wills, Aird, Threlfall, Lady Anne Blunt, Mocatta, Mrs. Rhodes, Wallace, & Chapman where we met Lady Emily Chesey who told us of terrible accident her maid saw in the Row yesterday. Also saw Mrs. Cameron Corbett.

## **Thursday 30 May**

Asked Miss Mackenzie to dinner 8 o'c. Went with Sp. to Row. Evelyn & Maud met us there. Walked up Row met Galbraiths & Alexanders & Mrs. Albert a'Beckett. Drove at 3.30 alone to Mrs. Mackenzie 17 Observatory Gds, Mrs. Montefiore jnr, Fanny Barker, Mrs Heilbutt, Mother, found her so excited about Mervyn's cold, all rest out. Madame Allain called.

Friday 31 May

Maud & self dine with Miss Rose Innes at 7 & go to hear Earl of Rosse lecture on "The radiant heat fr. the moon during the progress of an eclipse". Maud & Miss Ritchie to Park where I joined them after taking Mother some jelly & Maud's dress to Miss Ratcliffe. Met them in Row Hyde Pk Corner. Met Cap't Marks & Cap't Heathorn, talked some time with them & then took Maud to Mr Bartlett about her tooth which he prepared for stopping. Miss Ritchie left alone by omnibus. Mrs. Galbraith Snr called. Maud came out in thick rash over face arms & neck so cannot take her tonight. V. hot.

## Saturday 1 June

Maud goes to Hurlingham with the Galbraiths & dines there.

### Sunday 2 June

Walked with Maud to Mother's thro' Gardens. Lin went off at 10.30 for Calais. Found darling Mother vy. suffering. Midge went to Fittleworth yesterday to see Dora. I lunched at the Galbraiths, Evelyn & the 2 Italians there. Maud lunched at Mother's. Brought Evelyn back with me. Tilda, Bret Harte, Mr Marks, Miss Rose Innes & Miss Holland & friend called.

#### Monday 3 June

Mary Nicol comes for a week. Went to dear Mother's after lunch, helped with her room all morg. turning out drawers. Mother v. v. ill & weak. Midge returned fr. Fittleworth. H. & Edgar at Mother's. Estate again deficient on ac't of Nash farm. Mary arrived fr. Leeds at 7.45.

### **Tuesday 4 June**

Eton, luncheon. Mr de la Rue's invitation for us all to go to their steam launch for the entire day. Left Paddington at 11.30 with the de la Rues, boys met us at Windsor & we went on to launch. Lady E. Churchill's party of 11. V. pretty woman. Miss Preston, Mr & Mrs. de la Rue, 3 boys Sybil(?) dear Roy, Maud Lin & self. Steamed up River, perfect day not too sunny or hot. Lunched sumptuously at 1 o'c every luxury fruit ices

etc in quantities. Went up river before luncheon & down after past
Datchett, had tea on board, on deck rather, Mr de la Rue had fall in one
of the locks. Back to see procession of boats v. pretty sight 10 of them.
Saw Mr Goldie & his 3 little girls, McLarens etc. Horrid accident on ops.
bank. A horse took fright & rushed into crowd on bank of river, turned &
fell over on to slope. Several women thrown into water & one boy run
over. Hope no one seriously hurt but it looked an ugly accident. Dined
on board again sumptuously & after a turn up the river, left by 8 o'c train
with the de la Rues. Only had a few words with dear Roy. V. delightful
day.

### Wednesday 5 June

5 o'c to Imperial Institute with Mrs. Coward to hear E. Strauss's band. Dr Orton came to see Maud. Lunched at Garrick. Mr & Mrs. B. Tree, Bret Harte, Mary, Lin, Maud, Mr & Mrs. Galbraith & Col. Hensman. V. interesting talk between Bret Harte & B. Tree on (*illeg*) right across me. To Mother's unable to see her so weak had just been punctured. Ethel Dale & Midge there. Went on with the two girls to I. Institute & Strauss' Band, a dream! Met the Cowards, Arthur Cecil & Mrs. Gaetz(?) Quiet evg at home after.

#### **Thursday 6 June**

Lin & self dine at Mrs. Pepys Cockerell. V. respectable dull dinner, everyone behaving so nicely. Table & dinner charming, company distinctly slow. To darling Mother's at 11. V. v. ill, was punctured yesterday & seems much weaker. Mervyn & Miss Dale called & had tea here 4 o'c. Mr Paxton to lunch & stayed on talking till 5.15, one continuous prattle. Mary & Maud went off to their room & rested. Lin retired to his end of the room & slept whilst I had to listen to Mr Paxton feeling sleepy & uninterested. Maud & Mary to "Othello" with Mrs. Pickering, heard Albani & Samagno(?) the new great tenor & fr. there to Mrs. (blank) dance. Were not home till 3.30 Friday morg.

Friday 7 June

App't for Maud with Mr Bartlett at 12 o'c. Had to wire & put it off. Dine with Miss Rose Innes at 7 o'c. Bright sunny day. Dear Father's birthday, no, July. Galbraiths called to sat goodbye morg. Mother no longer seems to know us & quite delirious at times.

## Saturday 8 June

Lovely day. Went to dear Mother's seems to know us a little better.

Stayed & had lunch with Midge alone. Dora & Mervyn to see King Arthur.

Mary & Maud fetched me at 1.30 & we went to see the "Shop Girl" where
Lin joined us. On way home I went to Mother's where I saw Edgar, Mrs.

Fraser, Ham's sister just arrived fr. S. America, Tilda & Mervyn. Mary &
Maud went to Hurlingham. We dined quietly & made poems after.

## Sunday 9 June

Maud & Mary to Church. I to dear Mother's. Stayed until ten 30 o'c.

Mother fearfully ill. Carr Glyn & Orton there twice during day. Mr McColl,

Evelyn, Miss Rose Innes & young Thomson called.

### **Monday 10 June**

Mother v. ill, there all day, & still partially conscious. Stayed at Mother's all day till dinner time. Mary & Maud to lunch at Mrs. Pratts & made cakes after. We all went to see "Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith" after 6.30 dinner. Felt tired & worn out having cried my eyes into a pulp.

### **Tuesday 11 June**

Soirée at the Anglo African writers club, Imperial Institute 8.30. Lady Lawson at home 4.30 to 7. Mrs. Douglas Sladen at home 9.30, to meet Mr Gilbert Parker. Mr Bret Harte dines here & we have Royal Box at Haymarket for "Fedora", Miss Rose Innes also. All went on after to Mr Stone's rooms to supper except Bret Harte who ret'd home, & self. Darlng Mother awfully ill. Con up, he & Dora ret'd to Fittleworth afternoon. Maud & Mary here to see callers afternoon. Feel too tired & no heart for anything, darling Mother always in my mind, went there early after breakfast.

## Wednesday 12 June

Soirée (Mr Lockyer). Mrs. Mackesy 4.30 to 7. Mrs. Warre's dance, Roland House. Went to dear Mother's after breakfast with Mervyn who came to sit to Maud. Mother still seems half unconscious. Remained until 6 o'c, cab, unable to get bus. Maud off at 10 o'c to meet Lin to Soirée & after to dance. Mary Nicol left us. X. Petit ami Maud.

## **Thursday 13 June**

Went with Lin in dog cart to Battersea Pk to see cyclists, felt headachy & nervous. Saw Mary Nicol breakfasting at Club House in Pk. Great crowd of smart people riding, driving, walking & cycling. No one we knew but Mr Adams. To Mother after, still partially conscious & excited. Remained till 6.45. Home in Midge's carriage. Mrs. M(illeg) etc called. Maud dined with Miss Chapman 8 o'c. Mervyn came in after I had dined & stayed till 10.

## Friday 14 June

Asked Ethel Dale, coming tomorrow. Maud lunched with the Nembhards & went to the Earl's Court Exhibition with them. I stayed at Mother's till 6 o'c when carriage fetched me. Mother still very ill, Midge & I with her all afternoon. X. Petit ami.

### Saturday 15 June

Maud goes to Mrs MacQueen's at home 4 to 7 & to theatre with Miss Holland & Mr Carlisle after. Ethel Dale arrived 11.30 & went off with Mervyn & returned with me for Mother's. Mervyn dined with us. Maud had her dinner in my room & rushed off only half an hour to dress & dine. Letter fr. Mr C. Thomson asking Maud & self to Ranelagh with him & offering his carriage.

### Sunday 16 June

Lin dines at Dr Orwin's. In bed till 12.30. Finished "In Furthest Ind" don't like it. Maud & Ethel, Ham L & Mervyn to Park after church. Tilda to

luncheon. Lin had 2 turns round the gardens on his Bicycle. Mervyn fetched Ethel after lunch & they went off calling together. Maud dines with Mrs. Rhodes at 8 o'c. Mervyn Ethel & self here alone. Only Mr Arden called & stayed a long time.

## Monday 17 June

Mrs. Rawlinson at home 4.30 to 7 o'c. Midge with H. to country to see house. Tabs up till tomorrow. Je n'aime pas (*illeg illeg*) je changerée d'(*illeg*) amis plus tard, je l'espire(?). Maud at work morg. Maud to tea with Miss Endhoven & sat in Pk with her, cab home 2/-. Owe Ethel 4d for our omnibus fr. Mother's. Edgar there & Tabbie up for day only, looking blooming. Midge & H. returned fr day in country just as we were leaving. Mervyn dined here & went after with Ethel to Indian Exhibition.

## **Tuesday 18 June**

Mrs. Holmes at home 4 - 7. Lin & Maud to Ascot. Maud evg. to Mrs. C. Burnand's dance. Ethel D. out all day with Mervyn. Went to Mother's in dog cart at 12, stayed till 5.30. Felt oh! so tired & done up in my head, dear Mother what must she feel, only seeing her suffer makes one feel so bad. Went at 5.30 to Mrs. Holmes met there Ada Sp, Fanny Barker & Mary, Ethel & Mrs. H. Holmes. Sent brougham home & drove with Ada in Pk, felt better for it. Alice took Maud to May Burnand's in carriage, fetches her. Lin & M. seem to have enjoyed their day at Ascot, lovely day. Ladies of party Leigh-ish, men pleasant. Letter fr. Bret Harte about his glasses, will not own they were broken.

### Wednesday 19 June

Mrs. Schwann's dance 9.30. Mrs. G. Agnew's at home 9.30, 5 Sussex Square Hyde Pk. Drove dear Maudie to Mrs. Carlisle's where she stayed the night. Feel v. bad, head splitting & generally feel ill. Mervyn dined here Ethel & self. Mother worse again v. v. ill, feel most wretched about her. the darling so patient. Could not remain in room, it breaks my heart to see her drifting from us.

