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‘I propose from this day to keep an exact journal of my actions and studies, both to assist my memory and to accustom me to set a due value on my time.” Introduction to Mr Gibbon’s journal - A Lister
1817
March
Fri[day] 21
8 50/60
12 1/4
A fine, cold, frosty day - R[ea]d pages 46 on Monday and fr[om] page 46 to 105 yest[erday] of
‘An historical accoun[t] of the British trade over the Caspian
Sea: w[i]th the author’s journal of travels fr[om] England thro[ugh] Russia into Persia; and back thro[ugh] Russia, Germany and Holland.
to w[i]ch are addresse[d], the revolut[io]ns of Persia dur[in]g the present century,
w[i]th the partic[ular] hist[ory] of the great usurper Nadir Kouli. Illustrat[e]d
Longman, and R. and J. Dodsley, 1762.’
HC.L. [Halifax Circulating Library] 36/55
The flute for 1/2 an hour aft[er] tea. Bef[ore] gett[in]g int[o] bed- i.e. lastly, Henry’s Chemist[ry].

Sat[urday] 22
8 3/4
12 1/4
LL
A fine day - hardfrost. While at the library and dur[in]g supper-time r[ea]d pages 36 of
‘An Elementary Treatise on Natural Philosophy. Translat[e]d
1817
March Sun[day] 23
8
12 1/4
Read from page 36 to 61 Hauys natural philosophy. Went to ch[urch]. In the aft[ernoon] and
at night wrote a let[ter] to M-[Mariana] - aft[er] tea r[ead] al[oud] sermons 16 and 17 of Thistlethwaite -
A cold frosty day -

Mon[day] 24
8 3/4
12 3/4
L
Read from page 132 to 145 Xenoph[on] Cyropaedia and did 2 or 3 sums in the extrac[tion] of the sq[uare] root -
Sent off my let[ter] to M-[Mariana] (Petergate York) - In the aft[ernoon] r[ead] fr[om] p[age] 129 to 221 of Hanway's
hour on
the flute - A fine morn[ing]g soft, wet aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] - Mending my black stocking after
supper and before getting into bed Wrote the cop[y] of a let[ter] to R.C. [Rouge Croix] Herald's Col[lege] in ans[wer] to one
fr[om] him th[i]s morn[i]ng - to say the court rolls were sent by the mail - they arriv[e]d safe th[i]s aft[ernoon].

Tues[day] 25
7 3/4
12
L
A few sums in the extract of the sq[uare] root - My uncl[e] took to the post my let[ter] to R.C. [Rouge Croix] Herald's Col[ege]
In the aft[ernoon] and evening r[ead] fr[om] p[age] 221 to 271 vol[ume] 1 Hanway's Trav[els]. Fr[om] 5 till 6 took a walk on the top
of Basta and Beacon hill - A very fine day - The flute 3/4 of an hour aft[er] tea -
Lastly fr[om] p[age] 86 to 113 Hauy's nat[ural] philos[ophy] -

Wed[nesday] 26
8
12
271 to 419 vol[ume] 1 Hanway's Trav[els]. Flute 1/2 hour aft[er] tea - a rainy day - fair in
the ev[ening].

Thurs[day] 27
11 10/60


Fri[day] 28
8 3/4
11 1/2


Sat[urday] 29
8 3/4
11 10/60

L
Lay in bed so long hav[in]g felt my eyes extremely weak th[i]s last day or two, perhaps fr[om] using th[e]m so much - R[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 192 to 202 Xenoph[on] Cyrop[aedia]. Had a let[ter] fr[om] M- [Mariana] (Petergate York) Poor Nantz did not seem to expect liv[in]g over last Sat[urday] night - but D[octo]rs Belcombe and Wake chang[e]d their treatment fr[om] warm baths and warm appli[cation]s and cov[ered] her w[i]th bladders fill[e]d w[i]th broken ice - th[i]s gave immediate relief - the pain has decreas[e]d ev[er]y since and they now hope she is out of danger – the complaint has been a nervous cholic -

March Sun[day] 30


Mon[day] 31

L


April

Tues[day] 1

L


Wed[nesday] 2

L

R[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 202 to 221 Xenoph[on] Cyrop[aedia]. Had a let[ter] fr[om] M- [Mariana] (Petergate York) say[in]g Nantz was m[u]ch bet[ter], th[at] Mr C.B.L [Charles Bourne Lawton] arriv[e]d in Petergate on Sunday to din[e] and th[at] they were to leave York th[is] morn[ing]g at 6, only stop to change horses at H[alifa]x, get to Manchester to sleep and to Lawton tomorrow to din[ner]. Lou goes w[ith] th[em] - Had a let[ter] fr[om] my moth[er] also (M[arke]t Weighton) say[in]g they had given up the oth[er] house in Weighton th[at] they had taken some time ago, and were quite unsettled in their plans - no good news ab[ou]t the tenants - In the aft[ernoon], skimm[e]d ov[er] fr[om] p[age]
370 to 435, end of vol[ume] 1 Haüy's nat[ural] philos[ophy]. Af[ter] tea play[e]d quadrille w[j]th Mrs Veitch and my unc[le] and aunt – the flute for 1/2 an hour dur[in]g sup[per] time - a remark[a]bly fine day -

_Began this morning to sit before_  
breakfast in my  
drawers put on with  
the gentlemens braces  
_I bought for 2/6 Mon[day] 27 March 1809_  
_Poor sams old black waistcoat and my dressing gown_

_Thurs[day] 3_  
6  
11  
_Vc_  
In the aft[ernoon] went to the library and call[e]d at Cross hills on Mrs Lee (fr[om] Leeds) and sat an hour -  
Af[ter] tea r[e]ad pages 22 vol[ume] 2 Hanway's Trav[el]s - 1/2 hour dur[in]g sup[er] play[e]d the flute - A very fine day -

_Fri[day] 4_  
6  
11  

_Sat[urday] 5_  
6  
# Preach[e]d Sun[day] 9 Feb[ruary] 1817 'My son fear thou the Lord and the king’ etc etc
1817

April

Monday and she w[ou]ld write to me as soon as she got home - In the aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] r[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 89 to 133 - Vol[ume] 2 Hanway's Trav[el]ls. Fr[om] 5 to 6 walk[e]d w[i]th my unc[le] on t[h]e top of Bairstow seeing where Ch[arle]s Howarth and Joe Mills measur[e]d ab[ou]t t[h]e coals - Flute 1/2 hour dur[in]g sup[er]. A very fine day -

Sun[day] 6

6 1/2


highish wind -

Mon[day] 7

6 1/2


Tues[day] 8

6 1/2

1817

April

Nadir Kouli born in 1687 n[ea]r Kalat, a strong fort, a few days journey
fr[om] Mesched - Nadir puts Thamas Shah (son of Hussein) in
possess[io]n of Mesched in 1727 - p. 256 -
Ashreef expell[e]d fr[om] Ispahan by Nadir and Thamas seated on the
throne in 1729 - p. 269 -
Total defeat of the Afghans by Nadir in Jan[uar]y 1730
Thamas Kouli Khan i.e. Nadir Kouli chosen King M[ar]ch 1736 - p. 280
Nadir assassinat[e]d in the plains n[ea]r Kalat May 1747 - p. 433
Adil Shah Nadirs success[o]r and nephew murd[ere]d by his (Adil’s) brother
Ibrahim in 1748 -
Ibrahim vanquish[e]d and prob[ably] slain in bat[tle] (as he was not aft[er]w[ar]ds heard of)
in 1749 -
The flute 1/2 an hour aft[er] tea. A fine day, but very cold and rather windy.

Thurs[day] 10
6 20/60
11 ¼
L
sist[er] Mrs Priestley call[e]d soon aft[er] 10 and staid n[ea]r an hour - wrote the 3[r]d page (of my
sheet to Mrs Belcombe) to Nantz - walk[e]d w[i]th my aunt and call[e]d at Horley Green -
Mrs and Miss Ralph very civil - went to H[alifa]x, put my let[ter] into the post, and went to the
Library - called on Miss Caroline and Miss Ellen Greenwood, her cousin, who arriv[e]d fr[om]
my journ[al] of Wednesday - Fair but lit[tle] sun and very cold -

Fri[day] 11
x 8 1/2
9 3/4
on at 1 - went to lie down direct[ly] aft[er] din[ner] (at 3) and did not come downstairs ag[ai]n till aft[er] 8 -
Very unwell in the ev[ening]. Fine day but coldish -

Sat[urday] 12
A bad night - not able to sleep at all till 3 in the morn[ing]g and th[e]n only dozed very disturbedly for an hour or two - R[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 314 to 325 Xenoph[on] Cyrop[aedia]. A little before dinner and till I busy unpicking a white satin petticoat for Miss Ibbetson to get died tent [sent] it to her after tea by Betty Went to the library, and sat n[ear] an hour at Northgate - The flute 3/4 hour aft[er] tea - dur[in]g sup[er] r[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 141 to 161 Haiiy’s nat[ural] philos[ophy]. A fine day but rather cold - Mr Fenton Scott call[ed] on my unc[le] aft[er] tea to solicit his vote for the registrarship of the West Riding - My walk did me good, quite bet[ter] t[his] evening -
Ap[ril] Sun[day] 13

My aunt and I went to church in the morning. In the course of the morning I read from page 325 to 328 Xenophon Cyropaedia, and in the afternoon I read from page 161 to 277 Haiiy's natural philosophy.

After tea I read aloud sermons 24 and 25 of Thistlethwaite. Fine day but coldish.

Mon[day] 14

5 3/4
11 10/60

L

I read from page 328 to 340 Xenophon Cyropaedia. My aunt lent me five pounds for sundries and pocket money—she is very good to me.—I wish I could be a better philosopher, I trust, by and by, and then I shall resume these volumes with redoubled pleasure and profit.

Tues[day] 15

9
11 20/60

L

I did not sleep well last night and was besides disturbed by the Cook who awoke me to say a shabby looking man was stealing the hens. She spoke to him out of the green room window and the hens escaped for the time. In the morning I wrote a long letter to Mariana (Lawton) in answer to her yesterday.

The flute 1/2 an hour during supper.
very large shot 4d. and 2oz. powder 3d. Sat 1/2 hour at N[orth]gate - The flute 3/4 hour aft[er] tea - and r[e]ad pp. 50 of 'Travels thro' Arabia, and other countries in the East, perform[e]d by M. Niebuhr, now a Capt[ai]n of Engineers in the service of the King of Denmark. Translat[e]d into English by Robert Heron. with notes by the translator; and illustrat[e]d w[i]th engravi[ng]s and maps.

In 2 Vol[umes], Edinburgh: print[e]d for R. Morison and son, booksellers, Perth, G. Mudie, Edinburgh; and T. Vernor, Birchin Lane, London. 1792'

Niebuhr and his companions arriv[e]d at Alexandri 26 Sep[tember] 1761

HCL [Halifax Circulating Library] 38/59
R[e]ad Tues[day] 22 Ap[ril] 1817
R[e]ad t[h]e 2[n]d vol[ume] again

Not much sun - the wind exceedingly high, and the dust blown about so violently as to make it almost impossible to face it -
April Wed[nesday] 16
x 8 3/4
11

Thurs[day] 17
7 1/4
11 1/4
R[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 352 to 370 Xenoph[on] Cyrop[aedia] - and fr[om] p[age] 70 to 75 Itinéraire de Genève - In the aft[erno]on walk[e]d to the library, and drank tea at Mrs Veitch’s - got home at 8 - The flute 1/2 hour dur[in]g sup[er] - A fine day but very cold -

Fri[day] 18
5 1/2

Periodical
1

The day fine, but very cold - The flute 1/2 hour dur[in]g sup[er]. Aft[er] sup[er] r[ea]d al[ou]d fr[om] p. 43 to 84 of the Correspondent -
Sat[urday] 19
5 40/60
11 20/60

Sun[day] 20
5 3/4
11 10/60
R[e]a[d fr[o]m p[age] 398 to 408 Xenoph[on] Cyrop[aedia]. We all went to morn[in]g ch[ur]ch - In the aft[ernoon] r[e]a[d pp. 232 Vol[ume] 2 Niebuhr's Trav[el]s. The day fair and warmer th[a]n yesterday, tho' very dull and gloomy and no sun - Since my return here fr[o]m Lawton last Aug[u]st I have r[e]a[d al[ou]d on different Sundays 4 vol[umes] of B[isho]p Horsley's and one of Mr Thistlethwaite's - As I have hitherto neglect[e]d prop[erl]y number[in]g them as usual among the works I have read, here follow t[h]eir title pages -
1817
April
Jas L [James Lister] 39/63


Jas L [James Lister] 40/64
Read Sun[day] 13 Ap[ril] 17

'Sermons by the Rev[erend]d W. Thistlethwaite, M.A. Minister of George’s Church, Bolton. Bolton printed and sold by J. Gardner; sold also by J. Hatchard, Piccadilly, and L. B. Seeley, Fleet-Street.


Af[ter] tea r[ead] al[oud] the 2 first of ‘Sermons chiefly on particular occasions. By

Jas L [James Lister] 41/65
Read Sun[day] 6 July 1817

Archibald Alison, L.L.B. Prebendary of Sarum, Rector of Rodington, Vicar of High Ercal, and Senior Minster of the Episcopal Chapel, Cowgate, Edinburgh. 4th edition


Mon[day] 21
5 40/60
11 10/60
dawdled away the ev[ening] aft[er] tea - The flute 3/4 hour dur[in]g sup[per]. A finish day but - very little sun - The glasses keep high, but we want rain very much -

Tues[day] 22
5 1/2
11
April

that this Droüet, a Frenchman, had made 20 (twenty) guineas a week all
last winter by his flute playing in London!!! There has been and is now perform[ing]
at the concerts in Town a prodigy (a girl of 11 y[ea]rs old) on the violin - All the profession
have been to hear her, and she is gr[eat] vogue - A very fine day - Not so cold and
more sun th[a]n we have had for some days - In the aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] r[ea]d pp. 96 of
‘All the orations of Demosthenes, pronounced to excite the
the Athenians ag[ain]st Philip King of Macedon. Translat[e]d
into Eng[lish] by Thomas Leland, D.D., Fellow of Trin[ity] Col[lege]
Johnston, Ludgate Street. 1770’ -

Read t[h]e 2 first Vol[ume]s Wed[nesday] 30 April
Read Vol[ume] 3 along w[i]th t[h]e original
and got thro’ it Tues[day] 27 May 1817

Wed[nesday] 23
6 1/2
11 1/4
bet[ween] tea and sup[er] and 1/2 hour dur[in]g sup[er]. A fine day - A strongish white frost early in
the morning as we have gen[erally] had lately -

Thurs[day] 24
5 3/4
11 1/4
went to the library, p[ai]d a bill at Farrer’s (the Lin[en] draper) for my aunt, and my Aunt
Lister being gone to Elland to see Mrs Greenwood, drank tea w[i]th my unc[le] Joseph, wait[e]d
till my Aunt L- [Lister] got back, and got home at 1/2 p[ast] 8. My Unc[le] Jos[eph] and I had a good
deal of talk on fam[ily] affairs - I advised him to make his will. Said I gave the
same advice to my Uncle Lister and wished him for fear of my mother ever
having anything to do with Shibden to leave it first to my Aunt Anne then to
my Uncle Joseph then to my father and then intall to me My Uncle Josepff [Joseph] was
very communicative I asked him what was the will he had already made and he
said after leaving my Aunt L [Lister] a life eestate in the house and an annuity besides
he had likewise left an annuity of ffifty pounds a year to my father and my
Aunt Anne and the residue and remainder to my Uncle Lister I said he could
not do better he gave me five pounds I told him it was acceptable for
that I had very little from my father and that my uncle and aunt gave me nearly all
I had A fine day, tho’ sev[eral] times threaten[in]g rain - A shower ab[ou]t 4, last[e]d ab[ou]t
1/2 hour, till I went to H[alifa]x - very windy as I came home, and the dust blown in my
face most terribly - Aft[er] sup[er] r[ea]d al[ou]d pp. 43 of ------------
'Letters written on board His Majesty’s Ship the Northumberland, and at St Helena; in which the conduct and conversations of Napoleon Buonaparte and his suite, during the voyage, and the first months of his residence in that island, are faithfully described and related. By William Warden, surgeon on board the Northumberland. Non Ego, sed Democritus dixit. 5th edition. London. Published for the author, by R. Ackermann, No. 101, Strand; and may be had of all booksellers in the United Kingdom. 1816.'


Fri[day] 25
5 3/4
11 10/60

Sat[urday] 26
5 40/60
11
L
read pp. 47 preface to Volume 2 Leland's Demosthenes and pp. 11 of the translation itself - went to the library and sat there 1/2 hour - Staid 1/2 hour at Northgate - Got back to tea, and brought home with me the tin case (just arrived by the Manchester coach from London) containing the official copy of the record of our pedigree as it is entered in the college. We are all much pleased with it and the whole expense is but 27-18-0 - all which Rouge Croix seems to have paid in fees and other expenses, except 5-5-0, his own fee for his trouble of compilation etc - Dawdled away the evening till 1/4 after 8 then played the flute till 9 - During supper finishing my journal of the day - A cold dull day - not more than ten minutes sun the whole day -
1817
April Sun[day] 27
5 3/4
11 1/4
walk[e]d round w[i]th my aunt (think[ing] her too rheumatic to be left to herself) met
w[i]th Miss Caroline and her broth[er] Mr John Greenwood who both walk[e]d w[i]th me as far
A cold dull day, threaten[in]g rain but there were only a few slight drops bet[ween] 12 and 1. A lit[tle] rain fell durring the night -

Mon[day] 28
5 1/2
11 1/4
L
V
Fr[om] sum 56 to 59 p. 149 Walkingham - My unc[le] took my let[ter] to M- [Mariana] to the post office -
In the aft[ernoon] walk[e]d to Lightcliffe, drank tea w[i]th Mr and Mrs W- [William] Priestley, and got home a few
min[ute]s before 9 - Spent a very pleas[ant] aft[ernoon]. Mrs W. P- [William Priestley] is certainly like a gentlewom[an] and very agreeab[le].
A cold dull day - threaten[in]g but still no rain - the ev[ening] very fine and I enjoy[e]d my walk back -
The flute 20 min[ute]s dur[in]g sup[per] -

Tues[day] 29
5 3/4
11 1/2
L
gr[ea]t pleasure, and the mo[re] as I daily found myself improv[in]g in knowledge of the
elegant language in w[hi]ch it is written - I shall give it anoth[er] read[in]g by and by -
Indeed, I shall read it constantly; as I wish to make it my model for Greek style -
R[ea]d also the Latin dedicat[io]n of Άιοκήνος ο κατὰ Κτησιφωντος καὶ Δημοδένων [Aiokhino o kata Ktesiphontos kai Demolenos]
o περὶ Στέφανου λογος [o peri Stephans logos]. Interpretationem Latinam
et vocum difficiliorum explicationem adjecerunt
P. Foulkes. J. Freind Aedis Christi Alumni. Editio 4ta
Oxonii e typographeo Clarendoniano an. Dom. 1726
Jas L. [James Lister] 44/70
Read Tuesday 27 May 1817

Had my hair cut, and spent the rest of the morning in looking over the pedigree sent by R.C. [Rouge Croix] and in copying out a letter for my uncle to write to Rouge Croix acknowledging the receipt of the thing on Saturday and enclosing a draught for 28 pounds. There are 7 trifling inaccuracies in the roll, otherwise it is perfectly well done and well worth the draft for £28. In the afternoon I took my uncle’s letter to Rouge Croix, College of Arms, London, and after seeing it marked in the office, gave it to the boy who was just setting off on horseback with the London post. Read half an hour at the library—Called at Whitley’s the booksellers to pay for a blank book, and say I should like to hear Sugden play...
1817
April
on the flute, Mr Whitley said he was sure he would be happy to play any time I liked
if I fixed a time - and next Tuesday afternoon was named I repent this uncertain how
far the thing is quite correct that is how far it is sufficiently keeping up my dignity
however it is fixed now and I must make the best of it resolving not to buy music
at this rate any more besides I shall only stay about ten minutes Got home
to tea - After tea read from page 115 to 235 Volume 2 Demosthenes and played the flute half an hour -
Played another 1/2 hour during supper. Rather a fine day tho' threatening rain. Indeed
I got wet in coming home, and a good deal of rain has fallen during the evening. It will be
very acceptable; as we were beginning to feel the want of it -

Wednesdays 30
5 50/60
11 1/4

Read Cicero’s Latin preface to these 2 Greek orations, and the argument to that against Ctesiphon
which (argument) takes up pp. 6 - Had a letter from Marian (Market Weighton) directed by
my father and containing an inclosure of five five guinea East Riding banknotes
I read my uncle and aunt the letter and showed them four of the notes but said nothing of the fifth
this is a sort of dissimulation which my heart does not approve and I already repent
having practised it but it is not pleasant not to have a sixpence but what
they know of as I may occasionally want a pound or two extraordinary witness
my lending Anne Belcombe two pounds when she was here last autumn My mother
went to York on Monday by the 9 o’clock morning coach mean[ing] to be back in the evening
but my father thought she w[ould] stay all night - Particularly as she talked of
looking over and unripping some old gowns and petticoats for my aunt to make into wearable petticoats for me
After tea read from page 235 to 277 end of Volume 2 Leland’s Demosthenes - The oration de corona is not
in either of these volumes - and this was what I principally wish[ed] to see before read[ing] it in the original -
The flute 3/4 hour before supper and 1/4 hour during supper. A little earlyish rain in the morning -
A violent hail shower soon after 2, and more rain in the course of the afternoon -

May
Thurs[day] 1
5 3/4
11 20/60

L

1817

May

HCL [Halifax Circulating Library] 45/72
R[ea]d Tues[day] 6 May 1817

Capt[ain] of the Danish Navy. Trans[lated] fr[om] the original pub[lishe]d by command
of His Majesty the King of Denmark: and enlarg[e]d w[i]th observat[io]ns
Dr Peter Templeman. London, Print[e]d for Lockyer Davis and
Charles Reymers in Holborn; printers to the Royal Society. 1757.’

Mr Norden return[e]d fr[om] Egypt in 1738, hav[ing] spent there n[ea]r a year, and died, of a consumpt[io]n
at Paris, 22 September 1742. Vid. Vol. 1 Preface pp. 15 and 17 -

Fri[day] 2

5 1/2
11 1/4
Vc

my room) went to Askwith the Taylor in Gibbet-Lane, and p[ai]d him, out of the mon[e]y my father sent
me (£12) to discharge a bill of his ag[in]st my father, dated 15 Sep[tember] 1815, amount[in]g to
£12-0-4 - walk[e]d on to Stoney Royde and sat an hour and sat an hour w[i]th Mrs Rawson - She ment[ione]d the gr[ea]t
stand[in]g been seized with the smallpox - many were hav[in]g t[h]eir child[ren] innocculat[e]d and in
many instances the infect[io]n had been taken in spite of previous vaccination w[hi]ch had
been pronounc[e]d perfectly good at the time - It seems howev[er] to be observ[e]d th[at] those who have
been vaccinat[e]d have the smallpox more favorably and m[u]ch mo[re] mildly - Mrs R- [Rawson]
also ment[ione]d Mr Empson's hav[in]g been in York at the assizes where and when, tho'
he had heard the thing before, it was the com[mon] topic of conversat[io]n that M- [Mariana] was
parted fr[om] D- [Charles Lawton] and return[e]d to her fath[er]r and moth[er]. th[at] she and D- [Charles Lawton] were most miserable coup[le]
in the world, and th[at] in fact he had lit[tle] or nothing - th[at] he had kill[e]d his 1st wife,
had not the best character etc. etc., and in short the old over again - I pretend[e]d to smile
at the strange incongruity of reports, and made the matter look as well as I c[oul]d but
surely, in spite of anything I can say, peop[le] must think there w[ou]l[d] not be all
these reports afloat w[i]thout some reason or other - Got home to din[ner]. In the aft[erno]n
read pp. 76 of Volume 2 Norden's Travels in Egypt and Nubia and pp. 50 of
p. 2 No. 2 of the Correspondent containing page to
The flute 3/4 hour before and during supper. A fine day, but cold out of the sun -

Saturday 3
5 3/4
11
read page 29 to 42 Aschines cont'ra Ctesiphon. Had a letter from M- [Mariana] (Lawton) - She gives an extract from a letter from Mrs Chaloner giving as the cause of Anne Hurt's conduct - M-'s [Mariana] being grown so very 'romantic' and her letter having been of late 'so different' from what they used to be' that the noodle 'really did not know how to answer them' - etc. etc - I am to begin my letter to M- [Mariana] as usual, but not send till the latter end of next week or the Monday in the following week, instead of next Monday. D- [Charles Lawton] 'has taken into his head
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lately to go for the letters and sometimes we do not get them till 12 or 1 ‘…” till their
whim ceases, perhaps a little irregularity may be as well’ -
Fr[om] quest[ion] 61 to 67 p[age] 150 Walkingham - did quest[ion]s 47 and 48, p[age] 148 over ag[ain]t and got the
same ans[wer] as giv[en] by Walkingham - Th[i]s sort of quest[ion] is very tedious, but I improve,
and hope to wade thro' them by and by - In the aft[ernoon] r[ead] the remain[ing] 100 pp. of the No. 2 Correspond[en]t -
Th[i]s period[ical] publicat[ion] promises to be a good one - At least the 2 Nos. already come out are
just bef[ore] and dur[ing] sup[er]. A dull day - some gentle rain in the aft[ernoon].

Sun[day] 4
5 3/4
11 10/60
L
wrote a page and 1/2 of a let[ter] to M[ariana] and Mrs Bagnold sent up a let[ter] fr[om] Rouge Croix (London)
in a frank direct[e]d to me, but he, being in a hurry, had only time to write to my uncle
to acknowledge the receipt of his let[ter] and draft sent on Tuesday - to say he had got the errors
men[tioned] correct[e]d in the college records (except th[at] of Thom[as] L-[Lister] and Mary Ramsden being child[ren]
of T. L-[Thomas Lister] by his 2[n]d wife Ph[o]ebe (Wood) instead of Sibill (Hemingway) w[hi]ch hav[en]g been wrong
entered by Edw[ard] Hanson at the visitation of 1666 w[ould] require extracts fr[om] the registers
and any oth[er] evidence we might have, to prove the error bef[ore] it c[ould] be correct[e]d and to
desire the roll might be sent back, the mistakes might be amended as
handsomely as possible - In the course of the day r[ead] fr[om] p[age] 119 to 165, Vol[u]me 2, Norden’s
Trav[el]s. Just bef[ore] sup[er] r[ead] al[ou]d ser[m[o]ns 5 and 6 of Alison - A dull cold day - very
black clouds flitting ab[ou]t all the day, but no rain - the glass 3° bel[ow] changeable -

Mon[day] 5
5 50/60
11 10/60
and dur[in]g sup[er]. A cold dull day - Aft[er] sup[er] fir[e]d off the pistol, th[at] had been heavily charg[e]d
ab[ove] 3 weeks, out of my room window - the report was tremendous - it bound[e]d out of
my hand, forc[e]d itself thro’ the window, and broke the lead and 2 panes of glass - my hand
felt stunned for some time -

Wed[nesday] 6
x 7
11 1/4

*Wrote a letter for my uncle to write to Rouge Croix* - After breakfast wrote a longish note to Rouge Croix and kept a copy - as also a copy of the letter my uncle wrote - My uncle sent off the roll, and our 2 letters enclosed, to R.C [Rouge Croix] College of Arms, London, this morning by the mail - Had a note from Miss Caroline Greenwood (Cross Hills) to ask me to drink tea there (quite in a free way) tomorrow. Wrote a note back to accept the invitation. Thinking I couldn't do otherwise.

Quest[ions] 77 and 78, page 151 Walkingham - In the afternoon went to the library, paid a bill for my Aunt to Miss Stead the matua-maker, and called at Whitley's (the booksellers) - bought 3
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sticks of sealing wax, and then Mr Sugden came - went upstairs for 5 minutes and heard him play a couple of airs without book - He said he was a very bad player without book highly, and, as far as I could judge, he deserved it - his tone and taste both good, particularly the former - I asked him his terms for teaching - A guinea a quarter for 1 lessons a week and a guinea and 1/2 per quarter for 2 lessons per week - He is quite self-taught - He was a fustian cutter by trade, but that his flute was very dry, he had not touched it for three weeks - I complimented him highly, and, as far as I could judge, he deserved it - his tone and taste both good, particularly the former.

This adventure has passed off more satisfactorily than I expected - Staid 1/2 hour at Northgate -

Got back to tea - Afterwards read from page 165 to 214, end of Volume 2 Norden's Travels - I like the work tolerably - Page 28 of the Introductory pages in Volume 1 among the 'Extracts from the nouvelles littéraires' is the following passage - These letters affect informations of a very curious nature, some of which appear to be criticisms upon Maillet's description, of whom we must in consequence say, that he was neither a diligent nor an exact observer' - Just before and after supper played the flute 3/4 hour - A very fine day, tho' cold -

Wednesday 7

6

11 1/2

V

read from page 66 to 83 Aschines contra Ctesiphon - 8 pp. before breakfast and 9 between 1/2 past 10 and 2 - I felt myself particularly slow at first, and particularly sleepy after breakfast. Had the 3rd volume of Leland's Demosthenes by me after breakfast and, after making my own translation, read his, which I find very close, and altogether very good, at least the few pages that I have compared with the original - In the afternoon read pp. 96, Volume 3 Leland's Demosthenes. At the time I read the other volumes (Vid. Wednesday 30 April) I by some means overlooked the 3rd, and fancied there were only 2 volumes. A 1/4 before 6 went to drink tea at the Greenwoods at Crosshills - Mrs G. [Greenwood] had gone to Liverpool by the mail at 8 in the morning on hearing the death of a friend - Mr and Miss Anne and Miss Sarah Stavely were of the party (I had expected to meet only the family) - Miss Caroline G. [Greenwood], a single song by Miss Susanna G. [Greenwood], an Italian duet by Miss S. G. [Susan Greenwood] and Miss A. [Anne] Stavely - the 2nd of 'See from ocean rising with Miss S. G. [Susan Greenwood] 'The Bewilder'd Maid' and the 2nd to one of Braham's duets with Miss A. [Anne] Stavely, by myself - Miss S. G. [Susan Greenwood] sings very fairly but was frightened I could not judge -
in the latter she is tame, not always in the best tune, and app[ear]s to have slender vocal powers fr[om] nature, i.e. not m[u]ch naturally good voice - Miss C-G- [Caroline Greenwood] enlarg[e]d on the value she set on my notes, and rally[e]d me on the shortness of my last - She w[oul]d like to have long ones fr[om] me, and long[e]d to see some of my letters - regret[t]e[d] the 'invisible enchantment
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th[a]t kept me so closely at Shibden, often long[e]d to put on her things and join me
when she saw me go past, and threaten[e]d to do so some time or other - In fact, she
makes a dead set - to all w[h]i[ch] I return no encouragement, but am very civil -
Miss S. [Sarah] Stavely made sev[eral] bold pushes for me to sing w[i]th her sister and to bring on a
visit[i]ng - but I took not the smallest notice of any of th[e]m. Per vim, she shook hands
w[i]th me at part[i]n - D[it][t]o Mr John Greenwood and his sisters - Mr Stavely has been 3 times
a bankrupt, and I have always understood und[er] circ[um]stance[s] of peculiar discredit - They were
a vulgar set and I was to get home a lit[t]le b[e]fore 10 – I had pleas[an]t walk the night was
so fine - The day also was fine and warm - Miss S. [Sarah] Stavely told me she was
in anxious expectation of seeing something from my pen; as she and everyone made
sure of my intention to publish, etc. etc - The peop[le] seem wonderfully impress[e]d
w[i]th th[i]s idea, now th[a]t I keep myself so snug at home -

Thurs[day] 8
6
11 10/60
Vc
Sarah Ralph to Harrogate at 10 - the chaise not being here at 20 min[ute]s to 11 by
our clock, I set off to Horley Green to see if there was any mistake - Met
it at the top of the bank, got in and came back w[i]th Miss S. R- [Sarah Ralph] - My aunt and she
were off at 1/4 aft[er] 11 - Mrs and Miss R- [Ralph] went to H- [Harrogate] on Tuesday to get all ready.
They have tak[e]n priv[ate] lodg[in]gs somewhere at Low Harrogate and talk of stay[in]g 5 weeks.
wrote all but the 1st line or 2 of my journ[al] of yester[day]. Bet[ween] 12 and 1 o'clock -
R[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 91 to 95 Asch[i]nes cont[ra] Ctes[i]phon - At 1 went to the the library - met there Mrs Pollard
and her father Sir Thom[a]s Horton - She immediately introduc[e]d him to me w[h]i[ch] I did not
m[u]ch wish; for tho' he seems very gentlemanly, he is skout[e]d fr[om] society, on accoun[t] of not hav[in]g
severely visit[e]d by ours - Talk[e]d to Mrs P. [Pollard] and her father some min[ute]s being detain[e]d by a
shower - Just spoke to Miss and Miss Jane Watkinson who came in dur[ing]g the time -
Call[e]d and staid 5 min[ute]s at Northgate My unc[le]'s leg no better (he has had a fast or
or something of the sort for some days past). Call[e]d also on Miss Greenwood (Crop Hills)
who return[e]d fr[om]n bride visit to Mrs Rob[e]rt Frost (Miss Lee of Leeds th[a]t was) on Tuesday -
she just gone out - I left my card for her, and sat 1/4 hour w[i]th Miss Caroline and
Miss Susan G- [Greenwood] - A few drops of rain as I came home and a rainy aft[er]noon. the
morn[ing] was fine but tow[ards] noon came in very dark and gloomy - In the aft[ernoon] read pp. 94, besides the introduct[i]on pp. (75) of -----
Miss C. G. [Caroline Greenwood] told me they s[aid] in the town I was study[ing] Hebrew - Th[i]s must have been set abroad by Mr Knight in cons[equence] of my ask[ing] him the pronunciation of the Hebrew letters the last time I call[e]d upon him - 3 months ago - The flute 1/4 hour just bef[ore] sup[per] -
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R[ea]d Thurs[day] 15 May 1817


Fri[day] 9
5 40/60
11 1/4
A gloomy cold day - § He went to the Swan Inn to meet Hinchcliffe, Walsh, and Sutcliffe, and recei[ved] fr[om] them in paym[ent] for coals £90, and annual rent for a road £10.

Sat[urday] 10
5 3/4
11
L
Had a letter fr[om] M[ariana] (Lawton) all well.
- Cecilia Barlow’s mar[rriage] to Mr Park, Barrister (son of Mr Park, Liverpool merch[ant]), a very smart one - 6 carriages - did not leave York till 5 in the af[ternoon]. ‘The bride exhibit[e]d herself at noonday down Coney Street’ - ‘Misses Morritt and Goodricke are going abroad - Th[ey] take w[i]th th[em] Mr Stockdale, Mr Morritt’s ci-devant tutor, an exceed[ing] clev[er] man’ - In the af[ternoon], r[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 286 to 319, end of Vol[ume] 1 Leland’s life of Philip, and pp. 155 Vol[ume] 2 - A cold, dull, rainy day - tho’ we still rain ver[y] m[u]ch and have not had hal[f] enough - For want of it, noth[in]g can get on - neith[er] the corn, nor grass.
Sun[day] 11
5
11 1/4
Read from page 119 to 131 Aschines contra Ctesiphon and from page 121 to 133 Leland’s translation - My uncle and I went to morning church - My uncle went also in the afternoon. I read at home and then wrote a page and 1/2 in addition to the page and 1/2 of a letter written yesterday week to M- [Mariana] and kept by me so long to avoid appearing to write so regularly and so often - (Vid. yesterday week. Saturday 3 May) - Just before supper read aloud sermons 7 and 8 of Alison - After tea read Pope’s preface to his translation of Homer’s Iliad - Volume 1, my uncle’s duodecimo edition in 6 volumes. The morning threatened rain but the day turned fine towards noon - the afternoon very much so, but rather cold - Heavish [sic] rain after 10 and during the night.

Mon[day] 12
5 25/60
11 1/4
Read from page 131 to 145 Aschines contra Ctesiphon and from page 133 to 147 Leland’s translation - After breakfast till after 1, wrote the ends, and crossed my letter to M- [Mariana] - kept a copy of what I said about Anne Hurt - till dinner made a few notes from volumes 1 and 2 Leland’s Life of Philip.
In the afternoon and evening read from page 159 to 273, Volume 2 Life of Philip. Should have read more but spent the greatest part of the time in looking over plans of the estate and hearing my uncle read over the rates of assessment of the township of Southowram - 5 chaises, a stage-coach that constantly runs between Leeds and Halifax - the Black-pool [Blackpool] mail (a long coach so called in derision) that constantly runs between Leeds and Halifax - the Black-pool [Blackpool] mail (a long coach so called in derision) the Wakefield car, a sort of tax cart, topped something in the same way as a sociable to keep off rain. All passed here this morning filled with voters for the registrarship. The contending parties Mr Frank Hawksworth and Mr Fenton Scott. The report of this evening is in favour of the former - 2 more chaises passed to Wakefield in the afternoon. Sent my letter to Mariana (Lawton) just before and during supper the flute 3/4 hour - A good deal of rain fell last night, and a good deal also in the course of today. My uncle had a letter from my aunt this morning announcing her safe arrival at Harrogate a little after 5 on Thursday. She seems well satisfied with her party and accommodations. The contending parties Mr Frank Hawksworth and Mr Fenton Scott. The report of this evening is in favour of the former. 2 more chaises passed to Wakefield in the afternoon. Sent my letter to Mariana (Lawton) just before and during supper the flute 3/4 hour - A good deal of rain fell last night, and a good deal also in the course of today. My uncle had a letter from my aunt this morning announcing her safe arrival at Harrogate. I live, I may sometime attain a tolerable proficiency in mathematical studies. I would rather be a philosopher than a polyglot, and mean to turn my attention eventually and principally to natural philosophy. For the present I mean to devote my mornings to Greek and afterwards till dinner to divide the time equally between Euclid and Arithmetic, till I have waded through Walkingham, when I shall recommence my long neglected algebra. - I must read a page or 2 of French, now and then, when I can. The afternoons and evenings are set apart for general reading, for walk in 1/2 an hour or 3/4 practice on the flute. - In the afternoon went to the library called on Mrs Veitch, and sat an hour with her, and got home to tea - in the evening, read from page 273 to 379, Volume 2, Leland's life of Philip.
Began Euclid

Wednesday 14
5 1/4
11 10/60
Read from page 9 (i.e. the beginning) to 23 Demosthenes de coronâ and from page 157 to 173 Leland's translation -
From proposition 8 to 22, 1.1. Euclid. From question 5 to 12, page 155 Walkingham - In the afternoon wrote to my aunt -
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Mr Wigglesworth came to tea, to ask my uncle to go and vote for Scott - Hawksworth was 50 ahead last night, and as his friends are not over nice about votes, he seems to have every chance of getting in - Stocks sent Thomas and William Greenwood (colliers) and their votes were taken for him for some time - Mr Wigglesworth of Town-head came on purpose to vote for him, and Lord Ribblesdale would have come, but for the recent death of his sister, Mrs Parker of Browsham - As many carriages passed today as either yesterday or Monday. Went upstairs soon after tea, and Mr Wigglesworth was gone before I came down - therefore played the flute above an hour - Then finished my letter and now while my uncle is at supper, am writing my journal in the dining room -

Flying showers of rain in the morning - and rain in the night - but a fine afternoon and evening -

Thurs[day] 15

6 1/4
11 1/4

L

Fr[om] 1/4 to 7, to 50/60 to 9 o'clock, [read fr]om page 23 to 35 Demosthenes de coronâ and fr[om] page 173 to 185 of Leland's translation - From proposition 22 to 33, 1.1. Euclid. Fr[om] question 12, page 155, to 1 equation of payments page 156, Walkingham - My uncle took my letter to the Post Office directed to my aunt at Mr Charles Thackwray's Lodgings, Low Harrogate - In the afternoon I read from page 379 to 436, end of Volume 2 Leland's life of Philip - I have read the work with much pleasure - Just before tea, the flute 3/4 hour. After tea, wrote a page and a few lines of a letter to my mother in answer to her last received, Wednesday 2 April, not being in a humour for writing. Read pp. 94 of …

'Alciphron's Epistles; in which are described the domestic manners, the courtesans, and parasites of Greece. London.' Printed for G. G. J. and J. Robinson; Leigh and Sotheby; and R. Faulder, 1791.' 1 Vol[ume]. 8vo [octavo]. pp. 270

Some rain about 10 in the morning and likewise between 2 and 3 in the afternoon. The rest of the day fine, and warmer than it has been of late -

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R[ead from p[age] 35 to 52 Demosth[enes] de coronâ and fr[om] p[age] 185 to 204 Leland's translat[io]n -
1/2 an hour dur[in]g sup[er]time - A very fine warm day -
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May Sat[urday] 17
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and work[e]d ov[er] some of the results in the tables of rates and amounts - R[e]a[d fr[om] p[age] 116 to
120 ltin[êraire] de Genève - Sent my let[ter] to my moth[er] (M[arke]t Leighton) th[i]s morn[ing] - In the aft[ernoon]
got into Lincolnshire - Drank tea at N[orth]gate and got home at 9. The town was
very busy - quite a crowd ab[ou]t Mr Edwards, the booksellers - He has giv[e]n to t[h]e
36 gallon barrels of strong ale - was met by a band of 12 or 14 musicians last
night at 10 o’clock as he came from Wakefield - has had th[i]s band parad[in]g
all ov[er] the town both today and yest[erday] and his wife pastes all the lit[tle] boys hats
orange papers w[i]th the inscript[i]o[n] Hawksworth for ev[er]. In short these 2
electioneers seem so transport[e]d at their success, that the peop[le] think th[e]m
out of their heads ab[ou]t - There have been papers post[e]d up - beginning w[i]th
‘Glorious news’ as if some signal blessing had been dispens[e]d to the whole
Kingdom - I rejoice H- [Hawksworth] has come in, but such folly as all this is a
downright disgrace to com[on] sense - H- [Hawksworth] had a major[ity] of 192 - At the close
of the poll, 1/2 past 4 yest[erday], Scott made a handsome speech to H- [Hawksworth] say[in]g
he was sorry to have been oppos[ed] to his friend, but felt his own disappoint[ment]
lessen[e]d by the thought th[a]t the success had fallen to him to whom he sincerely and w[i]th
reason wish[e]d ev[ery] happiness - A ver[y] fine day - tho’ a heav[y] shower of rain ab[ou]t 11
and a sort of hurricane th[a]t blew the dust for 8 or 10 min[ute]s mountains high.