## **Thursday 20 June**

Mrs. Moscheles 10 o'c, 80 Elm Pk Rd. Lin dines at Mr Hartree's, weird host on this occasion. Went to dear Mother's at 3.30 found her much worse & could not get her take any food. Judy there & Edgar. Feel awfully bad & had a general breakdown, v. selfish as Midge is so brave. Spencer, Ada Sp, Mervyn, Ethel Dale & Maud & self here to dinner. My head too bad for words. Maids managed extra well which was a comfort & relief. Fetched M. in dog cart at 11 o'c head still aching. Bought fruit & flowers for dinner. Went after luncheon to Mother's 3.30.

## Friday 21 June

Mattuni concert 3 o'c. Ethel Dale leaves, great relief in present trouble. To darling Mother's after breakfast in dog cart. V. v. ill, cannot take nourishment, her breathing more laboured, could only get her to take one wine glass of Valentines (*illeg*) no longer seems to do the good it did. After lunch Midge & self put up summer curtains in dear Mother's room, wiped floor all over with sanitas. Edgar came. Mother much worse. Midge & self helped her out of bed but so weak we could scarce get her back again. After tea she became worse. Edgar sat with her for long while alone. Mr Carr Glynn called & prayed with us, only Jessie & I remained in room poor Edgar too upset. The darling seemed comforted & appeared to fully understand the soothing words but sank into a sleep we could not rouse her from after & passed most peacefully away without a sigh at a quarter past six to our great grief & sorrow. The dearest & most loving Mother & truest friend & adviser, how shall we do without her?

#### Saturday 22 June

Lady Ellis 4 to 7, Buccleugh House Richmond. Went to Jessie after breakfast took roses, found Judy there with Jessie in darling Mother's room. Feel so wretched c'd not rest, did flowers quantities. Lovely roses fr. Edgar. Lunched & dined with Midge. Feel so grieved for poor Mervyn. The intense loneliness terrible, how we miss our darling Mother even when only half realizing the awful truth. Darling Mother looks so sweet &

peaceful her dear face lost all its look of pain & suffering & but for her paleness looks as if she were in a sweet sleep of life.

### Sunday 23 June

Away at Mansions all day. Dear Edgar brought some exquisite roses & lilies. All so sad & lonely cannot realize our darling Mother has gone for ever. The reality comes in waves like a hideous nightmare. Edgar & Conrad, Ham & self & Jess at luncheon. Sophy called & Tabbie in afternoon & remained hours. The coffin or shell closed at 6. Tabbie & Conrad dined with Lin & Maud at Staf. Ter. I reached home at 10 o'c. Feel very sad cannot yet realize the wretched truth.

### Monday 24 June

To Jessie after breakfast. Edgar had been early bringing the most exquisite basket of flowers, pink & red roses, lilies & other flowers. Darling Mother looking so sweet & peaceful.

### **Tuesday 25 June**

Mrs. Lennox Browne 4 to 7. Mrs. Briton Riviere 4 - 7. Went to the Mansions at 11 & with Jessie to order our blk alpaca dresses at Goodmans. To order 2 lovely rose wreaths for Maud & Dora in South Audley Street, to pay Redfern's bill of Maud's £1.3.0. After luncheon did all the flowers in darling Mother's room. Lovely 3<sup>rd</sup> basket of roses fr. Edgar, lilies sweet peas & quantities of moss roses. Midge took sweet peas & I arum lilies, the whole room crowded with lovely flowers. Midge & self rested after. I remained on to dinner & slept in Mrs. Fraser's room. Edgar & Conrad, Midge & self & Hamilton to dinner. After sorted out wreaths sprinkled them & put cards on our own & (*illeg*) boxes. To bed only at 12 o'c & must be up at 5 o'c.

### Wednesday 26 June

X.X.X. Up at 5 o'c. My darling Mother interred this day at St Peter's

Thanet. Tabbie came at 5.30AM to arrange border wreaths. We hung 11
wreaths & 2 crosses on ourselves. Train left Vic Sta. at 8 & all the sad

parting took place quietly & no onlookers as they left here 58 Albert Hall Mansions at 7 o'c. The aching Ionliness dreadful after. Read service in darling Mother's room fr. 11.15 to 12. The flowers most beautiful 34 wreaths & crosses. The flowers in darling Mother's room so fresh if only her own dear self were with us. God bless her & "Grant her that peace which passeth all understanding" & grant we may all be united in the Great Hereafter. Dear Roy returned to Eton. He came last evg. & went to St Peters with all the family today.

### **Thursday 27 June**

Mrs. Tattersall 4 – 7, Garden Party. Hungarian Bd. Maud dines with Miss Rose Innes & goes to theatre with her "Bristol" at 7 o'c. Cannot go. Maud to luncheon at Burlington Hotel Cork St with Mrs. Thorneycroft at 2 o'c.

## Friday 28 June

To Midge at 10 o'c. Edgar going thro' all the papers in dear Mother's room. X. Went at 3 o'c after luncheon with Midge to see Mr Smith by ap't. Most annoying find all my money is in trust by my marriage settlement & I have no power over it whatever, the worry of finding trustees so vexing. Went on after to see Sophy. I stayed & had tea there, found Evelyn with Maud on my return.

#### Saturday 29 June

Mrs. Walter Crane 9 - 12. Mrs. R. Norton 3.30 to 7, music, at Coombe Croft, Coombe Warren, Kingston Hill. Lady Whitehead at home, Royal Botanic Gardens 3 to 7. Drove to Goodman & on to Ratcliffe's met Mrs. Fraser & Midge there, ordered bodice. Went to stores for strawberries etc morg.

### Sunday 30 June

To early service with Maud, met Mrs. Coward & family. Evelyn went on with M & self to sit in Gardens. Miss Rose Innes came to tea. Mrs. Fraser, Midge & Hamilton dined here.

# **Monday 1 July**

Went at 10.30 in brougham to be fitted Goodmans, on after to meet Maud at Nilsons. Otley drove v. carelessly made me v. nervous. To Marshall about M's evg. dress, so crowded had to go. Feel deadly tired. Slept after lunch but still feel dead. Mr Galbraith called. Edgar & Sophy came to dinner. Felt v. sad.

## Tuesday 2 July

Mrs. Briton Riviere 4 - 7, tennis. Dinner party of 8 or 12, Watneys. All postponed. Dull day. Lin rode early. Ethel English & Winnie Lockyer to tea. Lady Wills & Lady Bergne called, did not see them.

## Wednesday 3 July

Mrs. Rawlinson at home 4.30 - 7. Mrs. Temple at home 9.30. Mrs. Grierson at home 4 - 7 at 4 Holland Villas Rd. Maud goes to Mrs. Cohen's for a few days. Postponed. Went with Maud by bus to Marshall & Snelgroves. Bother about account there. Went alone at 3.30 to Midge, sent back brougham & went with Midge & Dora to Whiteleys & sat in Park. Midge brought me back home. Miss Rose Innes to dinner, only Alice in. Miss Innes stayed till 11.20. Saw Edgar at the Mansions. Lin heard fr. Mr Stone in Row of Miss Steincopff's engagement to Col. Welby. Lady Margaret & Rosalind called.

### **Thursday 4 July**

University match at Lords, Maud & Lin going. I go to Midge. To lunch & stayed till 7 o'c looking with Edgar over darling Mother's things, it seems sacriledge to touch them. Waddie at Midge's.

### Friday 5 July

Mrs. Henderson's dance 10.30. Lady Ellis' at home 4 - 7. Mrs. de la Rue's at home 10.30. Went early to Mansions & went over silver etc with Edgar, lunched with Midge. Edgar & Sophy going to Lowestoft by 3 train. Mrs. Fraser lunching with Sophy. Maudie to lunch with Mr Hartree's party at

Lords & goes by 6 o'c train fr. Waterloo to Staines to stay with the Cohens till Tuesday.

## Saturday 6 July

Went with Lin to Lowestoft. Edgar & Sophy met us at Lowestoft station & we walked to Hotel which was close & facing sea. Dined together & took stroll on Parade & Pier after. More worries about the winding up of estate on account of those scoundrels Welch & Chapple. To bed at 10.30. Lowestoft much larger & more modern than I expected. Harbour to left of Hotel filled with fishing smacks & a pretty yacht painted white, Freemantle owner. Only the parade between us & the sea & not a very wide parade, sand & shingle beach. Parade extends a mile to the Grand Hotel owned by same proprietor as the one we are staying at "The Royal". Salvation Army in great form & all over the place no getting away fr. them.

# Sunday 7 July

Lovely morg. Woke early after good night. Sat out in front of Hotel facing sea until Lin Edgar & Sophy returned fr. their bathe. Had breakfast together. Sophy off to her church. Lin & I wrote letters & sat out with Edgar till luncheon. Lin had bad headache & slept 2 hours before tea. I sat with Sophy on beach where Edgar joined us till tea time, when Lin joined us & we all walked & looked over Grand Hotel, delightful place much higher up & more like a lovely country house.

# **Monday 8 July**

Edgar & Sophy returned by 1 o'c train fr. Lowestoft. Lin & self returned by 2.35 & arrived home in time for dinner.

### **Tuesday 9 July**

Mrs. Briton Riviere 4 - 7, tennis. To Mansions at 10.30. Valuers going thro' everything to sheets of paper & stockings. Most revolting. Think Edgar is over scrupulous, personally have no sympathy for a government who could pass such laws. Home to lunch. Miss Neaves,

Fanny Barker & Mary & Mrs. Harley & Mrs. Tweedie to tea. Maudie returned fr. Mrs. Cohen's at 6 o'c. Emma met her. Seems better for change.

## Wednesday 10 July

Went to Midge's at 10.30. Found her v. seedy. Packed 2 boxes for her & hat box & glass. Lunched there, took Dora at 4 off to dentist to have front tooth stop'd, & back to Mansions. Edgar there looking decidedly better. Poor Mervyn seems v. down & looks thin. Maudie to tea at Miss Chapman's & after dinner to Mr Lockyer, went with them to Earls Court Exhibition, home only at ¼ to 12 & seems to have enjoyed it. Wish Maudie were less limp.