Sun[day] 18
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My unc[le] and I went to morn[ing] ch[ur]ch - In the aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] r[e]a[d fr[om] p[age] 184 to 270 end of Alciphron’s
let[ter]s. They are divid[e]d into 2 books, and trans[lated] by differ[ent] hands - both books well done but
I like the style of the 2 last the best - these let[ter]s are well worth read[in]g for the insight they give into the
manners of the ancients - Just before and after supper read aloud sermons 9 and 10 of Alison - A fine morning tho' coolish - A thoroughly rainy soaking afternoon
and evening - In the evening read also the preface pp. 16, and pp. 13 -------
'The description of Greece, by Pausanias. Translated from the Greek. With notes, in which much of the mythology of the Greeks is unfolded; a theory which has been for many ages unknown. Illustrated with maps and views elegantl[y] engrave[d]. In 3 volumes. Victa jacet Pietas - Ovid.

London. Printed for R. Faulder, New Bond-street. 1794.'


Mon[day] 19
5 10/60
11 5/60
L


Had a let[ter] fr[om] M[ariana] (Lawton). A bilious attack prevent[ed] her send[ing] off her let[ter] on Thurs[day] as usual - L [Charles Lawton] continues terribly jealous of me π [Mariana] thinks we had better be cautious lest he should forbid her writing to me and therefore desires to hear from me every other Tuesday - I see there will be little comfort for π [Mariana] and me as long as he lives and God knows how long that may be - Rec[eive]d fr[om] Lond[on] the pedigree roll, correct[e]d by Rouge Croix - no let[ter] inclos[e]d - Everything done right, except in the instance of our 1st Rich[ard] - where it is s[a]id th[a]t 'Hipperholm is a graveship in the township of Northowram.' It ought to have been, as I expressly ment[ione]d in my note to R.C. [Rouge Croix], Northowram a township in the graveship of Hipperholm - Spent the aft[ernoon] in look[ing] over the pedig[ree] and mak[ing] notes - Some fr[om] Vol[ume] 2, Leland's life of Philip, dat[e]d 'S. H. [Shibden Hall], Mon[day] 12 May 1817'. Some fr[om] the transl[ation]n of Alciphron's let[ters] dat[e]d 'Fri[day] 16 May 1817' accord[ing] to the dates on the scraps of paper fr[om] which I cop[ied] them, and also some dated today 'Mon[day] 19 May 1817' -

The flute an hour bet[weeen] tea and sup[per] and also 1/4 hour just aft[er] din[ner]. A very fine day, the pleasantest we have had for long - Ev[ery]thing, aft[er] th[is]s rain, begins to come forw[ar]ds - The cattle were turn[e]d out on Saturday -

Tues[day] 20
Read from 97 to 114 Demosthenes de coronâ and from page 251 to 269 Leland’s translation (between the hours of 5 1/2 and 8 3/4). Wrote a few lines to Rouge Croix to acknowledge the receipt of the roll yesterday.

From proposition 11 to end of lib. 2 Euclid, i.e. from proposition 11 lib. 2 to proposition 1 lib. 3 Euclid. I know not whether I have been unusually stupid this morning but I have found difficulty in the 13th proposition lib 2. I slept 1/4 hour this morning - soon as I have been seated at my books about 1/2 hour,
May

L

After breakfast, an irresistible drowsiness comes over me, and I sleep 10 minutes. Seldom varying so much as a couple of seconds. In the afternoon went to the library - called at Miss Steads to order about a black silk spencer making and about the waist being shortened of my nankin pelisse that she sent home on Saturday St[aye]d 1/2 hour at Northgate - Just after dinner and in the evening read from page 13 to 43 Volume 1 Pausanias and from page 219 to 229 Volume 3 of the same - (Volume 3 from page 219 to 363 contains the notes belonging to all the 3 volumes) and from page 263 to 423, the end, the index to the whole.) The flute 1/4 hour during supper. A fair day but very cold, and no sun - The barometer down at rain - Sent my letter to Rouge Croix in the afternoon in time for today's post - Had my hair cut in the morning which is always 1/2 hour's work -

Wednesday 21

5

L

Between 5 40/60 and 9 read from page 114 to 133 Demosthenes de Corona and from page 269 to 288 Leland's translation. From proposition 1 to 9 lib. 3 Euclid - Had a letter from my Aunt (Mr Charles Thackray's Lodgings Low Harrogate) giving a good account of herself and the Ralphs - In the afternoon and evening made some extracts from Volume 1 and 3 translation of Pausanias and read from page 43 to 85 Volume 1 and from page 229 to 249 of the notes in Volume 3 - A cold day - no sun - some gentle rain in the afternoon and evening. The flute 1/4 hour during supper -

Thursday 22

x 8 55/60

11

Did not sleep well last night and was therefore somehow led into lying in bed so long this morning. As I have lost so much of the best part of the day, and, in fact, it seems like a day lost altogether. I shall write to M- [Mariana] this morning, and send it on Saturday or Sunday. She wishes to hear from me every other Tuesday, till C's [Charles Lawton] jealous fit subsides a little till he gives up fetching anything himself, and till we can therefore write in more security - at present we are in constant fear of his forbidding her writing to me at all! God help those who are tied to such people! --- I wish the day was over - I always feel unhappy all day so much time in bed, and it certainly does not agree with me; for I feel I am going to have a sick headache - If I was once to give way to idleness, I should be wretched - nothing but keeping my mind so
intent upon study, can divert the melancholy reflections which constantly prey upon me on account of M- [Mariana]. Alas! They are even now a source of bitterness and disquiet that words can ill describe - wrote 2 1/2 pages to M- [Mariana] chiefly in our secret alphabet which I have lately, in my letters to her, used a good deal - In the afternoon and evening wrote 11 pages in my extract book taken from Volume 3 translation of Pausanias - No flute this evening prevented by feeling a little sore throat - A good deal of rain fell last night - and some gentle rain this morning - no sun, and the day cold, tho’ warmer towards evening.
May Fri[day] 23
6 25/60
11 5/60

Questions 7 and 8 p[age] 159 Walkingham - Ques[tion] 7 done partly yester[day] and the day before. These ques[tions] are very tedious; as I work th[e]m w[i]th 12 or 13 places of decimals for the sake
my unc[le] to see the new Ch[urch] at Coley but a smartish show[e]r (w[hich] however lasted[e]d but ab[ou]t 1/4 hour)
com[in]g on just as we set off, we turn[ed] back and start[ed] home - Wrote 5 or 6 pp[ages] in my
rain fell in the night - not feeling my throat quite better, only practis[e]d the low tones on the flute - and th[a]t for ab[out] 10 min[utes]

Sat[urday] 24
5 1/4
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R[ead] fr[om] p[age] 142 to 152 Demosthenes de coron[a] and fr[om] 296 to 306 Leland’s translat[i]on quest[ion] 9 to 12 p[age] 159 Walkingham -
Had a

Th[a]t M- [Mariana] may at any rate get it bef[ore] she sets off L [Charles Lawton] has been in one of
his humours again and they had a rowe (I suppose this day week) because π [Mariana] wanted
him to go with Lou and her to Steffs in consequence of the agitation M- [Mariana]
so ill she could hardly hold her head up all Sunday and Monday - Lou was not
present but π [Mariana] told her afterwards what had happened she will see
enough of him I think by and by - Fill[e]d my let[ter] chiefly in charact[er]istic sect[ions]
w[hich] took me fr[om] 1 till 2 and till n[ext] 5 in the aft[ernoon]. Sent my let[ter] by William -
in Vol[u]me 3. An hours bet[ween] 8 and 9 in the morn[ing] and anoth[er] hour of rain bet[ween] 2 and 3 in the aft[ernoon].
The rest of the aft[ernoon] and the ev[ening] fine - The flute 1/4 hour, dur[ing] sup[per]

Sun[day] 25
7
11 55/60
12 of Alison - A fine day - but cold, partic[ularly] tow[ar]ds ev[ening] -

Mon[day] 26
6
11
In the aft[ernoon] wrote a let[er] to my aunt in ans[wer] to hers rec[eive]d last Wednesday - In the ev[ening] wrote 4 pp[ages] in my
fr[om] 7 to 10 this morn[in]g - A few fly[in]g drops aft[er]w[ar]ds - the rest of the day fine, and rath[er] warmer than of late -
Flute 1/4 hour dur[in]g sup[per].
1817
May Tues[day] 27
5 20/60
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L
R[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 167 to 182, the end of Demosthen[enes] de coron[a] and fr[om] p[age] 322 to 336, end of Leland’s transl[atio]n - This is cert[a]inly a ver[y] fine ora[tio]n and I now get to be a suffic[entl]y good Grecian to enter a lit[tle] int[o] its beauties - I improve, and tho' not perhaps so far as I sh[oul]d wish, yet quite as fast as I can expect - I like the plan of read[in]g a good Eng[lish] translat[io]n along with the original, and as I find from exper[ien]ce, that by this means I can do ver[y] well w[i]thout a master, I shall go on w[i]th it - Gave up my time fr[om] break[fa]st till 1/2 past 12, to see Washington and his son measure the Bairstow and 2 Whiskham fields - Went to the library, call[e]d at my uncle Joseph’s and got back to din[ner] at 1/2 p[ast] 2.
In the aft[ernoon] r[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 235 to 265 Vol[ume] 1 Pausan[ias] and fr[om] 303 to 304 of the notes in Vol[ume] 3 made some notes in my note book - Aft[er] tea my unc[le] and I walk[e]d along the fields to Coley Chap[el]. It is a ver[y] handsome goth[i]c build[in]g, a credit to the architect Mr Bradley Jun[ior] and to the country - It is to be read[y] for duty to be done in on Sunday next, but Mr Bradley, whom we met there, told us it w[oul]d be 3 months bef[ore] it was quite comple[e]d. I had nev[er] seen to know him before - had a good deal of conversat[io]n w[it]h him, and found a well behav[e]d, civil sensible like architect - He told me the stone in our neighb[ourhoo]d, tho’ durable if prop[erl]y used, that is properly plac[e]d, yet is the cont[rary] if expos[e]d like that in the new ch[ur]ch at H[alifax] - It sh[oul]d always lie as it does in the quarry - w[i]th its edges outw[ar]ds, the horizontal faces will not bear the action of the air - the stone us[e]d in common for the ch[ur]ch is fr[om] Brian Scoles, the ornamental fr[om] Queen’s-head - We got back at 1/4 bef[ore] 10 - the ev[ening] remark[a]bly fine - ind[ee]d the day has been the warmest and most spring-like we have had - Sent my let[ter] to my aunt (Mr Charles Thrackwray’s Lodgings Low Harrogate) in the morn[ing] -

Wed[nesday] 28
6
11 20/60
tarios vulgo Ulpianeos Cantabrigio typis Academicis:
Cura Comelii Crownfield celeb acad typog Prostant vales apen
Bipliopolas Gul Thurlbourn Cantal and Gul Innys Loudin in Cometino
Divi Pauli, and Joan Brindley in vico New Bond Street 1731" 

Containing observations on Ulpian pp[ages] 34 the rest of the Volume pp[ages] 388 of which the Greek original
and the scholiast of the 1st Philip[pic] and the 1, 2, and 3 Olynth[iacs] take up pp[ages] 141 the remainder is translation and notes -

Jas. L [James Lister] 49/79
R[ead]d Mon[day] 9 June 1817
May


A good deal of rain fr[om] 5 in the aft[erno]on and dur[ing] the ev[ening]. The rest of day fine tho’ rath[er]

lowering at times - The flute 20 min[ute]s dur[in]g sup[er] - Sat up talk[in]g to my un[c]le till

11 o’clock about getting married mentioning the wishes of Mr and Mrs and Miss Marsh for me to have Sir George Staunton my uncle exclaime[d] at unaware well then there will be no ooccassion for the pedigree I think except this he hardly said a word it is his general custom when you tell him anything never to speak for fear of committing himself as he call it I took care to say however that I never intended to marry at all I cannot make out whether he suspects my situation towards π [Mariana] - in the course of conversation I said well I think I could get on with perce as well as anybody but he did not apparently notice it - what will be my fate God knows I begin to despear that π [Mariana] and I will ever get together – besides I sometimes fancy she will be worn out in the dons sservice and perhaps I may do better heaven only knows how it will end

Thurs[day] 29s

5 3/4s

11 20/60

Did not begin read[in]g till 7 and then r[e]ad pp[ages] 12 Philip 1 Demosthen[es], and pp[ages] 6 Leland’s translat[io]n (Vol[u]me 1 at Tues 22 Ap[ril] 1817) - I shall not, for the present, r[e]ad with the scholiast or notes in the Greek Edit[i]on as I am anx[ious] aft[er] gettin[g] thro’ these 4 orat[io]ns, to begin Homer - As for time,

I am generally 1/2 hour and 5 min[ute]s in gettin[g] ready to sit down to my books th[e]n read till


Soon aft[er] break[fa]st Mrs Edw[ar]ds’ serv[an]t call[e]d for an ans[wer] to her note - I sh[oul]d have sent it yest[er]day by the post, but when Will[i]a[m] was to have tak[e]n it, it rain[e]d, and my un[c]le s[ai]d it was not worth while letting him
get wet about it -
1817
May
In the afternoon read from page 333 to 432 Volume 1 Pausanias and page 309 to 314 end of the notes on Volume 1 in Volume 7 Pausanias made several notes - Last very boisterous and rainy - the wind very high and boisterous about 10 this morning and continued high all the day - rain at intervals - indeed it has been a very cold rough day altogether - Fair all the evening - but the wind getting up again - Flute 20 minutes during supper.

Friday 30
6
11 10/60
Read from page 13 to 24 Philippic 1 Demosthenes and from page 7 to 22 Leland's translation. From proposition 35 to 37, end of lib. 3 Euclid and the 1st 5 propositions of lib. 4 Euclid. From question 25 to question 28 page 162 Walkingham. In the afternoon and evening read from page 432 to 444 end of Volume 1 Pausanias and made several pages of extracts from the translation notes in Volume 3. A finish day - but cold - the barometer got up above changeable - Feeling my throat a little I only took up the flute for about 5 minutes. - John Green brought my uncle a copy of their last answer to Greenwoods, there is to be a trial at York, and they say Greenwoods have engaged counsel Scarlet and Topping.

Saturday 31
8 50/60
11 5/60
L
A letter from Mariana (Manchester) She only writes a few lines, and in a hurry, says nothing of the races but briefly adds we had a rowe as usual.
Did question 28 page 162 Walkingham tried it all ways according to the rule given but could not get the right answer tho' I spent about an hour at it - From proposition 6 to 13 lib. 4 Euclid - In the afternoon went to the library, stayed about an hour at Northgate went to the shoe maker's at Haley Hill got home at half past six - After tea played the flute 3/4 hour - A card from Mrs and Mr Greenwood Cross-hills asking my uncle and me to dinner on Wednesday the 11th June - Wrote a note to decline the invitation - Read pp[ages] 14 Volume 2 Pausanias - A fine day and tolerably warm in the afternoon and evening.

June 1817
Sunday 1
6 1/4
11 20/60
R[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 24 to 32 Phil[ippic] 1 Demosth[enes] and fr[om] p[age] 22 to 33 Leland’s translat[io]n - My unc[le] and I went to morn[in]g Ch[ur]ch and said the sacrament - My unc[le] went Ch[ur]ch in the aft[ernoon] M-’s [Mariana] last let[ter] being so short, there was hardly anything in it that requir[e]d much ans[wer] and as I now write only once a fortnight, I have done noth[ing] today, but kept the whole of my paper till this day week - spent the afternoon in mending some of my things for the wash Aft[er] tea r[ea]d al[ou]d serm[on]s 13 and 14 of Alison - A fine day, the pleasantest we have had this year - and the 1st I have thrown aside my winter things having changed my black cloth spencer and black straw hat for a black silk spencer and common straw hat - I have almost made up my mind always to wear black -
1817
June Mon[day] 2
6 1/4
11 10/60

Tues[day] 3
5
11 10/60

Wed[nesday] 4
5 1/2
11 1/4

Thurs[day] 5
5 1/2
Read from page 95 to 110 (i.e. beginning of the 3rd Olynthian) and from page 87 to 97 Leland's translation -

Had a letter from M- Mariana (Lawton) the Rowe at Manchester went off pretty well and all has been right since - Lou was gone to see the Lyons at Prestwich and did not know of the thing.

Had a letter also from my aunt, (Thackwray's Lodgings Low Harrogate) to say she intended being at home this day week - Finding I could not attend to arithmetic my mind being so entirely engulfed with M- Mariana, and her letter, I began my epistle to which is to go on Sunday, and wrote a page and half very small and close and chiefly in our arcane character. I somehow or other in spite of her assurances of love and hope begin to despair that we shall ever get together we have no
June

chance of seeing much of each other so long as the don lives and may probably
(indeed we both look forward to it) not meet for some years to come what effect
such a length of separation may have good knows the thought made me so
low that I cried and wrote alternately the whole morning I do not doubt
Marianas affection but I have a thousand fears we shall never get
together in this world tis sad to live upon a hope so hard as this
and many are the hours when I am wretched - In the aft[ernoon] sat an hour w[i]th
Mrs Veitch (who was going to drink tea at Mr Jer[emia]h Rawson's) or I sh[oul]d have st[aye]d
tea w[i]th her, sat a few min[ute]s at N[orth]gate, and, as they were too busy w[i]th painters
and workmen in the house for me to stay there, borrow[e]d an umbrel[l]a and set off home -
A heavy show[e]r came on bef[ore] I had got to the end of the walk - I theref[ore] went to Cross-hills
and Mrs Greenwood made me stay tea (indeed it was just 6 when I got there) She cert[ainly]
is the uglie[st] wom[an] I ev[er] saw, and the girls bear a few unfort[unate] traces of their parentage
in th[i]s partic[ular]ity but they are good hum[oure]d. Miss C-G. [Caroline Greenwood] and Miss Susan sang
2 or 3 songs - I begg[e]d her not to be off[end]e[d] but pronounce the Ital[i]a[n] a lit[t]le more
distinctly, observ[in]g th[a]t the, o, in the w[or]ld, allor, sh[oul]d be pronounc[e]d like the
o, in nor, not like that in before - She s[a]id her singing master had taught the latter
way, and look[e]d astonish[e]d at my still continuing to gently insinuate that it was
not the m[o]st appro[v][e][n]t pronunciat[i][n] - I refer[e]d her howev[er] to Miss Staveley -
They made me sing, and I hummed over 'Pray Goody' 'Young Love' and 'Oh! then dearest
Ellen' tho Mrs Netherwood the upholsterer and anoth[er] wom[an] were in the mus[ic] room mak[ing] curt[ain]s
and the room was quite in deshabille - It 1/2 past 9 when I got home - the 3 Miss
G- [Greenwood] walk[e]d w[i]th me to the top of the lane - the ev[ening] was fine, and there had been
merely a shower - ab[out] 8 in the morn[ing] the wind seem[e]d gett[ing] up ag[ai]n as it did
yesterday, but it was not near so high and abat[e]d tow[ard]s noon - Emma Rawson was
marr[e]d to Christopher Saltmarshe (Mrs Greenwood s[a]id) on Tuesday - My unc[le]
we did not find befor[e] in conse[qu]ence of its being enclos[e]d in the 1st fold of the parch[m]ent - of course
R.c. [Rouge Croix] w[ould] think my ver[y] brief acknowledgement of the receipt of the parcel and my mak[ing]
no ment[i][n] of his lett[er] somewhat odd I shall theref[ore] write tomorrow or Sunday and explain
the thing - Play[e]d the flute 1/2 hour just befor[e] gett[ing] int[o] bed w[hich] kept me up till 1/2 hour
and five min[ute]s past 11 -
1817
June Fri[day] 6
8
11 1/4

Sat[urd]ay 7
6
11 1/4
R[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 112 (beginnin[g] of the 3[r]d Olynth[iac]) to p[age] 133 Demosth[enes] and fr[om] p[age] 97 to 113 Leland’s translat[i]on - Quest[i]on[s] 37 and 38 p[age] 164 Walkingham - Spent the whole morn[in]g on these 2 sums - I cannot manage rt, I cannot divide 1.50363 by the ratio 1.04 seven times, and then have noth[ing] remaining - Ind[eed] as I do not yet suffic[ien]tly know what I am ab[ou]t in this matter, it is nonsense spend[in]g mo[re] time on quest[i]on[s] of this sort for the present and I shall therefo[re]
put off doing quest[i]on[s] 39 and 40 till some future time when I have had mo[re] exper[i]nce.

Sun[day] 8
6 1/2
11 5/60
L
post in the evening - After tea read Pope’s essay on Homer (containing pages 70) in Volume 1 of his translation of the Iliad, and read sermons 15 and 16 of Alison’s - A showery day - some very heavy showers and a good deal of rain has fallen since 10 in the morning - It has been fair and fine since 8 in the evening. Some rain fell during the night -
June Mon[day] 9
5 50/60
11 10/60

This is the 4th Greek work I have r[ea]d thro', and I certainly feel consid[erably] improv[e]d -
But I am dissatisfied w[ith] myself for not hav[ing] lately got up in a morn[in]g so early as I
Ought - It grieves me that I am ever in bed aft[er] 5. R[ea]d also the argument and 22 lines
of lib[rary] 1 Iliad - "Homeri Ilias Graece et Latine, annotations in usum
Serenissimi principis Gulielmi Augusti, Ducis de Cumberland, etc Regis jussu scripsit atque edidit
Samuel Clarke S.J.A. Editio nona

Ὅμηρος - λέξει κια διάνοια Παντες ύπερβεβηκε [Omeros – Lexei kia dianoia Pantes uperbebece = Homer - words and intellect always overcame]
Aristot[le] de Poetic[a] Cap 24
Hic omnes sine dubio, and in omni geneve eloquentia, procul
a se reliquit. Quintilian Lib 10 Cap 1
Londini: Excrudit Car Rivington, Impensis J Pote, C Bathurst,
JF and C Rivington, J Caslon, B White, J Longman, B Law,
G Keith, G Lexney, G Robinson, R Baldwin, J Pote, J
Nichols, J Beur, J Johnson, and G Fox 1779'

AL [Anne Lister] 50/81
R[ea]d vol[ume] 1 Sat[urday] 26 July 1817

Te sequor, O Graiae gentis Decus! inque tuis nunc
Fixa pedum pono pressis vestigia signis:
Non ita certandi cupidus, quam propter amorem
Quod te imitari aove -
Lucret
London: Printed by W Bowyer, for Bernard Lintot between
the temple gates 1720'
For fear of not otherwise getting a sufficient knowledge of the French language I am determined to begin today, and read regularly 1/2 hour every morning the 1st thing after breakfast - I shall go on with the "Itineraire de Geneve Lausanne et Chamouni Par M Bourrit, Chantre de l'Eglise Cathedrale de Geneve, et pensionnaire du Roi des Francais Nouvelle edition, revue, corrigee et augmentee de la forme de gouvernement arrete Le 14 November 1791. A Geneve Chez JE Didier, Imprimeur – Libraire rue de la Cite 1792 1 Volume 12mo [duodecimo] ppages 380.
I have read it through once over, since I returned from Lawton last August, and have got through it a second time as far page 120. From here I begin this morning - I cannot however do much having already spent above the 1/2 hour in writing my journal so far - Read from page 120 to 128 Itineraire de Geneve - Did the 4 concluding propositions. F.G.H.K library 5 and the 3 first propositions of library 6 Euclid.

My uncle took my letter to R.C. [Rouge Croix] to the post in the morning - In the afternoon and evening read pages 78 Volume 3 and from page 342 to 350 of the notes in the same Volume of Pausanias. Made several notes in my notebook - Repeated showers in the morning and incessant rain from 1/2 past 1 until during the whole of the afternoon and evening. The flute 2/3 hour during supper.

Thursday 5

Read Verse 23 to 84 Library 1 Iliad, and from verse 31 to 106 Pope's translation - I shall read all Pope's notes, and those in library 1 I have also read several of Clarke's which has made me get on so slowly - From page 128 to 139 Itineraire de Geneve. From page 41 page 165 to 56 page 167. In the afternoon went to the library - Called at Northgate but both my uncle and aunt were out. Got home at 1/2 past 5. Found my uncle and aunt here. He drank tea with us and stayed till 8. Between his and supper time (9 o'clock), I read the editor's preface, the author's prefaces to the 1st and 2nd editions and 99 lines of 'The Iliad of Homer, translated into English blank verse by the late William Cowper, Esquire, the 2nd Edition, with copious alterations and notes, prepared for the press by the translator, and now published with a preface by his kinsman J. Johnson L.L.B. Chaplain to the Bishop of Peterborough.'

Ταῦτα δ' αεὶ Παρεάλ δμοια, δια δε Των αυτῶν αεί [Tae d’aei Pareal dmoia, dia de ton auton aeï] Epicharmus

Lond[on] Print[ed] for J. Johnson St Paul's Church yard, by Bunney and Gold, Shoe Lane 1802'


HCL [Halifax Circulating Library] 52/90
R[e]ad Saturday 6 September 1817

Two or three showers in the morning, the afternoon and evening fine - The wind pretty high all the day - The flute 1/4 hour during supper -
Wednesday 11
5 1/4
11

L

From 6 to 5 o’clock Read from verse 84 to 188 Library 1 Iliad, from verse 99 to 130 Cowper, and from 106 to 251 Pope.
From page 139 to 144 Itineraire de Geneve - From A (the 4th proposition of Library 6) to proposition 14 Library 6 Euclid.

Had a letter from Miss Marsh (Micklegate York) giving an indifferent account of herself. She has a bad cold and cough, been blistered on the chest etc etc, and tho’ all is many weeks ago she is yet by no means recovered - In the afternoon and evening read from page 79 to 179 Volume 3 and from page 350 to 359 of the notes in the same volume of Pausanias. Made several notes in my notebook - A fine day – The flute 1/2 hour during supper. (Miss M- [Marsh] mentioned in her letter the death of Jane Bolton’s child)

Death of J.B-’s [Jane Bolton] child
1817
June Thurs[day] 12
5 25/60
11
L

Had a let[ter] fr[om] my moth[er] (Mar[ke]t Weighton) giving a dismal acc[oun]t of things at Skelfler and the Low farm - not a sixpence of rent to be got from the tenants at either place.

It must be confess[e]d th[at] my moth[er] writes sensibly enough - Ind[eed] me judice, she is often[e]r right in some matters th[at] my fath[er] generally chooses to allow.

In the aft[ernoon] walk[e]d as far as Catherine Slack on the Bradford road to meet my aunt and Miss Sarah Ralph on their way home fr[om] Harrogate - saw noth[ing] of them, but had hardly got seat[e]d at Northgate befo[re] they arriv[e]d (a lit[tle] befo[re] six) came home to tea - dawdled away the ev[ening] - Incessant rain throughout the whole of last night, it clear[e]d up a lit[tle] between 8 and 9 th[i]s mom[in]g tho' there were sev[eral] heavy showers bet[ween] this and noon - The aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] very fine w[i]th a strongish wind - The flute 1/4 hour dur[in]g sup[er] -

Fri[day] 13
5
11 10/60


In the aft[ernoon] wrote a note to Miss Kershaw (Warley house) to ask to spend the day here on Wed[nesday] Thurs[day] or Fri[day] next - R[ead]d a few pages of the British Review for May 1817 No [Number] 18 8vo [octavo] pp[ages] 530.

Spent the rest of the aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] in talk[ing] over the contents of my moth[ers] letter and propos[ing] plans for improvement - menti[oned] too - settling the est[ate] up[on] Marian and myself or put[ting] it out to nurse - My unc[le], as usual on these occasions, s[aid] lit[tle]
or noth[ing] but at heart he seem[e]d to think what I s[aid] reasonable -

A thoroughly rainy day fr[om] early in the morn[in]g till 4 or 5 in the aft[ernoon], the ev[ening] fair - The flute 1/2 hour dur[in]g sup[er]. the wind high at intervals during the day, w[i]th sudden gusts -
Saturday 14

5

11 1/4

Read from verse 413 to 536 lib. 1 Illiad, from verse 501 to 652 Cowper and from verse 540 to 695 Pope - From page 159 to 171 Itinéraire de Geneve - From question 7 page 170 § to question 1 page 171 Walkingham - Having got to Duodecimals, I shall not for the present do any more of Walkingham being anxious to get to Algebra - Began Bonycastle's Introduction and did every example as far.

8 questions 7, 8 and 9. I cannot understand how he manages rt. Vid. Saturday 7 June 1817
1817

June

as the beginning of Division p[age] 13 - In the aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] r[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 179 to 218 end of Vol[ume] 3 Pausan[ias], and the remain[ing] part of the translat[o]r's notes fr[om] p[age] 359 to 362 in the same vol[ume] - Made 2 or 3 notes in my note book - I like the translat[io]n very well, but can[not] judge if its fidelity, not being as yet at all acquaint[e]d w[i]th the original - The trans[lator] is as good as his word, (vid[e] title page) 'Much of the Mythol[ogy] of the Greeks is unfold[e]d fr[om] a theory w[hic]h has been for many ages unknown', in his notes w[hic]h are really novel and curious. Vid[e] my Extracts V[olume] 1 fr[om] p[age] 4 to 1 I know not what to think of some of his opin[ion]s - Perhaps I may be bet[ter] able to decide by and by, when, I trust, my read[in]g will be mo[re] extens[ive] and my judg[eme]nt solid - In the ev[ening] r[ea]d a few pp[ages] of the British Review - Had a note fr[om] Miss Kershaw (Warley House) to say she was sor[ry] she c[oul]d not come next week - My unc[le] Jos[eph] tak[e]n ill last night - (His old comp[la]int inw[ar]d bleed[in]g) - I sh[oul]d have gone to N[orth]gate this aft[ernoon], but it was so rainy and look[e]d so dark - Thomas came up, s[ai]d my unc[le] had been in bed all the day, th[a]t my aunt was alarm[e]d and begg[e]d my unc[le] L[ister] to walk down - He went directly (ab[ou]t 1/2 past 5) and return[e]d a few min[u]tes aft[er] 9. My unc[le] Jos[eph] was in bed when my unc[le] L[ister] got there, but came down stairs to tea, and took it w[i]th tol[era]ble relish - He seem[e]d bet[ter] and was quite as cheerful as c[oul]d be expect[e]d - The attack was com[in]g on all yesterday - He has bled a gr[e]at deal - A good deal of rain in the night - the wind high at intervals dur[in]g the day - Almost contin[ue]d rain in the morn[in]g and aft[ernoon]. It clear[e]d up in the ev[ening]. The flute 1/2 hour dur[in]g supper -

Began Bonnycastle's Introduct[io]n to Algebra

Sun[day] 15
5 10/60
11 1/4
Sermon 17 and 18 Alison - Spent the rest of the evening talking about my uncle Joseph and my father's concerns. A fine day - tho' at times threatening rain, the glass 11 degrees higher than yesterday.
June Mon[day] 16
5 1/4
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L

Read from verse 35 to 183 lib. 2 ll[jad] fr[om] verse 41 to 203 Cowp[er] and fr[om] verse 43 to 219 Pope - Had a let[ter] fr[om] M[ariana] (Lawton) dated, Conway (N[orth] Wales) Mon[day] 9 June, and lastly Lawton Sat[urday] 14 - She and Lou took the carriage went together, as Mr L[awton], luckily for them, w[oul]d not go - They left home on Sat[urday] the 7th, th[a]t they were just a week away, and seem to have enjoy[e]d their lit[tle] tour exceedingly - the purpose of their excursion was to see ab[ou]t a house to go the th[i]s - seem[ed] for sea-bathing - Had a long let[ter]
also fr[om] I.N. [Isabella Norcliffe] (Naples) dat[e]d 25 May 1817 - They were to leave Naples the follow[ing] day for Rome, thence to proceed to Florence, Nice, Berne, and Bruxelles on th[e]ir way home - I am to write by return of post, and direct my let[ter] to Turin - She gives a tolerable acc[oun]t of herself, and writes affect[ionate]ly - as ever - ah my Isabel you have indeed loved me truly and after all perhaps it may be fate that you and I shall get together at last but on this ssuject I dare not think God knows what is best I love τ [Mariana] but endless obstacles sseem to rise up against this connection I wonder if Isabel is improved Mary Mary I tremble for you my heart is sstil fondly yours yet still it is not unmoved by Isabellas love alas my Mary I know not what may result from our separation my spirit sinks within me at the thought -I shall sit down immediately and begin my let[ter] to I.N. [Isabella Norcliffe] tho I was at it all the morning from elevin till two and from four to half past in the afternoon I only wrote a page and a half to Isabella so difficult is it to steer a course between thinking one thing and feeling an obligation to say another - Isabella bids me write affectionately - her constancy deserves it from me - but I thought of M[ariana] my heart misgave me and weighing every word so as neither to say too much nor too little my time was twittered away upon the balance and all I have written is laboured dullness whose only merit is if it can be called a merit at all that ot may mean anything or nothing - Aft[er] tea r[ea]d the excellent review of Howel's collect[ion] of state trials (21 vol[ume]s Royal 8vo [octavo]) in No [Number] 18 of the British review for May 1817 - My aunt din[n]g at N[orth]gate my unc[le] L[ister] drank tea there - My unc[le] Jos[eph] had a bad night and been ver[y] ill all the day, but a lit[tle] bet[ter] tow[ar]ds ev[ening]. My unc[le] and aunt got home ab[ou]t 9. A fine day - tho'
lowering at times, and not very warm - rather windy now and then - the flute 1/4 hour during supper -
Tues[day] 17
5 1/4
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Had my hair cut this morn[ing] w[hich] always takes up 1/2 an hour - Spent the rest of my
time bet[ween] din[ner] in writing to Isabel - got on rather better than I did yesterday and wrote
a page and a half - In the aft[ernoon] went to the library, sat 1/2 hour w[i]th Mrs Veitch and drank
bet[ter] and in cheerful sp[irit]ts - My unc[le] L- [Lister] had din[ner] w[i]th th[e]m - My unc[le] Jos[eph] and my aunt L- [Lister] and I had a
good deal of conversat[i]on ab[out] Weighton concerns - I ask[e]d my unc[le]'s advice ab[out] the
propriety of suggest[in]g to my fath[er] the advantage of mak[in]g some settlement and of
leaving Weighton etc - and was m[u]ch pleas[e]d to find him so entirely of my opin[i]on as to
make use of almost the same words to express it th[at] I sh[ou]l[d] have chosen myself -
He ment[i]oned some re[tir]e[d] p[art] of Scotland or Wales as a residence - All this was
talk[e]d over at home when I got back, and my sentiments seem[e]d not a lit[tle] strengthen[e]d
due to the concurrence and approvat[i]on of my unc[le] Jos[eph] - I had no time for the flute, not
going upstairs to bed, till it only wanted a min[ute] or 2 to 11 - A ver[y] fine day, and warm -
aft[er] 9. Before I went to the lib[rary], and as I walk[e]d along, r[e]ad a long and excellent critique (in the Brit[i]sh
Review for May 1817 No [number] 18) on 'A Hist[ory] of the Jesuits to w[hich] is prefix[e]d a Reply
to Mr Dallas's Defence of the order 2 vol[ume]s 8vo [octavo] pp[ages] 900. Baldwin and Co Lond[on] 1816' -
I am quite of the reviewer's opin[i]on that the order of Jesuits is the m[o]st dangerous and
inside[i]ous enemy we can possibly suffer to set itself up ag[ain]st the protest[ant] religion - He
aptly cites the college at Stoneyhurst, n[ear] Preston in Lancashire, where, w[i]thin the last
20 years, almost all the neighbour[ing] populat[i]on has been brought ov[er] to the popish
Faith - He says it is calculat[e]d that there are now a thousand Rom[an] Cath[olic]
chapels in England, besides the private chap[e]l[s] of the Rom[an] Cath[olic] gentry -

Wed[nesday] 18
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mademoiselle Norcliffe, cher les Freres Nigra, a Turin, Italic' - and took it to the post
office. In the aft[ernoon] call[e]d at N[orth]gate (my Aunt Anne drank tea there) my uncle Jos[eph] had
had a bad night and was ver[y] unwell in the morn[ing] but recov[ered] in the aft[ernoon] and was m[u]ch bet[ter]
in the ev[ening] - Got home to tea aft[er]wards r[e]ad let[ter] 1 dat[e]d Lincoln's Inn Jan[uary] 1 1817 'on the polit[ical] events at the close of the
reign of George 2nd and letter 2 dated Paris February 20 1817 (translation from the French) ‘on the Cadastre, or general land survey of France’ in No [number] 3 of the correspondent -

A very fine summerish day - Very warm - The flute 1/2 hour during supper.
June Thurs[day] 19

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The gr[ea]t heat began

Fri[day] 20

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Sat[urday] 21

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11 10/60

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sea-bathing - Of course, M. [Mariana] left orders for her let[ter] not to be sent till Thurs[day], that I might get it as usual on Saturday - They were not to be at home ag[ai]n till Sat[urday] or Sun[day] i.e. to day, or tomorrow - As th[i]s week has been so broken into by letter writing, I may as well give this morn[in]g to M. [Mariana], and get my epist[le] to her ready for tomorrow's post - Wrote 3 pp[ages] of let[ter] to M- [Mariana] and cop[ie]d into it Isabel's accoun[t] of their introduct[io]n to the pope - In the aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] not able to do m[u]ch in conse[quence] of the heat, but r[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 409 to 486, end of No [number] 3 of the Correspond[ent] Let[ter] 'on the Hamlet of Ducis, comp[are]d with that of Shakespeare' D[itt]o 'on the juries in France' 'on the religious missions in France' giv[in]g a miserable accoun[t] of the present state of relig[io]n there - - 'On the corporation of London' and - 'On the French armies' - Today hotter than yest[erday] Fahrenheit's therm[ometer] at 71 in the shade (th[a]t is n[ea]r the hall wind[ow]) at 9 in the morn[in]g and 84 at noon - Tho' sitt[in]g quite still in my own room (the blue room) and in my dress[in]g gown, I was in a copious perspirat[io]n all the morn[in]g - So much was I oppress[e]d that while at Hom[er] bet[ween] 6 and 7 (in the morn[ing]) I c[oul]d hardly keep my eyes open and dozed for 1/4 hour -
In the evening read pages 56 of Humboldt's Travels bound up in a 12 month volume (No 1020) containing ‘The Travels of the Baron von Humboldt & Alex Boupland in South America in the years 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803 and 1804 – translated from the French by Richard Hawkesworth, L.L.D. London: Printed by W Flint, Old Bailey; published by H.D. Symonds, Paternoster Row; and sold by all booksellers in Town & County 1806’ 12mo (duodecimo) pp 90 And ‘Desultory Reflections on Banks In General, and the System of keeping up a false capital, by accommodating paper, so much resorted to by monopolists and speculations, divided into three parts or Essays, and dedicating without permission, to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England’ by Danmoniensis. ‘Neque, extra, necessitates, bellii praecipient adium gero’ Cicero - ‘Jot rebus inquis, Panumus victi’

Lucan
London printed for Sherwood, Neely, and Jones, 20, Paternoster Row 1810’ pp (ages) 81 12mo (duodecimo) And ‘English Bards and Scotch Reviewers - A Satire’
I had rather be a kitten and cry meow
Than one of those same metre ballad-mongers. Shakespeare
Such shameless bards we have, and yet ’tis true
There are as mad, abandon’d critics too. Pope
‘Yet none of all with equal honours shine,
But those which celebrate the power divine,
To those exalted measures which declare
‘The deeds of heroes and the sons of war’ Pitt’s Vida
London printed by W Bulmer and Company Cleveland-Row; and sold by H.D. Symonds, Paternoster-Road; Hatchard, Piccadilly; and Chapple, Pall-Mall 1808’ 12mo (duodecimo) poem pp (ages) 57 Appendix from p (age) 57 to 112

HCL [Halifax Circulating Library] 53/91
Read Thursday 26 June 1817
Had no time for the flute dur[in]g sup[er], all the time being taken up by filling up my journal since morn[in]g -
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June Sun[day] 22
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HCL [Halifax Circulating Library] 54/94
R[e]d Sat[urday] 26 July 1817

The heat so moist, th[at] today in partic[ular], ev[ ery] wall and ev[ery] floor was quite dripping - The things even in my room quite damp, and the very clothes on one’s back damp also - the thermom[eter] Fah[r enheit] at 87 at noon - 2 or 3 tolerably loud peels of thunder bet[w een] 4 and 5 in the aft[ernoon] and a heavyish shower of rain w[i]th rath[er] cool[e]d the air – Did not go down stairs to din[ner] today in conse[qu ence] of the heat-
§ the first letter in which I have
written nothing in our new alfabet [alphabet]
since we invented it – perhaps I
may not make much use of it in future –

Mon[day] 23
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11 ¼
V
So oppress[e]d w[i]th heat while r[ea]d[ing] the above, I c[oul]d hardly keep my eyes open, and dozed sev[eral] times - My unc[e] kept me aft[er] break[fast] talk[in]g ab[ou]t plans of the Estate and the coals, and then Mrs Priestly and her d[au]ght[e]r Mrs Will[i]am Hen[rietta] Rawson (Mill House), call[e]d and sat some time, th[a]t I did not get upstairs till five min[ute]s to 12. C[oul]d not bear to sit in the blue room, not being able to keep my eyes open, went there[ore] int[o] the store-room, and sat in the wind[ow] seat w[i]th the wind[ow] open fr[om] 12 3/4 to 2 1/2 in w[h]ich time I w[i]th gr[ea]t difficulty managed to do fr[om] proposition 26 to 29 lib. 6 Euclid. Tho’ th[e]re was a fine air yet even here I dozed involuntarily bet[ween] half the time, and found my faculties so oppress[e]d as to be scar[c]e[y] capable of any attention or comprehension at all - Like yest[er]day I w[oul]d have no din[ner] and did not go down till the
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table was cleared - Spent most of the afternoon in chit-chat, but contrived to read
‘English Bards and Scotch Reviewers’ and the 1st book and corresponding part of the Index of
‘The Battle of Maida’ - At six o’clock had some cold veal cutlets, cold new potatoes and
cabbage brought in, and made good dinner after which took 3 cups of tea and enjoyed my late
meal exceedingly - In the evening walked home with Mrs Veitch - we called at Northgate and
sat 1/4 hour. Found my uncle a good deal better on the whole - the heat still continues -
Fahrenheit at 75 when I got back from Halifax at 9 o’clock - we had all joking and talking
at tea - and finding as we walked that Mrs Veitch would really like a trip to Paris, my aunt and I had
some serious conversation about it just before supper. We have, indeed, talked of it many
times before now, particularly before my aunt went to Harrogate - Flute 10 minutes during supper.

Tuesday 24

5 10/60
11 10/60
R[ead] from verse 50 to 220 II[ad] 4 - from verse 54 to 238 Cowper and from verse 73 to 252 Pope -
Sat in the upper Buttery, not able to attend to anything or keep my eyes open in my room -
A note from my Aunt Lister this morning to say my uncle Joseph was worse - my aunt Anne
rode back behind Thomas (my uncle Joseph’s servant) to spend the day - went down to dinner as
usual - The whole of the afternoon and evening making extracts from Humboldt’s travels translated by
Hawkesworth (Vide Sat 21 June 1817). My aunt got home a little before 9. My uncle much better
said he had nothing to complain of but weakness, and if he could have a good night should do
very well - The fact is, my aunt Lister was unnecessarily frightened - Today very hot -
but rather cooler than yesterday. An hour and half’s smartish rain between 6 and 8 in the morning cooled and refreshed me
everything exceedingly - The thermometer (Fahrenheit) at 10 A.M. 70 at 2 P.M. 75 and 9 P.M. 72 -
Flute 1/2 hour during supper -

Wednesday 25

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11
Read from verse 220 to 370 II[ad] 4 - from verse 238 to 403 Cowper and from verse 252 to 422 Pope -
From p[age] 189 to 207 Itineraire de Geneve - From proposition 29 to proposition B lib. 6 Euclid. Did contrive
to sit in my own room, but dozed repeatedly - I had a nap even over Homer before breakfast -
so very much does this exceptional heat affect me - tho it is a little cooler today, and there is
a finish after - In the afternoon read from page 62 to 127 Volume 1 Gregory’s Economy of Nature. In the evening

Thurs[day] 26
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Finish[ed] the battle of Maida – the appendix contains some long notes on the merits of the East India Company's officers and troops, and indeed the poem is [ea]ry as [uch] a panegyric on [en]m as on the heroes of Maida - In the aft[ernoon] walk[e]d to N[orth]gate - found my unc[le] Jos[eph] a gr[e]at deal bet[ter]. Did not get back till 1/4 aft[er] 9 -

Today [uch] pleasant[e]r and mo[re] bearable th[a]n yest[erday]. A fine cool air th[i]s ev[ening]. At 12 at noon the thermom[eter] Fahr[enheit] was 69° at 3/4 past 10P.M. 68 - The flute 1/4 hour dur[ing] sup[er] -

Fri[day] 27
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11 10/60

Got thro' the 1st 6 books of Euclid

Sat[urday] 28
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11 10/60

Sun[day] 29
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We all went to morning church — in the afternoon and part of the evening wrote to my mother to announce my father’s arrival, and in answer to her letter received Thursday 12 June.

My aunt dined at Northgate found my uncle better today than yesterday. Fahrenheit 10 a.m.

61 - at 10 p.m. 63 - warmish coming up the old bank, but there has been little sun today, and a brisk air — just before reading aloud sermon 19 Alison

Mon[day] 30

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Fr[om] p[age] 239 to 247 Itin[eraire] de Geneve — In reading this looking over I.N’s [Isabella Norcliffe] letter giving an account of Chamouni etc, turning to the map and calculating the heights, kept me from 11 to 12 3/4 — Began Euclid a 2nd time and did 9 propositions lib. 1 - could not do more, as we dined exactly at one for my uncle and father to go to the meeting of the trustees for Booth town school in the afternoon — Sent my letter to my mother (Market Weighton) in answer to her last letter received Thursday 12 June —
June

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In the morning and had a letter from M- [Mariana] (Lawton) giving a long account of the 2nd excursion she and Lou made into North Wales, the week before last - they got home yesterday. Lady Eleanor Butler's and Miss Ponsonby's Cottage near Llangollen. Mariana wished we had such a one I now begin to think seriously that she and I will never get together strange to say I seem as if I was weening myself from wishing it I begin to fancy I shall not like another man's belongings and that by the time L [Charles Lawton] is out of the way I may have suited myself as well all things considered I have no fault to find with Mariana as to her conduct but her letters have ceased to those best calculated to keep alive my affections and the present impossibility of our seeing each other may have made a wide difference in both before we meet again I love her yes still I never felt till now that I could live without her God knows how the thing will end I feel a sad want of someone and I am sure shall be anxious to fix as soon as I have a fortune and establishment of my own Mariana feels secure of me and at present fondly anticipates our getting together at last but she may change her mind at least I cannot forget the trick she once played now that I am so entirely separated from her the recollection preys more and more upon my mind and I am convinced that nothing but this want of confidence could ever have changed me to what I am if my faith were unshaken I could love romantically as ever - but I will endeavour not to think of it and will let the thing take its chance - In the afternoon making extracts and notes from Volume 1 Gregory's Grammar of Nature. In the evening from page 445 to 493 Volume 1 Gregory's Grammar of Nature - Rain during the night - showers this morning and a heavy one between 1 and 2. A loudish peal of thunder between 11 and 12 at noon - thermometer at 7 in the evening 63° - My uncle Joseph better today, had a good night - Flute 1/2 hour during supper -

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Tuesday 1

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Read from 757 to 909 end of IIiad 5 from 852 to 1021 end of IIiad 5 Cowper and from 942 to 1121 end of IIiad 5 Pope - read also the arguments and verses from 19 IIiad 6. Verses 19 IIiad 6 Cowper and verses 24 IIiad 6 Pope - From page 227 to 253 Itineraire de Geneve - Read also the arguments and verses 19 IIiad 6. Verses 19 IIiad 6 Cowper and verses 24 IIiad 6 Pope - Nearly 1/2 hour immediately after breakfast is generally taken up in reading Pope's translation of the Iliad - Read verses 1 problem 4 page 21 to 1 problem 5 page 22 Bonnycastle's Algebra. I have been very stupid at it this morning -
In the afternoon and evening read from page 493 to 543 end of Volume 1 and pages 50 Volume 2 Gregory’s Economy of Nature, made some notes from both volumes. Heavy and incessant rain about noon till near 9 at night, with high wind - Fahrenheit 10 1/2 a.m. 61° - 3 1/2p.m. 60° - 9pm 59 ½° - Flute hour during supper -
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July Wed[nesday] 2
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Notes - In the aft[ernoon] had a § note fr[om] my moth[er] brought by Mr Joseph Watkinson
who left M[arket] Weighton yesterday - My unc[le] Jos[eph] had a good night - and was m[u]ch the
same today as yest[erday]. Rain dur[ing] the n[i]ght repeat[e]d dur[ing] the morn[ing] and till 2pm
The wind all the day ver[y] boisterous - Fah[renheit] 10am 58° - 3 1/2pm 69 1/2° -
9pm 58 1/2° - Flute 20/60 hour dur[in]g sup[er].

Thurs[day] 3
9
11 1/4
Spent the morn[in]g and aft[ernoon] in rummaging out my old things to give to the serv[an]ts. In the
A shower or 2 in the morn[in]g - and gent[le] rain came on at 9 at n[i]ght. Fah[renheit] 10am
58° - 9pm 60 - but the air felt consid[erabl]y hotter and closer th[a]n yesterday -
Flute 25/60 hour dur[in]g sup[er] - This has been a lost day -

Fri[day] 4
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11 1/4
end of Cowper, and fr[om] v[erse] 274 to 679 end of II[iad] 6 Pope - In the aft[ernoon] and ev[ening]
10am 58° - 9pm just the same - Flute 1/4 hour dur[in]g sup[er]. –

Sat[urday] 5
6 1/2
11 1/4
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After breakfast - from page 261 to 268

Itinerary de Geneve - Did 3 of the questions in Bonncastle over again that I did so stupidly on Tuesday (1 July) viz [videlicet] questions 3, 4, and 5 problem 4. Understood them and did them properly today - Besides these did the 3 next follow[ing] questions and left off at question 4. Had a letter from M [Mariana] (Lawton) - Mr C.L [Charles Lawton] was ill last Saturday and Sunday and M [Mariana] went with him at a moment warning on Monday to Manchester to Dr Hull of the place who has put him on a meager diet - I feel an odd sort of wavering about π [Mariana] tho if L [Charles Lawton] was to be taken off soon if she and I were thus brought together and I found her affectionate as ever I am sure all my former love and confidence would soon return - In the afternoon my father and I walked to the library - called at Northgate, my uncle Joseph was gone to lie down, having got wet in a shower just after dinner when he was making the attempt to get up to Shibden on horseback - It was very hot and close as we came up the bank from Halifax - 3 or 4 showers in the course of the day - Fahrench 10am 55° - 9pm 59° - Flute 1/4 hour during supper - In the evening read partly aloud and partly to myself pp[ages] 84 of --------
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Mon[day] 7
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home from a long visit to her friends in Hampshire, to say I will spend next Thurs[day] with her if she is disengaged - Aft[er] break[fa]st walk[e]d to Stoney Royde, and got there a bit aft[er] 11 - Found Ellen look[in]g fat and well, and good humour[e]d and glad to see me as ever, her li[t]le girl Marian grown one of the pretti[e]st child[re]n I ev[er] saw, and the boy Will[i]am Henry, 4 months old, a fine child enough - Mrs John Haigh, who lives the lecturer's house n[ea]r the old Church, and Miss Kersham of Warley house, the 2 Miss Prescotts of Clare Hall, Mrs Rhodes of Savile Green, and Miss Sarah Ralph of Horley Green call[e]d there in the morn[in]g - and Miss Threlkeld of Savile Row and Mrs Christ[opher] Rawson of Hope Hall in the aft[ernoon]. I spent a ver[y] pleas[ant] day st[aye]d till n[ea]r 8 in the ev[ening]. Ellen walk[e]d w[i]th me up the old bank as far as the top of it and I th[e]n turn[e]d down the new bank w[i]th her and walk[e]d back w[i]th her as far as Thief lane, almost to Stoney Royde -
We had a great deal of confidential conversation as we walked along among other things I asked her what their housekeeping cost them she said the last two years 12000 but they did not mean it to be so much in future as they had bought a good deal of furniture and stocked their cellars she thought the article of housekeeping did not exceed 600 but that Mr Es [Empson] horses with their attendant expences cost 100 a year a piece however she said even as times were now they had 1400 a year to spend Mr E [Empson] had seven and she had seven allowing in her own case for the rise in the funds for that their father had left them all 16000 a piece a large sum she observed to have made from nothing and that if he had lived a year longer it would have made a difference in the value of his funded property to the amount of fifty thousand pounds Mr E [Empson] has considerable eexpectations from the death of his aunt Mrs Hotham Miss Empson that was aldermans Hothams wife of York Ellen said how well Christoffer Saltmarshe and Emma were off they could afford to spend near 1500 there is a great deal of native candour and charming simplicity about Ellen her open countenance was illumined and happy she looked "something than beauty dearer" the utmost partiality I had ever felt for her returned and I could not help being foolish enough to let my conversation manifest this I told her that in that consisted my oddity reminded her she used to say she liked me better for it and asked if she wished me to change she answered she still liked me for it and would not have me change at all I told her I could not say that her marriage had at first given me pleasure but that I had rather she married Mr E [Empson] than anyone for I liked him as an amiable man and as a gentlemanly man and because he was sso fond of and behaved so well to her I said my regard for her was very sincere was greater perhaps than she once suspected and would never change she made the same profession said she believed me very sincere and we parted very good friends she certainly did not seem to dislike any part of my conversation nor did she in the least discourage it I promised to spend a little while with her the first time I went into the East Riding that is when the Norcliffes return but plainly hinted that I did not much like the neighbourhood on my father and mothers account she said she never hear of them I answered no I dare say not in the course of the day when Mrs Rawson was out of the room she told me how nearly she had quarrelled with her aunt Saltmarshe for abusing her mother about objecting to this match of Emmas and about abusing all the Rawson family as a petty fogging
money making set good enough said Ellen when she herself is one of them and
my uncle William keeps her and (I think she said) given her all she has besides Mr S [Saltmarsh] said
it was not a match of their seekin I wondered where kit would have married anybody
else with 700 a year Mr S [Saltmarsh] told Mr E [Empson] Mr Rawson would have given her ears if Ellen could
have got Philip what a noodle the woman must be E [Ellen] and I had a good deal of converse
about Tom and mutually regretted his unfortunate match E [Ellen] thinks him much altered
and sinking fast to the level of his wife E [Ellen] said Tom and her uncle William were as much
as ever gullied by Mr Colbeck Tom “thinks him yet almost a prince” and Mr W Rawson
wants both Ellen and Emma to lend him five hundred pounds Mr E [Empson] thinks very wisely
they had better give it him Ellen cannot because her trustees her brothers Christoffer
Stansfield and William Henry will not consent but she said the thought Emma would be
obliged I had altogether a very pleasant day and only regret being so
foolish as to hint at those sentiments which I myself wonder at considering my
situation towards π [Mariana] and Isabella but I cannot account for some of my feelings
and only wish I was ssettled with someone or other for I am sure nothing else will ever make
me quite what I ought to be but I am determined this shall be or at least I hope
it will be the last time I ever hint at anything of this ssort to Ellen I will go and see her
sometime but not one unaccountable word shall escape me tis passing strange
I never think of her when she is out of my sight and after all I don’t know that I care
much about her what a strange being I am but I think I have a good heart after all –
Call[e]d at N[orth]gate as I pass[e]d the house aft[er] leav[in]g Ellen - My unc[le] L- [Lister] din[e]d there, and
my unc[le] Jos[eph] had been but poorly; but he was bet[ter] tow[ar]ds night - Got home at 1/2 past 9.
The day look[e]d all along threat[e]n[ing] rain and th[e]re was a show[e]r soon aft[er] I got to Stoney R[oyde] -
while all the peop[le] were there, however it soon got fair, the rain kept off, and the ev[ening] was
ver[y] fine – plenty of cool air, tho’ before I got to Shib[den] I was ver[y] m[u]ch heat[e]d w[ith] my walk
hav[in]g walk[e]d quick aft[er] part[in]g w[i]th Ellen -

Tues[day] 8
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This lying in bed is terrib[le] but I was tir[e]d w[i]th my walk yest[er]day. It is n[ea]r 1 and have been
fr[om] 1/2 p[ast] 10 till now mak[in]g up my journ[al] of yest[er]day that I shall only have time, befo[re] din[ner]
Orient[al] mem[orial]s - made 2 or 3 notes - My aunt rode behind my fath[er] to Butterworth end – they
both drank tea at Mrs W[illiam] Hen[rietta] Rawson’s (Mill House) and got home ab[ou]t 8 - They set off at 11 in the morn[ing] - My unc[le] Jos[eph] better today - Dark threaten[in]g clouds hover[in]g ab[ou]t in the morn[in]g - but the rain kept off and it has been ver[y] fine, w[i]th a strongish wind all the day - Fahrenheit 57° at 9 o’clock tonight - Flute 25/60 hour dur[ing] sup[er] -
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July Wed[nesday] 9
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LL
C[oul]d not do mo[re] for my Aunt came upstairs 2 or 3 times and st[d] talk[ing] ab[out] an hour. My fath[er]
came also – Had a let[ter] fr[om] my moth[er] (M[arke]t Weighton) and one fr[om] Mrs. H.S. Belcombe
(Ne[wcastle U]nder L[yme]) say[ing] she likes the house they have got into in the town and is now glad
at hav[ing] left Field-house; as Steph has had sev[eral] new patients – Had a note also
fr[om] Mary Priestley to say she is enga[g]ed tomorrow, but will be glad to see me on
Friday – sent back an ans[wer] by the serv[ant] to accept the invit[atio]n. In the aft[ernoon] my unc[le] and Aunt
Lister came and st[aying] ab[out] an hour – My unc[le] quite as well as one c[oul]d expect – the remain[ing]
Fahr[enheit] 9 a.m. 54 °s 9 p.m. 57 – Flute 25/60 hour dur[ing] sup[er] – Aft[er] sup[er] r[ea]d

Thurs[day] 10
6
10 1/2
V
Wrote a note th[i]s morn[ing] by Mr. Washington the Wakefield road surveyor to Mrs. W[illia]m Priestley
(list[ing] th[i]s morn[ing]) by Mr. Washington the Wakefield road surveyor to Mrs. W[illia]m Priestley
(licht[cliff]) to say I sh[ould] be happy to spend Sunday w[i]th her – My fath[er] came int[o] my
room just aft[er] I got upst[a]irs and st[t]ake[d] to write a let[ter] to his tenant at Hampstead ab[out] pay[in]g
Immediat[e]ly aft[er] tea, walk[e]d to Horley Green to call on Mrs. and Miss Ralph who got home
same as yest[erday] tho' it felt ver[y] sultry and close t[ow]ar[ds] night – heavy rain came on
ab[out] 10 - and contin[ued] till I got int[o] bed at 10 1/2 – Came up stairs earlier feeling rath[e]r
sickish[e]ly inclin[e]d and on the plea of getting up soon to go to Haugh end –

Fri[day] 11
Got my breakfast rather earlier than usual and set off to walk to Haugh end – Got to Pye-nest about 10. sat 1/2 hour with Edwards and reached Haugh End about 11 – found Mary Priestly looking very well and very glad to see me – Spent the day with her till 8, in the evening. My father met me on my way back a little beyond King-Cross. Called at Northgate as we passed and stayed 1/4 hour (my uncle has been poorly today) and got home at 9 3/4 – It began to rain just as I got to Haugh end and good deal of rain fell during the day – It cleared up however in the evening tho’ then came on a drizzling when we left Northgate –
As I was getting into bed I began thinking how little confidence I had in π[Mariana] and how little likely it was that we should ever get together. I was very low. I felt that my happiness depended upon having some female companion whom I could love and depend upon and my thoughts naturally turned to Isabella. I got out her picture and looked at it for ten minutes with considerable emotion. I almost wished to persuade myself I could so manage her temper as to be happy with her.

Sat[urday] 12
9
11 20/60
L

This idleness makes me unhappy, and yet my mind is so unhinged I do not feel as if I could do much this morning. Had a letter from Mrs. W[illiam] Pries[tley] (Lightcliffe) to say it was uncertain whether they would have service at their church tomorrow, on which account she requested the pleasure of my company the Sunday following. Mrs. and Miss Caroline Greenwood (of Cross-hills) called on my Aunt, but I did not make my appearance. My uncle Joseph rode up in the afternoon and sat above an hour. Gregory’s Economy of Nature and wrote the whole of this page of my journal. My roaring about in the morning did me good. I feel my spirits rather better tho’ I am well convinced my only chance of comfort is in rigorous and unrelaxed occupation of mind — I must rouse myself by every argument of emulation and study as hard as I can. — A good deal of rain in the early part of last night — the day fair and tolerably fine — tho’ lowering 2 or 3 times in the morning. Flute 1/2 hour during supper.

Read over π’s [Mariana] letter just before going to bed and could then smile at the humour in which it was written.
Sund[ay] 13  
5 5/60  
11 3/4  
We all went to chur[ch] – Rain came on durin[g] service and we were oblig[e]d to borrow umbrellas – My  
aunt din[e]d at N[orth]gate, and found my unc[le] much the same as yester[day]. In the aft[ernoon] and evening besides readin[g] the service  
the 2 first sermons of –  
Sat up mending my stays
1817
July
‘Sermons by the Rev[eren]d R[ichard] Polwhele, Vicar of Manaccan,
and of St. Anthony, in Cornwall. A new volume Lond[on]
Print[e]d by J[ohn] McCreery, Black-horse-court, for Longman,
Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown, Paternoster-Row, and Rees and

[Ja[me]s] Lister 56/99
Jun[e] 2 Nov[ember] 1817

Mon[day] 14
x
8 40/60
11 20/60
V
Quite uncomf[ortable] and unhap[py] all the morn[ing] on acc[oun]t of my idleness – My Aunt sent
a verbal message to say we w[ou]ld drink tea at Cross-hills th[i]s ev[ening] if it kept fine –
lower[in]g – an hour’s rain bet[ween] 2 and 3 – the rest of the aft[er]noon and the ev[ening] fine th[a]t we drank tea at the
Greenwoods’ – only Mrs. Wetherhead and Miss Eliz[abeth] Prescott there besides the fam[ily] and ourselves –
Pla[y]d 2 rubbers at whist w[i]th Mrs. G- [Greenwood] ag[a]inst my Aunt and fath[er] and lost both – these and the music
kept us so late th[a]t we did not get home till 10 1/2. They are a sad vulg[ar] set.

Tues[day] 15
5
11
R[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 388 to 709 end of ll[iad] 9 Pope – This and the argum[e]nt to book 10 as also the latter argum[e]nt
to book 9, w[hi]ch I had put off read[in]g before, took up all my time both bef[o]re and aft[er]
and incess[a]nt rain fr[om] bet[ween] 6 and 7 a.m. till 3 in the aft[er]noon the rest of the day fair, w[i]th
25/60 hour dur[in]g sup[per] –

Wed[nesday] 16
7 1/2
11 20/60
when Mrs. Rawson of Stoney Royde and Ellen Empson call[e]d (ab[ou]t 11 3/4) They sat 1/2 an hour
I walk[e]d back w[i]th th[e]m – went w[i]th th[e]m to Butter’s shop Farrar’s Do.and left th[e]m at
Mr. John Haigh’s (n[e]ar the old church) where they were going to make a morn[in]g call – walk[e]d
up Windinghill lane, call[e]d at N[orth]gate, found my unc[le] tolerable, st[aye]d 1/2 hour, and got
d for an hour or 2 – a thoroughly wet ev[ening] Fahr[e]nheit 58° at 9 p.m. My unc[le] and Aunt
drank tea at Mrs. Prescott’s, Clare hall, to meet a large party – My fath[er] and I st[aye]d at home –
Indeed, I was not ask[e]d, I suppose fr[om] its being known th[at] I decline parties – at all
events they ought to have giv[e]n me the opt[io]n of refus[in]g – Flute 1/4 hour bet[w een] 9 and 10 My unc[le]
and Aunt got home a lit[tle] aft[er] 10 – Neither Mrs. nor Miss Prescott made an[y] inq[uire]s aft[er] me, th[at] probably
th[e]i[r not inviting me was an intentional omission and rudeness I know not what for –
July Thursday 17
5
11 10/60

The day fair tho’ dark and cloudy – Fahr[enheit] 55° at 9 p.m. Flute 20/60 hour dur[in]g sup[per] –

Friday 18 +
8 3/4
Vc
Vc

This idleness is terrib[le]. I know not when I shall get int[o] the way ag[ai]n of wak[in]g ev[ery] morn[in]g at 5, and if I don’t awake at th[i]s hour but at 6 or 7 I feel as if I had not resolut[i]on to get up till late –
Almost immediate[ly] aft[er] break[fa]st walk[e]d w[i]th my fath[er] and Aunt to H[alifax] and left th[e]m at N[orth]gate while I call[e]d at Mr. Tom Rawson’s and Mr W[illia]m Rawson’s (Savile green) – Sat an hour w[i]th


A fine hay day – ver[y] good drought – Fahr[enheit] 59 1/2 at 2 1/2 o’clock p.m. and 59° at 9 p.m.

Gentle rain came on ab[ou]t 9 p.m. Flute 10 min[ute]s dur[in]g sup[per] –

Miss M[artha] Miss H[annah] and Mr. Thom[a]s Hudson call[e]d here in the morn[in]g just aft[er] we were gone to H[alifax] – as also Mrs. W[illia]m Priestley (Lightcliffe) –

Saturday 19
5 40/60
12
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L
A let[er] fr[om] M- [Mariana] (Lawton) written in rath[er] low spirits and expressing a sorrow for the
ill humour of her last which hurts me ten times more than the ill humour itself
she says (speaking of the enormous price she has paid for the conveniencies of this world)
‘do not you forsake me and I shall still stand erect.’ This ssentence does
indeed go to my heart. A let[ter] also fr[om] Nantz writ[te]n ver[y] affect[ionatel]y but giv[in]g only an
I wrote on half a sheet of paper last Saturday morning which took up two pages
In the aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] writ[e] the third page (very small and chiefly in consonants) of my paper to π [Mariana]
having first written it out on the half sheet above named – A fine day – fair
tho’ occasionally cloudy – My unc[le] Jos[eph] rode up in the aft[ernoon] was cert[ainl]y bet[ter] but did not
get off horseback – He st[aye]d talk[in]g at the gate almost 1/2 an hour – No time for the flute th[i]s ev[ening] –
Sat up writing the ends of my let[er] to M- [Mariana] ver[y] small, and p[ar]tly in consonants - vid. my obvservat[ion] SS
Sun[day] 22 June -
Cross[e]d the 1st and 1/2 the 2nd page and finish[e]d my let[ter] to M- [Mariana] Walk[e]d to Lightcliffe got there by 10 o’clock, went to both morn[ing] and aft[ernoon] ch[urch] and spent a ver[y] pleas[ant] day w[i]th Mr. and Mrs. W[illia]m Priestley – I really think she is almost the only gentlewom[an] in the town or neighborhood. Fr[om] her man[ners] and conversat[ion] today I sh[ould] judge she likes me - I am determined to pay her every attention just to see how far I can prejudice her in my favour – Surely I have not quite lost the art of pleasing the ladies. Got home ab[ou]t 9 1/2 a lit[tle] drizzling rain as I came along – a slight shower bet[ween] 6 and 7 – the rest of the day fine – W[illia]m took my let[ter] to M- [Mariana] to the post –

Mon[day] 21
5 3/4
11

Tues[day] 22
5 40/60
11
two fields down – the upper and low[e]r Cunnery – the latter clover – Fahr[enheit] 62° at 9 p.m. – The flute 20/60 hour dur[ing] sup[per].

Wed[nesday] 23
5 3/4
11 1/4


Miss Emma Ralph on their re[tur]n home aft[er] a few months absence at th[ei]r sister’s at Blacon


5 men kill[e]d by the fire damp in a coal pit n[ear]

Bierley a few days ago – A boy at 12 kill[e]d by a

kick from Mr. Sunderland’s (the surgeon’s) horse

last night and just heard of Mr Sam Lees being thrown


fine day - an hour’s gent[le] rain dur[in]g the mom[in]t and a gent[le] show[e]r bet[wee]n 8 and 9 p.m. –
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July Th[ursday] 24
5
11 20/60
V
tho' he got out on horseback while we were there – St[aye]d an hour and got home a lit[tle] aft[er] 5, soon aft[er] wh[i]ch Mrs. Rawson of Stoney Royde and Ellen (Empson) came – They sent in the morn[in]g to say they w[ou]l[d] drink tea w[i]th us – Spent a pleas[ant] sociable ev[ening]. They went at 8, and my unc[le] and I walk[e]d w[i]th th[e]m as far as the bot[tom] of Stoney Royde lane – he and I got back at 9 1/2 – A fine hay day – the finest day we have had for some time – the barom[eter] a couple of deg[rees] ab[ove] changeable – the thermom[eter] 51° at 9 th[i]s morn[in]g but it aft[er]w[ar]ds got warm – no time for the flute neith[er] last night nor ton[i]ght –

Fri[day] 25
5 40/60
+ 11 20/60
L
Fr[om] p[age] 333 to 345 Itin[erare] de Cham[ouni]. Did the 2 last prop[osition]s (13 and 14) of lib[er] 2, and the first 8 prop[osition]s of lib[er] 3 Euclid – I know not how it is, but, as for the 13th prop[osition] lib[er] 2 I was ver[y] stupid ab[ou]t it, the last time I did over the 1st six books of Eucl[iid] and tho' I have comprehend[e]d it thoroughly th[i]s morn[in]g, yet it has cost me ab[ov]e 1/2 hour – it is cert[ainl]y my pons asinorum inst[ea]d of prop[osition] 5 lib[er] 1 w[hi]ch Mr. Knight us[e]d to tell me was alw[a]ys call[e]d th[i]s name at Cambridge – In the aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] r[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 287 to 431 Vol[ume] 3 Gregory’s Econ[omy] of Nat[ure]. My unc[le] Jos[eph] rode up th[i]s aft[ernoon] but as usual did not get off horseback but talk[e]d at the gate – he seem[e]d rath[er] bet[ter] tho' he did not allow it – A fine day – Heavyish rain fr[om] 6 to r[ea]r 9 in the morn[in]g – the rest of the day fine – Fahr[enheit] 63° at 9 p.m. – Flute 1/4 hour dur[in]g sup[per]. – Just before getting into bed read thirty one pages of (I got it out of the library) ‘The French pox with all its kinds causes ssigns and progno[sticks also the running of the reins shanker bubo glee[tes] and their cures and what is the chief an appendix of new observations never yet discovered by any all comprised in this fifth edition
of Little Venus Unmasked by G. [Gideon] Harvey M.D. London printed for James Partridge and sold at his shop at the posthouse between Charing Cross and Whitehall one thousand six hundred and eighty small duodecimo or eighteens pages two hundred and eighteen

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In the morning had a letter from Marian (Market Weighton) giving a long history of her going a fishing with a Miss Jackson to whom she seems to have taken a fancy, and 2 of her brothers, daughter and sons of a Major Jackson of the Marines, a gentlemanly man I understand, who for economy's sake has taken lodgings at Market Weighton -
1817
July Sat[urday] 26
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the rule so as to do all the ques[tion]s - Had a let[ter] fr[om] M- [Mariana] (Lawton) short and hurried
to 569, end of Vol[ume] 3 Gregory's Econ[omy] of Nat[ure]. This is altogether an excellent work fr[om]
which to gain instruct[io]n and entertain[me]nt and I must give it anoth[er] read[in]g some time or othe[r]
- Some smartish show[es]r in the aft[ernoon] and ab[ou]t 6 the rest of the ev[ening] ver[y] fine, tho' we
shall have mo[re] rain – the barom[eter] has low[ere]d 1 1/2 deg[ree] today since morn[in]g and is at
3° bel[ow] changeable – Fahr[enheit] 60° at 9 p.m. Flute 10 min[ute]s dur[in]g sup[er]

Sun[day] 27
5 3/4
11 25/60
C[airn] of Cowper's Il[iad] fr[om] the library yesterday – I have been quicker th[i]s morn[in]g th[a]n I ev[er]
remb[ered] to have been before – None of us but my fath[er] went to ch[ur]ch (and he in the
neither bet[ter] nor worse – In the course of the day r[ea]d aft[ernoon] wrote a page of a let[ter]
to Nantz (Anne Belcombe) Aft[er] tea r[ea]d Al[ou]d sermor[ns] 3 and 4 of Polwhele – A showery
day – the barom[eter] sank a deg[ree] and 1/2 dur[in]g the night, but is a deg[ree] high[e]r th[i]s ev[ening].
Fahr[enheit] 60° at 2 p.m. and 58° at 9 p.m. In the course of the day r[ea]d pp[ages] 209 of

‘An hist[ory] of the Earth, and animat[e]d nature: By
Oliver Goldsmith. In 8 volumes. Lond[on] Print[er]d for
J. Nourse in the Strand, Bookseller to his Majesty 1774.’
of pp[ages] 332 –

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R[ea]d Tues[day] 9 Sept[ember] 1817
Mon[day] 28

of my let[ter] to Nantz – In the aft[ernoon] and evening r[ea]d fr[om] page 210 to 311 and made many ex[tracts] fr[om]
contin[ue] m[u]ch the same for some time – i.e. ver[y] dropsical as he always is aft[er] his
attacks of in[w]ar[d] bleed[ing] and tear[e]d w[i]th a ver[y] bad anasarchous cough that disturbs him
of his rest – A showery day – high wind at intervals – Fahr[enheit] 59° at 9 p.m.
Flute 25/60 hour dur[in]g sup[per] –

1817
July Tues[day] 29
5
11 10/60
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remain[e]r of the 3[r]d page, the ends, and cross[e]d the 3 sides of the
my let[ter] to Nantz (Petergate
York) sent it in the aft[ernoon] by Mr. Stanclyffe the barber – In the aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] made
heav[y] rain fell in the night, and we have had a thoroughly rainy day w[i]th gusts of
wind now and th[e]n – the glass 1 1/2 deg[ree] bel[ow] changeable at 9 p.m. has low[ere]d 1 1/2 deg[ree] since 9
a.m. Fahrenheit 58° at 9 p.m. Flute 20/60 hour dur[in]g sup[er].

Wednes[day] 30
5 20/60
11 10/60
end of ll[iad] 13 Pope, and vv[erses] 48 of ll[iad] 14 Pope – Bet[ween] 10 1/2 and 2 writing a
373 to 401 end of Vol[ume] 1

My unc[le] Jos[eph] not so well and ver[y] low today – He says the dropsy is begin[ning] to get up int[o]
his thighs – A thoroughly rainy day and a gr[ea]t deal of ver[y] heavy rain – rath[er] fair[e]r
tow[ard]s night – A gr[ea]t deal of rain fell also dur[in]g last night – Barom[e]ter at 9 p.m. 2° below
changeable. Fahrenheit 9 p.m. 57 1/2 deg[rees].

Thurs[day] 31
5 25/60
11
L
Wedn[esday] 9 July 1817 and sent it in the aft[ernoon] by Mr. Stanclyffe the barber –
All the aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] and dur[in]g sup[er] wrote[ing] out the index to my lit[erary] note book w[hi]ch owing to the
multiplicity of little articles has been ver[y] tedious – ev[en] now I have only
arranged the rough draft alphabetically – Torrents of rain dur[in]g the night and
all the day, with a good deal of thunder about noon – we have hardly had
5 minutes gleam till now (after 9) Fahrenheit 55° at 10 a.m. and 55 1/2 at 9 p.m.
Have no time for the flute – I had none yester[day] night as I wrote a line or two
my let[ter] to Mrs. Stephen - The rain prevent[e]d either my going to the library, or sending,
both today and on Tuesday –

August
Fri[day] 1
5
Read from verse 242 to 522 end of II[iad] 14 – and fr[om] verse 275 to 618 end of II[iad] 14 Pope –
Five pages are want[ing], but r[ea]d the rest of the 20 introductory pp[ages] to the Abbé Gerard’s
Leçons de l’histoire, the title page of w[hich] is giv[e]n on my next page – I find th[i]s ver[y] dif-
-ficult French to one of my little experience in the language and the 15 pp[ages] I have just r[ea]d have cost me
an hour and quarter – Fr[om] proposition 9 to proposition 16 lib[er] 3 Euc[lid] –
1817
August
‘Les Leçons de l’histoire ou Lettres d’un père à son fils,
sur les faits intéressans de l’histoire universelle. Par
l’auteur du Compte [Comte] de Valmont, ou les Egaremens de la
Raison. Troisième edition, revue et corrigée. 3 liv[res] 12 s[ou]. Le
volume relié. Historia lux veritatis, Magistra vitae. Cic[ero]
I. 2 de Orat[ore]. Tome premier. A Paris, Chez Le Clere,
Imprimeur-Libraire, quai des Augustins, no 39. 1802’
Le Compte [Comte] de Valmont was written by M[onsieur] L’Abbé Gérard,
Chanoine de St. Louis du Louvre –

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just bef[ore] tea – A good deal of rain fell dur[in]g the night and in the morn[in]g till bet[ween]
12 and 1 when it clear[e]d up and the rest of the day has been fine – the barom[eter] has got up 1 1/2 deg[ree] (to changeable) Fahr[enheit] 56 1/2 deg[ree]s at 9 p.m. Flute 25/60 hour dur[in]g sup[per].

Sat[urday] 2
4 3/4
11 10/60
A let[ter] fr[om] M- [Mariana] (Lawton) as usual Considering the kindness of my last letter proving
I loved her til sincerely to have any other feeling than that of sorrow at her late
ill humour her answer is not quite what I think it might and should have
been in fact I know not how it is but I am generally disappo[i]nted with her
letters they certainly do not afford me as much pleasure as they ought to do.
They were to go to Manchester for a day last Thursday – I suppose to consult
Dr. Hull again – Spent the remaind[e]r of the morn[in]g in writ[in]g 2 pages of a let[ter] to
M- [Mariana] In the aft[ernoon] my fath[er] walk[e]d w[i]th me to the library – we drank tea at N[orth]gate
and f[ou]nd my unc[le] m[u]ch the same as he has been lately – In our way home call[e]d for 5 min[ute]s
at Horley Green to tell Miss Ralph th[a]t her friend Miss Ann Caldwell of Linley Wood
n[ea]r Newcastle Staffordshire was marr[ie]d on Wed[nesday] last to a Mr. Marsh a banker in
London a very private wedding so that none of the neighbours knew anything about it as M- [Mariana] says in her letter – A good deal of rain in the night, and till near noon today when it cleared up and has since been very fine – Barometer at Changeable and Fahrenheit at 56° at 9 p.m. Flute 20/60 hour during supper –
1817
Aug[ust] Sun[day] 3
6
11 1/4

L
R[ead fr[om] v[erse] 253 to 467 II[iad] 15, fr[om] v[erse] 299 to 549 Cowper, and fr[om] v[erse] 288 to 549 Pope – None of us went to morn[ing] church, in conseq[uence] of the weath[er]. My unc[le] went in the aft[ernoon] drank tea at N[orth]gate and found my unc[le] Jos[eph] ver[y] poorly, low, and mo[re] swell[ed] th[a]n eve[r]. In the course of the morn[ing] r[ead pp]ages 98 vol[ume] 3 Forbes’s Oriental Memoirs – In the aft[ernoon] wrote to M[arke] Lawton and Bella, Mrs. Veitch’s serv[an]t took it to the post in the ev[ening]. On second thoughts I thought it better not to send what I wrote yesterday and have therefore written a letter touching very slightly but kindly on those parts of π’s [Mariana] letter which did not quite please me there was a vein of joking sarcasm in what I wrote yesterday which I have entirely avoided today I am deter mined I will never write anything that can give any kind of uneasiness or that I need wish recalled. My let[ter] is writ[ten] in a small[e]r but not so close a hand as usual the ends blank – but the 2 1st pp[ages] cross[ed] – Rain in the night and early in the morn[ing]. Showers dur[ing] the day and the atmosph[ere] ver[y] black and cloudy – the wind ver[y] high and boisterous at times, but high all the day – the barom[eter] at 2 1/2 ab[ove] rain and Fahr[enheit] 56° at 9 p.m. – Aft[er] tea wrote a let[ter] to my moth[er] to say my fath[er] thought of return[ing] home on Thurs[day] or Fri[day] if the weather was fav[orable] my unc[le] did not get home till some time aft[er] 8 th[i]s ev[ening] th[a]t we had no serm[on]s as usual –

Mon[day] 4
5
11 20/60

C
L
Tues[day] 5
5
11
I cannot understand the rules ab|out] surd fract|ions nor can I manage th|em at all –
My unc|le] Jos|eph] rode up th|is aft|ernoon] and sat on horseback a few min|utes] at the gate – He seem|ed] m|uch] swell|ed.
A fine day w|ith] briskish wind – the barom|eter] 2° ab|ove] change|able] and Fahr|enheit] at 60° at 9 p.m.
Flute 20/60 hour dur|ing] sup|er –
1817
Aug[u]st Wed[nesday] 6
6
11 10/60

Thurs[day] 7
5 1/4
11
A fine day – Barom[eter] 2° bel[ow] change[able] and Fahr[enheit] 62° at 9 p.m. Flute 25/60 hour dur[in]g sup[er] –

Fri[day] 8
6 10/60
11
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Had a let[ter] fr[om] Miss Marsh (Micklegate York) at the request of Mr. Fisher who had just had a let[ter] fr[om] Turin, dat[e]d 26 July last giving very bad acc[oun]ts of Dr. Best and desir[in]g him to let me know, Isabel
had receiv'd mine SS and woul'd write as soon as they had seen Mary and Dr. B- [Belcombe] whom they were prepar[ing] to meet at Tenda [Tende], ab[out] 1/2 way bet[ween] Nice and Turin –

Aug[ust] Sat[urday] 9

5
11 10/60

L


Began at 20 min[ute]s bef[ore] 6 and had r[ead] the above, i.e. 305 lines, bef[ore] 9 struck – nev[er] r[ead] so much in the same space of time in my life before –


Fahr[enheit] 56° at 9 p.m. Flute 25/60 hour dur[in]g sup[per] –

+ Sun[day] 10

9
11 10/60

L


Mon[day] 11

5 40/60
11 1/4
Read from verse 381 to 761 end of Iliad 17 — from verse 447 to 898 Cowper, and from verse 444 to 854 end of Iliad 17 Pope — read the last 188 lines after breakfast — which and writing down, as I always do, any little passage that strikes me, took up from 10 1/2 to half past one — Propositions 11 and 12 lib Euc —

In the afternoon and evening read from page 134 to 402 (some pages being wanting) end of Vol 3 Goldsmith's [History of the Earth] — and the whole of —

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1 Vol 8vo ppages 160 - Lent to my Aunt by Mrs. Ralph of Horley Green Monday 4th of the month - Returned

Mrs. Ralph 60/117
Read Monday 11 August 1817

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In the evening made a couple of extracts from Galt’s life of West – Rather better accounts of my uncle Joseph both morning and afternoon. Rain in the night and a rainy day – Barometer 1° above rain and Fahrenheit 54° at 9 p.m. Flute 20/60 hour during sup[per] –