# **Thursday 11 July**

Dear Maud off to Henley with the Schwanns. Lin & self dine at Edgar & Sophy's. Midge, Hamilton & Dora go to Earls Barton. M. enjoyed herself immensely, only party of 4, Miss Schwann Mr Schwann & Mr Furgerson. They had a punt & were home in time for 8 o'c dinner. Mervyn dined here with Maud, & lunched with Lin & self. Pleasant little evening at Edgar's.

### Friday 12 July

Mr Hartree's luncheon & tea at "Lords", Eton & Harrow match. Mrs. Critchett's dinner 8 o'c. Lin & Maud to Mr Hartree's. Mervyn lunched with Edgar. I went to Mansions after luncheon, could do nothing, Edgar going thro' papers. Tilda, Mervyn, Roy & self to dinner. Eton doing well at Lords. X. Petit ami self.

# Saturday 13 July

Mr Hartree's as yesterday. I went up with Lin in cab to Fanny Barker's where I lunched. V. pretty house charmingly furnished but <u>too</u> orderly, not a <u>thing</u> out of place. Came back by cab. Sp. here, had tea in my room. Lin & chicks home ¼ to 8. Drawn game between Eton & Harrow. They had delightful day & saw numbers of friends, & went on after dinner to Indian Exhibition. V. crowded & stuffy, returned soon. Mervyn

lunched here alone & went after with Ethel to the country to visit some of her people.

## Sunday 14 July

In bed till 12 o'c. Maud to church & to Park after with Roy. Evelyn to tea & Miss Rose Innes also. Spencer to dinner.

# **Monday 15 July**

Roy left early. In bed till 12 o'c. Maud started fresh story. Miss Rose Innes to dinner, stayed v. late, felt v. tired & weak. Lin rode his cycle.

## **Tuesday 16 July**

In bed till 12. Maud at work & after sat in lonides old garden with the Cowards. Called after lunch on Mrs. Fritz, out!!! Lillie Holland called before our return. May Nembhard called.

## Wednesday 17 July

X. Lin & self went at 3 to Bath club, fr. there to lawyer! Mr Smith! Signed both our wills, had long talk for which we neither seem the wiser.

Discover that instead of receiving between £10,000 & £12,000 shall only get between 8 to 10 or less. Nous verrons. Shall be glad of anything extra. Maudie & self alone.

## **Thursday 18 July**

Feel v. seedy & limp still. Edgar & So to dinner. Ed. quite cheerful over the new flaw in the will. Sp's taking an 8<sup>th</sup> of original sum, value of estate at dear Father's death. Wonder when the complications will terminate. Must expect nothing until I receive ---? Went after character of cook for Midge, seems satisfactory, wrote to Midge & cook sending result of interview. Pouring wet evening. To Marshall's about Midge's cook, saw one rather nice respectful manner of speaking £36 & supposed to know everything. To Mde Bocquet's, ordered evg dress. She seems to have had a world of trouble, husband & son against her & herself taken legal

proceedings against her neighbour of Electric Light. Won her case & her husband & son gone!

## Friday 19 July

Out morg. shops. With Maud to be fitted at Miss Ratcliffe's with 3 dresses, having them all much alike! Lin finished work evg, dinner at 10 o'c in consequence. Called alone at 4.30 on Mrs. G. Agnew, v. fine house! In, Sylvia du M, Davies out, Aunt Linda, saw Ethel who dressed evidently before seeing one judging by time, & Mrs Coward. Saw Blanche here & walked part of way home with her. Mrs. C. looking v. pretty so healthy & well, the girls decidedly anemic. Went for cook's character today not yesterday.

## Saturday 20 July

Pouring wet morg. Out shops, put on old dress & met Vicar! Ordered drugget for stairs. In all afternoon weather so unsettled. Read to Maud, v. busy drawing. Sp. & Hilda called morg. caught me standing to Maud in night dress! Brought sticks to burn, result not pleasant. Lin rode gee, or bicycle, evg, can get on & off now to his satisfaction. Washed Empire candlesticks found one broken. (*illeg*)

# Sunday 21 July

Pouring wet morg. Fine later.

#### Monday 22 July

Lin's dinner here. Lord Russell, Sir C. Hall, Hon Schomberg Macdonal, Burnand, Roger Wallace, F. Jackson, Fletcher Moulton, Vernon Watney, Ayala & the Host. Julienne. Soles white sauce. Volaille of Veals tongue. Roast lamb, peas, French beans. Roast chicks, salade. Jelly with currants, sherry. Blancmange brandy apricots. Haddock savoury & coffee ice. V. quiet dinner. Spent whole morg. stores, met Mr Taylor at Stores. Mervyn arrived at 11.45 night fr. South Shields. Sp. came & helped with table. Edgar called, wants a copy of settlement, more expence!

# Tuesday 23 July

Left Maud at Miss Ratcliffe's & went to be fitted at Mde B's. Bank about settlement. Took piece of material to Storey's, kept one piece. Gill & dear Mervyn to lunch. Little dressmaker here for 3 days. Mrs. Macquoid called, so distressed about Mr Winchester Clowes.

### Wednesday 24 July

V. hot & close. Maud & self to Alice Hughes for M's photo. Hope they will turn out well. Maud v. tired & overwrought evg.

## **Thursday 25 July**

Lin & self dined with Edgar & So. V. pleasant evg, Yoland there. V. faint poor mite after dinner. Paid little Stephens for Maud 9/- for 3 days work. To Madame's to be fitted, do not think much of dress. Pd. Marshall & Snelgroves bill, over £11. Went & ret'd by bus. Two letters fr. Fritz about investments.

# Friday 26 July

Maudie goes to Mrs. Mocatta at Datchett by 12.40 fr. Waterloo Loop line.

Dull morg. Emma saw her off. Out morg. shop'g spent £1.10.0 on
nothings. Worked afternoon. Quiet evg. dined at 9. Mervyn to Edgar's
after dinner.

### Saturday 27 July

Midge came up. Went to Mansions where she stays till Wed. Midge dined here. Mervyn quite cheery. Shop'g morg.

### Sunday 28 July

Pouring wet day. Edgar came to luncheon late & dear Midge also, had long talk over lunch & tea. Sp. to tea. Midge here to luncheon & dinner, Bates fetched her.

### Monday 29 July

Tabbie came up. Dear Mervyn getting rather nervous. Went with Midge to Ratcliffe's, to Mackay about flowers for wedding, rooms, & dear Mervyn's buttonhole. To Buzzards about cake, & Madame Bocquet, told me about her divorce. Tabbie to dinner. V. cheery evg. Sp. came in afternoon & after dinner. Dear Maud ret'd fr. the Mocattas.

# **Tuesday 30 July**

Dear Mervyn's wedding. V. fine morg. Went at 9.30 with Maud to Mr Bartlett, home by 11. Tabbie to luncheon. I took dear Mervyn in brougham to Church met the Dale party there. Felt v. low & miserable so vexed with myself but c'd not master the feeling. Mervyn looked so handsome & spoke up well & looked very happy going away. Maud, Hilda, Yoland threw flowers. Ordered 3 bunches pink flowers & basket tied with pink satin looked sweet. Church v. prettily arranged. Went into Vestry after. Mr Carr Glynn v. amused I sh'd think he had attended his father-in-law's wedding (Duke of Argyle) which takes place at Ripon(?) today. Mervyn & Ethel drove to Lady Hemming where E. changed her dress & went on to their rooms 4 Princes St, had had them all arranged with lovely flowers, ordered cake at Buzzards. After wedding Edgar walked home with me alone, left me here. All our people came to tea here except Tabs & Ham who returned home same afternoon. After tea went with Midge to Mansions packed all Edie's & Annie's things & sorted the linen. Also brought away a few things Edgar said I might keep. Midge dined with us Bates fetched her. This day felt like a whole week.

## Wednesday 31 July

Maudie goes to Mrs. Henderson's. I saw her off at Paddington met Charlie Livesay & another girl going 3<sup>rd</sup> to Mrs. Henderson's so changed M's 1<sup>st</sup> class ticket & got a 3<sup>rd</sup> for her to travel with them. Lin to Mr Smith solicitor with Mr Barr about Barr estate. Drove Lin up at 3.30 to Hyde Pk. Corner, & went on alone to Stores & Ratcliffe, home. Miss Maud & Mervyn & Mother.

## **Thursday 1 August**

Tabbie's Christchurch. Going tomorrow. Morning packed with Marie. Sp. came seems v. depressed so sorry for him. Packed till 4.30 & then went to stores bought cape & dressing gown & 2 lotions for Lin's eyes. Edgar called on return for Epitome X of Father's will. Left parcel which Alice took after dinner to his rooms 42 Brook St. Lin trying to finish work, to go by 2.15 tomorrow.

## Friday 2 August

Lin v. busy finishing work to get off by 2.15, great rush. Sp. came in whilst we were lunching & went part of way with us in cabs. Met Sophy with Yolande who came with us. Mr & Lady Maud Hooper at Tabs for night. Mr Nugent dined here also. Lin & Roy brought their bikes. Baby great fat boy like a Henry V111 baby, seems good tempered little thing. Gwen & Eve much grown.

## Saturday 3 August

Pouring wet day. Mr & Lady M. Hooper left at 1 o'c. Gwen drove with me to South End to see cricket, remained ½ an hour to see Roy play & ret'd in cart so wet. Ham out all day only returning in time for dinner, went to Cowes about damage done to Alma yacht.

## **Sunday 4 August**

Fine & wet alternately, glass low.

# **Monday 5 August**

Lin, H, & self off at 9.30 to Southampton for Cowes week. Mr Morrel with us hugely dull simple person. H. gave us luncheon!!! V. wet on yacht, at 4 o'c met Mr Pemberton. Like "Abafna" v. much, v. charmingly fitted. Feel v. seedy obliged to leave dinner table. Just in time on yacht to see arrival of German Emperor. He steamed in between his 5 men of war & took his mooring next to us. Could see all splendidly as he came in, our men of war also, it looked like a naval war so much smoke.

## **Tuesday 6 August**

V. wet & windy. Con arrived, looks fairly well. Lin & H. ashore after tea & met Miss Knowles, Lethbridge etc etc, quiet evg. Put up pictures with Ham all morg.

### Wednesday 7 August

X. Petit ami, most inconvenient on yacht. Pumping so inconvenient all the world knows! Lin left before luncheon. Con & H. ashore again after dinner. They returned early finding it v. slow. Had to move our position on account of Mr Goschen on "Enchantress", 1<sup>st</sup> Lord of the Admiralty coming.