Tues[day] 12

5 1/2

11

Read verses 253 [Iliad] 18, verses 307 Cowper, and verses 298 [Iliad] 17 Pope – Immediately after breakfast Ab[out] 11, my father walked with me to Mr. Knight’s (where we parted) – Sat 1/2 hour there, tho’ Mr. K- [Knight] was gone to the Bell’s school, Dr. Bell having unexpectedly come over to inspect it, and as Mr. W[illiam] Knight said, found very great fault, calling both the master and the governess blockheads, so that the man and he came to very high words – the man saying he would not submit to be so abused before the scholars and to be again treated by Dr. B-[Bell] as he was the last time he was over – In fact neither teachers nor gentlemen and lady visitors seem to quite understand his plan or inclined to follow it implicitly – He went to the Miss Watkinsons to show them how to new model their school and also to Lightcliffe, to show Mrs. Priestley how to have his method pursued with the Charity School under her protection; but both parties turned all things into their old course again as soon as he was gone – this I understand was the last time he was over about a year ago – While at Mr. K’s [Knight] just saw Mrs. Coulthust and her niece Miss Ann Tipping and Miss Sarah and Miss Grace Mellin my old school mistresses – Mr. K-[Knight] not coming by a little after 12 – I promised to call ag[ain] at 1/2 past one and in the mean time went to Northgate – my uncle Jos[eph] not up – ver[y] poorly and my Aunt L [Lister] ver[y] low about him – Found Mr. K [Knight] at home the Vicar Dr. Coulthurst and Miss A- [Ann] Tipping were there for a few minutes and Mr. K- [Knight] being going out to dinner I had not time to get a satisfactory answer about the method of treating fractional surds – On mentioning my wish to become his pupil ag[ain] he [sai]d he could not take me till after Michaelmas (10th October) but would then let me have an hour from 3 to 4 every other day according to my desire – Went to the library and st[ayed] there till 3 – th[en] return[ed] to Northgate where my Lister had dinner and where both spent the afternoon and evening. My uncle Jos[eph] better and more easy and less swollen in consequence of his medicine, eleterium, etc, th[a]n he had been for some days – got home a little after 8 – A fineish day tho’ so threat[ening] there could be nothing done at the hay – A few drops of rain between 3 and 4, and a shower between 6 and 7. Barometer 1° below rain and Fahrenheit 58° at 9 p.m -
By the way, Mr. Duffin knew Dr. Bell in India – I have seen several times at Mr. D’s [Duffin] Micklegate York – I saw him frighten a poor master and his Sunday scholars half out of their wits – heard him badly preach a bad sermon at Trinity Ch[ur]ch
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Micklegate – saw no reason to be in any way prejudiced in his favor and heard some authentic anecdotes of him as to temper and running round the garden to kiss and pay court to Miss Sarah Telford (her father Mr. George Telford was some years ago a gardener or rather nursery and seedsmen in York and lived in Micklegate) a young girl not 1/2 his age – Dr. B-[Bell] aft[er]wards married a lady of his own age, said to have had £12,000 – but they were separate soon after the match and have continued so ever since – I traveled to York to Doncaster in the Royal Charlotte post coach (which then left York at 12 at night) in 1810 – I was then a young traveller and put under Dr. B-[Bell]’s protection and care by Mr. Duffin – the Doctor’s conduct bespoke him an impertinent low lived Scotchman, better fitted to learn India systems of teaching children to make letters in sand, than the feelings or manners of a gentleman – No time for the flute, aft[er] writing so long a diary –

Wednesday 13

6 11

Read from verse 254 to 462 II[Iad] 18, from verse 308 to 571 Cowper – and from verse 299 to 531 Pope – the last 30 lines aft[er] breakfast – Fr[om] p[age] 81 to 91 Leçons de l’histoire – Fr[om] proposition 11 to 16 end of lib[er] 4 and Did the 4 last propositions of lib[er] 4, and the 2 first of lib[er] 5 Euclid –


Thursday 14

7 11

Read from verse 462 to 616, end of II[Iad] 18, from verse 571 to 758 Cowper – and from verse 531 to 712 Pope – read the last 66 lines. and pp[ages] 19 Pope’s observations on the shield of Achilles aft[er] breakfast with[which] took up from p[age] 10 1/2 to 1 o’clock – Fr[om] p[age] 91 to 101 Leçons de l’histoire – In the afternoon and evening r[ead] fr[om] p[age] 211 to 358, end of Vol[ume] 4 Goldsmith’s History of the Earth, and made several ex[tracts] fr[om] the same vol[ume] – My uncle Jos[eph] better. A good deal of rain during the night and in the
course of the day with high wind at intervals – Barometer at rain and Fahrenheit 60 1/2 at 9 p.m. 
My left side rather better tonight – the Flute 20 minutes during supper – 

Fri[day] 15
5 3/4
11
Vc
Fr[om] p[age] 101 to 115 Leçons de l'histoire – Did the 3rd proposition lib[er] 5 Euclid – Miss Caroline Greenwood, of Cross-hills, called and sat an hour – In the afternoon walked an hour on the terrace and read pp[ages] 99 volume 5 Goldsmith – In the evening helped my aunt to pick currants. My uncle much the same as yesterday – A good deal of rain in the night the day
fair with very high wind – Barometer 3 1/2 above rain and Fahrenheit 59° at 9 p.m. Flute 1/2 hour during supper –
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Aug[ust] Sat[urday] 16
5 1/2
11
Vc
had been out on horseback in the morn[in]g while I was away Miss Ralph, Miss Sarah and Miss Emma Ralph call[e]d just befo[re] going to H[alifax] – and in the ev[ening] r[ead] fr[om] p[age] 100 to 237 vol[ume] 5 Goldsm[i]th's [History of the] Earth – The day fair and windy – rain be[tween] 8 and 9 p.m.
at w[hi]ch hour the Barom[eter] 2° ab[ove] rain, and Fah[r]enheit 60°. Got in a good deal of hay –
Flute 1/2 hour dur[in]g sup[per] –

Sun[day] 17
+
8 3/4
11 1/4
Did not go to Ch[urch] in conseq[uence] of the black clouds threaten[in]g rain – In the course of the day
r[ead], as usual, the morn[in]g and aft[ernoon] service – r[ead] also fr[om] p[age] 237 to 400 end of vol[ume] 5
Torrents of rain fell in the night – a few fly[in]g showers dur[in]g the morn[in]g and till 1 at noon –
The rest of the day w[i]th contin[ue]d high wind – Barom[eter] 1 1/2 deg[ree] below Changeable
and Fah[r]enheit 59° at 9 p.m. My unc[le] Jos[eph] the same as yest[erday] –

Mon[day] 18
6
11 1/4
at the gate n[ea]r 1/2 hour – My father gave me seven ponds which led me to reckon
up my money and I found I had altogether twenty eight pounds seven shillings and
five pence – such a sum I have not had together of years never
since I went to Bath in eighteen hundred and thirteen and I take good care to let
nobody know I have so much - Had no time for Euclid – but look[e]d int[o]
Emerson's Mechanics for 1/4 hour, as I wish to prepare myself a lit[tle] for Dalton's
lectures which are to begin on Wednesday and which I mean to attend – In the afternoon and evening I read from page 150 to 211 volume 6 Goldsmith's History of the Earth and made several extracts from it – Rain during the night fairly from 6 in the morning to about between 1 and 2 a.m. The rest of the day incessant rain – often like thunder rain – not much wind – Barometer 2 1/2 degrees below changeable and Fahrenheit 56 ½° at 9 p.m. Flute 25/60 hour during supper –

Tuesday 19

5 3/4

11 1/2

Read from verse 259 to 503 end of Iliad 20, from verse 310 to 603 Cowper and from 308 to 590 end of Iliad 20 Pope –

From page 140 to 152 Leçons de l'histoire. Turned to the 2nd volume of Saunderson to see if I could make anything of what he says about surds but without succeeding. After an hour's fruitless attempt, did a few questions in Bonnycastle that I had done before in Evolution – Went to the library and read there pages 86 of Galt's (John) Letters from the Levant published in London in 1813 – Called at Northgate – my uncle Joseph but poorly, tho' he had ridden up to Shibden – got home to tea – Before going to Halifax, read from page 211 to 260 volume 6 Goldsmith's History of the Earth – Just after breakfast I read 'the speech of Charles Phillips
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Wed[nesday] 20
5 40/60
11 20/60
mentioned having sent me in her letter from Florence February 3rd 1817 and received Saturday 22 February 1817 – It is an elegant little figure, and I am much pleased with it – Poor Isabel! She never forgets me – her thoughts and attentions are constant and my heart keeps a faithful register – *In spite of all I often think we shall get together at last* at any rate I can confide in her affection and this is more than I
L could say of \( \pi \) [Mariana] I know not how it is but I cannot forget \( \pi \)'s [Mariana] conduct in the autumn of 1814 I feel as if I could hardly trust her out of my sight and as circumstances have turned out I have little expectation of our ultimately getting together –

Before doing the 2 propositions in Euclid I wrote a few lines of thanks to Fisher, for his care in send[ing] g th[is] parcel as well all the preceed[ing] – to go by tomorr[ow]'s post – In the aft[ernoon] r[ea][d fr[om] p[age] 260 to 299 vol[ume] 6 Goldsmith's [History of the] Earth – Got to the lecture a little bef[ore] 7 (my fath[er] walk[e]d w[i]th me to the door, and as he return[e]d, put my let[ter] to Mr. Fisher (Petergate York) int[o] the post office, and p[ai]d 7d [pence] postage) – The lect[ure] (in the assembly room in the Talbot yard) pretty well attend[e]d. There might be 50 includ[in]g 8 or 10 of Miss Watkinson's young ladies – He s[a]id he had ab[ou]t 30 subscrib[ers]. Mr. Rich[ar]d Dalton is cert[ainly] no orator, but on the whole I was quite as well satisfied as I expect[e]d. I was there 1/4 hour bef[ore] he began the lect[ure] and had a good deal of conversat[io]n w[i]th him – He told me he was a native of Goodramgate York where he had a broth[er] and sist[er] living – but he himself liv[e]d chiefly at Liverpool and Manchester, and th[a]t he was a dist[ant] cous[in], 4\textsuperscript{th} or 5\textsuperscript{th}, to John Dalton of Manchester [er] memb[er] of the M[anchester] Philosoph[ical] Society – the lect[ure] was over ab[ou]t 1/4 past 9 and I got home by 10 –


Thurs[day] 21
7 1/2
11 10/60


r[ea][d] the \( 1\text{st} \) 60 lines bef[ore] break[fal]st the rest took me till 2 o'clock – being rath[er] stup[i]d th[is] morn[in]g and feel[ing] to get up so soon as I ought to have done –


My unc[le] Jos[eph] the same as he has been for the last 2 or 3 days – The day lower[in]g but fair – the Barom[eter] in a ris[in]g state 1 1/2 deg[ree] ab[ove] change[able] and Fahr[enheit] 57 ½° at 9 p.m. Flute 20/60 hour dur[in]g sup[er] –

Fri[day] 22
Read from verse 472 to 611 end of Iliad 21 – from verse 541 to 697 Cowper and from verse 547 to 2 end of Iliad 21 Pope –
Read also verses 76 Iliad 22 – verses 87 Cowper, and verses 107 Iliad 22 Pope –
From page 158 to 170 Leçons de l’histoire – Propositions 6, A, B, C, D, 7, and 8 liber 5 Euclid –
Just after dinner read from page 338 to 380 volume 6 Goldsmith’s History of the Earth – Went early to Northgate to drink tea there before going to the lecture – My uncle Jos[eph] much the same as the last 2 or 3 days –
Got to the lecture a little before 7. It was over at 9 but stayed 1/2 an hour longer to look at the apparatus and models of machinery –
The finest day we have had for some time –

SS Wydunbury or Widdunbury, I forget which, about a mile from Mr. Hill’s place Hough – Mr. H-[Hill] brother
to the present Sir John Hill of Hawkstone – Ravenhead about 12 miles from Liverpool on the St. Helen’s road – as Mr. Dalton told me this evening – Friday 22 August –
Aug[ust] Sat[urday] 23

6 LL


Sun[day] 24

6 3/4

11 1/4

In the evening read aloud sermons 6 and 7 Polwhele – A fine day – tho’ as usual hardly any sun – rather windy – Barometer 2° below changeable and Fahrenheit 57° at 9 p.m. During supper wrote a note to Marian (Market Weighton) to go by my father who is to leave us tomorrow –
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6
11 1/4
at[ter] break[ta]st – Wrote rath[er] mo[re] th[a]n 1/2 a page (closely writ[te]n) of a let[ter] to Isabel - In the
lect[ure].  My unc[le] Jos[eph] much the same as for the last ten days – Got home fr[om] the lect[ure] a lit[tle]
befo[re] hav[in]g luck[ily] escap[e]d rain both going and return[in]g – A very rainy day a gr[eat] deal of
ver[y] heavy rain in the morn[in]g. My fath[er] of course oblig[e]d to defer his journey –
Barom[eter] 1° bel[ow] much rain at 9 p.m. –

Tues[day] 26
5 3/4
11 10/60
I have f[oun]d the speech of Nestor to his son Anthilochus, just bef[o]re the chariot race
(ll[iad] 23 fr[om] v[erse] 306 to 348) the most difficult p[ar]t of the Iliad I have yet met with –
In the morning and part of the afternoon got nearly to the bottom of the third page of my
letter to Isabella.  What a labour!  For fear of saying too much I know not what
to say and now such gets my trembling confidence in π [Mariana] that I begin to feel some
difficulty even in writing to her.  I have not made use of consonants in my
two last letters nor have I said anything particularly affectionate what
will be my fate between these two at last perhaps I shall ultimately have
neither of them.  I should be much happier if I could really feel settled in a choice
that was in every respect advisable -. In the ev[ening] r[ea]d fr[om] p[age] 176 to 233 vol[ume] 7
Goldsm[i]th’s [History of the] Earth – The morn[in]g lowering rain came on ab[out] 1 p.m. and the rest of the day
at 9 p.m. Flute 25/60 hour dur[in]g sup[per].

Wed[nesday] 27
6 40/60
11 3/4
L
Before breakfast and half an hour after finished my letter to Isabella the first
page crossed but the eends not written - Fr[om] p[age] 173 to 185 Leçons de l’histoire –
History of the Earth – At 4, went to Halifax (to the assembly room in the Talbot yard) to see Dalton take off his gig wheels the plan principle of which is excellent – They would run for years without need of removing and it is quite impossible they should fire – They are on Colling's patent bush and axle for which Dalton paid 15 Guineas; but they are well worth the money and indeed no carriage should be without them. After this took a little walk round the town and went to drink tea at Northgate – My uncle as he has been for the last few days – Went to the lecture at 7. Having all the 4 preceding nights admired Miss Brown, daughter of Mr. Copley Brown of West Field or West Cottage, sat just before her – handed her several things to look at and contrived to get into conversation with her after the lecture was over – The lecture being longer than usual, and I staying a good while afterwards to look at the apparatus or rather at Miss Brown, did not get home till 11. A great deal of rain last night and a thoroughly rainy day till 4 in the afternoon when it cleared up and was fair continued fair – Put my letter to Isabella (Poste restante at Berne) into the post as soon as I got to Halifax. – postage 1/11 – vid. copy of a few of the concluding lines at the foot of the next page.
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Aug[ust Thursday] 28
8
11 20/60
V
Did nothing but dream of Miss Brown and though I awoke at six yet had not resolution to get up but lay dosing and thinking of the fair charmer she is certainly very pretty she seemed evidently not displeased with my attention and I felt all possible inclination to be as foolish as I ever was in former days in fact I shall be much better out of the way of the lovely Maria (for such is her name) than in it mended the leather covering of the steel of my stays till breakfast time -
My father left us soon after breakfast and I went to Stoney Royde where I have spent a very pleasant day –
Got home to tea as they were all going to drink with Mr. Christopher R-[Rawson] (at Hope) and tho’ I walked with them to the gate and they wished me to go in yet considering how Mrs. Christopher and I stand together I thought it better to decline – Mrs. Empson, Mrs. Sarah Empson, and a Miss Otter, cousins to the Empsions, were at Stoney Royde – Emma Saltmarshe and her bridesmaid Miss Margaret Markland called in the morning – Ellen and I walked back as far as Well-head – Miss M-[Markland] is a nice girl, she and I got very good friends, so much so that I took her up in my arms and jumped her over a puddle hole in the road near the Shay (John Rawson’s) –
A very fine day – Barometer 3° above rain and Fahrenheit 60° at 9 p.m. – Flute 1/2 hour during supper –
Friday 29
6 40/60
11 1/2
Read from verse 403 to 535 [Iliad] 23 – from verse 486 to 635 Cowper and from verse 481 to 610 Pope –
From page 185 to 201 Leçons de l’histoire – From proposition 15 to 19 [Euclid] – In the afternoon making extracts from volume 7 Goldsmith’s History of the Earth – My uncle Joseph came and sat on horseback in the barn for 1/2 hour as it rained all the while – Got to the lecture a little after 7 and got home again at 10. Sat directly behind Miss Brown and talked to her 10 minutes after the lecture was over – I begin to fancy, if I was to see more I should think less of her indeed I am very luckily recovering my senses about she evidently seems flattered by my notice and well she may for I do not notice anyone else much I wonder what Miss Sarah Stavely would think I asked her who Miss Brown was the first lecture night and admired her beauty. Last night she saw me in such attentive conversation with
her that tho’ she Miss S [Stavely] came up to me I only just asked her how she did I must say my attention to Miss B [Brown] has been pointed these two last nights I wonder if anyone has observed it A ver[y] rainy day – It was fair when I went to the lect[ure] and as I return[e]d -


I know not how it is but her letters gave me little pleasure I cannot help
tancying we are as it were cut off from each other the thought of this and one thing or another made me so low I cried for an hour — C[oul]d not settle to anything and wish[in]g to get a watch riband for Ellen Empson, thought I had bet[ter] go to the town in the morn[in]g

set off a let[tle] bef[ore] 1. Bought the rib[an]d, call[e]d at the library, and up Emma Saltmarsh w[i]th who I sat till 3. Told her give the rib[an]d to Ellen and say I was sor[ry] I c[oul]d not dine at


when the barom[eter] is 1 1/2 deg[ree] bel[ow] at 57°. Flute 1/2 hour dur[in]g sup[er]-

Sun[day] 31

6 1/4

11 20/60


Polwhele — my uncle and I had only just got home bef[ore] it beg[an] to rain — some heavy


My Aunt Anne din[ne]d at N[orth]gate — my unc[le] Jos[eph] poorly w[i]th his medicine, elaterium, wild cucumber, w[i]ch howeve[er] seems the only thing th[a]t is of any use to him — Barom[eter]

1/2 deg[ree] bel[ow] change[a]ble and Fahr[enheit] 60° at 9p.m —

September

Mon[day] 1

7
Read from v.723 to 859 Iliad 23. from v.865 to 1025 Cowper – After Breakfast finished my letter to Miss Marsh (Micklegate York) walked to Halifax put into the Post Office, made some shoppers at Butter’s in Northgate, called at my uncle Joseph’s (found him much as usual of late) and got home to dinner. Was obliged to go to Halifax this morning that my aunt might have the black silk in time to make me a petticoat to go to Cliffhill tomorrow – In the course of the afternoon read from p.315 to 368 end of volume 7 Goldsmith’s earth – Got to the lecture by 7 As usual, talked to Miss Brown a few minutes after it was over asked her if she would be at the next – No! She was going to Harrogate to Wednesday there would be a great ball at the Crown tho’ she shouldn't be there – Surely then, (said I) you may stay 1 day longer for the sake of the lecture which Mr Dalton says will be so interesting – If you were going to the ball you wouldn't be excusable – a ball is certainly a great attraction, and, to speak philosophically after all we
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have just been hearing, like things have strong affinities, and one attract[io]n must therefor[e] strongly attract anoth[er]. I c[oul]d not discov[er] fr[om] her count. wheth[er] she took the comp[limen]t or not – She made no reply – See[in]g Miss Watkinson and her young ladies flocking round Mr Dalton I went up to see what was the matter – He was talk[ing] ab[ou]t physignomy

and th[en] got into a metaphysical disquisit[io]n wh[i]ch kept us all till 1/2 past 10 (a full hour)

On my gently suggest[in]g how m[u]ch his opin[ion]s differ[ed] fr[om] those of the metaphysi[ca]ns of the pres[ent] day, he s[ai]d he had nev[er] r[ea]d an metaphysi[ca]l work in his life w[hi]ch may possibly accoun[t] for the many foolish things he advanc[e]d and w[hi]ch – “Th[a]t the principle w[hi]ch we call God” was in ev[ery]thing and ev[ery]thing was God – He talk[ed] of the life of minerals as being the same principle as the life of vegetables and animals (He advanc[e]d th[i]s hypothesis in his 1st lect[ure]) He s[ai]d our thoughts had form – th[a]t they were certain forms form[e]d in the mind and th[a]t, for instance, when we made a gown or a coat it was out thought th[a]t was embod[ied] in the cloth of the coat, and the cloth cover[e]d, and was wrapp[e]d ab[ou]t our thought – th[a]t as the mind was immortal, consequent[l]y the thoughts, the memory, and ev[ery] thing th[a]t had happen[e]d to us th[a]t we sh[ould] rememb[er] in the next world ev[ery]thing we had known in th[i]s, add[ing] by way of illustration, th[a]t th[e] thought[ed] rememb[er] the ver[y] conversat[io]n I I was th[e]n hav[ing] w[i]th him a million of y[e]a[rs] hence – th[a]t there was no limit to the understand[in]g th[a]t the mind was capable of being improv[e]d “infinite[ly], immeasurab[ly]” in th[i]s world – when I vent[ed] to observe th[i]s was not the tenet of our Church, he s[ai]d he did not found

his opin[ion]s on the doctrines of an[y] Ch[urch], but th[a]t all these things were so – th[a]t he did not mind what an[y] metaphysi[ca]l writ[e]r[s] s[ai]d – we must argue fr[om] causes to effects – when I doubt[ed] the safety of th[i]s synthetical mode of proceed[inde]g and ask[ed] how we c[oul]d be sure we had alw[a]ys hit up the right cause, he s[ai]d we sh[ould] alw[a]ys argue up the analogy w[hi]ch there was betw[ee]en God and ourselves – When I object[ed] to theories built on such a foundat[io]n – for what did we know of such analogy? What[ever] it m[i]ght have been originally, how c[oul]d we calculate up what alterat[io]ns were made in it by th[a]t unlucky eat[in]g of the apple? He s[ai]d I was running fr[om] the subject – I replied it was only anoth[er] express[io]n for original sin – th[a]t sin w[hi]ch had so defac[e]d the image of God in us – and ask[ed] him if he believe[d] the history of the fall, etc – To th[i]s I c[oul]d not get a direct ans[we]r – He still w[oul]d have it I I was going fr[om] the point in quest[ion] to talk of original sin – the confidence of Mr Dalton’s manner quite equall[e]d the folly of his matter – I had no opportun[ity] to say[in]g m[u]ch He talk[ed] on so persevering[l]y I c[oul]d only get a word in of doubt and question now and then – Aft[er] all this, howev[er], he is a pretty good lecturer on nat[ural] philos[ophy] – Did not get till aft[er] 11 by our Clock, and my had begun to be uneasy fear[in]g some accident – A fine day, and ver[y] fine n[i]ght -
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Sept[embe]r Tues[day] 2
V
Spent the whole of the morning in vamping up a pair of old black chamois shoes and getting
my things ready to go and drink tea at cliffhall As soon as I was dress[e]d went to drink
tea w[i]th the Miss Walkers of Cliff-hill – went in black silk – the 1st time (to an evening visit) I have ent[ere]d
up[on] my plan of always wearing bl[a]ck – Got there at 5 and were at home ag[ai]n by 1/2 past 9 –
the flute 1/4 hour just bef[ore] get[ting] int[o] bed – we had a ver[y] fine day –

Wed[nesday] 3
7 1/4
11 50/60
Wrote out my acc[oun]t of what passed at the lect[ure] on Mon[day] and my diary of yest[erday] – In the aft[erno]on r[ea]d pp.165
vol[ume] 4 Forbes’s oriental memoirs – Got to the lect[ure] a lit[tle] before 7. It was on steam and oth[e]r
ab[ou]t 11 – A fine day, but some tremendously heavy rain dur[in]g the lect[ure]. Bet[ween] 3 and 4
Change[able] and Fahr[enheit] 65°

Thurs[day] 4
6 1/4
11 ½
Had just r[ea]d pp.2 (fr[om] p.201 to 203) Lecons de l’histoire when feel[ing] myself ver[y]
my unc[le] and aunt to drink tea at Mr John Priestley’s at Thorpe – met there Mr and Mrs P- [Priestley] of
white-windows, and Mr and Mrs Henry P- [Priestley] of Haugh-end, and Mrs W[illia]m Henry Rawson of Mill-house –
Got to Thorpe a lit[tle] before 6 and home ag[ai]n a lit[tle] aft[er] 10 – Barom[eter] 1° ab[ove] change[able] and
Fahr[enheit] at 65° at 10.a.m. A ver[y] fine day – some rain bet[ween] 6 and 7 in the ev[ening] –

Fri[day] 5
8 1/4
11 50/60
lib 5 Eucid Read from verse 302 to 468 Iliad 24 – fr[om] verse 371 to 574 Pope – Fr[om] p.203 to 212 Lecons de l'histoire – Felt it very warm this morning and not being
Quite well, had a 20 minute nap over Homer – In the afternoon Read from p.166 to 349 the whole / excluding the description of the plates and index / of volume 4 Forbes's Oriental memoirs – this work is on the whole tolerably amusing tho' sometimes prosing and never very deep –
Got to the lecture a little before 7 and home again at 1/2 past 10 tho' I hardly stayed a minute after it was over – the subject was optics and pretty well handled – A very fine day –
Barometer 2° below Fair and Fahrenheit 62° at 11 p.m. Fahrenheit was 65° at 10 a.m. and 68° at 2 p.m –

Sat[urday] 6
6 35/60
11 20/60

Read from verse 468 to 804 end Iliad 24 – fr[om] verse 586 to 1005 Cowper – Read from verse 574 to 1016 end of Iliad 24. Pope – the last 162 lines after breakfast between 1/4 before 10 and 1/2 past 12 – I can now read the Iliad pretty easily, and have gone through with very great pleasure –
A letter from Mr. Mariana written at Steph's (Newcastle) being there on account of Louise who the Leamington waters seem to have disagreed and brought on a dangerous inflammatory bowel complaint – Being to send the 4th volume of the oriental memoirs to the library spent the remainder of the morning in making a few extracts from it – In the afternoon
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Print[e]d by J Acheacon Print[e]r to the university; For T and J Merril and J Deighton, in Cambridge; P Elmsly, and J Cadell, in the Strand, J Almon, in Piccadilly, J Dodsley, Pall Mall, J Robson, Bond St[ree]t, T Payne and Son, Mews-Fate, C. Dilly, in the Poulty, and T Evans, in Paternoster, London. 1781”

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Sat[urday] 27 Sept[ember] 1817
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Sun[day] 7
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for myself, got in Manchester – the parcel arrived on Wednesday and was brought from my uncle Joseph’s on Thursday evening –

Mon[day] 8
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Read to p.13 of

A.L [Anne Lister] 62/123
Read the treatise of Long. 18 October 1817
vid. Fri[day] 24 October 1817
Read the fragments Mon[day] 16 February 1818

“Το Του Διονυσιου Λογινου περι -ψως -υπομνημα [Το Του Dionysiou Longinou peri hypsous hypomnēma]
Ex edition tertia Zachariae Pearce, Episcopi Bangoriensis
Expressum Glasguae: In aedibus academicis excudebant
Robertus et Audreas Foulis academic typographi 1763”

Not getting on very fast with these – had a 20 minute nap over it – And I have found these few pages difficult – read also the dedication pp.14- the preface pp.10 and to p.7 of the translation itself of -----
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Ja[me]s L[ister] 63/124
R[ea]d the treatise of Long[inus] 18 Oc[tober] 1817

“The work of Dionysius Longinus, on the sublime: or a
treatise concern[in]g the sovereign perfect[io]n of writing. Translat[e]d fr[om] the
Greek. W[i]th some remarks on the English poets. By Mr Welstead
Descrip[ta]s servare vices opirumque colores
Cur ego, si nequo ignoroque Poeta salutor?
Cur nescise, pedens prave, quam discere malo? Hor ars Poet.
London Print[ed] for Sam Briscoe and sold by John Graves next
White-chocolate-house in St James’s Street, and Owen Lloyd n[ear] the
Church in the Temple. 1712”
Longinus fr[om] p.144 to 190 – the preceed[ing] pp. the translat[io]n itself –

Had a let[ter] fr[om] Miss Marsh (Micklegate York) to say she had p[aid] for my hat at Mrs
C ookes’ in Coney Street 15s and 2s the deal box – Nantz s[aid] she had forgotten to deliv[er] my
message to th[e]s effect th[e]n I sent a 6 weeks ago – A note fr[om] Mary Priestley (Haugh end) to
ask my unc[le] and aunt to drink tea there on Tuesday tomorrow and me to take a change
of linen and stay a few days – walk[e]d to Pye nest to inq[uire] aft[er] Mrs Edw[ar]ds aft[er] her
rheumatic fever – F[ou]nd her just up, sitting on a sofa by the bed-side, aft[er] hav[in]g
been confin[e]d to her bed 3 weeks – Sat 1/2 an hour w[i]th her, and in the mean while
wrote a hurr[ied] note to Mary P- [Priestley] to decline her invit[at]ion – but say I w[oul]d spend
Friday and Sat[urday] w[i]th her if there were no mo[re] lect[ure]s aft[er] tomorrow – Got
Jos[eph] call[e]d and as usual sat on horseback at the gate – He seem[e]d no bet[ter]. Miss Stead
 Came and detain[e]d me a good while Contriving a half dress black silk waist
Aft[er] tea walk[e]d to Horley Green to call upon the Ralphs – f[ou]nd Miss Emma, Mr
Ralph Mr Sugden and Abel Dean just going to sing glee[es] and press[e]d on to stay
till 1/4 aft[er] 9. Mr James Stansfield (ab[ou]t to marry Emma) walk[e]d home w[i]th me –
Besides himself and the singers nobod[y] there but the family – Fr[om] 10 min[ute]s bef[ore] 11 till n[ea]r 12
writ[in]g out the whole of my jour[nal] of today – A ver[y] fine day – a broil[in]g walk
to and fr[om] Pye-nest – Fahr[enheit] 71° at 2.p.m. and 69° bet[ween] 4 and 5.p.m. –

Tues[day] 9
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11 40/60
lib. 13 Cowper’s Iliad, and lib. 14 vv. 617 and vv. 307 of lib. 15 of the same being I did not read,
(see Sat[urday] 6 Sept[ember]) at the time of r[ea]d[in]g the original – Aft[er] th[i]s had ½ an hour’s nap – involuntarily 20 min[ute]s
In the aft[ernoon] r[ea]d from p.128 to 199 end of vol[u]me 8 Goldsmi[th]s’s Earth the rest being the Index to the whole consist[in]g of pp.332.
th[i]s is a good work, I like the plan of it, and have deriv[e]d fr[om] it m[u]ch instruct[i]o]n and amusement, tho’ many
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Discoveries have been made since it was written and of course, may things better understood no then – went to the library – called at Miss Stead's Where I was detained above half an hour about a half dress black silk waist drunk tea at Northgate – my uncle Joseph much as usual – no less swelled – got to the lecture at 7 sat next Mrs Pollard next to her on the other side was Miss Legard with whom I was led into conversation tho' not introduced – I thought she seemed rather a nice girl than otherwise – a very fine day – got home at ½ past 10

Wed[nesday] 10

8 3/4

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Offered to pay my aunt the two pound bank of England note she lent me on Sunday to send to π [Mariana] for the black silk She would not take it but gave me the money back again then I am two pounds richer than I expected to be printed the introduction pages – the account of the life and writings of Longimus pp.34 and pp.18 of "Dionysius Longinus on the Sublime: Translated from the Greek with notes and observations and some account of the life, writings and character of the author. By William Smith. D.D. now Dean of Chester.

Thee great Longimus! All the nine inspire,
And fill thin critic with a poet's fire;

An ardent judge, who, zealous in his trust,
With warmth gives sentence, and is always just;
Whose own example strengthens all his laws,
And is himself the great Sublime he draws. Mr Pope


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Wrote a note to Mrs Henry Priestley Haugh end to say the lectures were continued and I could not spend Friday and Saturday with her, thinking this the civil way, in spite of my note from Pye-nest, saying if I did not go she wouldn't hear from me – that is morning seems to have sadly wasted – in the 1st place I did not come upstairs till after 11, having stayed talking...
to my aunt about what things I should want gowns petticoats spending money etc etc–

Did prop. 23d lib. 5 Euc[lid] – In the aft[ernoon] r[ea]d fr[om] p.49 to 180 vol[ume] 1 Chum. Essays – Betty went to H[alifax]x and put my note to Mrs H Priestley int[o] the post – finding there was no lect[ure] tonight, and th[a]t this astronomical course is put off sine die, aft[er] tea wrote another note to Mrs H P[riestley] -

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11 1/2
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Wrote to Miss Marsh ev[ery] side and the ends full (Micklegate York) to thank her for pay[in]g Mrs Cooke for me and to ask her to pay my friendly society subscriptio[n] as soon as it becomes due – enclos[ed] a one p[ou]nd bank of Eng[land] note (no [number] 40698 Jan[uar]y 31 1815 S Draper) and 8 shill[in]gs – and 2 sixpences neatly sew[e]d up in paper, ev[ery] one separately, and in 2 rows to fit the shape of the let[ter]

(17s Mrs Cookes bill – 12s subscriptio[n]) In the aft[ernoon] walk[e]d to H[alifax] – put my let[ter] int[o] the post office and f[ou]nd to my no small surprise I had 4/8 postage to pay, aft[er] the rate 2/8 an oz [ounce]. I ask[e]d what w[oul]d have been the rate per oz [ounce] to London – ans[we]r 3/8 – I had bet[ter] have sent it as a parcel by the Coach – but I have bought my wisd[om] and it will serve me anoth[er] time went to the library – call[e]d at Miss Stead’s – and drank tea at N[orth]gate – my unc[le] Jos[e]ph no bet[ter] Mr Wigglesworth came in just befo[re] I left – Got home at 8 –


Fri[day] 12
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12 1/4
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Finish[e]d my let[ter] to my moth[er] ends full and 1 side cross[e]d – spent the rest of the morning getting my things ready to go to haugh end Wrote a note to Mrs Will[i]a[m] Henry Rawson / Mill house / to say I sh[oul]d be hap[p]y to spend the day w[i]th her on Monday – In the aft[ernoon] sent off my let[ter] to my moth[er] in the parcel to Mr Jos[e]ph Watkinson’s – As we went call[e]d at Stancyliffe’s (the barber’s in N[orth]gate) who had been to the P[ost] O[ffice] and got me a let[ter] fr[om] M[ariana] (Lawton) gave him my note to Mrs W.H.R- [William Henry Rawson] to put int[o] the office – M- [Mariana] says Lou tho’ still ver[y] ill is out of dang[er] and will be glad to get to Lawton as “all poor Steffs assiduity and care were not able to make up for Harriets bad nursing” “H [Harriet] has not behaved as I think she ought to have done” Got to Haugh-end a lit[tle] aft 5 – In process of time Mrs W[i]ll[i]a[m] H[enry] Rawson came and old Mrs and Mrs P- [Priestley] (White windows) My unc[le] and
Aunt went away a little after 8 and left me to stay till Monday morning – A fine – a little rain between 4 and 5 in the afternoon –

Saturday 13
7
12 1/2
A thousand reflections and recollections crowded on me last night – the last time I slept in this room and this bed it was with Mariana (in 1815, the summer of) surely none ever doted on another as I did then on her – I fondly thought my love and happiness would last for ever – alas how changed she has married a blackguard for the sake of his money we are debarred all in to recourse I am not always satisfied with her I am often miserable and often with and try to weaken my heart from her and fix more propitiously there seems little chance of our ever getting together tho I believe she really loves me as yet exclusively the misfortune is my confidence is not invulnerable – Before breakfast writing out my journal of yesterday and this morning – sat down to breakfast a little after 9 –
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Sun[day] 14
7 40/60
12 20/60
(Bef[ore] break[fast]) prop[osition]s 24 and 25 lib. 5 Eu[c]lid – Mary and I went to Sowerby Ch[ur]ch in the morn[in]g in the carriage w[i]th the old peop[le] – She and I st[aye]d at home in the aft[ernoon] and alternately r[ea]d al[ou]d pp. the first 40 of vol[ume] 2 Milner’s hist[ory] of the church – Miss Birch came in for a few min[ute]s bef[ore] tea – return[e]d aft[er] drink[in]g tea at white windows th[at] Capt[ai]n P. [Priestley] m[i]ght walk home w[i]th her and while he was away Mary and I had a lit[lle] music – I play[e]d and sang a lit[lle] in conversation about economy and keeping house she told me they last year spent above seven hundred pounds tho it was not an expensive year and did not appear that they could live as they do for less A fine day, but cold –

Mon[day] 15
8 1/2
11
Felt tired and idle and allowed myself to indulge for once – Wrote out my journal of yesterday.

From p.232 to 246 of volume 1 Lecons de l’histoire – Did the 4 last propositions F, G, H, K of lib. 5 Euclid –

In the afternoon making extracts from volume 1 Watson’s Chemical Essays – Just called in my way past to ask my uncle Joseph how he did (found him no better) and got to the lecture a little after 6 – this course of 5 astronomical lectures are to be Tuesdays and Saturdays and commence at 6 instead of 7 in the evening – about 50 people there – chiefly from the schools – Mr Dalton very tedious – paid my subscription 12s at the door – A fine autumn day – dampish close air – very warm walk both there and back tho’

Fahrenheit both at 9 this morning and 9 tonight only at 58 1/2º - Barometer, at the same hours, 2º above Changeable

Got home at 9 -
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6 3/4
11 20/60
Jos[eph] no bet[ter] she and my aunt L- [Lister] went w[i]th in a chaise this aft[ernoon] an airing to his fields at
Hipperholm – A find day – Barom[eter] steady at 1 1/2 de[gres] ab[ove] chang[ea]ble Fahr[enheit] 64º at 9 in
the morn[in]g and 9 at night – and at 2 in the aft[ernoon] 68º - John came ab[ou]t my aunt’s spectacles
Flute 20 min[ute]s dur[in]g sup[er] –

Thurs[day] 18
6
11 3/4
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Vc
A sick head-ache came on – was oblig[e]d to go to bed almost immediat[e]ly aft[er] break[fast] and did
not get up till n[e]r 5 – Mrs W[illia]m Henry Rawson (fr[om] Mill-house) and her visitor Miss Birch were
come – they, and the Miss Walker’s (Cliff-hill) and th[e]r sist[er] Mr[s] Priestley, drank tea w[i]th us – Mrs W.H.R [William Henry Rawson] left
us a lit[tle] aft[er] 7 and took me to the Talbot where I got in 1/2 an hour bef[ore] the lect[ure] was over –
and Ellen (Empson) call[e]d th[i]s morn[in]g – Being in bed, I did not see them – Barom[eter] 1º bel[ow]
Change[able] and Fahr[enheit] 60 1/2 at 9.p.m. – while on vouz savez (aft[er] break[fast] and for 20 min[ute]s
just bef[ore] gett[ing] to the Talbot where I got in 1/2 an hour bef[ore] the lect[ure] was over –
and Ellen (Empson) call[e]d th[i]s morn[in]g – Being in bed, I did not see them – Barom[eter] 1º bel[ow]
Change[able] and Fahr[enheit] 60 1/2 at 9.p.m. – while on vouz savez (aft[er] break[fast] and for 20 min[ute]s
just bef[ore] gett[ing] to the Talbot where I got in 1/2 an hour bef[ore] the lect[ure] was over –

Fri[day] 19
6 50/60
11 20/60
Breakfast[e]d 1/2 an hour earlier th[a]n usual and my unc[le] and aunt went immediat[e]lily to N[orth]gate
my uncle Joseph was tapped by Mr Sunderland about 11 in the morning and these were taken from him rather upwards of 7 quarts of water – He was not at all sick but before the operation very well – my aunt L- [Lister] overcome with anxiety and agitation of spirits, fainted the moment she was told all was well over and continued very unwell for 2 or 3 hours – I had just got my things on to walk down to Northgate, about 4 in the afternoon, when my uncle L- [Lister] returned and as his account was so good, I did not venture out in the wet – my aunt did not get back till after 7 and left all pretty well – A very damp sleety, rainy, disagreeable day – Barometer 1º above Changeable and Fahrenheit 59º at 9 p.m. Flute 1/2 hour during supper –

Saturday 20
11 40/60
A letter from Mariana (Lawton) Louisa a good deal better and expected at Lawton as yesterday – Soon after breakfast walked to Stony Royde to see Ellen before her departure on Monday – nobody at home – went from there to Mrs Veitch’s and sat 1/2 an hour with her – seeing the Stony Royde carriage at Mr William Rawson’s door (Savile Green) went there – Met Mrs R- [Rawson] and Ellen and went with them in the carriage as far as Wellhead – left them there (at old Mrs Waterhouse’s door) and called on Mr Knight with whom I am
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Sun[day] 21
8 1/2
11 20/60
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All went to morn[in]g Ch[ur]ch – the orifice w[hi]ch appear[e]d to be quite clos[e]d yest[erday] burst open ag[ai]n and in conse[qu]ence of the uncomfortableness occasion[e]d by the ooze[ng] out of the wat[er] my unc[le] went to bed ag[ai]n In a great passion and very irritable at being troubled again when he expected it was all done with – R[ea]d pray[e]rs at home in the aft[ernoon] and wrote to M- [Mariana] (Lawton) add[e]d a few lines of P[ost] S[crip]t w[hi]ch conclu[d]e[d] “God bless you M- [Mariana] I am very sick, but my heart is yours and well as ever” – this is the first time in my life I ever felt any remorse in saying anything affectionate to π [Mariana] I do not feel to have written truth I feel as if my heart was not hers as if I did not wish it to be hers and as if I had succeeded in retracting it I do not think of her much I rather incline to Isabella if I find this will not do I hope to form some new and more desirable connection my connection with π [Mariana] is certainly bad as to family ever if I could place implicit confidence in her but alas I know [know] not what will be my fate time alone can tell Will[i]a[m] took my let[ter] to the post aft[er] tea – Just spoke to Ellen (Empson) and wish[e]d her goodbye in com[in]g out of ch[ur]ch th[is] morn[in]g she told me I look[e]d ill – Ind[eed] I have felt bilious and not quite well for some days – partic[ular]ly since Thursday – Just bef[ore] sup[er] r[ea]d al[ou]d serm[on]s 12 and 13 Polwhel – A fine day – Barom[eter] 1º ab[ov]e chang[ea]ble and Fahr[enheit] 59º at 9.p.m. –

Mon[day] 22
7 1/4
Vc
my weak side always us[e]d to be in mak[in]g Latin – th[at] I had no idea of style and ind[ee]d c[oul]d not write it at all, th[i]s set me all on the alert and I resolv[e]d to improve myself a lit[tle]

Jas L- [James Lister] 65/126
R[ea]d Mon[day] 23 M[ar]ch 1818
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Fine day – but rain came a li[t][le] befo[re] 6, and prevent[e]d my going to the lect[ure] w[hi]ch as
Mr Dalton is but a stupid astronomer I did not much regret – Had I been
anxious ab[ou]t the rain was not heavy enough to have frighten[e]d me – a ver[y]
the day and ind[ee]d the gr[ea][e]st p[ar][t] of yest[erday] also in conseq[uen]ce of the violent discharge fr[om] the
orifice made in tapping – Barom[eter] 1 1/2 deg[ree] ab[ov][e chang[e][e][a]ble and Fahr[enheit] 57º at 9.p.m
Flute 1/2 hour dur[in][g sup[er]] –

Tues[day] 23
6 1/2
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Fr[om] p.293 to 301 vol[u]me 1 Lecons de l’histoire – Had my hair cut – 1/2 an hour’s job as usual –
Fr[om] prop[osition] 16 to 20 Lib. 6 Euclid – Happen[in]g to open to it, r[e]a[d Gu]ielmi Lili ad discipulos
carmen demoribus, prefix[e][e][d] to the Westminster Latin grammar – R[e]a[d also ver[y] careful][ly]
Epistola 2. Brutus Ciceroni S. (page 8) and the notes, besides finish[in][g] the small p[ar][t] of Epist[le]
1. left unread yesterday – In the aft[ernoon] r[e]a[d fr[om] p.300 to 376 end of vol[u]me 3 and pp.272 of vol[u]me 4
Watson’s Chemical Essays – My aunt Anne din[e][e]d at N[orth]gate – my unc[le] m[u]ch the
Same as yest[erday] – in bed the gr[ea][e]st p[ar][t] of the day – in conseq[uen]ce of the orifice still continu[in][g] to discharge –
A fine day, tho’ a li[t][le] small rain ab[ou][t noon – Barom[eter] 1 1/2 deg[ree] ab[ov][e chang[e][a]ble and
Fahr[enheit] 58 1/2 at 9.p.m. – Flute 1/2 hour dur[in][g sup[er]] –

Wed[nesday] 24
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1 1/2
Tried to make int[o][o] Lat[in] the lat[e][e][r part of the translat[io]n of Epist[le] 1 and the few first lines of Epist[le] 2 to compare
the faults of my own style w[i][th] the excellencies of the original – I am ver[y] anx[iou]s to get
to write Lat[in] fluently and elegant[l]y – but alas! As yet – I know noth[ing]
in bed all the day in conseq[uen]ce of the discharge fr[om] the orifice w[hi]ch is, howev[er], a good deal abat[e][d]
He is much weakened, as, indeed, is only to be expected – A fine autumnal day – tho' cold –
Barometer 1º below changeable and Fahrenheit 55 1/2 at 9 p.m. – Flute 1/4 hour during supper –

Thurs[day] 25
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11 20/60
Read from p.68 to 78 Longinus – fr[om] p.69 to 76 Smith's, and fr[om] p.48 to 54 Welsted's translation –
From p.313 to 329 volume 1 Lecons de l'histoire – Made an extract or 2 from volume 4 Watson's Chemical Essays
in readings to take the volume to the library directly after dinner – From proposition 24 to 27 lib. 6 Euclid –
Latinized part of the translation of Epistle 2 Brutus to Cicero. Directly after dinner walked to the library
then went to Northgate and spent the afternoon and drank tea there – my uncle Joseph sitting up in one of the front

Just before going into bed read from p.32 to 74 – of little venus unmasked vide (25 July)
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rooms upstairs – look[ing] – better than I expected – the running of the water from the orifice almost abated –
Dur[ing] tea my aunt speaking of the attention she had always paid my uncle etc etc – told me to
my no small astonishment that she had never had any connection with him since his first attack of hemorrhage [haemorrhage](that is for the last nineteen years) she said he “had never shewed the least inclination for it and had never had any erection” (meaning of the penis) that she was assured he had had no connection with any woman during this nineteen years and that in point of virility he was not worth much the circumstance is conclusive
enough especially as it has not been at all my aunt’s fault - Got to the lecture about 7 – an hour afterwards it began, but I had quite enough of it – these astronomical lectures have not been worth attending and I am glad they are done – Got home 20/60 after 8 – Rain, tho’ not very heavy, all the way through, I was obliged to change my clothes – The day fine and fair, tho’ occasionally very lowering.

Fri[day] 26
+ 8 50/60
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Fr[om] p.329 to 342 volume 1 Lecons de l’histoire – Propositions 27 and 28 lib. 6 Euclid –
the remainder of the morning’s study in the 2d of “the Epistles of Mr J Cicero to M Brut[us]…” In the afternoon
r[aad] pp.156 volume 5 Watson’s Chemical Essays – Misses Sarah, Maria, and Emma drank tea with us, came at 5 and stayed till near 9. High wind in the morning, and indeed, during the day – but m[uch] higher towards night – several heavy showers of rain in the morning -- wet with small after[noon] 6 in the evening – Barometer 1¹ above much rain, Heavy rain between 9 and 10 p.m - my uncle m[uch] as yesterday
(Fahr[enheit] 56° at 9 p.m – 59 1/2 at 10 a.m.)

Sat[urday] 27
7 1/4
11 20/60
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R[aad] fr[om] p.78 to 85 Longinus – fr[om] p.76 to 83 Smith’s, and fr[om] p.54 to 58 Welsted’s translation
r[aad] fr[om] p.157 to 299 volume 5 Watson’s Chemical Essays the remainder of the volume to p.375,
being in Latin (Institutions Metallurgicae) I shall not trouble myself to read at present – I like the work very much it is written in a popular and pleasing style and the utile de dulce most successfully blend\(ed\) – \(\text{Read after supper last night and (also read)}\) in the course of \(\text{the evening}\) of 

A narrative of the Briton’s voyage to Pitcairn’s Island; including an interesting sketch of the present state of the Brazils and of Spanish South America. By Lieut\(\text{enant}\) J Shillibeer, R.M. Illustrated with 16 etch\(\text{ings}\) by the auth\(\text{or}\) from drawings on the spot. 2d Edit\(\text{ion} – \text{London}. Print\(\text{ed}\) for Law and Whittaker No.13, Ave Maria Lane, Ludgate Street 1817." 1 vol\(\text{ume}\) 8vo [octavo] pp.180.

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\(\text{Read Sunday 28 September 1817}\)

My unc\(\text{le}\) went to Northgate in the afternoon and found my unc\(\text{le}\) much the same as he has been for some days past – tho’ he got downstairs to dinner – A rainy boisterous day – the wind very high, particularly towards night – Barometer 1º below rain and Fahr\(\text{ahrenheit}\) 53º at 9 p.m. - * my unc\(\text{le}\) L.- [Lister] was alarmed by observing th\(\text{at}\) my unc\(\text{le}\) Jos[eph]’s arm was very much swelled a circumstance which we have known to have occurred before -
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6 1/4
11 1/4

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A wetish bluster(in)g sort of morn(in)g th[at] none of us went to Ch[urch] – Aft[er] Ch[urch]
Wrote to Marian (M[arke]t Weighton) to give th[e]m an acc[oun]t of my unc[le] Jos[eph] –
mentioned how he had gone on fr[om] last Fri[day] week to yester[day] when my unc[le] L- [Lister] thought him
m[u]ch worse, and was m[u]ch alarm[e]d – Heard my unc[le] and aunt r[e]ad 1/2 the service, and r[e]ad psalms
and lessons to myself – In the aft[ernoon] r[e]ad fr[om] p.113 to 180 end of Shillibeer's narrat[ive] of the
voyage of the Britons to Pitcairn's Is[lan]d in 1814 – There is an interest[in]g acc[oun]t of the
meet[in]g there w[i]th the progeny of the mutinous crew of the Bounty Capt[ain] Blight (sent out in
1780) Fletcher Christian 1st Lieut[enant] or chief mate and head of the mutineers shot by a black, while work[in]g in his plantat[i]on 2 yea[rs] aft[er] his settlement in Pitcairn's Is[lan]d (in 1782) John Adams, the only one of the crew
remain[in]g, and he a ven[erable] old man, ab[ou]t 60, whose exemplary conduct of his lit[tle] colony
deserves to recommend him to the pardon of his country for his past offence –
worse of himself th[a]n necessary yester[day] and my unc[le] L- [Lister] alarms seem subsid[e]d for
the present – the swell[in]g in the left arm, it turns out, had been com[in]g the last 3 or
4 days, and mo[re]a rheumatic gouty affect[i]on th[a]n anything else – In the ev[ening] r[e]ad al[ou]d serm[on]
14 and my Aunt r[e]ad al[ou]d serm[on] 16 Polwhele, my throat being out of order fr[om] r[e]ading too
long all[ou]d yester[day] – A showery boisterous day – the wind gone down tow[ard]s ev[ening] Rain
and a tremendously high wind dur[in]g last night – wint[er] draws and the weath[e]r gets
cold – Fahr[e]nheit 51 1/2 at 2.p.m. and 50 at 9.p.m. Barom[eter] 1° bel[ow]

Mon[day] 29
6 1/2
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Fr[om] p.352 to 365 Lecons de l'hist[oire] – Propositions 33, B, C and D, the 4 last propositions of lib. 6 Euclid –
Fr[om] 1 to 2 o'clock, [r]ead al[v]er[y] carefully the 3d and a lit[tle] bit of the 4th of "the epistles of M.T. Cicero…"
In the aft[ernoon] walk[e]d down to N[orth]gate sat an hour and 1/2 there, and got home to tea – F[ou]nd my
Unc[le] Jos[eph] not so well as I expect[e]d fr[om] the acc[oun]t brought by my aunt yester[day]. The left
arm had felt numbish for some days, but itch[e]d ver[y] m[u]ch on Fri[day] n[i]ght and the swell[in]g

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came on in the course of Sat[urday]. Fr[om] the appear[an]ce of the hand today, it is evid[ent]ly distend[e]d to the utmost extent of the skin w[i]th wat[er]. There is a transparency ver[y] unlikely to indicate a rheumatic gouty affection w[h]ich as I underst[an]d fr[om] my Aunt Anne Mr Sunderland had call[e]d at – I think my unc[le] a good deal w[i]thin these few days – his legs, tho’ so thin, are evid[ent]ly swell[e]d and watery – he complains of feeling, as it were, a sort of belt of wat[er] round the low[e]r p[ar]t of the abdomen – of gr[ea]t lassitude and pain at the bottom of his back – In short he has ev[ery] symptom of soon fill[in]g ag[ai]n – He had a tolerable n[i]ght, was poorly dur[in]g the morn[in]g, but rath[er] bet[ter] just when I saw him –
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Sat[urday] 4

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My unc[le] seems now to have made up his mind about entailing the eestate he mentioned his determination of breakfast and said he would do it but that it might be as well to wait a while to see how my uncle joseph went on Staid

Sun[day] 5

6 3/4

11 1/2

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home – Read the psalms and less[ons to myself – Aft[er] tea read aloud sermon 15 and (sermon 16 being read last Sun[day]) my sermon 17. Polwhele – A fine day but cold – Barometer at Fair and Fahrenheit 47 1/2 at 9.p.m. – Dur[ing] supper read from p.578 to 597 Davy’s El[ements] [of] Chem[ical] Philos[ophy] -

Mon[day] 6
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Vc

Note fr[om] Emma Saltmarshe to apologize for not hav[ing] return[e]d mine and my Aunt’s call (hav[ing] been laid up w[ith] an Erysipelas and a cold and th[e]n occupi[ed] w[ith] visit[ing] etc etc) to say she was “equipped” to come on Sat[urday] morn[ing], but was prevented by callers of th[at] she was going to Liverpool as yest[erday] morn[ing] – A soon as were ready aft[er] break[fast] walk[e]d w[i]th my aunt to Hipperholme to call on the Miss Hudsons – f[ound] only Miss H[udson] at home, Sat[urday] 1/2 an hour and got back by 20 min[utes] bef[ore] 1 – Came upstairs and read fr[om] p.401 to 410 vol[ume] 1 Lecons de l’histoire then feel[ing] rather sickish and sleepy took 1/2 hours nap in my chair -
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In the afternoon read from p.547 to 571 end of Davy’s Elements of Chemical Philosophy—a work which has interested me exceedingly and which I mean to read again by and by—Walked down to North gate and found my uncle Joseph tho’ very poorly, yet rather better than yesterday and having had a rather better night he expected—Dr Paley was called in and attended him between 3 and 4 in the afternoon for the 1st time since his present illness—Indeed it is some years since he attended him before—

Finding my aunt taking her drive in the walk, and fancying my uncle’s talking over affairs, walked up to Mrs Veitch’s and staying about 10 minutes—after leaving her, sat 1/2 hour at North gate and my uncle Lister (who had spent the day there) and I got home to tea a little after 6—

In the evening read over again from p.63 to 81 Davy’s Chem. Philo. Elements of Chemical Philosophy and pp.32 beside preface pp.7 of “A description of the Feroe Islands containing an account of their situation, climate and productions; together with the manners and customs of the inhabitants, by the Rev’d G. Landt. Illustrated with a map, and other engravings. Translated from the Danish. London. Printed for Longman, Hurst, Rees and Orma, Paternoster row. 1810”—

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R[eal]d Wednesday 8 October 1817

My throat and chest much better but I will not venture on the flute—Fine day, but cold and no sun, except a momentary gleam or 2 in the afternoon Barometer almost at Fair and Fahrenheit 47º at 9 p.m. No frost this last day or 2—Began shearing the wheat—

Tuesday 7
6 1/4

11 5/60
R[eal]d from p.145 to 154 Longinus—from p.133 to 140 Smith’s, and from p.93 to 100 Welsted’s translation—Fr[om] p.410 to 423 volume 1 Lecons de l’histoire—Did Propositions 6, A and B, lib. 5 Euclid and from proposition 14 to 17 of the data—20 minutes’ nap and then from 1 1/4 till 2 r[ead] 2 of the Epistles the 6th fr[om] Brutus to Cicero, the 7th fr[om] Cicero to Brutus—In the afternoon and evening r[ead] from p.33 to 372 Landt’s description of the Feroe Islands—

My Aunt dined at North gate—my uncle Joseph had had a pretty comfortable night and seemed rather better and in between sp[ent] an hour yesterday—A fine day but cold and no sun—Barometer 1° below Fair and Fahrenheit 46º at 9 p.m.—Flute 1/4 hour during supper—

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said he might continue some time, there was no saying how long, but gave no hopes of his recovery – A fine day, but cold and no sun – Barometer 1º below Fair and Fahrenheit 46º at 9 p.m. Flute 10/60 hour during –

Thurs[day] 9
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11 1/4
R[ea]d epistle 8 and 9 M T Cicero to Brutus and to M. Brutus – Direct[ly] after dinner walk[ed] down to the library and th[e]n to N[orth]gate (where my Aunt Anne had din[ed]) Found my uncle Joseph[eph] ver[ry] poorly – had a bad fit of cough[ing] when I went in – and had had a bad night – Fanny (the housemaid) yesterday asked Mr Daniel Mitchell, 1 of Mr Sunderland’s apprentices, what Dr Paley and Mr S[underland] thought of her master – he said he might live 3 months, or 3 weeks, or less, or, indeed, it was difficult to say how long – but that his “inside was quite gone” – My Aunt and I got home a little after 6 – A fine day tho’ no sun – Barometer 3º below Fair and Fahrenheit 48 1/2 at 9 p.m. Flute 1/3 hour during dinner – After tea read pp.36 of “A system of Chemistry in 4 volumes. By Thom[as] Thomson M.D. Lecturer on Chemistry in Edinburgh. volume 1. Edinburgh; Printed for Bell and Bradfute, and E Balfour, G and J Robinson, London; - and Gilbert and Hodges, Dublin. 1802”
4 volumes 8vo [octavo] volume 1 pp.503 volume 2 pp

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R[ea]d to p.248 volume 1
Sun[day] 12 October 1817 and to p.307
Fri[day] 7 November and to p.350 12 November

Fri[day] 10
+ 9
11 10/60
Fr[om] p.443 to 456 volume 1 Lecons de l’histoire – Fr[om] proposition 30 to 39 Euclid Data = Beltween 1/2 past 1 and 2 r[ea]d Epistle 10 Cicero to Brutus and after dinner r[ea]d the preface pp.39 of “Trav[els] thro’ the Bannat of Themeswar, Transylvania, and Hungary in the year 1770. Described in a series of letters to Professor”
Ferber, on the mines and mountains of these different countries. By Baron Inigo Born, Counsellor of the Royal Mines in Bohemia. §
For which is added the Vida below –
Translated from the German, with some explanatory notes, and a preface on the mechanical arts, the art of mining, and its present state and future improvement. By R E Raspe, In nova feranimus mutates dicere formas. London. Printed by J Miller, no.6 Old Bailey; For G Kearsley, no.46 Fleet-Street. 1777 1 volume 8vo [octavo] pp.320 exclusive of preface pp.39 and index pp.20 –

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Read Wednesday evening 15 October 1817

In the afternoon and evening read from p.37 to 161 volume 1 Thomson's Chemist. My uncle L [Lister] dined at Northgate – my uncle Jos[eph] had a pretty good night and has been a good deal better today – Dr Paley and Mr Sunderland attended him early in the morning – Fine day, but no sun – Barometer 1º above Changeable and Fahrenheit 46 1/2 at 9 p.m.
Flute 1/4 hour during supper –

§ to which is added John James Ferber's Mineralogical history of Bohemia.
Oct[ober] Sat[urday] 11

6 40/60
11 20/60

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Sun[day] 12

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Barom[eter] 3 1/2 ab[ove] Chang[e]able and Fahr[e]net 47 1/2 at 9.p.m –

+ Vid. Fri[day] 7 Nov[embe]r

Mon[day] 13

6 40/60
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Too late to read any Latin – Had a letter from Marian (Market Weighton) saying nothing, as it were, but that they were all well and my mother would write soon – In the afternoon and evening read pp. 179 Born’s Travels through the Bannat of Themeswar etc – My aunt dined at Northgate – my uncle had a bad night and was but poorly – A remarkably fine day – a good deal of sun – Barometer at Fair and Fahrenheit 48 1/2 at 9 p.m. During supper looking in the gazetteer (Brooke’s) for an account of places in Hungary and therefore no time for the flute –

Tuesday 14
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9 8/60
Sick and retching all the night, and got up with a bad head-ache and feeling very bilious – In the morning sorted out all Isabella’s letters to me, from 1810 to the present day, and all mine to her (which she gave into my possession before going abroad) from 1810 to the autumn of 1816 – Put proper dates to some few of my letters that wanted them and put a date on the outside of all of them for the sake of arranging and referring to them more readily – In the afternoon and part of the evening read from p. 180 to 249 Born’s Travels in Hungary – My uncle dined at Northgate – my uncle Joseph but poorly – Dr Paley called in the morning – and after wards he and Mr Sunderland at 4 in the afternoon when they tapped my uncle and took from him about 7 quarts and a pint of water. i.e. as much
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ab[ove] 7 quarts this time as there were under the last – He was not at all sick – and bore it
as well he did bef[ore] – Mrs Ral[ph] (Horley Green) call[ed] on my Aunt th[i]s morn[in]g and told her
how ill Mr W[i]llia[m] Rawson (Savile Green) was – th[a]t he himself did not expect to recov[er] but
has s[aid] “He was going to leave them soon” – and Dr Paley did not wish to give his opin[ion] of
a day or 2 – Mr R- [Rawson] s[aid] it was the compl[iant] w[i]th w[h]ich he had been so long troubl[e]d –
digestion – my Aunt sent to inq[uire] aft[er] him th[i]s aft[ernoon] and came upstairs at 8 – A ver[y] fine day –
had had a bad night – but had just had a longish sleep and seem[e]d bet[ter] for it – Ver[y] bil[ious] and poorly myself
all the day – rath[er] worse in the ev[ening] and came upstairs at 8 – A ver[y] fine day –
Barom[eter] 1º bel[ow] Fair and Fahr[henheit] 46º at 9.p.m. – wrote the whole of my journ[al] (exc[luding] the
1st line) just bef[ore] gett[in]g int[o] bed – Had a cup of strong green tea as I was undressing –

Wed[nesday] 15
8 40/60
11 1/4
to din[ner] (2) look[ed] ov[e]r Isabell’s let[ter]s to me and mine to her in stan[t] 18:11 and 12 – spent an hour
ov[e]r th[e]m in the aft[ernoon] and c[ould] only re[a]d a page or 2 of Born’s trav[els] bef[ore] it got too dark –
finish[e]d th[e]m in the ev[ening] i.e. r[e]ad, altogether, fr[om] p.231 to 320, being the whole of Mr John
James Ferber’s mineralogical hist[ory] of Bohemia – th[i]s work c[ould] be interest[in]g to none but
a miner, mineralogist, or geologist – Born is not always happy to hypothesis – judge of
Ferber who speak[in]g of the coal bed at Kladraw not far fr[om] Pilsen in Bohemia, asks –
“But what is the coal bed itself? I say, it is the continuat[ion] of the argillaceous slate at
Kladraw, penetrat[e]d in th[i]s by petroleum; accordingly it is not, as commonly, a modern
flat, accumulat[e]d on the primitive m[oun]t[i]n rock at Kladraw, but it is a p[lay] and a continuat[ion]
of th[a]t ver[y] primitive m[oun]t[i]n. Some of my read[e]rs will, I am confid[e]nt th[i]s assert[ion] in
variance w[i]th the com[mon] opin[ion], accord[ing] to w[h]ich coal-beds are gen[erally] consid[ered] as constantly
belong[ing] to the modern accumulat[e]d flats (flözberge) and as nev[er] mak[ing] p[art] of the mo[re]
simple anc[ient] or primitive m[oun]t[i]ns; but as coals are argillac[eou]s slate penetrat[e]d w[i]th)
petroleum, I see no reas[on] why nature sh[ould] not saturate w[i]th the same substan
ty any argillac[eou]s slate, wheth[er] it be of an anc[ient] or a mo[re] mod[ern] origin; and I am the mo[re]
of th[i]s opin[ion], as we are far fr[om] being convinc[e]d th[at] petrol[eum] is on[i]ly to be f[oun]d in
modern beds.” Born’s trav[els] p.300/320 – Ferber proceeds and at length concludes in these
words – “The conclus[ion], w[h]ich I am to draw fr[om] th[i]s, is, th[at] coals are not constant[ily] f[oun]d
in the mod[ern] flats, but th[at] anc[ient] and [prett[e]d] primitive argillac[eou]s slate is likewise now
and then, saturated and penetrated by petroleum. This may be probably observed in many other places. Should it not perhaps be the case of the coal-works in the high and shaggy mountains of the Habichwald near Cassel [Habichtswald near Kassel] in Hesse? there are several others, which I suspect to be of the same
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nature. However, I wish, that intelligent naturalists might examine this. My adventurous opinion compare it with nature, and confirm or refute it by exact observations. It is of some importance to the naturalist, nay even to the miner, since it accounts and will account not only for the horizontal and soaring, but likewise for the vertical situation of coals. Born’s travels and Ferbes’s mineralogical history of Bohemia – My Aunt Anne dined at Northgate today – My uncle Joseph had a good night – quite free from phlegm – and was as well today as could be expected. My uncle L. [Lister] went down in the morning to witness and see my uncle Joseph sign some powers of attorney (which came by this morning post thro’ the hands of Messrs Rawsons – bankers) in readiness to sell out his funded stock – Mr William Rawson better today – got in 15 hattocks of wheat this morning. Barometer 2º above Changéable and Fahrenheit 45º at 9 p.m. no time for the flute during supper as I have been writing my journal.

Thursday 16

9

11 1/2

Spent all the morning looking over and tying up Isabella’s and other letters – Directly after dinner went to Northgate – My uncle L. [Lister] dined there – found my uncle Joseph quite as well as could be expected – he had had a very good night – Dr Paley attended him in the morning – My uncle L. [Lister] asked Dr P. [Paley] how Mr William Rawson – He said as much as that there was no chance of his recovering – that he was in a very dangerous way and with the same complaint as my uncle Joseph’s, a bleeding from the liver – Got home to tea – In the evening look[ing] over an old portfolio of papers, extracts, letters and copies of letters etc etc – began directly after tea and did not leave off till 1/2 past 10, when the Barometer was 3 degrees above Changéable and Fahrenheit 43º. A wildish, showery day – very cold, and thick in the evening – no time for the flute – this general rummage among my letters and papers takes a great deal of time, and puts me sadly out of my way – but as I have never had my things fairly set to rights as they ought to be, ‘tis high time to begin, if I mean to get it done in my life time.

Friday 17

8 10/60

11 1/2

Spent the whole morning in ruminating out and siding my great canteen that stands in the landing place leading to the upper kitchen chamber. In the afternoon and evening look[ing] over and arranging old

Sat[urday] 18
6 40/60
11 50/60
Read from p.201 to 209 end of Longinus de Sublimitate – from p.175 to 180 Smith’s and from p.127 to 132 end of Welsted’s translation of the treatise on the Sublime – Welsted has given a translation of the fragments § of Longinus but Smith has not which I regret, tho’ I do not think Welsted’s translation quite so bad as Smith says in the preface to his own – Looking over and arranging old

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let[ter]s – My heart bled at the rememb[rance] of the past – Poor girl! She did ind[eed] love my truly –
My unc[le] went to N[orth]gate but did not stay din[er] as my unc[le] Jos[eph] was so ver[y] m[u]ch
bet[ter] he thought ver[y] “lit[tle] ailed him” and he had almost done w[i]th his doctors –
library) and had one to say M- [Mariana] (Lawton) was bet[ter] and had been prevent[e]d finish[ing] her let[ter] in time
for Thursday’s p[o]st by hav[ing] been call[e]d off to settle a cabal am[usin]g the serv[an]ts –
Barom[eter] 2º ab[ove] and Fahr[enheit] 43º at 11 p.m. –
Fahr[enheit] 43 at 10 a.m. –

Sun[day] 19

11 1/2

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All went to morn[ing] Ch[urch] – In the aft[ernoon] r[ea]d the service and wrote a let[ter] § to M- [Mariana] (Lawton)
not take his opiate pill, and had a bad n[i]ght, in conse[quen]ce of w[i]hich he was poorly to
day – A fine day – Barom[eter] not quite 2º ab[ove] and Fahr[enheit] 43º at 9 p.m.

Fahr[enheit] 43 at 10 a.m. –

Mon[day] 20

9

11 10/60

L

I wish th[i]s business was ov[er] – It makes me sadly low – I know not what to think
of π [Mariana] she certainly has not merited my implicit confidence at least
her conduct has been very inconsistent The rest of the aft[ernoon] and all the ev[ening] made
he had a good n[i]ght and was a good deal bet[ter] today, but complain[e]d of being shaken by
his drive Dr Paley thought him bet[ter] in the morn[ing] – A fine day – Barom[eter] 1 1/2º ab[ove]
and Fahr[enheit] 43º at 9 p.m. –
no time for the flute – Ind[ee]d I can[no]t settle reg[ularly]y to anything till I have done w[i]th th[j]s
dismal rummage am[on]g let[ter]s and papers –

§ At the conclus[io]n, aft[er] ask[in]g M- [Mariana] to make a parcel of all the let[ter]s she has of mine up to the pres[ent] time
and send th[e]m fr[om] Manchester the next time they go, I add[e]d “A miniature w[oul]d do m[u]ch to make me
happy – Rememb[er] th[i]s M [Mariana], and when in ev[ery] respect conven[ien]t, let me have at least the semblance
of th[a]t friend my heart has lov[e]d so well – Not ev[ery] one my d[ea]r M- [Mariana], has felt for you a regard
mo[re] true th[a]n th[a]t of y[ou]r faithful and affect[ionate]. AL- [Anne Lister]”
11 40/60

Spent the whole of the morn[ing] in look[ing] ov[er] the correspond[ence] bet[ween] M[ariana] and me at the close of 1814 and beginn[ing] of 1815. She certer[ainly] behaved very ill and very inconsistently; her conduct will by no means bear a cool deliberate scrutiny. it seems a strange mixture of selfishness and weakness and the more I reflect upon it the less firm is she in my high opinion and confidence her letters argue a versatility of feeling quite unaccountable on the supposition of her affection having been real and disinterested. I have asked for her picture and I am anxious to have it but it is rather to possess the semblance of what fancy formed than experience has proved to be of angelic kind. I shall sigh over the picture off imagined excellence mourn such waste of love and happiness and learn I trust to grow wiser in future.

Direct[ly] aft[er] din[ner] walk[e]d to H[alifax]—went to the library paid Mrs Farrar, the dress mak[e]r, a bill of my moth[er]s — 7/7½ dat[e]d 23 Apr[i]l 1815 — did 1 or 2 oth[e]r lit[tle] things and sat 1 1/2 hour at N[orth]gate — my unc[le] Jos[eph] had a pretty good n[i]ght but was not so well today — Mrs W[illia]m Rawson better —


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Ver[y] good –


Wed[nesday] 22  
7 25/60  
11 1/2  
correspond[ence] bet[ween] M- [Mariana] and me in the beginn[in]g of 1815 – Whatever might be her regard for  
me it is very plain it bore but I very subservient proportion to her regard  
for what are commonly termed the good things of this world I was in love or surely  
I could not have been so blinded and acted with such doting folly oh that I could  
have then given her up without a struggle In the aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] r[ea]d fr[om] p.129 to 247
end of “The art of preserving the sight” — I think it an excellent little work — well
worth purchasing and ought to be read frequently — walked on the terrace for an hour just before
tea — soon after wards John Oates came (about my Aunt’s spectacles) and sat talking till supper time —
I never mind him but went on reading and talked — now and then — the business about Mrs Prescott’s
coals, between Mr Norris and Hinchcliffe Walsh and company settling the other day — Hinchcliffe and company to pay, in all, £993 and the costs of both sides — so much for loosing my uncle’s coals, so much
for loosing Pitchforth’s, and after the 150 guineas per acre for the coals belonging to Mrs P. — [Prescott] for
they had been trespassers — My uncle Lister din’d at N[orth]gate — Dr Paley and Mr Sund[erland] did not
my uncle Jos[eph] m[uch] worse today — has been confined in his bowels th[i]s is the 3d day —
just before supper r[ead] p.26 of “Comparative views of the state of Great Britain and Ireland;
as it was, just before the war; as it is since the peace. By George Chalmers, FRSSA — “it is better that the King[dom] sh[ould] be in good
Estate, with particular loss to some of the people th[a]n th[a]t all the Peo[ple]
Sh[ould] be well, and the State of the King[dom] altogether lost.” Bacon.
Lond[on]. Print[ed] for J Egerton, Bookseller to the Ordnance,
Military Library, Whitehall. 1817” 8vo [octavo] pp.96 –

Pamphlet
Thurs[day] 23 Oct[ober] 1817
ministerial, and very good

Ver[y] fine day — Barom[eter] 1° ab[ove] Chang[ea]ble and Fahr[enheit] 43° at 9 p.m — wrote down
a few short recollect[ions] of M’s [Mariana] just before getting into bed —

Thurs[day] 23
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11 1/4
gave me 5 p[ounds] note, and my uncle 5 p[ounds] in silver. Looking over my money and arranging
these matters till considerably after 12 my aunt only knows of my having eleven
pounds nine shillings and six pence but by having taken the value of seven shillings from this
sum I have besides a hoard of two five guinea east riding notes bowes bank
three pound notes rawsons two gold guineas 15 shillings and six pence in silver and
5 quite new shillings and 8 quite new six pence making altogether sixteen pounds
16 shillings and 6 pence — Fr[om] 1/2 past 12 till 2 looked over [Mariana] and made extracts from M’s [Mariana] let[ters] of Dec[ember]
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and r[ea]d also pp.216 of “Trav[el]s in the Ionian Isles, Albania , Thessaly, Macedonia etc, Dur[in]g the y[ea]rs 1812 and 1813. By Henry Holland, M.D. FRS etc
Lent to my Aunt Anne by Mrs Ralph of Horley Green Tues[day] 14 Oct[ober] 1817

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Fri[day] 24
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11 20/60
Dr Paley and Mr Sunderland f[ou]nd my unc[le] Jos[eph] ver[y] poorly tho’ his bowels were reliev[e]d soon aft[er] I came away yest[er]day. He was seiz[e]d for a few min[ute]s dur[in]g din[ner] today, tho’ not quite so bad, in the same way as yest[er]day – For the last week his hiccough has been constant, or at least w[i]th small intermiss[i]on dur[in]g the day – Rain bet[w]een 7 and 10 in the morn[ing] – A damp drizzly disagreeab[le] day – Barom[eter] 1/4 deg[ree] ab[ove] chang[e]able and Fahr[enheit] 42º at 9 p.m. – Flute 1/2 hour dur[in]g sup[per] –

Sat[ur]day 25
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11 10/60
Vc L

Lawson (Dr L’s [Lawson] wife) Lendall York – being in the same way as my uncle Jos[eph]. She has been tapped once and is about to undergo the operation again – In the evening and during supper from p.82 to 175 Holland’s Trav[els] – very fine day – Barometer 1 1/4 degrees below changeable and Fahrenheit 41 1/2 degrees at 9 p.m. –

Sunday 26
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11 20/60

LL
Before breakfast wrote a few lines to my mother to say my uncle Jos[eph] had been a good deal worse this last week – went to morning church by myself – called at N[orth]gate as I returned – my aunt spent the day there, and my uncle sat an hour after church – my uncle Jos[eph] was sat up with last night (Fanny till 1 1/4 and Thomas the rest of the night) and had a bad night – Dr Paley and Mr Sund[erland] found him very poorly – My aunt added a few lines, confirming the bad account I had given, before she sent my letter to my mother (Market Weighton) – Had a letter from Marian (Market Weighton) to say Mrs Inman had caught a bad cold, after her confinement, which had flown to her right breast – that it had suppured, and though relieved, Mr Inman thought her in imminent
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Mon[day] 27
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11 25/60
Vc

my Aunt's spectacles and sat talk[ing] ab[out] coal pits etc etc till supper time 9 o'clock – Barometer 1º below rain and Fahrenheit 40º at 9 p.m. – acc[ount] of the given ab[ove] the middle of the page -
Oct[ober] Tues[day] 28
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int[o] bed last n[i]ght – Strong determinat[i]on of blood to the head w[i]th a prick[i]n[g sensat[i]on all
ov[er] it – heaviness and confus[i]on – pulse feverish – Ind[ee]d I did not expect being so well
today as I have been – I have not been right for some days – Look[ing ov[er] these
let[ter]s does not agree w[i]th me – Alas! the remembrances and reflect[i]ons to w[hi]ch they give
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Nov[ember] Sat[urday] 1
+ 9 1/4
11 1/4

Let[ter] fr[om] M- [Mariana] (Lawton) still unab[le] to get rid of her cold – been at a book sale at
him, and Jagger, the sadler, sat w[i]th him in the ev[ening] 20 min[ute]s talk[in]g him news) and has been bet[i]r
today – Dr P- [Paley] and Mr S- [Sunderland] saw him in the morn[in]g – He seems to have no idea of fill[in]g ag[ai]n
and is in 8d sp[i]rits – Fine day, rath[er] windy – Barom[eter] at Fair and Fahr[enheit] 42° at 9.p.m.

Sun[day] 2
9 11 20/60
L
Aunt hav[in]g a bowel compl[ain]t and I hav[in]g not been well these few days did not intend going – wrote
Note fr[om] my Aunt L- [Lister] say[in]g my unc[le] h[a]d h[a]d a good n[i]ght and was doing well –
R[ea]d the serv[ice] both morn[in]g and aft[ernoon] and in the aft[ernoon] wrote 3 pp[ages] and cross[e]d the 1st p[age] of a
lett[er] to M- [Mariana] but did not send as W[illia]m had been at the P[ost] O[fice] once (w[i]th my let[ter] to
Moth[er]) and it was besides a wet ev[ening] bet[ween] 8 and 9 r[ea]d al[ou]d the 21st and last of Polwhele’s
Dur[ing] sup[er] wrote my journ[al] and cross[e]d the 2d and 3d pp[ages] of my let[ter] to M- [Mariana]

Mon[day] 3
8 11 1/2
L
1817 I have been think[in]g, my love, as the post now goes out so m[u]ch earl[ie]r and you
are so hurr[ie]d, I will be content[e]d to hear fr[om] you on[l]y ev[ery] oth[er] Sat[urday] – In th[i]s case,
suppose we write alternat[ivel]y ev[ery] Thurs[day], so th[at] I shall hear fr[om] you one Sat[urday] and you
fr[om] me the next – What think you of th[i]s plan, Mary? It will leave you rath[er]
mo[re] at liberty, and, if you will be punctual, I will prom[ise] to be satisf[i]ed – It pleas[e]d me
exceed[ingl]y th[at] you h[a]d thought of gett[in]g y[ou]r pict[ure] for me bef[o]re I ment[i]one d it – I long to have
it, but, assure[d] of your [tak[ing] the 1st opport[unity], shall wait patient[ly] – The whole of my
let[ter], as you will perceive, excluding these ends, was writ[ten] yester[day], and you sh[ould] have h[ad] it,
as us[ual], by yester[day]'s post, but the ev[ening] was really too bad to send Will[ia]m so far – My
unc[le] and Aunt beg the kind[est] love – be assure[d] of mine, and believe me, Mary, faith[ful]ly and
the Inn keep[er], Brown, the confect[ioner], and Strickland, the tailor, went to Paris togeth[er] 2 or 3 m[o]nths
ago – Strick[lan]d has writt[en] the tour, and I hear his M.S. [manuscript] is in gr[eat] request – flatter[in]g to an
auth[or] on his first attempt – It is a cur[ious] composit[iion] – I w[ould] give a good deal to see it” –
York) –
Novemb[er]
call[e]d to inq[uire] aft[er] Mr Will[jia]m Rawson – saw Mrs R- [Rawson] for 5 min[ute]s – She s[a]id he was a good deal bet[ter] was able to sit up a lit[tle] in an adjoin[in]g room, but h[a]d still a gr[eat] deal of pain, at times, in his bowels, tho’ m[o]st of his bad symptoms h[a]d left him and she hop[e] he w[oul]d recover w[i]t[h] care, tho’ it w[oul]d be long bef[o]re he c[oul]d get up his strength ag[ain] – Call[e]d also tonig[ht] aft[er] Mr Knight whom I suppos[e]d not yet yet recov[ere]d fr[o]m an inflammatio[n] in his bowels – Agreeab[ly] surpris[e]d to f[i]nd he had preach[e]d on Sun[day] and n[ea]rly as well as ev[er] ag[ain] not hav[in]g h[a]d an inflammatio[n] but a ted[iou]s passage of gall-stones – He was in agony for 20 hours, and Dr Paley gave him 10 gr[ams] of cal. [calomel?] in the space of 1/2 hour – F[i]ndin[g] him afloat ag[ain] and my unc[le] Jos[eph] being going on so well, resum[e]d the subj[ect] of my studies – of how m[u]ch I h[a]d forgett[e]d and how lit[tle] he was to expect, and it was agr[e]ed th[at] I shou[ld] recommence my attend[an]ce on him tomor[row] at 3 o’clock – I am to go Tu[es]day Thurs[day] and Sat[urday]s – be there each day a 3 and stay till 4 – I feel hap[py] at the idea of gett[in]g int[o] a prop[er] train ag[ain] and only hope I shall be able to make good progress – Got to N[orth]gate 1/4 bef[o]re 5 and s[t]ay[e]d till ½ past – F[ou]nd my unc[le] Jos[eph] quite as well as when my Aunt Anne saw him in the morn[in]g – He h[a]d h[a]d a comfort[able] night, was just awak[e]d fr[om] a comfort[able] sleep when I went in, and seem[e]d doing well – He was to get up at 7 to have his bed made, and sit up 1/2 an hour – In the ev[ening] writin[g] out the rough draft of an index to the 3d vol[u]me of my journ[al] – A remark[a]bly fine day – beau[tifull] aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] the air as mild as new milk – Barom[eter] 2° ab[o]ve Chang[e]able and Fahr[enh]heit 48° at 9.p.m. Brought my flute home (the newer one) th[at] Whitley has got Sugden to clean up for me – It is m[u]ch improv[e]d and I can now play w[i]t[h] pleasure – Flute 20 min[u]tis dur[in]g sup[per]
Nov[embe]r


Ver[y] lit[l]e of vulg[ar] fract[i]ions and noth[ing] of decimals, unless it was to add cyphers in

extract[i]ng sq[uare] roots – I think I c[oul]d hard[i]ll[y] manage a cube root – I h[a]d done the

1st 6 books of Eucl[lid] twice ov[er] and just beg[u]n mechanics – I have lately done the

1st 6 b[ook]s of Eucl[lid] tw[ice] ov[er] and in addit[i]on 30 prop[osition]s of the Data – Howev[er] I have forgott[e]n the lit[l]e I knew of mechan[i]cs, tho’ prob[abl]y a few days, perhaps hours will be enough to regain it – Just ask[e]d Mrs and the Miss Knights how they did

think[ing] it civ[il] so to do the 1st time of my going – Got to N[orth]gate ab[out] 5 st[aye]ld

20 min[ute]s and got home to tea – My unc[le] Jos[eph] h[a]d not h[a]d so good a n[i]ght being hurr[ie]d

by gett[ing] up twice aft[er] his clyster at 7 yest[er]day ev[ening] and feel[ing] a lit[l]e inconvenience


so well durf[in]g the day, but seem[e]d poorly and in low sp[iri]ts – Dr Paley h[a]d not been

fancy[in]g it unnecess[ary] as he h[a]d left him going on so well yest[er]day. In the ev[ening] writ[ing]

out a rough draft of an ind[ex] to vol[ume] 3 of my journ[al] – A remark[abl]y fine day –


Wed[nesday] 5

7

11 1/4


(i.e. as long as it was light – till aft[er] 5_ and ev[ening] mak[in]g ext[acts] fr[om] Dr Holland’s Trav[el]s

Both my unc[le] and aunt went to N[orth]gate in the morn[in]g, but return[e]d to din[ner] as my aunt

L- [Lister] thought they h[a]d bet[ter] do so, my unc[le] Jos[eph] being to be kept ver[y] quiet and tak[in]g a nap aft[er]
din[ner]. He h[a]d a rath[er] bet[ter] n[i]ght and was rath[er] bet[ter] today, tho’ alarm[e]d while my Aunt Anne was


Flute 1/2 hour just before tea –
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11 25/60
Before breakfast looking over the Greek grammar and Bonnycast's algebra. Set off a little after 11 and called at Horley Green saw Mrs Miss Sarah and Miss M Ralph, sat 20 minutes and went for a walk to rain, (small) and got to Mrs Veitch's in 1/2 an hour – It was fixed she should come here for a night or 2 next Thursday – dried myself and went to Mr Knight at 3 – the 1st sum he set me was in algebraic addition – finding I made light of this set me some sums in algebraic long division and fractions – Gave me a couple of algebraic theorems to work, very easy. and here my examination ended – He said nothing to this effect, but I was evidently much better than he expected. It was agreed that Tuesday and Thursday should be mathematics days, and Saturday dedicated to the Classics – I am however to take a Latin exercise every time I go – went to the library and stayed near a half hour reading Southey's letter (about 40 8vo pages) to William Smith esquire M.P. [Member of Parliament] on the subject of the speech he had made in the house of commons on my uncle's behalf to Southey. It should be prosecuted. Southey was about 20 (since when he has become better) and surreptitiously published without his knowledge or consent – the letter is a severe but a very good one – called at Northgate (at 5) found Dr Paley there (his 2nd visit today) my uncle Joseph having been attacked at 1 o'clock p.m. vomiting, had brought up when I got there – Dr Paley thought, at least 3 gills of blood it being much mixed with the contents of the stomach quite fresh – He had been very much harrassed with his last night's clyster, the stomach assist[ance] of his opium pill, had a tolerable night – A very fine morning but thick fog and small rain came on at 2 p.m. and continued all the afternoon till about 8 when the rain was heavier for a while – Barometer 1 degree below Changeable and Fahrenheit 47° at 9 p.m. – Ab[out] 10 p.m. William Green got back from N[orth]gate where he went to inquire after my uncle – the message was he had vomiting on Sunday evening and was tolerably composed.