## **Thursday 8 August**

Finer day. All lavatories up, mine carried off bodily for entire day. 3 gentlemen came to see yacht, one a Frenchman & rather entertaining. Con & H. ashore before dinner, played & sang after. 4 German men of war with Torpedo catcher left Cowes leaving only one man of war with the Emperor.

### Friday 9 August

Windy dull morg. Packed & went ashore with Con & Ham & on to Southampton steamer, reached Hinton Admiral at 12.30. V. glad to get back. Quite gay afternoon, Mrs. Reeve with Mr Wallace & Miss Duff Gordon, Mrs. Neck of High Cliff & Mrs. Surman & sister came to tea. Lin arrived 4.30 from London. Much warmer at Mudeford than on yacht, had cheery dinner & to bed early. Feel better notwithstanding fatigue of journey.

### Saturday 10 August

Breakfasted in bed. Mad'lle Henri left after 5 years. Tabbie, Evelyn & self took her to Station & then on to Bournemouth, poor Eve v. unhappy at Mad'lle going. Roy playing cricket at Sir G. Merrick's, Lin off for long cycle ride. Heavy shower.

# **Sunday 11 August**

Wrote morg. Fine day but incessant wind. Sat in summer house all morg. reading & in open arbor after lunch with Lin. To tea at Mrs.

Surman, 3 gunners & Miss Gilson there. Miss darling Mother v. much.

She was here the last time we were, two years ago.

## **Monday 12 August**

Lovely day. Sat out all day in arbor with Lin & went with children to see them bathe. Drove with Tabs at 4 o'c. V. windy. H. returned fr. yacht in time for dinner. Dear Maud ret'd home ft. Buscot & missed Emma at Station. Miss Meiggs left Maud at Staf. Ter in her cab.

## **Tuesday 13 August**

Dora & I hope Maud come by the 2.15. V. wet morning cleared after. Miss Messel's wedding day. Little Yolande left by morning train. Lin off on bike to meet Dora & Maud.

# **Wednesday 14 August**

Lin, Roy & I return home. Maud goes with Ham & Tabs to Dartmouth to join Mervyn & Ethel & yacht "Abafna". Pleasant journey up. Lost my mule pannier, Otley got it evg. Lin & Roy on bicycles fr. Vauxhall & I had luggage to see to Waterloo. Roy v. rude evg. Cannot imagine why he is so rude with me.

# **Thursday 15 August**

Fine day warmer. Vernon Watney sent 2 brace of grouse. Lin hard at work.

# Friday 16 August

Went by bus to Bank about trust securities & to Redferns ordered blk serge dress to be 9½ gns, like Tabbie's. Worked all afternoon.

## Saturday 17 August

Fine morg. ap't Redfern's 11 o'c. V. tired all day. Evg to Palace Theatre with Lin & Roy. V. good programme but felt too tired to really enjoy it.

## **Sunday 18 August.**

Went by L.C & D. Rly to Calais & returned in time for dinner. Glorious day, met Sir G. & Lady Armstrong. Sat on deck with her & had long interesting talk with her. They lunched at our table but had to hurry off to catch Paris train for Aix les Bains. Met Jonson(?) correspondent for "Debat" & "Figaro", Jd. Knowles & many friends of Lin's. Awfully tired evg. but enjoyed day. Had 2 Americans in our carriage fr. Dover to Vic, v. interesting & amusing. Lin rode his cycle with Roy before breakfast.

## **Monday 19 August**

Out early shops. Dear Roy's birthday, 17 today. After dinner we 3 went to see "The Artist's Model" scarcely worth turning out for. Mr Reed called & went for turn on bicycle with Lin.

# **Tuesday 20 August**

V. hot & oppressive. Mr Reed dines here & goes with Lin & Roy to see Shop Girl. Went by bus to be fitted Redferns this morg. Bought cuffs & collar Lady Warwick's 7/6. Met Mrs. & Miss Wallace. Long letter fr. dear Maud fr. Falmouth.

### **Wednesday 21 August**

V. hot & close. Roy out all day. After packing go to mansions, no, Edgar there so I remained at home. Quiet evg. & to bed early.

### **Thursday 22 August**

Lin, Roy & self to Ayton. Left in heavy thunder storm at 8.30.

Comfortable journey. Mr G. met us Ayton. Lin & Roy off on cycles whilst he & I waited for the Edinboro' train bringing Mrs. Temple, Miss Williams & Mr Blair. Mrs. Wilson here. Just time to have tea, unpack & dress for dinner.

Friday 23 August (blank)

Saturday 24 August (blank)

## **Sunday 25 August**

Finer. All to church except Lin & Mr Galbraith. Sat in summer house after with Mr B. Seems down about his profession, tant mieux, cannot marry. Walked about saw gees etc.

## **Monday 26 August**

V. wet morg. In all morg. Went at 3 to call & have tea with Mr Mitchell Innes on coach. Had box seat going dull party, three people besides ourselves, only amusement drive there & back which was delightful. Mr McColl, Capt & (illeg) Liddell & Charlie Livesey arrived. Minister to dinner. Slept badly.

### **Tuesday 27 August**

Warmer. Worked & then (*illeg illeg*) mile walk with Mrs. Temple. Rest of party off for Garden Party at (*blank*). Only Roy Lin, Roy, Mr & Mrs. McColl, Mrs. Temple & self at home. Walked about, read, talked, & spent v. quiet afternoon. A doctor dined here making 14, played well after. Slept v. badly feel (*illeg*). Letters fr. dear Maud came to London yesterday with Tabs Mervyn & Ethel & the 2 latter going with M. to Staf. Ter. Tabs to Alexandra Hotel.

### Wednesday 28 August

Lovely day. Girls to Berwick by train, Mr B. on bike. Lovely muddle coming back. (*illeg*) & Charlie sat & saw their train out of station & had to take cab home. Arrived an hour after Mr B. Lady Elliot & party to tea, Queen Elizabeth etc. V. merry evg, danced & had music, never felt better in my life. Story of Mr G's at dinner "The Marquess of Sidney was to be painted by some celebrated artist & thought she would look best in her

lovely blue velvet mantle lined with "vermin"!" Slept v. bad, can't imagine why. Settle into a peacefully thoughtful condition but v. wide awake. Only slept about 3 hours. Fortunately Lin v. quiet in sleep.

## **Thursday 29 August**

Garden party. Mr B. went off with them all. Mrs. Temple & self at home.

V. windy. No! went for 2 hours drive in coach on Edinburgh road. Mrs. T,
Mrs. Wilson, Miss Williams, two girls, Mr McCall & self. V. lively drive &
met 2 trains, 6 caravans of travelling circus etc, horses behaved
admirably. Had to hold our hats on all the time, perfect hurricane
blowing. Enjoyed it immensely. Mr McColl v. lively & amusing until half
way home when he fell peacefully asleep, bumped up against us till we
made him sit outside.

# Friday 30 August

Lovely day after 12 o'c. Big garden party. Miss Herriot sang. She reminds me of some animal, can't think which. Most successful afternoon, drawing room looked charming with its three tables for tea, coffee, & fruit. Putting, tennis, miniature golf & bat & ball. Poor Charlie L. got a great blow fr. the "Wilkes" who played more as one w'd expect a tiger to play. The first struck her forehead & then her waist band, & never apologized. V. rude man.

### Saturday 31 August

X. Petit ami. Morg. sat out v. fine & quite warm. Mrs. Galbraith, Miss W, Charlie & (*illeg*) L. Mrs. Wilson & Mr Blair to garden party. Mrs. Temple & self played bat & ball & putting, beat her! generally play badly. Rest at tennis etc. Played consequences evening. Letter fr. dear Maud. Mr Hadden arrived.

### Sunday 1 September

Lovely day, quite hot. Remained in bed till 11.30 & sat out reading after.

Mr McColl & Roy escorted all ladies to church. Sat out after lunch with

(illeg) L, Roy & Miss Williams. Rest looking over stables & for long walk.

Roy much chaffed about C.L. by Mr Blair & Mr McColl. Mr Blair & Mr Hadden leave early tomorrow.

## **Monday 2 September**

Mr Blair & Mr Hadden left. Lovely day. In bed till 11.30. Read on terrace.

All went for drive on coach at 3 o'c except Mr McColl Roy & self.

Heavenly day, warmest we have had yet. Hypnotising evg!

## Tuesday 3 September

General exodus! Mrs. T, Miss W, Capt & Mrs. Liddell & Charlie left, waved to them fr. window. Only ourselves & Mr McColl left. Mr & Mrs. McClean coming tonight. Mr Galbraith, McColl & Lin off shooting after luncheon. Mrs. Wilson also left. Maudie's photos arrived, not v. pleased with them. Mr & Mrs. McClean dear old couple went to meet them at Sta.

# Wednesday 4 September

Lin left by 10 train. Sat in conservatory with Mr McClean discussing large range of subjects! & forgot luncheon, only arrived when rest had finished. The McCleans, Mrs. G. & self to Mrs. Angus' garden party, large number there. Lovely drive across Tweed suspension bridge. Quiet evg. after past gaieties.

### **Thursday 5 September**

Lovely day v. warm. Walked about grounds morg. with Mr McClean. Mrs. G. & Mr McColl riding. Mr & Mrs. Clarke arrived, owners of 8 children all well planted in life! I find her v. dull & heavy, seems absorbed in the feats etc of her various children. Wonder if I too bother people about my family, think it more than probable & must refrain.

### Friday 6 September

Lovely day. Went with Mrs. G, Clarkes, Mr McColl & McCleans to see horses, took fr. 11 o'c to 1.30. Just time to change dress after lunch & off on coach to garden party at Major Heriots (Spitals). Roy, Mr & Mrs. G. box seat, Mdes McClean, Clarke, & Mr McClean next Mr Clarke, self & Mr

McColl last. V. lively ride, tales & anecdotes the whole time. Party at the Heriots more amusing than last & much finer & warmer day. Only change returning Mr McClean next to me, Mr Clarke in front. V. merry evening & dinner. Mr G. v. kindly asked us to stay on but was too anxious to see Maudie before she left for Scotland, otherwise w'd have remained, Roy so happy here.

## Saturday 7 September

Leave Ayton. Roy & I left Ayton after one of the happiest visits of my life. Mr Galbraith, Mr McColl (who left for Hamilton) Mr McClean & Mr Clarke all went by train with us to Berwick & waited & saw us off. Mr G. most kindly had reserved carriage for us tip'd guard & porters & gave me Stanley Weyman's last book "A Minister of France". Never have I experienced so much kindness or generosity. Roy & self had most comfortable journey. Found dear Maudie just a little fagged with London. Want of space & room for one's clothes a perpetual bother, no room to turn round here.