§ Mr Edwards had just been at the sale (at Hodsock Priory near Blyth in Nottinghamshire) of the furniture, books etc – belonging to the late Mr Mellish who died about 6 months ago – every thing was sold – even pictures painted by himself – and Mrs M's [Mellish's] harp and piano – She (the widow) will not have a sixpence left – and the creditors will not get a shilling in the pound – as the estate goes to his sister Mrs Chambers, a widow, and her son – She is now in Italy and Mrs Mellish is gone to her Hodsock Priory and the estate between 2 and 3000 acres was

notw[i]thstand[in]g th[i]s he was an immense size when he di[e]d alm[o]st as big as Lambert who weigh[e][d] 70 stones and went ab[ou]t as a shew some few y[ea]rs ago – Lambert was a nat[ive] of Leicester
Bef[ore] break[fa]st did a few lines in the begin[nin]g of the Electra of Sophoc[les]. Will[iam] brought an
accoun[t] of my unc[le] Jos[eph] at 1/2 past 9, say[in]g, He h[a]d thrown up blood last night
ev[ery] hour as reg[ularly] as the clock struck, and was ver[y] ill ind[eed] th[i]s morn[ing] 

Let[ter] fr[om] Marian (Marke[t] Weighton) to say Mrs Inman contin[ue]d just the same – that

My Aunt rode to N[orth]gate at 11 – Sent a few lines by her (left open for her to add a p.s. [post script] in ans[wer] to Marian’s let[ter]) and to give this melancholy accoun[t] of my unc[le]
Jos[eph] – Mar[ia]n ment[ion]s als[o] my moth[er] being ill – hav[in]g got a ver[y] bad cold – h[a]d the cramp in the stom[ach] and a bad pain in her right side for w[hich] she was just going to put on a blister – 
In sm[all] quant[ities] (the blood not fresh since 9 o’clock last n[i]ght) my unc[le] besides 
n[i]ght when Will[iam] (who h[a]d been sent to make inq[uiries]) came away, he has contin[ued]
Just lean[e]d ag[ai]nst the bed post, and his voice was strong – For 3/4 hour before din[ner]

Vid. Sun[day] 9
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§ Vid. Sun[day]
12 Oct[ober] and
30 October

Saturday 8

7

11 35/60

Before breakfast from line 36 to 86 Sophocles Electra – Thomas came up about 9 to say to say my uncle Joseph died a few minutes past one this morning – My Aunt Anne went to Northgate immediately after breakfast, my uncle and I followed at 11 – stayed till 8 in the evening and returned in a chaise – My Aunt Lister and Aunt Anne had got the meeting over before we got there – my uncle went into the room to them directly, but was so overcome, he was obliged
to hurry out again, and was several minutes alone in the dining room, before he could compose himself to return – my Aunt L-[Lister] has really shewn a great deal of fortitude, and tho' very much affected, was quite as well as one could expect – She said she like[d] to talk of my uncle and told us variously how he had gone on since yesterday evening – wrote a few lines to my father [in] post, to announce the melancholy event, and say, if he leave my mother, that was no time to be lost, as I feared, from the state in which my uncle Joseph died, the funeral must be soon – Just before dinner Miss Stead, the mantuemaker came, and bombasins and stuffs were sent over from Milnes, and bombasins from Butter's – chose mourning for the two women servants from the former place, and from the latter 50 yards (a whole piece) bombasins at 4/9 for ourselves – the servants had each 8 yards 6/8 wide twilled stuff at 2/4 and 3 1/2 yards of the same for a petticoat – Once thought of returning home to dinner, but a little rain came on, and besides on 2nd thoughts it seemed better to stay – Well I did, as I was the principal person to choose the mourning and give orders to Miss Stead – Just before coming away Fanny went with me to see my uncle. He was laid out in the North room where he died, and looking quite as well as he did when I saw him last, about 2 months ago, as she was preparing to get up, she for a moment saw, very distinctly, a black figure, large as life, standing at the foot of the bed, that the fright made her almost sick, but she had never mentioned it to anyone till now, tho' she had in her own mind, before the death of her brother Oswald, she distinctly saw a
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a black figure, of the same appearance, rush past her, in broad day light, as
she was going along one of the passages in her fater's house at Frimley (ab[ou]t 20
m[ile]s fr[om] Lond[on]) – This and the sight of my uncl[e] litt[erall]y left such an impress[i]on on
me, that all the while I was undress[ing] to get int[o] bed, I kept aim[o]st involuntar[ily]
look[ing] round, as if myself expect[in]g to see some apparit[i]on stand[ing] by – whatev[er]
peop[le] may say, I believe there are few minds at all times capab[le] of
resist[in]g impress[i]ons of th[i]s kind – what must be his terrors whose conscience
is for ev[er] upbraid[ing] him w[i]th acts of villainy? – we h[a]d hardly got to N[orth]gate th[i]s
morn[ing] bef[ore] Fanny brought in the melancholy intelligence of the Princess
Char[lotte] of Wales hav[in]g died a few hours aft[er] being brought to bed of a still-born
male child on Thursday –

Sun[day] 9
7 50/60
11 50/60
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Bef[ore] break[fas]t wrote a couple of pp[ages] to Miss Marsh (Micklegate York) to tell
her of my uncl[e] Jos[e]ph's death – brief[i]ly than[k][e]d her for her last let[ter] and ask[e]d her to
send me Mary Best's address – At[er] break[fas]t – Wrote my aunt the copies of two
letters which My aunt wrote to Major Gen[era]l Fawcett 47 Bloomsbury Square
uncle
a copy of what he should send to the London paper My uncl[e] wrote the follow[in]g –
"To the edit[or] of the Lond[on] Packet – Sir – The famil[i]y will be m[uch] oblig[e][d] to you to insert
the follow[in]g in y[ou]r next pap[e][r]: 8 Nov[embre] 8 Nov[embre] at Northgate-house, Halifax,
publisher as the paper directs – wrote my let[ter] to Miss M- [Marsh] ov[er] ag[ai]n and kept what
I h[a]d 1st written as a cop[y], wrote also 2 1/4 pp[ages] to M- [Mariana] (Lawton) and was just going to
seal it, when Will[i]am brought me a let[ter] fr[om] her say[in]g she h[a]d been distra[ct][e][d]
with the tooth-ache – durst not let Wolfenden draw the teeth, they were so
brok[e][n] C- [Charles] h[a]d made her an offer of going to York to have Mclean, and ask[in]g
my advice wheth[er] to go or not – to th[i][s] I hastily repl[i][e][d] "Self preservat[i][o][n] is the
1st law of nat[ure] – I see no object[i][n] to y[ou]'r going to York – but rememb[er] th[at] you
have Louisa at y[ou]'r elbow" – add[e][d] also “the same post has brought a let[ter] fr[om]
Marian to say my moth[er] has been confin[e]d to her bed since Tues[day] w[i]th an inflammatio[n] on the lungs – I look at those around me and see th[at] all the fortitude and presence of mind I can command are necessary” – Marian’s let[ter] dat[e]d Sat[urday] 8 Nov[embe]r 1817 is to my Aunt – Aft[er] say[in]g my moth[er] h[a]d been confin[e]d to her bed since Tues[day] and th[at] if she was “not m[u]ch worse”, my fath[er] w[ou]ld be w[i]th us as tomorrow mom[in]g – she proceeds “I am ver[y] sorry to tell you my moth[er] is ver[y] ill – She h[a]d got a ver[y] bad cold w[hich] she increas[e]d on
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“Read slow that I can hear you’ my Mrs th[e]n beg[a]n the pray[er]s for the sick, and he
made gr[eat] efforts to say something (to make the responses) but he c[ould] not –
when my Mrs h[ad] r[ea]d a lit[tle] he s[ai]d ‘Stop – stop – I’m all in a perspirat[io]n –
‘Have you done? Shut the book’ – these were the last w[ord]s my mast[er] s[ai]d and he
spoke th[e]m ver[y] plain[ly] th[i]s was ab[ou]t 10 min[ute]s aft[er] 12 – He was ev[er]y aft[er] quite
compos[e]d and went off w[i]thout a groan – one w[ou]ld have thought he was on[ly] fall[in]g
asleep – at exactly 5 min[ute]s past 1 by his own watch th[a]t was hang[in]g up
‘in the room’ – My aunt observ[e]d him chang[e]d ab[ou]t 10 (p.m.) his lips swell[e]d
and it is remark[a]ble th[at] when my aunt h[ad] done pray[in]g, and he s[ai]d ‘----- shut the book’
his voice was quite nat[ura]l, his lips reduc[e]d to th[eir] prop[er] size, and he look[e]d mo[re]
like himself th[a]n my aunt rememb[ere]d him to have done dur[in]g his illness –
on a slate my journ[al] of yester[day]. Just bef[ore] going to bed, drank Isabella’s health and
happiness, it being her 32d birthday – A rainy disagreeab[le] day – Barom[eter] 3 1/2 ab[ov]e rain, and Fahr[enheit] 49° at 9 p.m.

Mon[day] 10
8 3/4
11 1/2

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10 and 11, and my unc[le] and aunt soon foll[owe]d (my aunt on horseback) we all
din[e]d there – wrote a few lines to Marian (M[arke]t Weighton) to say my fath[er]
h[a]d h[a]d a comf[ort]able journ[ey] and arriv[e]d safe, and th[a]t the fun[era]l was to be on Thurs[day] morn[in]g
(the cook being so big take 9 1/4 y[ar]ds) at 4/6, and twill[e]d stuff at 1/8, it being ver[y] good
and there being no bet[ter] – my unc[le] als[o] ord[ere]d at Milne’s the same morn[in]g for his 3 men
as he h[a]d done for Will[i]a)m Weeder and Peter – Thom[as] is to have the best superfine
broad-cloth – Miss Ibbetson just bef[ore] din[ner] and sent hats, or rath[er] bonnets, in the aft[ernoo]n
she sent Miss Tennant to speak ab[ou]t th[e]m – I made a point of being civ[il] to Miss T- [Tennant]
(whom by the way I h[a]d nev[er] seen bef[ore]) as being the d[au]ght[e]r of Dr Belcombe’s sister –
Inq[uire]d aft[er] her moth[er] who is a sort of teac[h]er to the Miss Ibbetson, sist[er] to the 2 Miss
Ibbetsons the Millin’s, who open[e]d a board[in]g and day, school in the town ab[ou]t 2 y[ea]rs ago –
ask[e]d if they h[a]d heard fr[om] York lat[e]ll[y], and told her Mrs B- [Belcombe] h[a]d h[a]d a bad rheum[atic]
fever, but was now recovered – It was almost too dark to judge, but she seemed a
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Tues[day] 11
7 3/4
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Nov[embe]r Wed[nesdy] 12

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11 50/60

All the morn[ing] and gre[a]t part of the aft[ernoo]n writ[in]g out in th[i]s book my journ[al]s of
w[hich] the follow[in]g is n[ea]rly the whole – “I am hap[py] to tell you Mr Inman thought my
rest last n[i]ght , and he thought the fev[er] not so gr[ea]t and the oth[er] symp[om]s bet[ter] – She slumb[er]s
a gre[a]t deal today, or perh[aps] mo[re] bet[ter] asleep and awake, tho’ perfect[ly] collect[e]d – Mr
In- [Inman] has chang[e]d her medic[in]e today, and I hope I shall be ab[le] to give a mo[re] fav[oura]ble
acc[oun]t tomor[row] ---- P.S. [Post Script] Mr Inm[a]n has just been (1/4 past 4) and thinks my
moth[er] no worse but bet[ter]. She is stil[l] howev[er] ver[y] ill – When I came down
to din[ner] I told my fath[er] how m[u]ch I was shock[e]d and surpris[e]d at th[i]s acc[oun]t; as Marian’s
let[ter] of Sat[urday] to my Aunt h[a]d not at all led me to bel[ieve] my moth[er] in an[y] dang[er].
It app[ears] she was seiz[e]d soon aft[er] she got int[o] bed in the night of yest[erday] week (Tues[day]
4) w[i]th s[uch] diffic[ulty] of breath[in]g – She s[aid] she thought she was going to die – Aft[er] she
reco[v]ered a lit[tle] she h[a]d so viol[ent] a pain in her right side, it seem[e]d as if knives
were runn[in]g int[o] her – Mr I- [Inman] was call[e]d in, and she h[a]d a blist[er] on it on the next
day, but she was all ov[er] in s[uch] acute pain, she hard[ly] knew w[hich] p[ar]t was the
worst – She was als[o] so troub[e]d w[i]th phlegm fr[om] the viol[ence] of the cold she h[a]d got and
was altogeth[er] so ill, th[a]t when my fath[er] ask[e]d Mr I-’s [Inman] opin[ion], he s[aid] she m[i]ght
be chok[e]d at an[y] mom[ent] and he w[oul]d not ans[wer] for her life for an hour – still, howev[er],
for fear of alarm[in]g, my fath[er] suffer[e]d, nay in fact desir[e]d, Mar[ian] to write s[u]ch
a let[ter] as d[i]d not alarm me at all – “thought she look[e]d a lit[tle] bet[ter] in the face”
on Sun[day] and arriv[e]d here on Mon[day] morn[in]g – I told him, th[a]t, in s[u]ch a case, he ought
not to have been so afr[ai]d of alarm[in]g – what an addit[ional] shock it w[oul]d have been
to me if an[y]thing h[a]d happen[e]d – and th[a]t – she m[i]ght ind[eed] have felt herself neglect[e]d
being left at s[u]ch a time, and hav[ing] a child here who nev[er] went ov[er] to see her –
I s[aid] m[u]ch d[i]d not myself set off by tomor[row]’s Mail, but th[a]t, at any rate, he ought to go there – To all th[i]s he ans[wered] not a word –
but as soon as he h[a]d drank his wine (accord[in]g to his determinat[io]n bef[ore] din[ner])
went to N[orth]gate – Mrs Steel (Marian’s old nurse) hap[pe]nd to be stay[in]g in the house
at the time my moth[er] was tak[e]n ill and is now w[i]th her w[hich] is a gr[eat] comf[or]t –
Walked an hour and 10 minutes in the garden – Mrs Pullein sent to make inquiries
Mr Skelding (the vicar) called and sat 1/4 hour in the course of the morning – Wrote to
M-[Mariana] (Dr B’s Belcombe) Petergate, York) wishing her to spend a few days with me at Shibden
rath[er] than here, hoping we could contrive to go back together and say I could leave here any
day after week – aft[er] tea read from p.339 to 378 vol[ume] 1 Beckmann’s hist[ory] of
Inventions – ver[y] fine day –

Sun[day] 23
8 3/4
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Walked near an hour in the garden – Read aloud one of Paley’s sermons a very good
one on the state after death – Miss Inman called aft[er] church and sat 1/2 hour. T.T.L-
as she is going to Beverley tomorrow – She brought the child with her, a little Amethy
Marian – shy, put on a bad countenance and did not seem at all prepossessing –
wrote to my aunt Anne (Shibden) – Aft[er] tea read from p.378 to 462 end of vol[ume] 1
Beckmann’s hist[ory] of Invent[io]ns – Ver[y] fine day – Box with 2 pair shamoy shoes fr[om] Hornby’s one pair for my Aunt –

Mon[day] 24
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Dawdling and talk[ing] to Marian – Just began[ning] my walk in the garden when Mr Inman
called (at 12 or a few minutes before) and sat till after 2 – He ment[ioned] the case of a six months
child, born at Hull a little while ago, when [hi]ch liv[e]d some time – accoucheur Mr Craven –
ment[ion]ed also the case of Cattle, broth[er] to Cattle that was in partnership with Prince the silver smith in York at the river head (2 1/2 mile fr[om] Market Weighton)
M[araniane] said, he believed they were the same at heart as ever and that, if they had the power
they would be as bigoted and sanguinary as ever. He hop[e]d the Rom[an] Cath[olic] bill w[oul]d nev[er] pass
that he had once had some conversation with the present Archbishop of York, the honourable and rev[erend] Dr Vernon, and speaking of the King's insanity, his grace had observed, it was certainly owing to domestic annoyances and the Catholic bill which, he fancied, he could not sanction without violation of his coronation oath—the archbishop however plainly gave it to be understood that he himself was of a very different opinion with respect to the coronation oath and thought his majesty might have agreed to the bill very safely on that account—Mr Inman while on the subject of Roman Catholics said that some of them had no religion that Mr Atkinson, the surgeon of York, reputed a Roman Catholic was of Roger O'Connor's religion for that he (Mr A- Atkinson) had told him (Mr I- Inman) that as for Jesus Christ, they said a great deal about him—a great deal of stuff and nonsense—he believed there was such a man and he might be a very good man but he believed nothing more nor did he believe a great deal of stuff they said—As for his (Mr A- Atkinson's) children, he had allowed them to be brought up Protestants, because he thought
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there were mo[re] protests in Eng[land] than anything else – (Roger O'Connor had a trial in Ireland the other day – a prosecution of a gentleman who had said something against his character – for perjury, the highest trial I think he lost – this O'Connor – being questioned as to his religion, before he was put up his oath and desired to swear on the new testament, which trial I think he lost – this R.O'C – Roger O'Connor – being questioned as to his religion, before he was put up his oath and desired to swear on the new testament, the if I remember rightly he had acknowledged that there was a god) Mr George Jackson called and sat an hour with my father and did not see Maria or me in the afternoon and evening. Read pp. 120 volume 2 Beckmann's history of inventions – Very fine day – sat up talking to Marian about Miss Jackson and her brother Mr George Vernon – making remarks on the letters she had received that it was a mere scheme laid between them to catch her if they could, that Miss J's friendship was the bridge to go over – such a packet, when they knew my poor mother was still dead in the house, was a glaring impropriety which proved their impatient anxiety about their plans – this Miss J's saying – "He has no fortune it is true; but I should rather think he visits you merely for your fortune, but let me beg of you for consideration of our friendship, to think more favourably both of yourself and of him as my brother my dear Marian I feel both for his honour and his happiness – etc etc unriddled the concern pretty clearly to me, to say nothing of Mr J's letter which I was well persuaded had been written expressly for the purpose to which it was applied – (vid. Thursday 20 November) In short, after giving it much serious advice, I told her I could see no good likely to result from any connection with any part of the family, and if Miss J- Jackson never wrote any more Maria would have no real loss to regret – Maria wrote the copy of an answer this morning plainly enough refusing, in a letter Mr J's attentions, but as affectionate and kind to Miss J- Jackson as if her friendship formed half the happiness of Maria's life – I advised her giving some assurance that fortune would be an object of very different import from what Miss J- Jackson was pleased to surmise –

Tuesday 25

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Walked an hour in the garden – Mr Inman drank tea with us and stayed till 10 – I think he is clever in his profession, but his general knowledge will never set the Thames on fire – Besides, if what I hear from --- my father and Marian
be correct, he is a great bully, a great coward, and a great blackguard – However I think it best to be civil – he is so certain – Speaking of the Princess Charlotte’s death –, he said it was a sad business – that she evidently died of exhaustion – that the labour had been too long, and she had suffered too much – that Sir Richard Croft knew the consequence of an heir to the throne, but if he had another such case tomorrow he would certainly destroy the child to save the mother –
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In the course of the day, r[ea]d fr[om] p.121 to 252 Beckmann’s hist[ory] of Invent[io]ns vol[ume] 2
the morn[ing] remarkable[ly] fine – air frosty – the dirty roads dried up – the whole day ver[y] fine –
but when I got in[o] bed, at 3 o’clock, the street and house tops were white w[i]th snow –
the 1st we have h[a]d (where I have been) th[i]s wint[e]r –

Wed[nesday] 26
9 1/4
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Aunt Anne Shibden (H-x [Halifax] – as my fath[er] will go to Ch[ur]ch on Sun[day] my unc[le] and Aunt think
of going als[o]. my unc[le] has ord[ere]d 10 mourn[in]g rings (pret[ty] ab[ou]t 30s) at Radfords
Leeds – “5 suitable for gent[lemen], and 5 for lad[ie]s – the lat[e]r to have hair and desir[e]d th[e]m to be
made neat and fashion[a]ble” – my 2 aunts, Mrs Farrer, my sist[er]
myself, make up the 10 – wrote out my journ[al] of yest[erday] and Mon[day] –
I came upst[ai]rs at my fath[er]’s desire – sat up talk[ing]g to Mar[i]a about the Jacksons – Mr
Eden, his neph[ew] Mr Mitton, aff[airs, Mr Inman etc etc advis[e]d Mar[i]a to consult
and tell my fath[er] ev[ery]thing, and by all means to shew him Miss J’s let[ter] and its enclosure –
the day soft but fair and rath[er] cold –

Thurs[day] 27
8 3/4
12 1/2
L L
Let[ter] fr[om] M- [Mariana] (Dr Belcombe’s, Petergate, York) where she will rem[ain] a fortnight or 3 weeks
could not give me a bed, I sh[oul]d be at Miss Marsh’s, and thought of going be the Highflie
at 6, or mail at 7, in the ev[ening]g of next Sun[day] week (7 Dec[ember]) Mr George Jackson
call[e]d – D[it]to Mr Dales of York – Mar[i]a and I being upst[ai]rs, d[id not see eith[er] of th[e]m
Mar[i]a told m fath[er] th[i]s business ab[ou]t Mr George J- [Jackson] and offer[e]d to shew him the let[ter]s
but he w[ould] not see th[e]m, made no comment, but th[at] the want[e]d the Grange and he
c[ould] not spare it yet, ask[e]d Mar[i]a[n] if she h[ad] told me, and hear[in]g she h[ad], s[aid] I was
to write the cop[y] of an ans[wer] for her – He was pleas[e]d howev[er], I daresay, th[at] Mar[i]a[n] h[ad]
She and anoth[er] wom[en] were walk[ing] togeth[er] across a field to Pockington – She stopp[e]d and s[aid] “I
M[arch] and call[e]d to see old Simon Appleton (a farm[e]r there) who told th[e]m he h[ad] been at school at
Weighton w[i]th Mr Battle, who was born in the y[ea]r 1730 – In the aft[ernoon] and ev[ening] r[ea]d pp.153
vol[u]me 3 Beckmann’s hist[ory] of Invent[i]ons – A fine day -
Walk[e]d an hour in the gard[en]. Delightful morn[in]g - Wrote to Miss Marsh
(Micklegate York) s[ai]d I w[ou]ld accept her offer of a bed, spend a few days w[i]th her
and be w[i]th her ab[ou]t 9 in the ev[ening] of next Sun[day] week (7 Dec[embe]r) - In the aft[ernoo]n and ev[ening]
Sat up talk[in]g to Mar[ia]n -

Sat[urdaiy] 29

H[a]d just walk[e]d 1/2 hour in the garden when Mr Inman call[e]d and st[a]id n[ear] an hour and 1/2
w[i]th us, and st[a]id till 20 min[ute]s to 11 - Speak[in]g of Dr Belcombe, he s[ai]d, he was consid[ere]d a needy
man, and t[ha]t he cert[a]inly practis[e]d surgery as well as physic - He ment[ione]d a flagrant inst[ant]
of t[h]is t[ha]t he himself knew to have occurr[e]d w[i]thin the last few months - An old man
of the name of Whitaker, form[er]ly a land-jobber and farmer, and who now lives in M[arke]t Weighton,
consult[e]d Dr B- [Belcombe] on a surgical case, the Dr kept him 3 months and dur[in]g t[ha]t time operat[e]d
up[on] him, i.e. us[e]d a katheter twice ev[ery]day - The poor man fancy[in]g no one else c[oul]d do as
well, happen[e]d, however, aft[er] t[h]is to require assist[an]ce here, he call[e]d up[on] Mr I- [Inman] in the n[i]ght
who d[i]d so well t[ha]t he was quite satisfied and ment[i]ne[d t[h]i]s to Dr B- [Belcombe] who, notw[i]thstand[in]g, s[ai]d
he h[a]d bet[ter] return to him for a lit[t]le while ag[ai]n, and if I understood rightly, the man
3 m[on]ths[l]ong[e]r, the Dr himself us[in]g the instrument as before - I ask[e]d Mr I- [Inman] what short
system of physic he w[ou]l[d recommend just to give me an insight int[o] the profess[i]o]n, he
ans[were]d Dr Thomas’s practice of physic, 1 vol[ume] 8vo [octavo] - A new edit[io]n pub[lishe]d t[h]i]s year - and
for anatomy, Fife’s, 4 or 5 vol[ume]s 8vo [octavo] - Fine mild day, but not at all thick -

Sun[day] 30

Mr Inman call[e]d to go to ch[ur]ch w[i]th us (w[hi]ch beg[i]ns 1/4 bef[ore] 11) and my fath[er], Marian and
myself sat w[i]th him in his pew - He walk[e]d back w[i]th us and st[a]id an hour - In t[ha]t aft[ernoo]n
my fath[er] and Mar[ia]n r[ea]d al[ou]d the psalms and chap[t]er[s and I r[ea]d al[ou]d a one of Paley’s

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Thurs[day] 4
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Mrs Empson sent a serv[an]t ov[e]r fr[om] Walkington w[i]th a let[ter] of condolence, and an invitat[i]o[n] to myself and Marian - As the serv[an]t wait[e]d for an ans[wer] and w[ou]l[d] not get off horseback, I wrote in a hurry, and, briefly thank[in]g her etc, thought it bet[ter] not to go ov[e]r at pres[ent]; for I c[oul]d on[l]y spare her one day or 2, and, besides, hop[e]d to spend some
time with her in the spring - Mrs Skelding called and sat 3/4 hour, bought me, as a present from Mr S-[Skelding], 2 petrifications, a miller's thumb; and something like a cockle shell and, besides, a very nice specimen of plumbago, just as it was taken from the Borrowdale Mountain about 10 miles from Keswick in Cumberland - Mr S-[Skelding] sent me, to look at, a Roman edition of a small work of St. Chrysostom's - In the evening Mr Inman sent me, to look at, a specimen of the granite of which the Egyptian pyramids at Giza are built, and also a specimen of the stone of Pompey's pillar at Alexandria – Vid. Saturday 6 December - Sat up making an extract from volume 4 Beckmann's history of Inventions - The day fair - frosty in the morning - damp, raw, and cold towards night - In the course of the day, read from page 384 to 647 end, excluding index etc, of
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Ve[r]y good indeed.
Fr[om] the Beverley Subscript[i]o[n] library.

‘A hist[ory] of Invent[i]o[n]s and Discov[erie]s by John Beckmann,
Public profess[o]r of Economy in the University of Gottingen.
Trans[late]d fr[om] the Germ[a]n, by Will[i]a[m] Johnston. 2[n]d edit[i]o[n],
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4 vol[ume]s. 8vo [octavo] V[olume] 1 pp. 488, the last 26 pp. contain[in]g a list of authors
quot[e]d and an index. V[olume] 2 pp. 423, the last 31 pp. index etc.
v[olume] 3 pp. 461, the last 27 pp. ind[ex] etc. V[olume] 4 pp. 682, the last 35 pp. ind[ex] etc.

I know not when I have r[ea]d a work w[i]th so m[u]ch pleasure as the ab[ov]e - Each vol[ume] is
exceed[ingl]y interest[in]g, but partic[ularl]y the 2 last, w[h]ich, as embrac[in]g mo[re] chem[ica]l subjects
have afford[e]d me m[u]ch val ua ble informat[i]o[n] and m[u]ch delightful amusement - I did
not, as usual, write down the title page when I beg[a]n the work, for fear I sh[oul]d not
have the opportunity of finish[in]g it; as I am afr[a]id the edit[i]o[n] we have in the H[alifa]x lib[rary]
is not the same. (The 1st inst[e]ad of 2[n]d, I fancy, and on[i]ly 2 vol[ume]s.) The B.S.Lib. [Beverley Subscription Library] establish[e]d last autumn but one.

Fri[day] 5
9 20/60
1 3/4
Mar[i]a[n] and I call[e]d on Mrs Pullein; the 2 Miss Buttons who reside at the Vicarage; to see Mrs Hopwood,
who help[e]d to nurse my poor moth[er] in her last illness; Mrs Arden; Phebe Buck,
the old leech wom[an]; Mrs Midgley, wid[ow] of my fath[er]'s late ten[ant] at the Grange farm; went to
Kirby’s shop, the best in the town, and, apparentl[y], a good one for linen drapery and grocery; to
see my old friend Tommy Patrick, Blacksm[i]th, whitesm[i]th, clock-maker etc, who has
been overseer of the poor, and told me t[he]ir mainten[an]ce cost £1,000 per an[um], h[a]d done for the last
3 or 4 y[ea]rs, at least w[i]thin a few pounds one way or oth[er]. T[ha]t till lately form[er]ly the sum of the bills p[ai]d us[e]d to
be entered in gross, but now every bill was set down at full length, and they had a proper ledger of reference - that Leonard Robinson (a farmer, one of the most substantial, respectable men in the town) was now overseer, that he had just received an order from government to make out an account of the expenses of maintaining the poor for the last 17 years, and that he asked Tommy what he would advise him to give in, for he was sure he did not know what government meant to do - upon which Tommy like an honest man advised him to tell truth whatever it might be -; Mrs and Miss Firth; the vicar and his wife, Mr and Mrs Skelding whom we asked to tea; and Mrs Mary Heath Craven - after dinner just looked into St. Chrysostom, and thought I could soon get to read the Romaic - Mr and Mrs
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Got into the coach a little before 6 - The horse was on journeys - 1 inside besides myself, a traveller for a house in Birmingham (in the Birmingham trade, iron goods) a civil intelligent sort of young man who paid me a high compliment on the intelligent kind of questions I asked, and answered them very well - He was on his way from Hull - said the whale fishery had been very productive that they had brought into port 170000 tons of oil - that it was 2 or 3 and 30 pounds a ton, and likely to be 40. He said 36 ships had cleared out from Hull this season, and that the average tonnage of each might be taken at 240 tons - He mentioned the cause, now pending, of Hilvers, a London merchant who is prosecuted by the London merchants in a body for monopolizing the fish oil, he had bought nearly 2/3 of it at 3 or 4 and 20 pounds a ton while it was now selling at 2 or 3 and 30 - Hilvers pleads that he has done only what the London merchants would have done and have been accustomed to do, and if he has it will be cheaper on account of his having bought it than if they had got it - Of the Hull people, as well as my companion, seemed satisfied, and were anxious for him to get his trial - Speaking of the iron bridge at Sunderland, my companion said the toll for a foot-passenger was 3d. on a weekday and 6d. on a Sunday - the commission toll for a gig was 2/6, for a chaise 4s., and a chaise and 4, I think, 7s. - I asked him his travelling expenses - He said that when travelling in his gig, he charged the firm (he himself was a partner and son to 1 of them) a guinea a day, but that, when travelling by coaches, he charged 17s. a day and coach hire - Breakfast, tea, and supper, each 1/6, dinner 2s., besides wine of which every traveller was expected to take at least a pint, at 6s. or 6/6 a bottle - waiter 6d. a day - chambermaid 1s. a night and boots 2d. for a gig cleaning 1/6 - 6d. or 1s. a night to the ostler, I think 6d - keep of a horse 4 guineas a ton - beat 3 or 4 and 20 - Stopped at the White Horse in Coppergate a few minutes before 9. Took a chair to Miss Marsh's lodgings at Hansoms' in Micklegate - She was at Mr Duffin's, and she and Mr D- [Duffin] came to give me the meeting - Not expecting to see him, his coming increased my agitation and tears, was obliged to leave the room a little, and behaved very foolishly - Miss M- [Marsh], who had read my last letter to Mariana (from Marke Weighton) in which I alluded to the misunderstanding in which I alluded to the misunderstanding in which Raine, contain[ed] a copy of her will, - made M- [Mariana] tell her all about it, and, in her (Miss M- [Marsh]) way, mentioned it to Mr D- [Duffin] and me.
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direct[ly], and made us prom[ise] to talk it ov[er] and be as cordial friends as ev[er]. I am cert[ainl]y
oblig[e]d to her, and ver[y] glad of it; as it has giv[e]n me uneasiness to reflect th[at] th[e]re
sh[ould] be any[thing] disagreeable tow[ar]ds one to whom I am so greatl]y obli[g]e[d] - Sat up
out a wet ev[ening] and n[i]ght –

Mon[day] 8

9 1/4
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M- [Mariana] came ab[ou]t 1/2 past 9 to break[fa]st - She came to me in my room as soon as I was
dress[e]d - Felt a good deal agitat[e]d at see[in]g her, yet behav[e]d ver[y] well - A doub[le] let[ter]
from my Aunt Anne, (Shibden) enclos[in]g a £10 bank of Eng[land] note, the remain[in]g 1/2 of the
leg[a]cy left me by my unc[le] Jos[eph] - Mr D- [Duffin] came bef[ore] 11, sat ab[ou]t an hour w[i]th us, and
made us all prom[ise] to dine w[i]th t[he]m at 4 - Aft[er] he went, Miss M- [Marsh] wrote to her
broth[er] and M- [Mariana] and I talk[e]d - At 3 I beg[a]n writ[in]g, and, in 1/2 an hour, h[a]d fill[e]d (scrawl[e]d ov[er])
a coup[l]e of sheets - one to my Aunt of acknowledg[emen]t and to say I h[a]d arriv[e]d safe in York,
and one to Marian to communicate th[is] last piece of intellig[enc]e - Was rath[er] agitat[e]d
at seeing Mrs D- [Duffin], and, consequ[entl]y, stamm[ere]d a lit[l]le the whole ev[ening] - was introduc[e]d to
Miss Maria Duffin (Mr D-’s [Duffin] niece) and admir[e]d her ver[y] m[u]ch, tho’, in spite of
her fine tall fig[u]re and beauf[i]tiful gait, I know not how it is, but, somehow or oth[er], she
does not strike me as shew[in]g thorough blood - The chair came for M- [Mariana] at 10 -
Miss M- [Marsh] and I sat 1/2 hour long[er] - Ver[y] wet rainy day and night -

Tues[day] 9

8 1/2
1 10/60
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Breakfast[e]d at the D-’s [Duffin] - Call[e]d on Mrs Swann, out of the bar, to thank her for hav[in]g offer[e]d
to the Belcombes to give me a bed while I was in York - Miss M- [Marsh] came in just as I was
tak[in]g my leave - Lest the omiss[io]n sh[ou]ld seem partic[ula]r, call[e]d at the R. Swanns, as we pass[e]d,
but, luck[i]ly they d[id] not rec[e]iVe us - Sat 10 min[ute]s w[i]th Mrs Frances Swann - Return[e]d for
Miss M- [Marsh] and we went togeth[er] to the Belcombes’ - Met Dr B- [Belcombe] in Micklelegate - Call[e]d at
Todd’s and bought the last and 5th edit[io]n, just come out, of Thomson’s Chemist[ry] 4 vol[ume]s.
shew[in]g an[y] warmth to M- [Mariana] - Had a few min[ute]s tête à tête w[i]th Mrs B- [Belcombe] - We got up[on] the subj[ect] of romance - I s[ai]d I h[a]d chang[e]d my man[ner]s to M- [Mariana], as soon as I was prop[erly] told of the folly of t[he]m; but th[a]t my reg[ard] for her was still the same as ev[er]. I am not quite so certain of this M- [Mariana] and I went out - ord[ere]d Parsons to come my hair at 4, and Miss Milner (fr[om] Miss Gledhill’s) to call on me at the B-’s [Belcombe] at 11 tomorr[ow] morn[ing] - In the ev[ening] I was purp-osel[y ver[y] civ[il]y to Eli who seem[ed] by no means displeas[ed] at my civ[ility]. I tried to recall sev[eral] lit[tle] circumst[ance]s to her rememb[ran]ce - She s[ai]d she h[a]d forgott[e]n ev[ery]thing th[a]t h[a]d happ[ene]d since last June - th[a]t she h[a]d t[he]m wip[e]d off all the old as it were w[i]th a sponge, and fr[om] th[a]t time beg[a]n anew, etc etc - She play[e]d some lit[tle] airs to me, and app[eare]d well
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inclined to be agreeable - M- [Mariana] gave me a let[ter] she h[a]d brought me fr[om] Mrs Steph, dat[e]d
7 last month, hop[in]g I h[a]d not forgott[en] my prom[ise] to stand for an M. P. B. [Mariana Percy Belcombe] and say[in]g a
strang[e]r of 1 sort or oth[er] was expect[e]d at Xmas - Mr John Swann drank tea w[i]th us,
and sat by Mrs Milne all the ev[ening]}, while she, Mrs B- [Belcombe], Lou, and Col[onel] Milne play[e]d Boston -
Went home in a chair at 1/4 aft[er] 11 - Sat up talk[in]g to Miss M- [Marsh] - Fine soft day -

Wed[nesday] 10
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12
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Breakfast[e]d and din[e]d at the B-’s [Belcombe] - Let[ter] fr[om] my Aunt Anne (Shibd[en]) - Miss Milner
came at 11, and Mr D- [Duffin] at 12, to walk w[i]th me to Clifton to see Eliza Raine -
She seem[e]d pleas[e]d at my vis[i]t, and expres[s] a wish for me to go ag(ai)n w[hi]ch I prom[ise]d -
1st thing she s[ai]d to me was, ‘Well! So you are in mourn[in]g for y[our] moth[er]! Is
you’r fath[er] going to marry ag(ai)n?’ and t[he]n inq[uire]d aft[er] Mr Montagu - She aft[er]w[ar]ds ask[ed]
me to take off my hat, felt my face, ask[ed] me if I ev[er] wore false faces - and at last s[ai]d, she “believed it was really
my face” - She t[he]n bade me take off my right-h[a]nd glove, and, observ[ed]g the thick gold
ring M- [Mariana] gave me, ask[ed] what I h[a]d done w[i]th the one I us[e]d to wear, t[he]n look[e]d at
my oth[er] h[a]nd, and ask[e]d significant[l]y aft[er] “all my friends” - She ask[e]d me als[o] what
I h[a]d done w[i]th the gold chain she gave me, and what w[i]th her p[ocke]t hand[kerchie]fs - I told her -
and seem[e]d m[u]ch pleas[e]d when I ans[wered]d no! never - In our walk th[e]re, Mr D- [Duffin] and I,
accord[ed] to our prom[ise] to Miss M- [Marsh], h[a]d all th[at] business ov[e]r ab[ou]t Eliza’s let[ter] to him,
contain[in]g her will, w[hi]ch he sent me in Feb[ruar]y 1816, and w[hi]ch, for reas[ons] aris[in]g out of the
and he seem[e]d satis[fied] and appeas[e]d - Mr and Mrs Darvall call[e]d and L[ieutenant] Col[onel] Acklom,
and I walk[e]d
out of Monk bar, and went as far as the 1st turn-pike on the Malton road - Sitt[in]g
ov[e]r the draw[in]g room fire just befo[re] din[ner], it came out th[at] Eli h[a]d been buy[in]g 1/2 lb of barley-sugar
kisses - we all ask[e]d for some, and she refus[e]d - M- [Mariana] s[ai]d she long[e]d, and I instant[l]y went out and got
I ag(ai)n offer[e]d her some in the ev[ening] and she refus[e]d - I ment[i]oned the thing to her just befo[re] I came away,
and s[ai]d I was sor[ry] she h[a]d refus[e]d - I perceiv[ed], tho’ we were ver[y] good friends, gett[in]g rath[er]

*Mrs Bury was niece to Mr Whitaker - She and her husb[an]d live at Ripon, n[ea]r the minster, but have lodg[in]gs th[i]s wint[er] n[ea]r the bot[om] of Micklegate, for the sake of being n[ea]r old Mrs Whitaker -


Nantz paid me th[i]s even[in]g the two pounds she borrowed of me
Thurs[day] 28 Nov[embe]r 1816
Miss M- [Marsh], hav[in]g heard fr[om] Mrs Bury a quere story ab[ou]t Miss Jane Preston’s violent[ly]
abus[ing] both Mr C. B. [Charles Bourne] Lawton and Mariana, at a party at Lady V-’s [Vavasour], on the ver[y] ev[ening] M- [Mariana]
arriv[ed] in York, Mon[day] 17 th[i]s month, s[a]id to her ladysh[ip], as soon as the usual how-d’ ye-dos
were ov[er], ‘Only think Lady V- [Vavasour] of th[at] infam[ou]s Jane Preston!’ Her ladysh[ip] ver[y]
of ver[y] bad charact[er], th[at] he h[a]d brok[en] his 1st wife’s heart, and th[at] th[e]re h[a]d been a
connect[i]o)n bet[ween] him and M- [Mariana], dur[in]g his 1st wife’s lifetime, but th[at] J. P. [Jane Preston], seeing Mrs
Bury and her ladysh[ip] quite unwill[in]g to pay an[y] attent[i]o)n to such abominab[le] scandal,
turn[ed] round to Mr Bury and s[a]id ‘Mr Bury, I do assure you these are simple facts.’
‘Up[on] th[i]s,’ add[ed] Lady V- [Vavasour], ‘wish[in]g to put an end to the thing, I s[a]id, Miss Preston, we are
4 of us, suppose we sit down to cards’ - Miss M- [Marsh] observ[e]d, she wish[e]d the Belcombes
w[oul]d not name the thing, as I d[id] not feel myself the prop[er] pers[o]n, not hav[in]g been one of
those who heard the lady make use of th[i]s shamef[ul] language - but th[at] if I h[a]d,
I sh[oul]d, undoubt[edl]y, have told her at the time, th[at] I sh[oul]d think it right to take an
early opportun[i]ty of repeat[in]g what she h[a]d s[a]id to the fam[i]ly - I, howev[er], ask[e]d Lady V- [Vavasour],
if, in case the Belcombes sh[oul]d get to know it, she w[oul]d have an object[i]o)n to vouch
for what she h[a]d just s[a]id to Miss M- [Marsh] and me - to w[hich] her ladysh[ip] repl[i]ed, th[at] really Miss
J. P. [Jane Preston] h[a]d such a tongue, car[e]d so lit[t]le what she s[a]id of a pers[on], (ment[i]onin)g 2 or 3 instances)
was s[u]ch a charact[er], and h[a]d so man[y] friends in York, th[at] peop[le] w[oul]d not like to have an[y]
quarrel w[ith] th[er] - As to th[at], I s[a]id, if Miss J. P. [Jane Preston] was once made to suff[e]r a lit[t]le for her
tongue, and once h[a]d a prettty good less[o]n on the subject of car[e]ng so lit[t]le what she s[a]id of peop[le],
I sh[oul]d think she w[oul]d be cautious of soon incurr[in]g the penalty of anoth[er] -
Miss M- [Marsh] call[e]d w[ith] me al[so] on Mrs and Miss Hall, and Mrs Stainforth who was daily
expect[in]g her d[a]ught[e]r, poor Ann S- [Stainforth], fr[om] Leeds, whose lip aft[er] being 6 weeks und[er] Mr Hay’s
care, was worse th[at] ev[er] - We t[h]e[n] went to the Belcombes’ - Nantz took me upstai[r]s to
tell me, M- [Mariana] h[a]d h[a]d her 3 stumps of teeth out soon aft[er] break[f]ast, th[at] Husband,
the apothecary, h[a]d drawn t[h]e[m exceed[ing]l]y well, th[at] she h[a]d got ov[er] it bet[ter] t[h]e[n] she expect[e]d,
was lain down on her moth[er]’s bed, and was to be kept quiet - I was just going in to see
her, when, Mrs B- [Belcombe] prevent[in]g me, s[ai]d no one must disturb her till din[ner] time -
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I briefly expressed my opinion that it was not good judgment to prevent my going to her for a minute or two, but that I would at any rate comply.