### **Sunday 8 September**

Mr Watney, Tressady. Lovely day. Helped dear Maudie pack all morg. Dined at 5.30. Lin & Maud left 6.30 for Euston. Lin sees Maud off at Perth which they reach at 4.30 tomorrow morg. for Aberdeen. Mr Blair came at 9 o'c & remained until after 11, did not seem v. surprised Lin & M. had left, had himself come fr. Boulogne today & dined at his club. Chaffed Roy about C. Livesey & perversely likes the two photos of Maud no one else likes, cannot make him out.

### **Monday 9 September**

Roy & I go to Jessie, Earls Barton. Go on Wed. instead. Intensely hot bright & sunny. Woke at 4 o'c & c'd not sleep for some time thinking of Maudie traveling on fr. Perth to Aberdeen alone.

### **Tuesday 10 September**

Out shop'g morg. & to Mansions for <u>last</u> time. Feel sad & lonely. After lunch read & answered letters. Mr Blair came at tea time & invited Roy to dine with him. Gave him our stalls for Williards piece at Garrick. Roy dined with Mr B. & went with him & had v. pleasant evg.

## Wednesday 11 September

Letter fr. Mr Blair thanking me!!! Alternate heavy showers but quite fine when we went to Euston. Had comfortable journey. Midge & D. met us at the Castle in landau at Sta. Roy's bike gone on somewhere fr. Northampton, hopes to get it tomorrow. V. pretty house most comfortable large rooms & v. big hall & staircase, lovely garden with heaps of fruit & flowers & pretty lawns etc, am delighted with it. Not pretty outside but will be when creepers are more grown.

## **Thursday 12 September**

Lovely day but v. windy. Pottered about all morg. D. & Roy on their Bikes. Midge & self in landau with with bays to Wellingboro' to call on Mrs. Hill. Letters fr. Lin & Maud. Mr Ryan & Mr Foster staying at the Nicols. Hope Maud will be careful do not like Mr Foster at all, too much a man about town to be safe with a young girl & I do not like his style. His father is the Secretary for India & consequently high up in present government. Roy's bike arrived. Midge & self walked to village.

## Friday 13 September

Lovely day. Had long letters fr. Lin & Maud, Lin enclosing one fr. Mr Stone. Midge & self altered drawing room furniture.Roy & Dora to Wellingboro' on their bikes. X. M writes she has her L.F. again X.

### Saturday 14 September

Lovely day. Midge & self to Wellinboro' after luncheon, called on Mrs. Keneston. Ham, Mr & Mrs. Ion Langley & Mrs. Fraser arrived evg. in time for 8 o'c dinner.

**Sunday 15 September** 

Lovely day. Midge with Mrs. L, Mrs. Fraser & self to church. Quaint old church. Had tea on lawn. Lovely & hot. All went for long walk after except self & Mr Ion L.

## **Monday 16 September**

Lovely day. Fog morg. cleared at 11. Went in break to see new horses. Bay & grey tried. Two letters fr. D, one fr. Maud.

## **Tuesday 17 September**

Dear Roy had bad accident on his bike, fell heavily going down hill trying to avoid child who ran across road. Sprained his left arm above wrist badly & cut hand a little, generally bruised all over. Sent for doctor who dressed it & made improvised splint of cardboard. Midge, Mrs. Ion, Dora & self to Castle Ashby, Marquis of Northampton's place, built 1624 Elizabethan style. Only saw gardens & church, had tea at little inn.

## Wednesday 18 September

Lovely day v. hot. Went with Roy & Mrs. Fraser to doctor. Roy had his arm bound & after much persuasion got the doctor to let me bathe Roy's hand in water & carbolic, feel far more nervous about his hand than about the sprain. He looks pulled down & seedy fr. the fall. After lunch drove with Midge, D. & Mrs. F. to Northampton nearly, to archery meeting. Unable to find it, so had lovely drive & returned here to tea. Mrs. F. & Midge for long walk after. Roy & I played one hand game of tennis. His neck ached & was stiff fr. the bandage. Mr & Mrs. Ion Langley in London all day to see doctor who confirmed Dublin doctor's opinion. Hope both are wrong, he seems well. Ham away all day seeing his horses at Woolwich(?) All back to dinner. Played billiards after dinner, H. & self won fr. Midge & Mrs. Ion L.

#### Thursday 19 September

Roy should have ret'd to Eton. His arm v. painful & he looks seedy. H away entire day on business. Raining. Letter fr. Lin.

Friday 20 September (blank)

Saturday 21 September (blank)

# **Sunday 22 September**

H, Mrs. F, Midge & self to church. Lovely day. No letters. Sat out all day. Took Roy after tea to Doctor, reset his arm.

## **Monday 23 September**

Lovely day, v. hot. Midge with indigestion. Dora out on her pony accompanied by 2 men on S.A. horses both unmanageable. D. returned nervous alone. Mrs. F, Dora, Roy & self drove at 3 to Mrs. Hills, & Wellingboro' shop'g. Lovely evg. Midge too seedy to come down dinner or tea. Roy & self played H. billiards. Two letters fr. Lin, none fr. Maud.

Tuesday 24 September

Lovlier day than ever & warmer. Midge still v. seedy.

## Wednesday 25 September

Lovely day v.v. hot. Midge v. seedy. Col Maclean, Mr & Mrs. Frisby & Mr Pascoe to luncheon. Mr P. knows Liddell, G(*illeg*) the Heriots & several of the Galbraith's friends. Col M. most extraordinary voice, handsome man. We all went & saw the gees run up & down, & some ridden in paddock. The Frisbys remain night. Played spoof. She is quite different to what I imagined her, but still she does not take my fancy any more than at our first introduction, too strong & masculine a nature. W'd go well in harness with the Taylor style.

# **Thursday 26 September**

Lovely day. X. Petit ami. Rested afternoon. Played spoof evg. Mr & Mrs. Frisby left at 3.30. Saw some of the gees out morg. Like Mr F. better than wife, too strong & energetic for feeble me. Letters fr. Lin & Maud.

## Friday 27 September

Galbraith's ball. Long letters fr. Lin & Maud. Heavenly day. In bed to breakfast. Ham had to leave for Liverpool to see his bulls ship'd for South America. Midge, D, Mrs. F. & Roy to Wellingboro' after tea. Rested at home, to bed early. Watched Jones(?) teaching young horses jumps.

# Saturday 28 September

Lovely day. Breakfasted in bed. Sat out after with Midge. Changed into big room, charming look out so bright & sunny, 3 windows. Wire fr. Lin arrives tomorrow. After luncheon which was late Midge, Mrs. F. & Dora went to Northampton, home at 6.30. Letters fr. Lin & Maud. Con, Ham & Miss Healy arrived at 7.30 & played spoof after dinner.

## **Sunday 29 September**

Lovely day. 10 o'c AM Con & Roy gone in break with Midge's pair to Northampton to meet Lin. Dear Midge gave me a purse which I much needed & a pretty bouquet in my room.

### **Monday 30 September**

Lovely day, a sort of sea fog until 11 o'c & lawns quite wet. Rest of day lovely. Emily F, Con & self in break with grey & bay pair for lovely drive after lunch. Lin, H. & Con to Wellingboro' in phaeton with pair of greys. Con v. seedy in bed after tea great pain in back & stomach.

### **Tuesday 1 October**

Lovely day. Sat out, generally pottered about. Saw grey & bay pair exercised & went for long drive in break with Emily Fraser with them. Played bowls till nearly dark.

#### Wednesday 2 October

Returned home with Lin & Roy fr. Midge's after delightful visit. Much colder & dull, no sun. Roy v. depressed. Found wire fr. Mr Galbraith

saying Maud w'd be home at 11 o'c. Sent Otley to meet her. V. tired, did not arrive till 12.30, looks well but tired. V. glad to have her home again.

## **Thursday 3 October**

Dear Maudie returns home. Returned yesterday. Maudie looking well & v. happy. V. busy all day no room to move or put anything away, would dearly love a rummage sale of old rubbish. Lin took dear Roy back to Eton, packed his things morning.

## Friday 4 October

V, busy all morg. sorting linen bought fr. dear Mother, find 2 prs of sheets short! Most annoying as they are v. expensive. After luncheon had rest & Maud slept. At 4 o'c walked to Aunt Linda's & had tea with Ethel & Amy & had talk over family. Drove back in cab. Quiet evg, dined 8.30. Called & saw Mrs. Coward & Eve on way to Aunt Linda's.

## Saturday 5 October

Out morg. shop'g, flowers 10d. Kensington v. crowded & generally disagreeable. Evelyn out with Maud. Dined at 6.30. Lin, Maud & self to Lyceum, saw F. Robertson & Mrs. Pat Campbell in "Romeo & Juliet". Too old for the part general fault of characters all thro' but enjoyed it v. much. Mr Stone met us there. We went on to supper after at his rooms. Mr & Mrs. Weedon Grossmith there, v. pretty woman, lovely grey green eyes, like a pretty Flossie M(*illeg*). Stayed till 1 o'c & had great difficulty getting a cab, pouring wet night. Though Maud looked tired notwithstanding her sleep in my room after lunch.

### **Sunday 6 October**

V. wet morg. In all day. Lin went to Club to write letters. Edgar & So. dined here, poor dinner.

### **Monday 7 October**

Fine. Maud v. seedy, great pain at her waist. Gave her castor oil & she remained in her room until dinner. Mr Paxton to tea & sat with Maud in

her school room. V. heavy & absent, worse than ever! I went afternoon called on Mrs. Sington, says her boy is at Bournemouth with nurse v. ill, & on to tea with Mrs. Harrison & Effie. Jerry W. came in just before I left, asked about Westwood which is to be sold tomorrow. Maudie better evg.

## **Tuesday 8 October**

Dull. Went alone to Whiteleys, walked thro' Gds, ordered brushes etc for house. Maud not down to breakfast. Effie Harrison here to lunch & tea looking v. pretty & strong. Lin & self to see "Cheer boys cheer". Effie H. & her sister going to meet us at theatre. Afraid to take Maud after being so seedy all yesterday. Fairly good play, not so good as Derby Winner. Packed (*illeg*) all coloured dresses in 2 wooden boxes & had them put in loft. Called & asked Evelyn to go for walk with me, just having her singing lesson. X. Dear Westwood sold today (not sold) & so the last link of the dear old home broken for ever.