After a little chat and a lunch at Mrs B[elcombe]’s lodgings, Mrs Darvall came to tea. I saw but little of her, as I went ag[a]in to M- [Mariana] as soon as I had swallowed my tea. She went to bed at 9. I sat w[i]th her till 1/2 past 11, when Miss M- [Marsh] and Mr D- [Duffin] called for me to walk home. Fine soft day - Streets very dirty - but clean[e]r at night there being a little frost.

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Breakfast[e]d at the Belcomb’es, but prom[ise]d to dine at the D.-s [Duffin], and Miss M- [Marsh], who was going to sit an hour or two at the Salmonds’, was to call for me at[er] 3 to walk back w[i]th her - M- [Mariana]’s face bad, worse [t]han yesterday, and she had a d[a]y a bad n[i]ght in spite of 65 drops of laudanum, and d[j]d not get up till 12 - However, a lit[t]le before 11 she herself suggested our having a kiss I thought it dangerous and would willingly have declined the risk but she persisted and by way of excuse to bolt the door sent me downstairs for some paper for that she was going to the close stool. The expedient answered and she tried to laugh me out of my nervousness I took off my pelisse and drawers got into bed had a very good kiss [à] [Mariana] shewing all due inclination and in less than seven minutes the door was unbolted and we were all right again - Just aft[er] breakfast Mrs B- [Belcombe] s[a]id as she h[a]d just heard th[at] Miss Bland, the friend she h[a]d been expect[in]g, d[j]d not come,
she desired and hoped I would take a bed with them in Petergate - Mariana and I talked it over - I did not like a bed to myself in the room next the drawing room on account of Nantz that is Anne Belcombe - It was agreed, Mrs Tatham (the old housekeeper who was abroad with the B's [Belcombe]) and Willy, who was coming from Mr Hornsea's school at Scabra [Scarborough] for the holidays, should sleep there, and I should petition for the little turn-up bed in M's [Mariana] and Lou's room - I mentioned this to Mrs B [Belcombe],
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w[ould] consent to stay w[ith] them on no oth[er] condit[io]n, and it was at last so settled. Miss M- [Marsh] called for me in a gr[eat] hurry at 1/2 aft[er] 3. M- [Mariana] and I were sitt[ing] togeth[er] in Mrs B-'s [Belcombe] lodging room - I just finish[ing] a let[ter] to my Aunt Anne today I w[ould] return by Thursday's or Friday's mail next week - M- [Mariana] was ver[y] unwell, and, as they were go[ing] to have a din[ner] party and she w[ould] be left alone, wish[e]d exceed[ing] th[at] I c[oul]d have stay[e]d w[ith] her - Miss M- [Marsh] w[ould] make me do so, and took my excuses to the D's [Duffin] - M- [Mariana] and I being left a lit[tle] to ourselves, h[ad] some cozy chitchat - She was ver[y] fidgetty and poorly in the ev[ening] and was just going to bed (ab[ou]t 9) when it occurr[e]d to her to ask me, if I h[ad] heard Miss Jane Preston's abominable scandal - I s[ai]d yes! She th[e]n express[e]d vexat[io]n at my not hav[in]g told her; but, on my explain[ing] the whys and wherefores, seem[e]d satisfied - She ask[ed] me where I h[ad] heard it - I s[ai]d at Lady Vavasour's - She (M- [Mariana]) press[e]d me to repeat the whole as she h[ad] on[l]y a gen[eral] idea of it - Th[i]s I refus[e]d, say[in]g, I really thought I was not the prop[e]r person to tell her; but th[at], tho' I declin[e]d doing it myself, I h[ad] no object[io]n to furth[e]r her know[ing] it by nam[in]g the pers[on]s to whom J. P. [Jane Preston] h[ad] address[e]d the conversatio[n], and it was to th[e]m she ought to apply for furth[e]r informat[io]n - M- [Mariana] s[ai]d she knew Mrs Bury was 1 of th[e]m - I s[ai]d yes! Mrs Bury, her husba[n]d, and Lady V- [Vavasour] - M- [Mariana] repeat[e]d to me what she h[ad] been told viz. th[at] C- L- [Charles Lawton] was a ver[y] bad charact[er], th[at] he h[ad] brok[e]n his late wife's heart, and she (M- [Mariana]) and he h[ad] made up matters in his late wife's life time - I own[e]d the informat[io]n was correct, and ask[e]d her author[ity] - but, as she h[ad] giv[e]n her hon[ou]r not to disclose it, I, of course, press[e]d the matt[e]r no furth[e]r - She ask[e]d me to advise her what to do - I s[ai]d I w[ould] not advise her, but I w[ould] tell her what I mysel[f] sh[oul]d do und[er] like circumstances - But 1st, s[ai]d I, consid[er] wheth[er] you w[ould] choose to resent the thing - if not, make no inq[uirie]s; for, if you know it, I think you must feel y[our]self bound to resent it - She determ[ine]d to make J. P. [Jane Preston] smart a lit[tle], and I proceed[e]d to say, were I in her place I sh[oul]d send for Mrs Bury, as soon as her rub[e]rr was ov[er] (she was play[in]g whist in the draw[in]g room, hav[in]g join[e]d the ev[ening] party) say I unde[rstoo]d she was pres[en]t when J. P. [Jane Preston] s[ai]d so and so, and th[at] I sh[oul]d feel myself ver[y] m[u]ch oblig[e]d, if she w[ould] have the goodness to tell me wheth[er] what I h[ad] heard was correct - M- [Mariana] approv[e]d th[at]s plan - I propos[e]d consult[in]g Lou - In the meantime, Nantz came to us - We brief[ly] told her what we h[ad] been talk[in]g of, and ask[e]d her to go and send Lou - Dr B- [Belcombe] th[e]n com[in]g in to ask how she d[i]d, I left the room - Lou and I went upst[a]ir[s] int[o] M- [Mariana]'s and Lou's room, and Lou was quite of my opin[io]n - we soon went down to M- [Mariana] who had told the whole thing to her fath[er], and he, too, was for hav[in]g Mrs Bury sent for - At last (1/2 aft[er] 10) Mrs Bury came, and she and M- [Mariana] and I were left to ourselves - M- [Mariana] open[e]d th[e] sub[ject] as was agreed - Mrs B- [Bury] seem[e]d ver[y] sor[ry] for herself - s[ai]d she w[oul]d glad[l]y do an[y]thing to
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oblige M- [Mariana] or any of the fam[ily], but begg[e]d to have till tommor[row] to consid[er] of it - Th[i]s, of course,
cou[l]d not be refus[e]d, and, aft[er] a few mutual civi[litie]s, Mrs B- [Bury] took her leave - M- [Mariana] and I sat talk[in]g
till 11, both approv[in]g Mrs B-’s [Bury] caut[i]o[n], but as I was to walk home w[i]th th[e]j, M- [Mariana] trust[e]d
to my persuad[in]g th[e]j to come forw[ar]d, tell the whole, and vouch for it - Tho’ a wettish, drizly,
n[ea]r the bot[tom] of Micklegate, and set me to Miss M-’s [Marsh] door - I want[e]d but 10 min[ute]s to 12 by
the Hansoms’ clock (aw[al]ys 10 min[ute]s too soon) and Miss M- [Marsh] was asleep in bed - Express[e]d
my sorrow at disturb[in]g her and told the cause of my being so late - She was glad at
I think fr[om] the light in w[hi]ch I represent[e]d the thing as we walk[e]d home, the Burys will
come forw[ar]d, and tell J. P. [Jane Preston]’s conversat[i]o[n] such as it was -

Sat[urday] 13
8 25/60
12 3/4

Found the D-’s [Duffin] h[a]d h[a]d a turkey etc. for me yest[erday], and th[a]t it was hard[l]y right for me not to
have din[e]d th[e]re - Break[fast]e[d] at the D-’s [Duffin] - Call[e]d on, and sat 3/4 hour w[i]th, Lady Mary
Bury, to say she w[ou]l[d] call in the course of the morn[in]g, and w[ou]l[d] give an[y] explanat[i]o[n]
M- [Mariana] desir[e]d; as she h[a]d consid[er]ed the matt[e]r ov[er], and she and Mrs B- [Bury] thought they ought not to
Mr and Mrs B- [Bury] arriv[e]d - M- [Mariana] sitt[in]g in her mother’[er]s sitt[in]g room on accoun[tt] of her face) sent me
in[to] the draw[in]g room to th[e]j - They s[a]id they h[a]d just been at Lady V-’s [Vavasour], and th[a]t to th[e]j astonish[me]nt
she h[a]d positive[l]y declar[e]d she w[ou]l[d] have noth[ing] to say in the business, and th[a]t it sh[ou]l[d] rest wholly
w[i]th th[e]j to observe a private conversat[i]o[n] § th[a]t she
w[ou]l[d] throw herself up[on] the protect[i]o[n] of the lord judge, and ask him, if she was compell[e]d to
do a private conversat[i]o[n] etc., etc., and such like nonsense - I s[a]id th[i]s was a circumst[anc]e
for w[i]ch I was sure M- [Mariana] was quite unprep[are]d, and I w[ou]l[d] go and ask her what she wish[e]d to
be done - we sent for Dr B- [Belcombe] and left him to advise the Burys wheth[er]r to tell M- [Mariana]
the whole story or not - Dr B- [Belcombe] heard it all, and begged M- [Mariana] m[i]ght be told - On th[i]s M- [Mariana]
and I, and soon aft[er] Mrs Belcombe, went in[to] the draw[in]g room, and heard fr[om] Mrs Bury, confirm[e]d
by her husban[d], the follow[in]g conver[sat[i]o[n] (the whole of what is w[ith]thin invert[e]d commas, is cop[i]e[d]
past 3 p.m. (J. P. [Jane Preston]) Well! Mrs Belcombe will be very happy ton[i]ght she will have all her
child[re]n ab[ou]t her - I hear the Lawton[s are coming] - Mrs Bury d[i]d not know the L-s [Lawton] - d[i]d not
at that moment remember the name. (J. P. [Jane Preston]) Mr L-[Lawton] has an idiot broth[er] who sits at the bottom of t[h]e table, and to whom the prop[ert]y belongs - £6000, a year, and, ind[eed], we all know how it is spent -

“Only think of Miss Mariana Belcombe, who h[a]d a good home of her own, marry[in]g such

§ Her ladyship h[a]d repeat[e]d th[i]s priv[ate] conversat[i]on; for she was the one who told it to Mr Darvall, let alone Miss M-[Marsh] and me, and to how many mo[re] I cannot say -
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*a man as Mr L- [Lawton] - (Mrs B- [Bury]) Why! really Miss P- [Preston], it is ver[y] well we do not all
*think alike - (J. P. [Jane Preston]) But he is such a horrid wretch - Ev[enybody] knows he broke his
*his 1st wife's heart - Mrs B- [Bury] observed th[at] she daresay Dr Belcombe h[ad] thoroughly
*inqu[uire]d and explain[e]d his charact[er] to Miss M- B- [Mariana Belcombe] - (J. P. [Jane Preston]) Oh! I do assure you, Dr B- [Belcombe] was ver[y]
*anx[iou]s [o]n the thing - so were the whole fam[i]ly - Oh! ind[eed] £6000, a y[ear]r, was not to be
*lost, and not to be got every day - Ind[eed] it was ver[y] well known, he only came ov[er]
*for one day to make his offer, and th[e]n no mo[re] till the day bef[ore] the marriage - There
*was no time for courtship, and what does it leave the world to suppose but th[a]t
*th[e]re must have been eith[er] a connect[i]on or an engage[me]nt bet[ween] th[e]m in the late wife's
*life time - Lady V- [Vavasour], aft[er] hav[in]g bef[ore] shewn m[u]ch impatience at the conversat[i]on,
*sai[d, Miss Jane P- [Preston], there are 4 of us, suppose we sit down to cards - On th[i]s
*Miss J. P. [Jane Preston] turn[e]d to Mr Bury and sai[d “Sir, I do assure you what I have just s[ai]d is a
*simple matter of fact” - Th[i]s has just been read to Mariana and Mrs Belcombe who
*were pres[ent] dur[in]g the whole conversat[i]on, and they both affirm, it is correctly what was
*s[ai]d up[on] the subject by Mrs Bury and vouch[e]d for by her husb[an]d in the presence of me
*also A. L. [Anne Lister] - Milne came in, and, like the rest of the fam[i]ly, was ver[y] hot ag[ain]st J. P. [Jane Preston].
*A note fr[om] Mrs John Raper to invite me for Wednesday, and makt[ing] the weath[er] for not
call[ing] th[i]s morn[ing] - the girls went out in the ev[ening] - At and aft[er] tea, Dr B- [Belcombe] and I h[a]d
a good deal of conversat[i]on ab[ou]t the prop[er] way of manag[ing] this affair - He was evid[ently]
home, th[e]n tell him, and let him desire his attorney to write to Miss J. P. [Jane Preston] - I advis[e]d
some legal opin[i]on bef[ore] proceed[ing] to extremities - for instance, Mr Dickons,
as a friend of the fam[i]ly, or Jonath[a]n Grey, as being th[e]i]r attorney and als[o] they s[ai]d a friend of
the fam[i]ly - H[a]d a chair to Miss M- [Marsh]’s at 1/2 past 11. Promis[e]d Mrs Belcombe to go to t[he]m
tomorrow n[i]ght - Wet, disagreeable day –

Sun[day] 14
8 20/60
12 3/4

Breakfast[e]d at the D- [Duffins’] - went to St Martin's Ch[urch] and sat w[i]th Miss M- [Marsh] in Mrs Coates' seat -
Miss M- [Marsh] went w[i]th me to call on Mrs Bury, being commiss[ione]d by M- [Mariana] (who was not yet
able to stir out) to shew Mrs B- [Bury] the summary she h[a]d writt[en] out (tak[e]n fr[om] my pap[e]r) of
what Mrs B- [Bury] told us ye[ster]day, and to ask her if it was correct, and if she w[oul]d vouch for it -
The paper was confirmed by both Mr and Mrs B-[Bury], he, poor man, terribly nervous and afraid of the thing being pushed to extremities - Lady V-[Vavasour], very desirous of knowing what had passed at the Belcombes' yesterday, wished Mrs Bury to call on her today, but the weather being so wet and
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disag[ree]able, Mrs B- [Bury] was writ[in]g a note of excuse, and, foolish[ly] enough, giv[in]g a long accoun[t] of the business, and h[ai]d ment[ione]d my name, as a p[ar]ty concern[ed], in a way w[h]ich I by no means lik[e]d - Luck[ily] I was just in time to stop th[i]ls note, and got Mrs B- [Bury] to say mere[l]y, th[a]t she and Mr B- [Bury] were sor[ry] the weath[er] prev[ente]d th[eir] stirrin[g]g out today, but th[a]t they w[ou]ld call on her ladysh[ip] to morrow[ing] - walk[ed] in into Pettergate to give an accoun[t] of my vis[i]t, and leave the pap[er]r w[i]th M- [Marsh] for furth[er] consi -derat[i]on - Sat w[i]th her till 3, and th[e]n went back to Miss M-’s [Marsh], to be read[y]l to dine at the D-’s [Duffin] at 4 - Just befo[re] tea, got Miss M- [Marsh] to go w[i]th me int[o] the int[o]r front-room, and to play me on the piano - She play[e]d Coolin w[i]th variat[i]on[s] and 2 or 3 Waltzes ver[y] neat[l]ly. I s[ai]d her unc[le] m[ust] be ver[y] glad to have her, and hop[e]d she w[ou]ld remain w[i]th him. She repl[ie]d ‘Oh! no, he w[ou]ld be ver[y] glad to get qu[iet of me’ - s[ai]d she h[ai]d been a year and 1/2, a m[uch] long[e]r time th[a]n she ev[e]r intend[e]d, but th[a]t her sister[s] Miss D- [Duffin] and Ellen were th[e]n on a vis[i]t in Hampshi[re], and she on[i]lly wait[e]d to ret[ur]n w[i]th th[e]m to Ireland - She h[ai]d nev[er] been so long part[e]d, nor, ind[eed], hard[ly] p[ar]tied at all fr[om] Ellen, and was anx[i]ous to get back to her - l[I]s someth[in]g or oth[er] ab[ou]t it being bet[ter] for her to stay where she was, and she burst int[o] tears - we th[e]n went upst[ai]rs to wash our hands - I inquire[d] at[te]r Miss D- [Duffin], sent my love, s[ai]d I h[ai]d admir[e]d her ver[y] m[u]ch, h[ai]d ask[e]d her to write and h[ai]d once writ[e]n my self, but th[a]t I was sor[ry] to say, I h[ai]d accident[all]y stumb[e]d up[on] an imperfect cop[y] of my let[ter], and th[a]t it was not what I ought to have writ[e]n, nor what I sh[ou]ld have writ[e]n, h[ai]d I been as old and known as m[u]ch th[e]n, as I d[ii]d now - I d[ii]d not howev[er] prolong the tète â tête, but left Miss Maria a good deal prejudic[e]d in her fav[our] - Just aft[er] tea, while Mrs D- [Duffin] was upst[ai]rs, Miss M- [Marsh] made me sing to Miss D- [Duffin], and I sang Early days, Pray Goody, and 3 verses of the Bay of Biscay O - Miss M- [Marsh] r[ea]d one of Stevens’s serm[on]s (on death) but the conclu[s]ion p[ar]ty pathet[i]c, and she not not able to go on, I finish[e]d it - Aft[er] Mrs D- [Duffin] was gone to bed, (at 1/2 aft[er] 10) we all beg[a]n talk[ing] ab[ou]t Jane Preston - Miss D- [Duffin] s[ai]d, Mrs Bury h[ai]d repeat[e]d when she told us (in confidence, as she d[ii]d not like to repeat what pass[e]d in priv[ate] fam[i]l[y)s) th[a]t the old lady h[ai]d told th[e]m (young Lady V- [Vavasour] and Miss D- [Duffin]) at Melbourne, th[a]t Mrs D- [Duffin] was upst[ai]rs, Miss M- [Marsh] made me sing to Miss D- [Duffin], and I sang Early days.
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ev[ery] young wom[a]n, th[at] st[a]id long w[i]th a young marr[ied] coup[le], lost her charact[er] - 'a presumpt[io]n', just[ly] enough observ[e]d Miss D- [Duffin], 'th[a]t the old lady has seen some fine tightoldrom work in her day' - Sat talk[in]g till 11, when the chair came to take me
int[o] Petergate - Walk[e]d to Miss M- [Marsh] to put up my things, took all w[i]th me in the chair but my trunk, and got to Dr B-’s [Belcombe] as the minst[e]r struck 1/2 past 11 - the passage door lock[e]d - Rapp[e]d and rang to no purp[ose], and was just going back ag[a]in, when James let us in, Dr B- [Belcombe], accident[all]y sitt[in]g up in the draw[in]g room read[in]g, hav[in]g heard us - Apologiz[e]d for being so by giv[in]g a brief accoun[t] to him and Anne (who came in) of the conversat[io]n th[a]t h[a]d just pass[e]d in Micklegate - Repeat[e]d my advice to be caut[iou]s, to consult some legal opin[io]n and to be sure ab[ou]t proceed[in]g cautio[us]ly and right[l]y in the business - Slept in the same room w[i]th
M- [Mariana] and Lou - Recapitulat[e]d what I h[a]d been say[in]g to Dr B- [Belcombe], and slept in the lit[tle] turn-up bed by myself, M- [Mariana] being afr[ai]d of Lou gett[in]g cold; as there were no th[e]n so man[y]
clothes on it as she h[a]d been accust[o]med to in sleep[in]g in the gr[eat] bed w[i]th M- [Mariana] - A rainy, wet, dirty, disagreeable day -

Mon[day] 15
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a very nice gentleman - Walking down Castlegate from Lady V.'s [Vavasour], I met Mr Duffin going to call on her - Took a turn with him, and told him all that had passed - went direct into Micklegate - Called on Miss M- [Marsh], who was out - Called also on the Gages - Saw Mr and Miss G- [Gage], but Mrs Anne was out.

§ Nantz went with me to the library to get Cuvier's theory of the earth a thin 8vo [octavo] translated from the French, and published by, I think, Professor Jameson of Edinburgh a few minutes and Nantz walked with me almost to Lady Vavasour's door.
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Lady M- Stapleton came in while I was th[e]re - Call[e]d als[o] on Mrs Whitaker, the Duffins, (Miss Percival and her sist[er] Cornelia, of Acomb, were th[e]re), and Mrs F[rances] Swann. Made some shoppings. Got Fortune's epitome of the stocks and pub[lic] funds, 2/6 at Todd's. As soon as I got back int[o] Pet[er]gate, (ab[ou]t 1/2 aft[er] 2) f[ou]nd th[a]t Dr B- [Belcombe] h[a]d call[e]d on Mr Jonathan Grey, the attorney, who, on read[in]g ov[er] the summary of Miss J. P. [Jane Preston]'s conversat[i]o[n], s[a]id it was very] shameful, and was cert[ainl]y actionable, but th[a]t man[y] things very] unpleasant m[u]st necessaril[y] be brought forw[ar]d by Miss J. P. [Jane Preston]'s council, if the thing was brought int[o] a civ[il] court, and he advis[e]d, th[a]t it was m[o]st prop[er] on ev[ery] acc[oun]t to throw it int[o] the ecclesiat[ical] court - At all ev[en]ts he himself beg[g]e[d] to decline hav[in]g any thing to do in the business; as he was the Prestons' attorn[e]y, and his fath[er] was a very] intimate friend of Miss J. P.'s [Jane Preston] broth[er], Capt(ai)n P- [Preston] - Dr B- [Belcombe] th[e]n call[e]d on Lawton, the proctor, who, on r[ea]ding the summ[ar]y shewn to Mr Grey, express[e]d the same opin[i]on as Mr G- [Grey] - and s[a]id th[a]t it was th[a]t sort of thing w[hich] came mo[re] partic[ularl]y und[er] the cogniz[an]ce of the spirit[u]al court, and w[hich] court was the mo[re] advis[a]ble to look into, as the proceed[in]gs were kept secret, and ev[ery]thing done quietly - He s[a]id the evid[e]nce of man and wife w[ou]ld be tak[e]n distinctly, and w[ou]ld be as good as the evid[e]nce of an[y] oth[er] 2 peop[le], and th[a]t an[y]one c[oul]ld be compell[e]d to repeat a priv[ate] conversat[i]o[n], if necessary - He s[a]id the expense to M- [Mariana] w[ou]ld be ab[ou]t 4 or 5 and 30 pounds, and th[a]t the punish[men]t m[ight] be to do public penance in the parish ch[urch], or, at least, to have an apology public[l]y r[ea]d by the clerk - He advis[e]d, howev[er], th[a]t bef[ore] matters went furth[er], some fr[ien]d to both parties sh[oul]d take the summ[ar]y of her conversat[i]o[n] to Miss J. P. [Jane Preston], and ask if she w[ou]ld quietl[y] make a prop[er] and satisfact[ory] apology - when Dr B- [Belcombe] got home, he and M- [Mariana] and the whole p[ar]ty instantly fix[e]d up[on] Mr Duffin as the fitt[e]st pers[on] in the world, and I h[a]d no soon[e]r got back th[e]n I was despatch[e]d ag[ai]n int[o] Micklegate to ask him - I represent[e]d the matt[er] as well as I c[oul]ld and, to my surprise, aft[er] his man[ner] of talk[in]g last night, he consent[e]d w[ith]out mak[in]g the small[e]st object[i]o[n] - we all felt satisf[i]e[d], he was entirel[y] to be depend[e]d on, and th[a]t the thing w[ou]ld be well done § - Anne, Eli, and Lou went to the rooms - the 1st time of th[i]eir being open[e]d th[i]s winter - on a new plan and a good one, by subscript[i]o[n], to be opened once a fortnight - Stewards Mr Dixon (the rev[eren]d), Mr Tweedy jun[i]or etc Danc[in]g to conclude at 1 - they want[e]d 70 subscrib[er]s, or the rooms w[ou]ld or c[oul]ld not be open[e]d at all, but they got ab[ov]e 100, at a guinea each - th[e]re was to be one quadrille set to[n]ight and per[haps] they m[ight] must[e]r another[er] by and by - M- [Mariana] not feel[in]g quite well, stay[e]d at home - Dr B- [Belcombe] and I h[a]d a good deal of conversat[i]o[n] ab[ou]t Mrs Inman and gen[eral]l subj[ec]ts at and aft[er] tea, e.g. the edit[i]o[n] of Malthus's Essay on populat[i]o[n], just come out - farm[in]g - etc etc - The girls went home fr[om] the rooms (at 1) w[ith] Capt(ai)n and Mrs Wallace, 1st D. G. [Dragoon Guards], h[a]d a hot supper and did not get back till 3. I slept with π [Mariana] and had a very good kiss pretended to be asleep when Louisa came in Dampish day - ver[y] dirty streets -
§ Just before dinner when we were all talking over this business and the girls saying they would not be in J. P’s [Jane Preston] place for a great deal Oh! said I, I would be in her her shoes for 2d., and set you all at defiance - They asked me how - I said deny the thing, seem abundantly sorry for such a scandal to have been uttered by anyone, or imputed to anyone, and be abundantly civil - M- [Mariana] and Lou personated Mr D- [Duffin] and Mr Darvall, and I Jane Preston, and we all laughed heartily -
A very good kiss last night before Lou came home from the rooms Let[ter] fr[om] me to
Aunt Anne (Shibden) advis[in]g me to leave York by Thurs[day]'s mail, lest th[e]re sh[oul]d not be a
place on Fri[day], and I sh[oul]d be delay[e]d till Sat[urday] n[i]ght and th[en] have the awkw[ar]arness of order[in]g rings,
for my poor moth[er], at Radford's (in Leeds) on Sunday - Lou beg[a]n w[i]th me in Parkhurst's
Heb[rew] Gram[mar], endeav[our[in]g to teach me my let[ters]. Mr D- [Duffin], accord[in]g to his promise of yest[erday],
came at 12 - Dr B- [Belcombe], not being gone out, they h[a]d a long confab[ulation] togeth[er] - Mr D- [Duffin]
'Miss Jane Preston can be prov[e]d to have s[ai]d, at a p[ar]ty at Lady Vavasour's, on Mon[day] the
17th of Nov[embe]r, th[at]... etc etc - request[in]g him to ask Miss J. P. [Jane Preston] for a prop[e]r writt[en]
apology, and, as the fr[ie]nd of both p[ar]ties, to represent to her how m[uch] bet[ter] it w[oul]d be for her to
do th[j]is, th[a]n to suff[e]r the matter to be carr[ie]d to extremities - we were all on the tiptoe of
expectat[io]n when, in ab[ou]t 10 min[ute]s, Mr D- [Duffin] ret[urne]d, say[in]g, he h[a]d met Miss Jane in the passage, (just going
in[to] the house, she hav[in]g been out somewhere) th[at] she was desperate[l]y fright[ene]d, and terribly
af[rai]ld of her moth[er] and sist[er] know[in]g, but flatly deni[e]d the thing 'in toto', th[at] she was ready to
take her bible oath she h[a]d nev[er] us[e]d such language, w[oul]d come and tell the fam[ili]y so if they
pleas[e]d, and offer[e]d to make the same declarat[io]n bef[ore] all the comp[an]y at Mrs Hall's p[ar]ty ton[i]ght -
Howe[ver], she w[oul]d not on an[y] accoun[t] put her hand to pap[e]r - Mr [Duffin] s[ai]d th[at], at any rate, her
deny[in]g it to him w[oul]d not be enough, but th[at] th[e]re m[ust] be some oth[er] gent[le]man mentioning Mr Darvall as a witness, and
th[at] he w[oul]d go and consult Mrs Lawton, and call up[o]n her (J. P. [Jane Preston], ag[a]in, w[i]th all w[hi]
...
Mr D- [Duffin] was evidently much annoyed at my presuming to dissent - more particularly as M- [Mariana] seemed to agree with me, and so did Nantz and Eli tho' (the 2 latter) in silence - He said, a denial before the Burys and Lady V- [Vavasour], woul[d] create a great deal of defending and proving, and that it woul[d] be a very disagreeable business altogether - besides th[at], since he was authorized by Dr B- [Belcombe] to acc[ept] a denial, what good coul[d] it do to wait till tomtomorrow. His argument persuaded Lou, and she said w[i]th him - I said, I conceived it highly proper that nothing shoul[d] be done, w[i]thout informing Mrs Bury who had behaved so handsomely - Mr D- [Duffin] asked what good th[i]s coul[d] do - I said and said truly I felt myself pledged for her being told of every step that was taken; as I had expressly given her an assurance to this effect from M- [Mariana] on Sunday, which Miss Marsh would recollect as well as myself - I asked M- [Mariana], if she had not desired me to do so - she answered, yes! - This rather pos[ed] Mr D- [Duffin], but still the tide ran high against me and I said, Well! if it must be so, the only thing I can do is to call on Mrs B- [Bury], say I misunderstood M- [Mariana]'s message, and beg pardon for my mistake - anx[ious] howeve[re] to avoid th[i]s desperate hurry, if possib[ile] - I took Mr D- [Duffin] aside for a moment, into the room next the draw[in]g room, said I really did feel th[at] I had pledged both M- [Mariana] and myself to tell Mrs B- [Bury] ev[ery]thing th[at] was done, th[at] I daresay she woul[d] not object to anything he propos[ed], th[at] I only wished her to be informed of what was going forward, and th[at], if he woul[d] call and tell her as he went home, the matter might be settled now and I shoul[d] be satisfied - Mr D- [Duffin] was a little more appeased. 'Well!' said he, 'if you really feel yourself pledged, if this is really the case, I will call as I go home' - We then went back to the party - Mrs Belcombe came in, and, like me, if a denial must be taken, was for hav[ing] it made before - the Burys and Lady V- [Vavasour] - But she (Mrs Belcombe) being silenced in th[i]s point as well as myself, was instantly of my opinion, ab[out] telling Mrs Bury - Mr D- [Duffin] said, w[i]th a little apparent gallic acid at finding himself at all contradict(ed), if th[i]s h[a]d been an affair bet[ween] gents, it woul[d] have been settled immediat[ely], as he advised it - I differ[ed] w[i]th him in th[i]s point a little but said nothing - (The Burys woul[d] come forwar[d] and prove the thing, and Dr B- [Belcombe] advis[ed] hav[ing] ascertainment th[i]s fr[om] them selves; and, indeed, hav[ing] ascertainment th[at] he coul[d] have compelled th[e]m to do so (Vid. Mon[day] 15 Dec[ember] advise of the proctor) immediat[ely] goes and accepts J. P [Jane Preston]'s denial - If the Burys h[a]d been gents, if they h[a]d been military men, what woul[d] they have done in such a case?) Luckily Milne came in and the question being put as to the propriety of tell[ing] Mrs B- [Bury] before any more was done, he was so promptly and decided[ly] in the affirmative, and so entirely on my side the argument, th[at] Mr D- [Duffin] seem[ed] und[oubtedly].

as she her ladyship had heard from a friend of hers, a person of great consequence in the county. This friend of great consequence is Mrs Shackaly who lives 6 miles from Lawton. Turn over.
Dec[ember]

th[i]s Lady V- [Vavasour] who brought all the estate, and on whose acc[oun]t her
husb[an]d Mr Nooth, a moneyless officer, chang[e]d his name and
Lady V- [Vavasour] begins her note w[i]th a little 'i', and spells the words generally and principally
each w[i]th only one l, e.g. generally, principaly -

reconcil[e]d - M- [Mariana] as well as myself underst[oo]d he w[oul]d call the next morn[ing]g and
tell us what Mrs Bury s[ai]d, bef[ore] his going a[q]i[n] to Miss J. P. [Jane Preston] - I, at any rate,
felt satisf[i]e[d], th[a]t I h[a]d done what I could - As soon as Mac left us (Mac, short for
MacDuff, Thane of Fife, the nick-name giv[en] to Mr Duffin by Mr Norcliffe) we all laugh[e]d
at the idea of our hav[in]g so well act[e]d the p[ar]ts of J. P. [Jane Preston] and the Messrs D- [Duffin and Darvall], just bef[ore] din[ner] yest[erday] -
M- [Mariana], Nantz, Lou, and I call[e]d at the James Serjeantsons, know[in]g they were out - All of
us at home th[i]s ev[ening] - I want[e]d to r[ea]d to M- [Mariana], Nantz, and Lou, Cuvier's theory of the earth, but
Mrs Milne, hav[in]g no penchant for literature on s[u]ch occas[i]ons, M- [Mariana] thought I h[a]d bet[ter] shut
up the book, and I amus[e]d myself by gett[in]g Lou to write me down, in pencil, the Hebrew
alphabet and ask[in]g her quest[i]ons ab[ou]t it - Mrs Milne hav[in]g nobod[y] to talk to but Eli, look[e]d
glum - M- [Mariana] was in bed an hour and 1/2 at least bef[ore] Lou and me who sat up talk[in]g
ver[y] cosily - Rainy till 12 at noon, when it clear[e]d up a lit[tle] and was merely damp
and disagreeab[le] in the aft[ernoo]n and ev[ening] -

Wed[nesday] 17
8 1/2
12 1/2
L

A good kiss just before getting up Let[ter] of condolence on the death of my poor
Lou and I sat perh[aps] a coup[le] of hours togeth[er] in her moth[er]'s sitt[ing] room, and she gave me
soon get a tolerab[le] knowledge of it - Lou is cert[ainly] a quick, clev[er] girl, and seems
remark[ably] au fait at Heb[rew] consid[erin]g the lit[tle] atten[tion] she has been able to pay to it, and
the few less[ons] she has h[a]d fr[om] Mr Jessop, curate to Mr Greyson at St Martin's Ch[urch]
Micklegate - She can r[ea]d a chap[t]er in Genesis by herself, w[i]th the assist[ance] of a lexicon -
Ab[ou]t 12 Mr D- [Duffin] call[e]d, and, to our surprise, s[ai]d he and Mr Darvall h[a]d settled the
matt[e]r w[i]th J. P. [Jane Preston], and shew[e]d us the summ[ar]ly to wh[i]ch were add[resse]d a few lines in his
(Mr Duffin's) hand-writ[in]g, purport[in]g, th[a]t J. P. [Jane Preston] h[a]d positively deni[e]d hav[in]g made use
of the language cit[e]d in th[a]t pap[e]r in the presence of William Duffin and Edward
got off m[u]ch too easily - M- [Mariana] thought it incumbent on her to thank Mr D- [Duffin] for
the friend[l]y part he h[a]d act[e]d, and the rest, perhaps in dissatisf[i]e]d astonish[me]nt like
myself, s[ai]d noth[ing]. Mrs B- [Belcombe] took the pap[e]r and wish[e]d to keep it, but M- [Mariana], know[in]g her
warmth and fear[in]g the use she m[i]ght make of th[i]s curious document, gave it back
int[o] the custody of Mr Duffin who s[ai]d J. P. [Jane Preston] h[a]d thrown herself up[on] his and Mr Darvall's
hon[ou]r as gents and he (MacDuff) h[a]d prom[ise]d nev[er] to ment[i]o]n the subj[ect] nor shew the pap[e]r
to anyone!!! - What Mac could have said to Dr B- [Belcombe], yest[erday] morn[ing], to turn him so instant[ly] fr[om] all his form[e]r harsh resolves, th[at], in spite of the impos[in]g
preamble of the paper - 'It can be prov[e]d th[at], at ... on ..., Miss J. P. [Jane Preston] said' etc etc the worthy Dr sh[oul]d authorize Mr D- [Duffin] to accept a denial, and th[at], too, by himself
w[i]thout any[oth]er witness, (as Mac told us was the case) I cannot imagine -

But M- [Mariana] too irresolute to decide and act for herself in the business, committ[e]d it to the wisdom of her fath[er]'s, and thus, aft[er] such big words and such consulting of an attorney and a proctor, thus was compromis[e]d th[at]'s notable affair - begun in all the zeal of threaten[in]g anger, and ended in all the tameness of spiritless
pusillanimity § Mrs James Serjeantson call[e]d and Miss Maria Cholmley (of Howsham) M- [Mariana] and Miss M- C- [Maria Cholmley] and Nantz and I went out togeth[er]. Nantz call[e]d w[i]th me on Mrs John Raper and Mrs Darvall, (neith[er] of th[e]m at home) and we th[e]n met M- [Mariana] and her friend at Bell's shop in College Street, com[mon]ly call[e]d little Alice-lane - All walk[e]d back togeth[e]r to Mr Croft's, the Residentiary's, and there part[e]d - M- [Mariana] and Nantz went w[i]th me int[o] Mick[le]gate - we call[e]d on Mrs Bury, but she was out, and they sat at
Miss Marsh's (she was out als[o]) while I call[e]d on Mrs Frances Swann, just to say good-bye, and ask for her letter to my Aunt Anne, and st[ai]d 1/2 hour at the Duffs', and took
leave of Mrs D- [Duffin], Mr D- [Duffin] prom[ise]d to call for me a lit[tle] bef[ore] 12 tomarrow to see E. R. [Eliza Raine] and Miss M. D. [Maria Duffin], she w[oul]d call on me soon aft[er] 11 –
Got home on[ly] just in time to dress
for din[ner] at 5, the usu[a]l hour at the Belcombes' - Found Miss Marsh h[a]d call[e]d while we were out, and Mrs B- [Belcombe] told her she was not at all satis[fi]ed with what h[ad] been done ab[ou]t Jane Preston who h[ad] got off m[u]ch too easily - Anne, Eli, Lou and Col[onel] and Mrs Milne drank tea at the John Rapers' - M- [Mariana] and I h[a]d declin[e]d the invitat[i]o'n - we sat up talk[in]g so long, th[at] Lou came bef[ore] we got int[o] bed - A dampish, disagreeab[le] day. The streets ver[y] dirty -

§ Parturient montes; nascetur ridiculus mus.

Thurs[day] 18
3/4/12

A kiss this morning just before getting up In doubt whether or not to sleep ton[j]ight at the Tavern (th[at] I may not disturb any[one] here in the morn[in]g) and go in the Highflier
at 6 tomor[ow] morn[ing] - A lit[tle] bef[ore] 12, Mr and Miss Maria Duffin and Miss Marsh call[ed] - Took leave of Miss M· D· [Maria Duffin] whom I think a ver[y] nice girl - She is perhaps ab[out] 5 feet 7 inch[es], has a ver[y] fine fig[ure], and is n[ea]r 30. Walk[ed] with Mr D· [Duffin] to Clifton to see poor Eliza Raine - She behav[e]d, as she h[a]d done bef[ore], mo[re] id[io]tically th[a]n madly, tho’ she inq[uire]d aft[er] Mr Montagu, told me she understoo[d] I was in mourn[ing] for my moth[er], and ask[e]d if my fath[er] was going to marry ag[ain] - At my request, we were left a

[Mr Radcliffe of
Smith-house died
n[ea]r Halifax -]
1817

Dec[embe]r

Goldsmith’s almanac, for next y[ea]r, 2/3 - Got home a lit[tle] bef[ore] 5, on[l]y just in time
to dress for din[ner] - As soon as we left the din[in]g room, went upst[ai]rs int[o] our own room
(ov[er] Mrs B-’s [Belcombe] sitt[in]g room) and sat talk[in]g ver[y] cozily to Lou ab[ou]t M- [Mariana], Lawton, C- [Charles], and
one thing or oth[er] till 8 o’clock - She as well an Anne strongly suspects that
neither π [Mariana] nor I would much regret the loss of L [Charles Lawton] but that we look forward to the thing and
in the eevent of it certainly mean to live together Lou and I have jok[e]d ab[ou]t it
sev[eral] times I asking if she thought I might hope to come into possession of π [Mariana] in
ten years - A decade - Both Lou and Nantz think I may say 5 years instea[d] of
10, and half a decade is become quite a joke amon[g] us - I have before told Lou I thought
I had better take her on a running lease till π [Mariana] was ready for me - Lou agrees and we
are ver[y] good friends - What Anne thinks of it all I cannot say She certainly is as
fond of me as ever and would gladly do as much for me now as she did at Shibden last
November - Lou suppos[in]g I sh[ou]ld sleep at the Tavern and go by the Highflier at 6 in the
morn[in]g, h[a]d, on th[i]s accoun[t], refus[e]d din[in]g at the James Serjeantsons’ - but find[in]g my plan
alter[e]d, consent[e]d to drink tea th[e]re, and went at 8; - as Eli h[a]d accept[e]d the invitat[i]on and
Col[onel] and Mrs Milne were to go in the ev[ening] and als[o] went at 8 - On going down int[o] the drawing
room and speak[in]g to M- [Mariana], f[oun]d her ver[y] low and in tears - she wondered how I could
leave her so long the last night and said she should be jealous of Lou Tho’ I
ov[er] 11, we all retir[e]d - Nantz st[ai]d w[i]th us till we were just in bed - Lou being away
we had a glorious opportunity for a kiss but the annoyance occasioned by my
attention to Lou had made π [Mariana] feel unwell and out of sorts and I let her be as quiet
as possible - The morn[in]g tolerably fine - a few drops of rain ab[ou]t 1 - the ev[ening]
damp and disagreeable.