# **Wednesday 9 October**

Dull day. Put away linen, & packed curtains in wardrobe & muslin ones in old nursery box until wanted in loft. Maud drawing. Read "Old Mortality" till 1 o'c.

#### **Thursday 10 October**

Ethel & Amy to luncheon. Ethel unable to come. Went directly after breakfast with Maud to Bank & for walk. Fruit & dusters 2/9. Aunt Linda to tea, long family talk. First autumn fire in drawing room. Much colder.

Friday 11 October (blank)

### Saturday 12 October

Emily Fraser to luncheon at 1 o'c & to Royalty with us to see "Chili Widow" most amusing. Saw Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. C. Mathews & Marion Pollock there. To tea at Edgar & Sophy's after, home in bus. Bought tongue 2/8. Maud & self to Whiteleys morning, walked there & back.

## **Sunday 13 October**

Maud & self to early service, lost purse, returned evg, gave verger 2/- for his trouble. Edgar, So & the Scurge(?) to luncheon. Lin out, rode bike & drove home fr. Club in dog cart with mare. Mr & Mrs. Fowler to tea, usual lengthy visit.

### **Monday 14 October**

Fine day. In all morg. Lin rode mare. Mare returned last Tuesday fr. grass. After lunch Evelyn fetched Maud & went to Woollands together. I went by bus to Vic Rd. called on Anna Dietz, Marion Pollock, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Holland, & Miss Goodenough only one in. Had tea there out of impossible little handleless cups. A Mrs. Cotton called whilst I was there, a person evidently of great importance in her own estimation. Should have enjoyed seeing her struggle with her tea cup but she left before tea! Lin rode bike afer luncheon & dines with Mon. Ayala at 8 tonight. Letter fr. Tabs coming for day tomorrow.

### **Tuesday 15 October**

Tabs to London for day. Could not meet her. Went with Maud for walk in Park. Heard fr. Effie H. of her formal engagement to G.W. Mrs. Nembhard & May called, took away her manuscript, v. glad. Maud to dine with Uncle & Aunt Edwin.

### Wednesday 16 October

Tok Maud to Edgar's for luncheon & on to Redfern's about my dress. Sent for it evg. After tea took bus to Mrs. F.C.B where I met Maud who went there earlier fr. Edgar's. Effie H. there & general excitement about her engagement. Home & quiet evg. here, & bad fish.

### **Thursday 17 October**

Lunch with Aunt Linda to meet Aunt Bessie. Maudie walked with me to Auntie's, lunched there. Aunt B. looking much older no doubt she thought me the same! Left at ¼ to 3. X. Went in cab to Mr Boswell's. He

stopped one tooth, an hour. Home in bus, called on Mrs. Spofforth, had usual confab! & learnt something! Mr Paxton to lunch here. Evelyn to tea.

### Friday 18 October

Maud & self morning to Redfern's to be fitted & home by Whiteleys.Om 10d, flowers 1/-, sweets 2/6, cabs 6d. Mr Hartree called duller than ever & more tactless. Wonder why I am so amiable to him. Nora Meggs to tea with Maud, v. pretty charming girl. Mrs. Fraser came to stay. Lin v. busy, three drawings this week. First dull wintery morning.

## Saturday 19 October

Dull & foggy. Out morg. alone shop'g. Flowers 1/-. After luncheon Maud & Lin to see "The strange adventures of Miss Brown" Terry's theatre where Ethel & Amy H. met them. Emily F. & self to Avenue "Private Secretary". Not good only 2 Howtrey brothers worth seeing. There & back train 1/6. Ethel & Amy here to tea & dinner. Played "Spoof" & "Lives" & planchette which revealed strange things "Beware of traitor one trusted, both man & woman, & Robs & Hid" in reference to Midge's lost jewelry.

#### **Sunday 20 October**

Dull. Maud, Emily F. & self to early service. Excellent sermon by Mr Blunt on "Criticism" & our constant forgetfulness of our influence for good or bad on those about us. Lin riding bike with Mr Reynard morg. X. Maud petit ami.

### **Monday 21 October**

Ap't ¼ to 5 o/c with Mr Boswell dentist. Went in cab 2/- & home by bus X. Petit ami.

**Tuesday 22 October** 

Effie Harrison here for day. In bed till 12 o'c. Mrs. Spofforth & Miss Graham & Jerry Weigall called. Latter seemed depressed about business. Evelyn C. here morg.

# Wednesday 23 October

In bed till 12.feel limp & v. seedy. Lin's cold bad. Maud dined at the Burnands, too seedy to go self. Dog cart took & fetched her.

## **Thursday 24 October**

Ap't with Mr Boswell at 3. Wire fr. Tabs, came at 3.30 took Maud shop'g with her. Maud & Mrs. Fraser out morg. shops till 2.30. Had ¾ of an hour with Mr Boswell, took impression of mouth for 2 teeth. Cab 2/-, had cart to go in. Lin's cold v. heavy. Mr Burnand came just as we were having tea, stayed only 10 minutes.

# Friday 25 October

Cold, dull. In bed till 12 o'c. Feel awfully weak. Maud out morning with Evelyn & to tea with Mrs. Coward. I went for drive at 3, to Spencer's (away) & Sophy, out. Home by Campden Hill. Grapes 1/8.

#### Saturday 26 October

Hard frost. V. v. cold. & dull. In bed till 10. To Barkers with Maud, flowers 2/-, lozenges for Lin's cold 10½. Box for "Shop Girl". Enjoyed it v. much, new song "You know the sort of too too that I mean".

### **Sunday 27 October**

To early church. Evelyn returned with us. No one called. Lin for long ride on bike. Quiet evening.

### **Monday 28 October**

I went with Emily to Woollands & Harveys. Met May Burnand, Mrs.

Hersch & Jessie Harding. Miss Holland called & had tea, talks slower then ever. Nevertheless interesting talk about Prof. Petrie & Egypt.

## **Tuesday 29 October**

V. cold. Dear Maudie walked with me to Whiteley shop'g. Pd 1/6 flowers, 1/- frame. Lin unable to ride bike after lunch, not v. well. Dine at 6 o'c, to see dress rehearsal of "Trilby" at Haymarket. Rosie & Connie B, Mrs. & Miss Whean, Nelly (illeg) & Mr & Mrs McClean to tea. Dined 6.15. Lin & self to rehearsal of "Trilby. Saw Mr Woods, "Levana", Mr a'Beckett, Wicks, du Maurier etc etc. Delighted wirth piece. Most original & D. Baird sweet & charming as "Trilby", so natural & unstagey & besides a v. sweet face has a great charm of voice. V. late home. V. cold.

## Wednesday 30 October

Lovely bright morg. Lin off early, lunches in town, believe secret photography as usual!!! To early performance of "Charley's Aunt", Maud and Mrs. F. & self. Maudie dines at Lady Bergnes at 8. Emily F. & self at Sophy's at 7.30. V. good dinner there, soup, beef olives, pheasant, meringues.

## **Thursday 31 October**

Ap't 3 o'c Dr Boswell. Private view du Maurier's drawings of "Trilby" at Fine Arts Gallery. Met several friends. Walked with Maud morg. Je commence a m'en (*illeg illeg*) visite que dure si long temps. Maudie had long sad letter fr. P.J.B wants to (*illeg illeg*) but to what good? Lin trotted off & told Sophy all about what Edgar had told me last night à propos of Angel Court property, & a blaze up at night fr. Edgar naturally. Wish dear Lin would not repeat things so, especially to the family. It sets the whole place ablaze.

### Friday 1 November

Maudie to Midge's. Visit postponed. Out morg. with Maud to Whiteleys, ordered beef, fowl & fish, & music. Went with Emily at 3 to Snelgroves where she bought cape & to tea at Mrs. Cowards. Mrs. O. Crawfurd called. Hamilton Langley said he w'd come to luncheon tomorrow.

### Saturday 2 November

Out morg. with Maud to Bank. Flowers 1/4. Hamilton to lunch. Emily & self to see "Her Advocate" at Duke of York's Theatre in brougham, matinée. Lin & M. followed. Quiet evg. Piece v. good.

## **Sunday 3 November**

Dull morg. To early service with Emily Fraser & Maud. Maud's cold one of her usual stuffy colds. Evelyn walked back with me, E. & M. remained on to Communion. Only Molesworth called. Lin biked with Mr Reynard. Maud v. bad cold.

### **Monday 4 November**

V. wet dull day. Sale at Tattersall's of Hamilton'd 12 S.American horses. Total 604 gns, average about 50 gns apiece. Emily & self went, Lin joined us later. Saw Mr Frisby, Mrs. Raikes, Col McClean, Effie, Con & Ethel E. L. & self on with Mrs. Raikes to tea. Puppy dog! H. came in later. Home in hansom. Think Mrs. Raikes pretty well bred woman of the world. H. staying there & leaves tomorrow. Maudie's cold still very bad.

## **Tuesday 5 November**

Maud's cold v. bad. Out bought fornosa(?) 1/4, cakes 1/- Barkers, not paid for. Mrs. Raikes & Miss Jones called. Lin, E. Fraser & self to Empire, did not care for it.

#### Wednesday 6 November

Mrs. Stannard's tea 4 - 7. (John *illeg illeg*) Ap't dentist 12 o'c. Mr Galbraith to tea & Miss Fraser arrived. Emily Fraser left morning. Maud & I had a little walk, most lovely day like spring. X. Ap't 12 o'c at Dr Boswell's. Spencer to dinner here. Marie stayed in with Alice. Windows cleaned for 1<sup>st</sup> time by Nash since our return fr. country.

### **Thursday 7 November**

Pouring wet day & v. warm. Went for drive with Grace Fraser, called on Mrs. Stannard saw 6 weeks old baby, wee thing, pretty baby (*illeg*)! To du Mauriers, met original "Laird" Mr Lamont(?) of Trilby & Sir H.

Thomson, & Sylvia looking as pretty & young as ever & her boy. "More barth"(?). Quiet evg.

### **Friday 8 November**

Go to tea at Constitutional Club with Mr McClean. Pouring wet day. Met Mrs. Harry Henderson at Club, sweetly pretty woman, looked about 18. Walked morg. to Whiteleys alone in rain! Ordered things.

## Saturday 9 November

Mrs. Cohen's at home 3.30 to 6, 3 Devonshire Place. Out morg. for flowers, v. warm no jacket. Lunch early. Dear Roy home early for long leave. Looks v. well & more grown. To see "Cheer boys cheer". Good. Roy & Lin to see "Romeo & Juliet" evg. & to supper after at Garrick. Sp. called.

# **Sunday 10 November**

Mrs. Cohen at home 3.30. To early service with Maud & Grace Fraser.

Met Cowards. Evelyn, Roy, M. & Grace for walk after. Grace out to
luncheon. Sp. called morg. v. noisy & jumpy makes me quite nervous.

Lin & Roy off for bicycle ride after lunch. Marie out afternoon & evg. as
she gave up Wednesday last on account of Alice's cold. Lin dines at
Garrick with Sir C.Hall to meet Duke of Coburg. Mr Leeson Marshall, Mr
Hood, Mr Davis, Evelyn C, 2 Miss Rycrofts & Mr Thomson called. Roy &
Lin for long bicycle ride.

# **Monday 11 November**

Ap't Dr Boswell 1 o'c. Ellie out for walk with Maud & Grace morg. Went in brougham at 4 o'c with Grace calling on Lady M, out, Mrs. Steincopff had tea. Called on Mrs. Leche & enquired after young Sington.

### **Tuesday 12 November**

Mr Thomson & Mr Davis to dinner. Maud after to Mrs. Leche's dance, & to Whiteleys alone morning. Mrs. Harry Henderson called.

## Wednesday 13 November

Mrs. Chapman, de Vere Gds, tea 4 - 7. X. Ap't Dr Boswell 12 o'c. Bus there, cab back 2/4. Maud & Grace to Comyn Carr's theatre matinée.

After seeing Dr B. went & bought blouse at Debenhams £2.5.6. Home & late for theatre. Grace lost her train & remains on till tomorrow. Mad'lle called.

# **Thursday 14 November**

Packed. Sp. called with odd boots, foot bad. Lin finished 3<sup>rd</sup> drawing for Punch. Mr Reid away ill. Went to Tabbie's Brookwood Pk. by 5 o'c train. Found H Langley there, no Midge. Lovely night. Darling Maud to tea at Mrs. Ritchie's & dines with Miss Holland & goes to theatre with her. X. Maudie petit ami. Found Hamilton Langley at Brookwood but no Jess.

## Friday 15 November

Ellie with Maud all morg. Maud to Aunt Linda to dine & tea at Miss Wycroft(?). Gentlemen out all day shooting, pouring wet & galey afternoon. Tabbie & I had a walk. Tried table letters evg. Glass refused to work.

### Saturday 16 November

X. Petit ami, in bed till 12 o'c. Sun pouring into my room. H. & H.L. & Lin out shooting all day. V. v. windy after luncheon blowing hard & one heavy shower. Played "Spoof" evg. lost 6d. V. good game. Letter fr. Emily Fraser & Maud. Maudie spent afternoon with Mary McQueen. Ellie with Maud all evening.

### **Sunday 17 November**

Heavenly day. Stayed in bed till 11. Read. Sat out in alcove after luncheon for an hour! So warm & snug. Lin & H.F. for ride after lunch. H.L. leaves us at 7 o'c for London. Letters fr. Maud, Mervyn & Mrs. W. Clowes.

### **Monday 18 November**

Hope darling M. goes to Midge's. Wire fr. Maud goes to Midge by 3 fr. Euston. Tabbie to London for day to see Mervyn & Ethel off to Montreux. Ham & Lin out all day shooting. Colder.

# **Tuesday 19 November**

Down to breakfast. Lin, Eve & self to meet at Mr Duttons, v. pretty sight, Gwen mounted. Lin left for London by 3 train. V. quiet afternoon, bed early. H. out shooting all day.

# Wednesday 20 November

Tabbie goes to London with me by 3 train, remains till Sat. H. left early for Norfolk to stay at the Bells. Long letter fr. dear Maud so thankful to know she is safe with Midge who I trust will take great care of her.

# **Thursday 21 November**

Lunched at General Nembhard to meet Archdeacon & Mrs. Brooks. Like both v. much. Cab there 2/-. Tabs met me & we left 3.30, called on Mrs. Reynards, Thomson, Geiger, & Lady Cotton where we went in. Tabs off on return home to dine at Pioneer Club, Olive meets her there. Dear Lin worried about Punch & younger proprietors. Long letter fr. Maudie v. happy at Midge's, feel quite happy as I know Midge will take care of her.

# Friday 22 November

Wet horrid day. Tabs out all morg. shops. At 3.30 Tabs & self to call on Mrs. Percy Holland, Mrs. Ritchie, Mr A. Harding (Jessie C.) Lady Cotton. Mrs. Dormer friend of Tab's, (Lamp lady) smart & worldly & not above making money! Being already rich! To Coupé's to order carriage for tonight. Called on Mrs. Geiger, Warres, all out but Cottons. At 7 o'c Tabs & self went to fetch Miss Wykoff & then on to Savoy to dine, amusing mistake about dining room. Lin joined us here & drove to see "Chili Widow" after. Mr Guthrie met us at theatre & seemed v. much interested in Tabs & Miss Wycoff. We three drove home in hansom, pouring with rain. Lin & Mr Guthrie went to see Mr Bouchier after play was over.

# Saturday 23 November

Mrs. Grigg at home. Con left for Mr Rumford's where he remains night, returns tomorrow at 3 o'c. Tabbie & self out all morg. in cab v. wet & dirty. Home to luncheon. Tabs left with Taylor at 4 o'c. Lin & self to first night of Alexander's new play, not v. good last act awfully dull. Crowded house. Mr H. Furniss gave me his seat for 1<sup>st</sup> act, c'd not get to our stalls being late.

# **Sunday 24 November**

Lin off at 9 o'c to Mr Wallace for golf, remained all day. Alone, overslept myself. Bret Harte, Olive Shakespeare & Winnie Lockyer called.

#### **Monday 25 November**

Effie out all day. I drove to Stores 3.30 & met Con. On with him to Mr Swartze's, met Bertie Rumford & Eff there. Con foolishly jealous, pig. Called & gave Richards £1 fr. Edgar.

### **Tuesday 26 November**

Out morg. Eff & Con out all day & Con only home in time to dress to go out again to dine with Bertie Rumford. Eff & self alone to dinner. Lin dined at the Metropole, large complimentary dinner to Mr Hare. May Nembhard, Mrs. Stannard (J. Strange-Winter) & Mr & Mrs. Cohen called.

#### Wednesday 27 November

Con & Eff left at 10 o'c AM for Rome. Con looks v. ill. V. dull rainy day. I walked after to Whiteleys & paid my House bill £1.3.7½. After lunch called on Mrs. McClean, Mrs. Armstrong & Midge, only saw Dora & Ham. Mad'lle came at 6.30 & felt tired & vexed not to get my letters finished.

#### **Thursday 28 November**

Pouring wet day. Did liqueur case & tidied all Maud's wardrobes. Put away all her coloured gowns. 2 letters fr. Maud, seems v. happy. Went at

3.30 to call on Mrs. Phil May, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Jack Johnson & Midge.

Saw her & Dora. Lin v. busy no end extra work to do.

# Friday 29 November

Out morg. Midge arrived at 5 o'c. I went out calling at 3 on Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Clerke.

# Saturday 30 November

Midge & self to Miss Ratcliffe's & Marshall & Snelgroves. Called after luncheon on Susie a'B & Mrs. Raikes.

#### **Sunday 1 December**

To 11 o'c ser. at St Pauls with Midge. V. good sermon fr. Mr Blunt on our influence for good or bad on those around us. Met Judy who walked home with us. Lin on bike. Sp, Mr Frisby, Mr Fair & Mr Rooth called. Lin & self dined at F.C.B's. Midge also asked but would remain here.

# **Monday 2 December**

Midge & self to Stores in brougham. Met Mrs. Raikes & Lillie Holland.

Midge out again after luncheon. Rosie & Connie Burnand to dinner.

#### **Tuesday 3 December**

Midge & self in carriage to Woollands, left M, on to Snelgroves. Fertched M. again fr. Marcus & to Ratcliffe's, left M. & home alone. M. lunched in town. Lady B, Mrs. Harris & dau, Olive Cotton & friend, Ellie Ritchie, Mrs. Galbraith & Mrs. L. Hammond & Miss Roe called. Midge home for tea. Quiet evg.

#### **Wednesday 4 December**

Dear Midge goes at 2 o'c. Out with her to Ratcliffe & Barkers & Woollands morg. in carriage. In all afternoon. Violent indigestion, why? Read 2 short stories to Lin. Midge gave me lovely sable muff & boa.

# **Thursday 5 December**

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### Friday 6 December

Mrs. Steincopff's dinner ¼ to 8. Out morg. shops. Ken. To Bank, asked them to invest £100 stock for me at 87 in Cordova North sec 47 deb. Rly stocks. Bank clerk annoyed me, he behaved at first more like a shop man than a gentleman, was civil after but we do not like each other. V. pleasant dinner at Mrs. S. Interesting talk with Mrs. Crackenthorp about books, authoresses, & Mrs. Fritz. Sp. here to luncheon.

# Saturday 7 December

Colder. Carriage morg. to Lills Laver where I wasted time she is so slow & deliberate. On to Grove, pd. bill. Met Aunt Linda who told me Chapple had retired fr. Grandpapa's trust & Ted taken his place. Home all afternoon & evg. X. Letter fr. Tabs. Mervyn ill with typhoid at Montreux.

# **Sunday 8 December**

To early service. Lin out twice on bike. Mr Richards, Jerry Weigall, Effie Harrison, Mr & Mrs. Phil May, Mr Swatze, Mr Molesworth called.

Monday 9 December (blank)

# **Tuesday 10 December**

Tabbie comes. Did not. Mervyn ill with typhoid Montreux. Mr & Mrs. Armstrong, Mr &Mrs. Galbraith & Mr Austin to dinner. Man to wait, v. good dinner. Man "Harris" muddled waiting at dessert on account of Lin asking for coffee! Bought wine Stores, rest of shop'g Whiteleys, attention so bad at Stores.

#### **Wednesday 11 December**

Maud dines Mr Wallace's & goes to Mrs. Wheen's dance. Grace Wheat comes to tea & dinner. Maud in bed all day bad cold, had to send to Wheens & Wallaces.

### **Thursday 12 December**

Mr Hartree's luncheon 2 o'c. Pouring wet day. Maudie not out of her room, cold better. Went alone to Mr Hartree's, big party as usual. Williards & Wards there & Lady Lawrence.

#### Friday 13 December

Petit ami au lit. Drove to be fitted Marshalls 3 o'c.

#### Saturday 14 December

In bed till 12. Sp. & Douglas called. Called on Macqueens, Nembhards, Wheens.

# **Sunday 15 December**

In bed till 12. Miss Clarke & George & Anna Dietz called. Maud for walk morg. with Evelyn after church.

# **Monday 16 December**

V. good news of Mervyn. Letter fr. Midge asking us to spend Xmas there.
V. glad to go. Called at 3 on Ethel Herapath, Steincopffs, Mrs. Wallace's,
Whiteleys & home. In bed all morg.

### **Tuesday 17 December**

In bed till 11 o'c. Good ac't M. At 12 o'c in brougham to be fitted at Marshalls. Bought tie for Edgar also flowers 1/-. Tabbie to luncheon. Went with her after to Gorringes for toys & to Charing X. Left her there with T. after, leaves at 4.30 with H. for Montreux to join Mervyn & Ethel. Ellie Ritchie, Mrs. Nembhard & May, Judy Mason & Lady & Miss Waterfield. I called on Blanche Cole this morg. Punch dinner today instead of tomorrow.

#### **Wednesday 18 December**

Mrs. Cornwell's musical party 9 - 1. Maud goes to Uncle Edwin's for night. X. Appalling proclamation of President Cleveland about

Venezuela, arbitrating for us there & sending out commission to enquire about our boundary line in Venezuela. Called & had little chat with Mrs. Gale. Was fitted with gown at Marshalls, no end of blunders altho' 4<sup>th</sup> time fitted! Fitter seems to have nothing to do but sit with her hands before her.

# **Thursday December 19**

Dear Maudie returns fr. Uncle Edwin's. We dine at the Colin Hunters.

Maud dines at the Wallaces. Felt awfully bad at the Hunters face so painful & had to try to look all right. Maudie home v. late fom the Wallaces 12.30. Had to take cab fr. C. Hunter's in consequence. Met Mr & Mrs. Donaldson & a son & v. tall handsome dau. fr. Glasgow, sang v. well. Sir Francis Powell & Mr Graham. V. pleasant dinner if I had not felt so ill.

# Friday 20 December

V. bad night. Dear Roy home at 12 o'c. Unable to go to dinner. Lin, Maud & Roy to see "The Rivals" & were delighted. I to bed at 7 o'c.

### Saturday 21 December

Feel awfully bad face ached all night. Lin took me at 1 o'c to Mr Herbert's but w'd not take out tooth too much inflammation. Sat in schoolroom all afternoon. Mr Blair called at 4.30, stayed till 6.30. V. vexed had to let M. see him alone, felt quite too bad to go down. Lin & Roy to see "Benefit of the Doubt" matinée, & New Adelphi piece evg. & on to Club. To bed at 7 o'clock feel too seedy to go down.

### **Sunday 22 December**

Feel little better less pain. Look ridiculous face out on one side. Maud to early service & for walk after with Roy. Met Mr P.J.B. who walked home with them. Sp. & chicks called. Mr Blair to dinner. Feel awfully bad & Lin v. quiet & absent as he always is if I am seedy & left entire entertaining to me. Mr B. stayed till 12 o'c. I felt blind almost with the acute pain in

my head. Maud v. silent. Lin asleep in arm chair & Roy meditative. Wish I had remained in my room.

# **Monday 23 December**

Awful pain in my head face & neck. In bed till 12. V. seedy altogether sent for Orton, says quite impossible for me to go to Midge's tomorrow, gave me medicine. Roy lunched with Mr Blair. Horrid day. Maud out shops for me. Mr Blair & Roy here for tea in schoolroom, stayed some time. V. untidy room my own head in keeping with the general disorder tied up on woolen wrap! Lin & Roy to Colin Hunter's to play billiards. Fildes & Val Princep there.

# **Tuesday 24 December**

V. dull wet day. Put things in order & went down to dinner. In bed till 11.30.

# Wednesday 25 December

Down to breakfast. Dull dark wet day & a raw cold. Endless cards etc & box of sweets fr. Mr Blair. Maud to church, met Evelyn. Roy & Lin to club after lunch, home 5 o'c. Miss Rose Innes to tea stayed some time & had delightful little chat with her. Quiet dinner & evg. Maud taught Roy waltzing. Bad news fr. Tabs about Mervyn, temperature up again.

#### **Thursday 26 December**

Dull cold snowy day & v. dark. Lin working. Lin & Roy evening to Drury Lane Pantomime. C. Livesey sat just behind them with a gentleman. H. Livesey also there.

#### Friday 27 December

Dull dark day. Maud & Roy in brougham at 3. Otley drove v. badly & appeared to have had too much. I have noticed this several times but not as bad as Roy & M. say he was today. Shall never feel safe with him again. Alice out evg. to party at Agnes'. Still pain in my temple & neck &

cheek swollen & painful. Lin hard at work wish he w'd get on more in the mornings early with work & finish earlier at night.

# Saturday 28 December

Ap't 12 with Mr Herbert. Too nervous to have tooth out. He probed it & relieved it v. much. Roy with Banbury to "Chili Widow" evg. Lin & self in schoolroom all afternoon. Maud & Roy in carriage.

# Sunday 29 December

Dull day. M. to early service, Evelyn in after. Roy, Eve, Maud & Winnie Lockyer for walk, remained to tea & lunch. Only Miss Innes & Mr Reed called, complains much of his eyes. Lin for long ride on Bike.

# **Monday 30 December**

Better. Up. Emily Fraser arrived after lunch & went with me to Edgar's rooms to put flowers, 1/9. Morg. arranged presents & sent them off Midge's & Galbraith's. Roy & Maud out alone after lunch, dull day as usual but warmer.

#### **Tuesday 31 December**

We all went to Matinée of Lyceum theatre. V. poor.

(Notes on Memorandum pages of diary)

#### 1896

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January

Maud & I dined with Col. Welby. Met only Mr Fitz there & Col. Thompson of 7<sup>th</sup> Hussars. V. charming dinner, we both enjoyed it v. much. Roy to see "The adventures of Miss Brown" with Banbury. In all day. Horrid damp wet day, roads too dirty for words. Bad news fr. Trans Vaal, our troops crossed frontier & driven Boers back, mistake.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1896

Mrs. a'Beckett's at home 4 - 7. Out morg. shop'g.

# Received fr. Trust money invested August 1895

£. s. d

18th Oct Cordoba & Rosario 4% debs 19. 6. 8

31<sup>st</sup> fr. Estate

70. 0. 0

12th Nov Int on ½ years Tubbs & (illeg) 77.17.4

from Trust £ 167. 4. 0

Received from dividends & 2 quarters annuities during 1895:

£ 115.12.9

Total received during year: £ 282.16. 9

**Investments of "Trust"** 

£3000 5% Tubbs & Lewis Mortgage 5% Par

£950 Cordoba Rosario Rly 4% 1st mort Deb at 95

\$ 5000 (£1050) 41/2 % debs at 105

£600 Argentine Gt. Western Rly 4% debs at 90

£10.7.1 in funds!

£. s. d

Balance from 1893: 46. 2. 6

Received during 1894 in annuity & dividends:

£ 177. 6.2

Total

£ 223. 8. 8

Invested in 1894 from above £223. 8. 8: £ 56. 2. 4

Spent on dress etc £ 84.11. 9

£ 130.14.3

during 1895 £. s. d

March 29th Glasgow S.W. 1.7.5 13<sup>th</sup> Annuity 25. **B.A.& Pacific** 14. 6 April 10<sup>th</sup> **B.A. Gt. Southern Rly** 21.6.6 13<sup>th</sup> City B.A. Trams 11.0 29<sup>th</sup> Rosario RIv 12. May Cent Argt. Rly 2. 0.6 29th June B.A. Rosario 4% Deb. 1.18.8 ditto B.A. Pacific 1st Deb. stock 4% 5.5 30th Western B.A. Rly 4% 4. 7. 5 1<sup>st</sup> July Wirral Rly 4% deb 18.8 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamaica 4% 1.18.8 June annuity 25. 0.0 12.10 ditto City B.A. Trams 24th Sept Glasgow & S. Western Rly 2. 8. 8 14th Oct B.A. Rosario 1.10.0 30<sup>th</sup> June Cent Argentine 1.14.0 30th ditto B.A. Gt Southern 21.6.6 £ 115.12.9

Received from dividends & 2 quarters annuity during 1895

# **Invested in 1895**

March. £100 stock in Jamaica 4% deb £ 108. 1. 0

Dec. £100 stock Cordoba Cent. Rly

(Cent. Northern Sec) 87. 5. 0

£ 195. 6. 0

Balance over from my private account year ending 1895

£ 57.14.3

Received 1895

forward 115.12. 9

B.A. Pacific 9. 3

B.A. Western 4. 7. 4

**B.A. Rosario** 1.18. 8

Argentine Gt Western 11.12.0

£ 134. 0. 0

# Tabbie's investments

£1000 Cordoba Central Northern Sec Rly Co March, Sept

1<sup>st</sup> debenture St. at 84, increased since to 88, pd. 845.15

£1000 Arg't Gt. West. Rly Co

Jan, July. 4% 1<sup>st</sup> debenture St.at 91 pd. 910.

£400 Canadian Pacific Rly Sterling 5% 1st Mort.

Jan, July. Deb. Bonds at 116, pd. 467.10.

£800 Jamaica Rly Co 1<sup>st</sup> Mort.

June, July 4% Bonds at 106, pd. 850

\$2000 Baltimore & Ohio Rly B 41/4 % 1st Mort.

Jan, July. Terminal gold bond at 108½ (1934) pd. 434. 0

\$2000 Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St Louis 100 years

June, Dec. Gen Mort. 4% gold bds at 89 pd. 558.10.

#### Midge's Trust Money invested in following securities.

Cost with stamps etc

Cordoba Rosario Rly 4% 1<sup>st</sup> Deb. St. (500) 468.18. 6

Cordoba Cent Rly Central Northern Section 1st Deb stock (600) 514. 8. 6

Cent Uruguay Northern Ext. Rly 5% Deb. Stock (500) 344. 0. 0

Buenos Aires Western Rly 4% (1500) 1591. 5. 6

Canadian & Pacific Rly 5% 1<sup>st</sup> Mort. debentures (600) 701. 6. 0

(illeg) Valley Rly 41/2 % 1st Mort. guar'd gold bonds

(400) \$2000 423. 1. 0

Cleveland Cin. Chicago & St Louis Rly (£2000)

4% general mortgage bonds (400) 360. 1. 0

Baltimore & Ohio Rly 4 1/2% 1st mortgage terminal gold Bonds