Fri[day] 19
8 1/2
10
No kiss this morning nor (as π [Mariana] did not feel well) last night tho Louisa did not get
home from the Serjeantsons till one o’clock. Busy pack[in]g all the morn[in]g - M- [Mariana]
sat by me - Talk[e]d ov[er] my adventures in form[e]r days - M- [Mariana] s[ai]d h[a]d she known th[e]m
she w[ou]ld nev[er] have been introduc[e]d to me - π [Mariana] wanted a kiss but I said it was too dangerous
that I really had not courage and that we had better practise a little self denial –
I find fr[om] M- [Mariana], Mr Darvall is quite of my opin[i]on as to the manage[me]nt of the business w[i]th
Jane Preston - I told her, I thought as he did of the absurdity of making so much ado to so little purpose, and that I could think of no sort of consolation but her having saved her 30 or 5 and 30 pounds - At 1 took a hasty luncheon - said goodbye and got out of the house by 1/2 past -
1817

Dec[ember]

In my way to the Black Swan, in Coney Str[eet] call[e]d at Todd’s to inq[uire] for a Heb[rew]
bible _to give_ Lou Met with a thick 8vo [octavo] 2[n]d hand edit[io]n of Simon’s at £1.8-0, but this
not suit[in]g my purp[ose] call[e]d at Mrs Marshall’s (late Mrs Doughty’s) – bought Anne and
Louisa each a mother of pearl knife with two blades corkscrew etc and at the eend a pair of
small scissars contained in a silver sheath price 14 shill[ings] each As Mrs D [Doughty] had not another of
the same size I got a smaller one for π [Mariana] price eight and six pence _got a silver pencil case
with a magnifying glall [glass] at the eend for Mrs Belcombe price fifteen shillings _Hastily directed them and desired they might be sent immediately to Doctor Bs [Belcombe]_ Just got to the Bl[ack] Swan in time – took my seat in the True Blue heav[y] coach, and
drove off for Leeds as the minst[er] clock struck 2 – two ½ ladies fr[om] Hull, 2 school -
girls, and a gr[ea]t horse deal[e]r who, dur[in]g the war h[ad] suppl[ied] alm[o]st the whole of the British
Cavalry, and who h[a]d been at the gr[ea]t York fair w[hi]ch end[e]d yest[erday] were my compan[ion]s –
He s[ai]d the peop[le] sent ov[er] fr[om] Hanover, und[er] the direct[io]n of a gent[leman] who h[a]d been a
Capt[i]n in the Germ[an] legion, to buy horses, h[ad] made, he thought, but an indif[feren]t select[io]n
Leeds and stop[p[e]d at the Golden Lion at 1/2 p[ast] 6 – Got a porter to take my luggage and
led the way to the Rose and Crown in Briggate – Aft[er] at least 1/4 miles wet walk thro’
dirty busy streets, they told me I c[oul]d not secure a place in the mail till 4 in the
morn[in]g, and th[a]t they were so full, they h[ad] not a bed to spare me, nor an unoccupi[e]d
room for me to sit down in – Sent for my friend the chamb[er] maid, and made my
lit[tle] arrange[men]ts w[i]th her – then – while tea was ready – went to Radford’s (just ov[er] the way) to order rings in
mem[or]y of my poor moth[er]. For the fam[ily] including Mrs Farrer, ord[ere]d 7 emboss[e]d hoops at
42s[hillings] each (Marian’s hav[ing] in addit[io]n a box head w[hi]ch hair w[hi]ch made it 2 guin[ea]s and 1/2)
To the mem[or]y of, emboss[e]d in gold black-letters on the outside, and in the inside Rebecca Lister
obj[ec]t 13 Nov[embe]r aet 47 – for Mrs Inman a jet head[e]d ring 20 s[hillings] for Mr Inman, Mr
Alderman Dales of York, the 2 Miss[e]s Trant of Leeds, and old Mrs Wetherhead of Halifax,
the chamb[er] m[a]id put me int[o] a parlour that w[oul]d not be want[e]d till 10, h[a]d got
me tea and ev[ery]thing comf[orta]ble, and let me have a snug lit[tle] bedroom no.18 at the extreme of
the house on the 3[r]d floor – She shew[e]d me upst[ai]rs a lit[tle] bef[ore] 10, light[e]d me 2 mould
candles on my dressing-table, brought me a rush-light, as I thought the room too small
for a fire, assur[e]d me I h[ad] really clean sheets and hop[e]d I sh[ou]ld have a good night – I p[ai]d 3s[hillings]
for my tea and lodg[in]g, and gave the civ[il] chamb[er] maid 2/6 – wash[e]d my hands, untied my
size O. for my Aunt Anne’s 3[r]d fing[er] M. for my aunt Lister’s forefinger P. for my uncle’s L- [Lister] but O. w[ou]ld have
been better – R. for my fath[er]. For Marian’s 3[r]d fing[er] what fits the forefing[er] of my left hand, i.e. O. and for my own lit[tle] fing[er] J. -
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Sat 20
3 3/4
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Sun[day] 21
10 1/4
12 35/60
Wrote to M- [Mariana] (Dr Belcombe’s, Petergate, York) to announce my safe arrival here, and say I h[a]d ord[ere]d 4 horses at the Rose and Crown (Brigade Leeds) to be read[y] for her at one next Friday – Wrote als[o] a few lines to Mr Radford (Leeds) to desire him to make the ring for my aunt

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Afterwards – my uncle and aunt let me into my Aunt Lister’s great grief for the loss of her husband. It appears she is not satisfied with my uncle’s having left her the house and premises (as they stand) for her life and an annuity of three hundred pounds in lieu of her thirds and the thousand pounds he has had of hers. She told my uncle only a fortnight after the funeral good came out of evil and it was well that the three thousand pounds left her fathers will was fixed as it was otherwise my uncle Joseph would have taken that also – Last Tuesday she told my uncle she had asked Mr Wiglesworth and he said she could claim her thirds as there was no bar. My uncle calmly replied that she knew that was not her husband’s intention, she had seen the will before his death and then said she was satisfied – This she acknowledged but said Joseph was ill and she did not like to say anything – Here the matter ended –

A remarkably fine frosty day – My uncle and aunt were at church in the morning – Mr Wilmot curate of the church, gave a most impressive funeral sermon to the memory of our late vicar, Dr Coulthurst who was buried in the choir of the old church last Thursday (the 18th) at 64 – the church, I understand was handsomely put in mourning for the Princess Charlotte, but now, in addition, the galleries are hung round with black cloth, bordered with black fringe, and escutcheons of the Dr’s arms hung round the pulpit and a few in other parts of the church – the party from the vicarage were there that morning – the party from Mr Coulthurst the Dr’s brother and the following relations of Mrs Coulthurst – Mr, Mrs and 2 Misses Whitakers, Mrs and Miss Tipping, and Mr Allen – we hear Mrs Coulthurst was at church this afternoon – The party from the vicarage was there this morning –

Week (the 10th instant) in good health, and rode to Wakefield on the business of choosing a conductor and matron for the West Riding asylum – Mr Morley, of Halifax apothecary, and his wife were candidates for both offices, and would doubtless have been elected Dr C [Coulthurst] lived he (the Dr) being to be president or chairman of the meeting and to have a casting vote – They say the conductor’s salary is £200 a year, and a house to live in – and the matron’s salary £50 a year, and board and lodging found – On the subject of Dr C’s death, the following is an extract from a letter from my Aunt Anne, dated Shibden Hall Monday 15 Dec[embe]r 1817, and which I received at Dr Belcombe’s, Petergate York, on Tuesday morning 16 Dec[embe]r 1817 – ‘The newspapers must have announced to you the death of poor Dr Coulthurst – another awful visitation – supposed to be from the effects of cold – He had gone to Mr Smith’s of Heath near Wakefield, on horseback, on Wednesday for the purpose of attending the meeting on the asylum business the following day, and having ridden slow, was extremely cold, and complained of pain in his stomach or chest, but ate a hearty dinner, and drank tea as usual – went to bed and ordered his servant to call him at 7 o’clock – On the man’s going into the room, he said he was better – He told him to come again at 8, which he did – He then said, he might come in half an hour, and he would get up – On the man’s going out, he found him a corpse – An express was...
‘immediately sent off to Halifax, and Dr Paley and Mr Wimlot went at an early hour in
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‘the aft[ernoo]n in a chaise at 4, and ret[urne]d ab[ou]t 5 the next morn[ing], follow[in]g the corpse in a hearse –
‘I underst[an]d Dr P- [Paley] says the nat[ure] of his complaint was such th[at] noth[in]g c[oul]d have been done for
‘him – ‘(gout in his stom[ach], and Dr P- [Paley] thought als[o] the rupture of some vessel) My aunt adds
‘Emma Ralph and Mr James Stansfeld were marr[ie]d on Sat[urday] and I hear went off in a
‘quiet way to York – on[l]y one chaise and p[ai]r of horses’ – (They were I understand at Stridge’s hotel in
Blake Street dur[in]g the[i]r stay in York fr[om] their marriage, till the Fri[day] follow[in]g)

Mon[day] 22
9 20/60
11 50/60
Wrote to Marian (M[arke]t Weighton) to tell her of my safe arriv[al] here by Sat[urday]’s mail – Mrs
Miss Prescott, sen[io]r, there – My aunt look[in]g as spruce as possib[le] Mrs Veitch was to drink
tea w[i]th her – Left a note fr[om] my aunt Anne for Mrs V- [Veitch] – contain[in]g a loan of 6 of Rawson’s

Tues[day] 23
9 1/4
12
and Tues[day]. D[i]d noth[in]g in the aft[ernoo]n but count ov[e]r my money and see what I h[a]d spent
while away – Aft[er] tea wrote the rough draft of p[ar]t of my journ[al] of Mon[day] 15 Dec[ember]. My
aunt gave me an accoun[t] of what she h[a]d spent for my mourn[ing] w[hich] amount[e]d to
£8-0-6 – the 6d being abat[e]d, I p[ai]d her 8 p[ou]nds, she hav[in]g 1st giv[e]n me £5, and my unc[le]
frost - Barom[eter] 1 1/2 deg[rees] ab[ov]e rain, and Fahr[enheit] 25 1/2° at 9p.m. A remark[abl]y fine moonlight night –
My aunt sent Will[i]a)m th[i]s aft[ernoo]n to Horley Green to return Dr Holland’s Trav[els] in
the Ionian isles etc, w[hich] book Mrs Ralph lent my aunt Thurs[day] 23 Oct[ober] last –

Wed[nesday] 24
9
12
Siding my things all the morn[in]g – In the aft[ernoo]n d[i]d noth[in]g but side a lit[tle] and dawdle -
In the evening finished the rough draft of my journal of Monday 15 December (this month) – the ground white with snow this morning – Some flying snow showers during the day – Fine afternoon and very fine evening – Very sharp frost – Barometer at Changable – Fahrenheit 25 1/2° at 9 p.m –

Thursday 25
9
11 40/60
We all went to morning church and stood the sacrament – Assisted my aunt in reading prayers in the afternoon. In the evening read aloud sermons 8 and 9 Hoole – A remarkably fine frosty day – Roads very slippery – Barometer 1 1/2 degrees above Changable Fahrenheit 29° at 9 p.m –

Friday 26
8
12
In the morning wrote a full sheet to Mrs H. S. Belcombe (Newcastle Staffordshire) in answer to her last letter dated 7 November and received by me from the hands of M[ariana] in Petergate York, Tuesday evening 9 December – Just before and during dinner looking over my accounts. Went without dinner today, not having felt well since I came home (bilious and heavy) which I solely attribute to dinner at 2 p.m. and which, certainly, never agrees with me – went downstairs to dessert, and then
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Sat[urday] 27

9

12 3/4

A very good kiss last night tho πs [Mariana] cousin came last Sunday and was not quit well

'Fortunately for us Dr Wilson, physician to the Duke of Kent, was here, and he is a very clever man—we have this morning called in another English physician, Dr Sayer, of whose ability report speaks highly—But they give us no hopes—she is in a constant delirium, and has begun to rattle in the throat—the medical men have ordered her hair to be cut off, and have applied blisters to her back and breast.... my father is in such a state of agitation and grief that he cannot leave his bed, and I dread the shock will be more than he can
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‘support’ – Speak[in]g of poor Charlotte – ‘Here, too, we are miserable – Bef[ore] we quit[t]e[d]

‘Berne, Mary wrote us word th[at], for some time, she h[a]d h[a]d a spitt[in]g of matter, w[hi]ch she

‘at length inform[e]d her of, and up[on] her request[ing] her to spit into a glass, what was her

‘horror and consternat[io]n to find th[at] it was the same as th[at] w[hi]ch poor Charles h[a]d been

‘accust[ome]d to expectorate – It was accomp[ani]ed by a slight pain in the side – Heaven


‘her, has done her good, tho’ we are still in a state of gr[eat] alarm ab[ou]t her

‘\ldots I can\ldots write no mo[re] but entreat you to write to Miss Vallance, a friend of ours whom we 1st met here,

‘and aft[er]w[ar]ds in Switzerland, and tell her of our heavy afflict[io]n – \ldots she is a m[o]st amiable girl, and

‘one I feel assur[e]d you w[oul]d like – Breathe it to her gent[l]y; for she is m[u]ch attach[e]d to


(Miss Norcliffe begs you will not forget to write to Miss Vallance’, put in ab[ove] the rest in a vacant space, aft[er]r

\ldots having conclu[d]e[d]’ D[ea]r Miss Lister – It is all ov[e]r our d[ea]r Miss Em[ili]y is no mo[re] she went

‘off like a lamb th[j]is mom[in]g – it is in no one’s power to tell you th[j]is but y[ou]r afflic[tion] serv[ant]’s A. Burnett’s

Th[j]is melancholy let[ter], th[is] unexpect[e]d shock, so afflic[tion] and unsettled me, I c[oul]d do noth[ing] all the

day – Poor dear Emily! I lov[e]d her, and my heart laments her deeply – Poor Mim!

Surely it is a dream, and I a dreamer! My mind seems all confus[io]n – Poor Mim! –

Oh! This is ind[eed] a bitter day – But M- [Mariana] is w[j]ith me – She, too, is grief[e]d – and her sympathy

and society sooth and console me – My unc[le] and aunt are shock[e]d and sorry, as if they h[a]d

known the d[ea]r girl – Poor Emily – alas! Poor Emily – In the ev[ening] M- [Mariana] and I play[e]d whist

against my unc[le] and aunt, and lost and won a rubb[e]r – Ver[y] stormy, snowy, winterly day –

Barom[eter] 1 deg[ree] below rain – Fahr[enheit] 33 1/2 deg[ree][s] at 9p.m –

Sun[day] 28
9 35/60
12

π [Mariana] had a very good kiss last night – mine was not quite so good but I had a very

nice one this morning – None of us went to Ch[urch] it was so ver[y] slipp[er]y but at any

rate, M- [Mariana] and I w[oul]d have st[aye]d at home, on accoun[t] of the death of poor Emily – Accord[in]g
to I N’s [Isabella Norcliffe] request, wrote, th[is] morn[in]g, to Miss Vallance (Sittingbourne Kent) and told her,

as gent[ly] as I c[oul]d, of the afflic[tion] loss we h[a]d to lament – Just as the din[ner] things were

going out, John Morgan, the coach[mann], arrive[d] w[ith] a let[ter] fr[om] Mr. C. [Charles] Lawton, dat[e]d Albion

Hotel Manchester, say[ing] he was happy to find M- [Mariana] so unexpect[e]dly on her journey –

(th[e]i]r let[ter]s h[a]d cross[e]d on the road and he fanc[ied] she m[i]ght stay in York till the day aft[er] new year’s day)

th[at] he h[a]d set off fr[om] Lawton the mom[en]t he rec[eive]d her let[ter] (yest[erday]!) and th[at] she m[i]ght not be
detain[e]d on the road, as the horses c[oul]d not get to Halifax in an[y] reasonable time to take on today, he h[a]d sent John forw[ar]d by the coach to tell her to
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take 4 posters, set off immediat[ely], and trav[el] as fast as she c[oul]d to meet him in good
sh[oul]d have met her here himself, tho’ the dist[an]ce h[a]d been twice as far – It was aft[er] 2 bef[ore]
John got here – He h[a]d his din[ner] to get, and to go back ag[ain] to the white lion to order the carriage,
we not hav[in]g h[a]d room for it here – the poor fellow, howev[er], his frost-bit face all colours,
sent in a message today, his mistress must go – It was bitter cold, the roads dreadfully
slipp[er]y, Blackstone-edge to cross, and no moon – but his mistress understood the necess[ity] all
was got ready, and they were off fr[om] our door a few min[u]ts bef[ore] 4 – (Elizabeth, M-s [Mariana] cook,
slept in the green room these 2 n[i]ghts) Sent my let[ter] to Mrs H.S.B [Belcombe] (Newcast[le] Staffordsh[ire]) by M-

Mon[day] 29
7  20/60
11 10/60

Wrote a page and 2 or 3 lines to Miss M- [Marsh?] bef[ore] break[fa]st. H[a]d just finish[ed] the 2[n]d page, when the
post[m]an brought me a let[ter] fr[om] her to in[f]o me of the death of poor Emily, ask[e]d so to do by Fisher
who suppos[e]d I m[i]ght not know of it – wrote 1/2 the 3[r]d p[age] in acknowledg[eme]nt of her epist[le] and sent it
by today’s post – Then sat down and fill[ed] a sheet and the ends to 1 N [Isabella Norcliffe] (338 Rue de l’Empereur
Brussels) w[i]ch Will[ia]m took to the post at 4 th[i]s aft[ernoo]n – Wrote a few lines to Mrs Tenant (Dr
Belcombe’s sist[er]) on the back of a note fr[om] Mrs Belcombe, w[i]ch M- [Mariana] sh[oul]d have sent bef[ore], to
aft[ernoo]n exc[ep]t read[in]g (in the library passage) the introduct[i]o to Thomson’s Chemistr[y] 5th
edit[i]o, just bef[ore] tea – In the ev[ening] wri[tin]g out the rough draft of my journ[al] of the ev[ening] of Sun[day] 14, and the whole of
The post[m]an th[i]s morn[in]g brought the news of the death of Mr. John Greenwood of Cross-
hills who was thrown fr[o]m his horse n[ea]r Burnley in Lancashire, late last Sat[urday] n[i]ght and th[o] he
mount[e]d ag[ain] and rod[e] to his uncle’s house in the town of Burnley, yet his skull was so
m[u]ch fractur[e]d th[a]t he became insensible, or delirious, soon aft[er] being put to bed, and expir[e]d in
the course of a few hours – Mr John Greenwood was young[e]r son to the late Will[ia]m Greenwood
Esq[u]ire, banker, of Leeds - at 24 – Beg[a]n to dine at 6 o’clock today – i.e. to dine and th[e]n immediat[ely] aft[er]w[ar]ds have tea
w[i]th my unc[le] and aunt –

Tues[day] 30
In the morning wrote the copy of a letter for Marian to send to Miss Jackson, in answer to hers of the 16th of this month, and the long rigmarole of a note from Mr. G.J. (Vid. Saturday 27 December) In the afternoon wrote to Marian and gave her a copy of what I had written for her in the morning – In the evening wrote the rough draft of my journal of Thursday 11 and Wednesday 10 December – A finish day, but in consequence of the thaw last night and frost this morning, the roads have been like glass, and there has been no stirring out – Barometer at Chang[able Fahrenheit] 32 1/2 degrees at 9 p.m. –
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7

11 25/60

Read over my letter to Marian, and sent it by William this morning. Was all the morning writing the copy of a letter of condolence to Mrs Norcliffe on the death of poor Emily. In the afternoon wrote the rough draft of my journal of Tuesday 9, Monday 8, and Sunday 7 December last. In the evening wrote out, in my journal book, my journal of Sunday 7 and Monday 8 December. My uncle, who has been at a turnpike meeting of the Wakefield road this afternoon, and called at Northgate, heard, at the latter place, from Mrs Watkinson, that Mr James Edward Norris, of this town attorney, and the petition he took up to Lord Liverpool, signed by Mr Knight’s friends and congregation, had succeeded in getting Mr Knight a promise of the vicarage. Finish, frosty day — very slippery.

Barometer 1° above Changé of Fahrenheit 32 1/2° at 9 p.m.
Till breakfast time copying out the copy of my letter to Mrs Norcliffe and blacking
the edges of a sheet of paper to write upon. The edges round the outside page done very
broad – Bet[ween] break[fast] and din[ner] wrote my let[ter] to Mrs Norcliffe on the death of my
lament[ed] Emily and sent it in the aft[ernoon] – wrote the copy of a letter for π [Mariana] to send to Mrs Norcliffe –
deg[rees] ab[ove] chang[able] Fah[renheit] 32° at 9 p.m. –

Fri[day] 2
6

Bef[ore] break[fast] wrote the copy of a letter to Isabella for π [Mariana] and wrote out a fair copy for
myself to keep of what I wrote yesterday for her to say to Mrs Norcliffe –
Wrote 1/2 a sheet of pap[e]r, by th[is] morn[ing]s post, to my fath[er], enclos[ing] Radford's bill (for
the mourn[in]g rings ord[er]d for my poor moth[er]) w[hi]ch is just come, along w[i]th the rings ord[er]d
for ourselves, and old Mrs Wetherherd – '5 Black enamel hoops at 36 s[hillings]' for … (Vid. Fri[day]
19 Dec[ember]) '6 col[oure]d gold mourning rings' for ourselves and Mrs Farrer at 42 s[hillings] '1 col[oure]d gold
box head w[i]th hair plait' 52 s[hillings] for Marian, '1 set gold ring' 20s[hillings] for Mrs Inman –
Postage of let[ter]s (to Mrs Farrer 8 Johnston St[reet] Bath – Ald[erman] Dales, York – and John Inman Esq[uire]
Stay[ed] in M- [Manchester] all the next day – ask[e]d Edmund Lyon to din[ner]. All went to the play togeth[er]
at n[i]ght – Mr C. L. [Charles Lawton] and M- [Mariana] reach[e]d Lawton at 6 on Tues[day] ev[ening]. He ill in the rheumatism
in his back – can hard[ly] walk – talks of going to Buxton – M- [Mariana] in agony at the thought –
Wrote to M- [Mariana] – wrote out the two letters and – fill[ed] my pap[e]r all but 1 of the ends –
th[is] took me till 1/2 p[a]st 3 – Just went downst[a]irs for a lit[te] toast[e]d cheese, and then came
up ag[a]in for 3/4 hour – The remainder of the aft[ernoon] and in the ev[ening], wrote in my journ[al] book
Frost in the ev[ening] and at n[i]ght w[i]th high wind – rain ab[ou]t 11 p.m. Barom[eter] 1 1/2 ab[ov]e chang[ed]albe and Fah[renheit]
33° at 9 p.m. –

Sat[urday] 3
7 50/60
A very boisterous windy night, so much so, the roaring of the wind quite disturbed me – but having got cold, perhaps I did not feel quite well, and could not sleep on this account - Read over my letter to [Mariana], filled up the vacant end, and sent it by William – A long crossed letter from Miss Vallance (Sittingbourne Kent) such, that I think I must write to her again.
But she seems to have been much attached to poor Mim, and this is enough to interest me in her favour, and to make me answer her letter with pleasure—

I cannot quite make out what sort of girl she is from her letter tho' I should think rather sentimental, and certainly not literary — As for her rank in life, I do not augur of it highly — and her age may be 20, and upw[ar]ds — Perih[aps] she lost a lover at Waterloo, which might make her life of so little value to her dur[in]g her 5 weeks illness at Bruxelles — She writes an indifferent unknow[ing] sort of hand, and seals w[i]th an arrow aim[e]d at an apple — motto. Tell et liberté — I do not m[u]ch like th[i]s image and superscription, at least when us[e]d by an Eng[lish] lady in Eng[lan]d — A let[ter] fr[om] Steph, (Newcast[le] Staffordsh[ire]) to say Harriet was safely deliv[ere]d of a fine boy at 11 on Wed[nesday] n[i]ght, and th[a]t she and the child were doing well when he wrote on Thurs[day]. Fill[e]d a sheet (in acknowledg[eme]nt of Steph's let[ter]) bef[ore] din[ner], in readiness to go to the post by the 1st opportun[ity]. In the aft[ernoon] wrote in my jour[nal] book 2/3 of Sat[urday] 13, Sun[day] 14, and p[ar]t of Mon[day] 15 Dec[embe]r — A ver[y] stormy, snowy day — Terrib[le] gettin[g] to market — Fair in the aft[ernoon] — snow pret[ty] deep — Barom[eter] 1 1/4 deg[ree]s ab[ove] rain — Fahrenheith 27° at 9.p.m. —

the whole before going downstairs – In the afternoon and evening wrote the remaining 2/3 of my journal of Monday 15 December and wrote out a rough draft of Mr D’s [Duffins] peace-making with Jane Beston on Tuesday 16 December – The following is accounting the deaths in the Leeds Intelligencer of today – ‘On the 21st [ult] at Brussels, aged 18, Emily, the youngest daughter of Thomas Norcliffe, Esquire, of Langton, in this county.’ – very soft day – not a star to be seen at night – Barometer 1/4 above rain – Fahrenheit 30° at 9 p.m. –
January 6

Before breakfast writing out my journal of Tuesday 16 December – Had my hair cut, and spoilt as usual! by Crossley – My uncle took to the Post Office my letter to Mrs Best (Nice Italy) – Wrote to Helen Waterton (Walton hall near Wakefield) in answer to the kind letter of condolence I received from her Wednesday 17 December and shall send it tomorrow – In the afternoon I looked over the European magazine for last month – and took a copy of the letter I wrote to H. W. (Helen Waterton) this morning – After tea, wrote the conclusion of my journal of Tuesday 16, and a little of Wednesday 17 December – My father got here by the evening coach from Leeds about 1/2 past 8 – They ought to have left Leeds (the Talbot Inn) a 1/4 before 4, but they were not off till 1/2 past – A soft fine day – but the roads very slippery, that they say many accidents have happened – It is impossible to get down our little lane, except by keeping close to the side, and laying hold of the wall – Indeed my uncle today, and my father tonight came round through the field – Barometer changeable Fahrenheit 38° at 9 p.m. –

Wednesday 7

9 1/2

11 1/2

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Tried on a pair of drawers Marian sent me, and some blue raw silk stockings (cotton tops and feet) like which my father bought me 3 pairs, he having bought them for Marian, for whom they are too small, and not choosing them to be returned – Wrote to Marian to say my father arrived, safe last night, and sent off my letter to Helen Waterton (Charles Waterton’s Esquire Walton Hall, Wakefield) Thursday 8

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11 1/2

Before breakfast wrote 1/2 page of a letter to Miss Vallance, but not being much in a humour for getting on with it, took up my journal and wrote out Thursday 18 December – After breakfast meant to have written to Nantz, but dawdled away the morning in looking over medical manuscripts weighing out powders for Betty, the housemaid, etc, etc, till 1/2 past 12, when I got ready to go to Halifax – Set off at 20 minutes after 1.
and hail heavily – Called at Suter’s to get some pills and febrifuge powders made up for Betty –
Got some fresh febrifuge powders made up; as the powder I weighed out in the morning was compounded by Mr D [Duffin]
At Red house so long ago as in August 1811 – Febrifuge powders jii tart. Emet and jiii sacchar all –
Pilluli – Pilluli coccic et pilluli Ruf. an xxx gr. Calom xv gr divid. in pil. xv.stood 1/2 hour
at Suter’s, till the rain was nearly over – Called at Whitley’s, the booksellers, and stood 3/4 hour at the
library – Went to congratulate Mr. Knight on his promotion to the vicarage, sat an hour with him
and Mrs and Miss Knight (his sister) Sat 1/2 hour at Northgate, and got home at 1/2 past 5 – All the morning
looked blackish and threatening. A heavy shower of rain and hail for 1/2 hour after 2 p.m. –
cleared up afterwards, and the afternoon and evening fine and soft – Barometer 2 1/2 degrees above changeable. Fahrenheit
38 1/2 at 9 p.m.
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Jan[uar]y
n Murray, Albemarle Street 1816’ – 1 Vol[ume] 8vo [octavo] pp[age] 239 -
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R[еa]d Sat[урday] 10 Jan[уа]r)у 1818
Interest[in]g enough –

Fri[day] 9
8 40/60
11 1/4
I strongly advise him to wait another year, saying in that case I might feel more at liberty to leave home in comfort, and go with him for 2 or 3 months – Did not get upstairs till 1/2 after 11 – Dawdled and then wrote a page and 1/2 to Nantz (Anne Belcombe) – In the afternoon wrote my journal of Saturday 20 and part of Sunday 21 December – In the evening read from page 89 to 193 Observations on the ruins of Babylon – Wet day – the rain continual, tho’ not heavy – Barometer 1 1/2 degrees below changeable Fahrenheit 38° at 9 p.m. –
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Jan[uar]y Sat[urday] 10
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11 1/4

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Fill[e]d the remaind[e]r of my pap[e]r to Nantz (Petergate, York) in acknowledg[eme]nt of her
1 1/2 hour at the lib[rar]y pp[age[s]] 22 Von Buch’s Trav[el]s in Norway, trans[late]d fr[om] the Germ[an] by Black,
w[ith] minerolog[y] notes by Prof[essor] Jameson of Edin[burgh] 4to [quarto] – the preference to Beloe’s anecdotes of
nor are there to be till next Tues[day] 3 weeks, 3[r]d Feb[ruar]y, when the new room adjoin[in]g the
theatre will be open[e]d – they are call[in]g in the books to see what repairs are want[e]d and
are to beg[i]n to remove to the new room next week – In the mean time, the old lib[rar]y
room will be open as usual, and tho’ you may take no books away, you may read there
Call[e]d at Whitley’s – ord[ere]d Hutton’s course of mathematics, 3 vol[umes] 8vo [octavo] 36 s[hillings] and desir[e]d
propo[s][a]l[es] were made at Cru[twell’s], the printer’s, in Bath in 1813 – Whitley is going to
write to Lond[on] on Tues[day], and he says the books will be down th[i]s day fortnight – He shew[e]d
me a beaut[i]ful edit[i]on of Wurgold’s engrav[e]d gems, pub[lish]e[d] in 1756, 2 vol[umes] 4to [quarto], handsomely
b[ou]nd in one, in red moroc[can] (cheap) 2 guin[e]a – a new edit[i]on of Scapula’s Gr[eek] lexicon 2 vol[ume]s
on the ruins of Bab[ylon]. Interest[en]t enough – Maurice is a gr[eat] stickler for the ant[iq][u]ity of the
remains ab[ou]t Hillah, for the Gr[eat] and early skill of the Chaldees in arts and sciences, and thinks
Note fr[om] Mrs Wilcock to say my subscript[i]on (£1.1-0) for Mr Hopford was due, and as
Mrs W- [Wilcock] d[i]d not know where I was, beg[g]i[ng] my aunt to forw[ar]d the note to me – Fine mild,

Sun[day] 11
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10 1/4
Finish[e]d the latt[e]r dur[in]g din[ner]. All went to morn[in]g ch[ur]ch It beg[a]n to rain soon aft[er] we
got there, rain[e]d pretty smartly all the way back, and turn[e]d out a wet aft[ernoon] –
went down st[a]irs as soon as din[ner] was ov[er] and h[a]d dessert, but wheth[er] fr[om] the hurry
home fr[om] ch[ur]ch, or fr[om] eat[in]g a lit[tle] apple, or what I know not, I was soon oblig[e]d to go
to bed, and was sick and retching fr[om] 3 in the aft[ernoon] n till aft[er] 11 at night – Undress[e]d and got
propelry int[o] bed at a quart[er] aft[er] 10 -
A boisterous stormy nigh[t] D[i]d not sleep well – my head feels dismally shak[e]n
sp[iri]ts, dat[e]d 8 Dec[ember] – th[a]t poor Emily’s remains are on the[i]r way to Eng[lan]d
and that Lady V [Vavasour] -
died on Fri[day] last, at 5, p.m. at 87 – Ext[rect] fr[om] Nantz let[ter] ‘Death truly spares neith[er]
young nor old – Its next vict[im] was Lady Vavasour who, in her 88th y[ea]r may be s[ai]d
to have d[i]ed at the card-table – she was din[ing] w[i]th Dr Lawson on Thurs[day] last – was
‘particularl[y] agreeab[le] and well – play[e]d at cards w[i]th him, and, dur[ing] the game, sud[denl[y] fell back
in her chair – her jaw fell, and he suppos[e]d her gone – she howev[er], recov[ered] suffic[ientl[y] to be
‘convey[e]d home, and liv[e]d till 5 o’clock the next day w[i]thout any consciousness of
‘her approach[ing] g dissolut[io]n She suffer[e]d not, and if prep[are]d, what an enviable death! –
‘we have not seen the Prestons since my moth[er]’s note to Jane, declin[ing] the[i]r hon’o[r]
‘of her acquaint[an]ce in future – Jane went in the gr[eat] est agony to Mr. Duffin to beg and
‘entreat he w[o]uld go to my moth[er] and tell her, she w[o]uld do anyt[hi]ng, if she w[o]uld but
‘forgive her – Mr D- [Duffin] s[ai]d he nev[er] saw a poor creature in such a state in his
‘life – It was at last settled that she sh[ould] write an apology – or mo[re] prop[erl[y] an
‘acknowledg[eme]nt of her fault – and beg to be forgiv[e]n which she d[id] and my moth[er] wrote
to say, she d[id] forgive – but th[a]t she m[ust] not soon expect her to forget – She als[o]
‘wrote a litt[le] note of condolence to Ann’ – (Ann Preston, Jane’s sist[er]) – All th[i]s proves
how wretched[l[y] [Mac] and Dr Belcombe manag[e]d the business – A litt[le]e of Mrs Belcombe’s
spirit w[oul]d have done them both good – But who can forbear a laugh? –
Wrote out my journ[al] of Sun[day] 28 Dec[ember] but was too bilious to do mo[re] in the morn[ing]g as
my unc[e], on accoun[t] of meet[i]n]g Hinchcliffe Walsh and Co, w[i]th the by the way d[i]d no good as
Walsh w[o]uld neith[er] attend nor pay anything, din[e]d at 1 o’clock, my fath[er] and I walk[e]d to
H[alifax] a litt[le] aft[er] 2. Call[e]d at Whitley’s and left my flute piece for Sugden to repair the D key
while my fath[er] went to Rawson’s bank and p[aid] th[e]m £50. We went to see the new lib[rar]y room
w[i]th which was just finish[e]d, and a wom[an] was was h[ing] it – we were both instant[l[y] struck w[i]th the
awk[ar]d, ugly, inconven[ien]t man[ner] in w[i]th the entrance is contriv[e]d a complete glass box
fr[om] the ground floor to the floor ab[ove], w[i]th which is the lib[rar]y, and no communica[tio]n whatev[er] to the rooms
ab[ove] (2 heights of cham[ber]s consist[in]g of 4 ver[y] good rooms and w[i]th which will soon be want[e]d for
books) except a com[mon] ladder, stuck up between a wind[ow] and one end of the glass box, and by w[i]th which
ladder you are creep up thro’ a square hole cut in the floor above!!! A committee of 4
gents were appoint[e]d to superintend the fitt[in]g up of the rooms – Messrs

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these agr[e]ee[d] to leave the thing entirely to Mr. Norris, and Mr Norris has, by a stretch
of brilliant genius w[hi]ch the glazier will value at ab[ou]t £30, contriv[e]d to throw 2
rooms into one by means of stairs, enclos[e]d in an oblong glass case, in the centre of
the room!!! The staircase th[a]t (inst[ea]d of the ladder) us[e]d to communicate w[i]th the 3[rd]
door, being taken away, and no support left, the partit[i]on walls have been so shaken
they are visibly crack[e]d in sev[eral] places – My fath[er] look[e]d ov[er] the 2 end and one of the
middle houses Mrs Prescott is build[in]g at the ward’s end – they will be ready to get int[o]
in a coup[le] of months and neat small buildings, 2 small rooms on a floor, 4 stories w[i]th cellar
kitchens – Call[e]d at N[orth]gate – Got home at 5 – In the ev[ening] ver[y] biliou[s], but wrote out
bel[ow] chang[ea]ble Fahr[enheit] 35 1/2 at 9.p.m. –

Tues[day] 13
8 35/60
11 1/2
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Vc

Wrote half a sheet to Marian (M[arke]t Weighton) enclos[in]g, accord[in]g to prom[ise] made at M[arke]t W[eighton],
a fair cop[y], w[hi]ch I wrote out th[i]s morn[in]g, of the let[ter] to Miss Jackson dat[ed] Dec[ember] 1. –
gave the packet to my fath[er] to take w[i]th him – He left us a lit[tle] aft[er] 11.a.m. to go by
the Highflier, at 12, to Leeds, and, aft[er] call[in]g on Bolland and Atkinson ab[ou]t his estate, to
proceed to York by the mail, and thence to M[arke]t W[eighton] – Soon aft[er] my fath[er] went, the 2 Miss
in the ev[ening] made 1 ext[ra]ct and wrote out my journ[al] of Thurs[day] 1, and Fri[day] 2, of this m[on]th wrote
just have got to H[alifa]x bef[ore] it beg[a]n to rain, and soon turn[e]d out a rainy, rough, stormy,

Wed[nesday] 14
8
11 35/60
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Vc
Before breakfast, writing out the rough draft of an index to this volume of my journal. Printed letter, as usual at this time of year, from the Friendly Society, York. Did not come upstairs till 11, and soon after Miss Sarah Ralph (Horley Green) called she was hardly gone before Mrs John Waterhouse (Well-head) and Emma Saltmarshe (George Street) called the former not rude and disagreeable as before but very civil, and I, therefore, was civil also to her. Poor Emma looks very thin and ill. Engaged to rout parties every evening, except next Tuesday, for the next 3 weeks to come — Emma Saltmarshe, a bride last summer, and Emma Stansfeld, a bride 3 or 4 weeks ago, make the town quite gay. Thank god I have nothing to do with their parties, nor do I intend it ever. My morning sadly broke into but did what I could at the rough draft of my index — Did a little also in the afternoon but Miss Atkinson (Northgate) called soon after dinner and prevented me —
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p.m. it turn[e]d out ver[y] rainy, stormy, windy, and boist[erou]s, and prom[ise]s another tempestuous

Thurs[day] 15
6 3/4
11 1/4
Bef[ore] and aft[er] break[fa]st till aft[er] 2, writ[in]g the rough draft of my index to th[i]s vol[u]me of my
‘The narrative of Rob[er]t Adams, a sailor, who was wreck[e]d
on the western coast of Africa, in the y[ea]r 1810, was detain[e]d 3
y[ea]rs in slavery by the Arabs of the gr[eat] desert, and resid[e]d sev[eral] m[on]ths
in the cit[y] of Tombuctoo [Timbuktu]. W[i]th a map, notes, and an appendix.
Lond[on] Prin[e]d for John Murray, Albemarle Street, by Will[i]a)m
Bulmer & Co. Cleveland-Row 1816’
{1 Vol[u]me] 4 to pp. [page[s]] 231. –
{includ[in]g 5 pp. [pages] of index –

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In the ev[ening] als[o] wrote out my journ[al] of Fri[day] 9, Sat[urday] 10, and Sun[day] 11, this m[on]th
rain – Fahr[enheit] 41 1/2 deg[rees] at 9.p.m. –

Fri[day] 16
7
11 1/2
V
M[o]st boist[erou]s tempestuous night – Finish[e]d the rough draft of my ind[ex] to th[i]s vol[u]me, and wrote
out my journ[al] of Mon[day] 12, Tues[day] 13, Wed[nesday] 14, and Thurs[day] 15 of th[i]s m[on]th at last, I have
brought up the time I lost in York, and have got right ag[ai]n to my journ[al] as usual –
I will nev[er] get so behind-hand ag[ai]n I am determ[ine]d In fut[ure] I shall write my indices
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Jan[uar]y Sat[urday] 17
6
11 1/2
Before breakfast looking in my little Dictionary of natural history by way of preparation before seeing Polito’s Menagerie which is come to the town for a day or two – this morning looked very threatening and there was a show[er] of mix[e]d rain, hail, and snow about 10 – It was fair however in 1/2 hour and I went to Halifax a little before 11 – was too soon for the wild beasts – walked a little, and, being then admitted, had still an hour and a half to wait before the showman went round to explain – in the mean while, there was a heavy show[er] of hail – However I was not tired of waiting, having a good opportunity of observing the animals narrowly – Saw the birds and smaller animals fed on slices of white bread, laid one upon another in shallowish tin trays, and boiling water poured over the bread – the collection was a very good one – A horn[ed] horse, or Nilghau, about 14 hands high, from Hindostan – a fine elephant and Zebra – 2 large lions and a lioness – 2 large royal tigers – 2 large royal tigers – the spotted, or laughing, hyena from the cape of good hope – 2 striped hyenas from Abyssinia, – 2 panthers from the river la Plata – 2 ocelot, – a leopard – the Jaguar, or tiger cat, from Amboyna – an African porcupine – the fiery lynx – wolf from the Alps – ursine sloth – Kangaroos from Botany Bay – the Polar bear, from the frost[e]n ocean – from Coathamundas [coathamundis] and p[air] of civet or genet cats – p[air] of Jackalls – variety of the Simia tribe – Cassowary from Botany Bay high – the gr[eat] Gnew, or Southern ostrich, from van Dieman’s land – Pelican of the wilderness – the gr[eat] Condor, the only one ever alive in Europe – Silv[er] vulture from the Brazils – Argelai, or [adjutant], [com[on]ly call[e]d the gigantic crane, held sacred in Hindostan – Royal crown birds (Balearic cranes) silver
head[ed] eagles from N[orth] America. Admitt[ance] lad[ies] and gent[l]emen 2 s. serv[an]ts and child[ren] 1/2 price’ – the first thing in the bill, and with which was made the gr[eat]t impression[io]n on me, was the Boa constrictor, a gr[eat] serpent, from Ceylon – about 2 y[ea]rs old and had been about 16 months in England – It was about 7 feet long when it 1st arriv[ed], and is now about 12 feet. It casts its skin once in 3 months, and feeds once in the same sp[a]ce of time – alw[a]ys tak[e]ng its meal immediat[e]ly after gettin[g] rid of its skin – Its last meal was last Tues[day] when it kill[e]d a cock fowl th[a]t weigh[e]d 4 lbs [pounds], in less than a minute. It was just 13 weeks between its last meal and last but one – In its gr[eat]t circums[ference] it might be 2 or 3 inches less than a yard – its skin beauti[fu]ll[y] mark[e]d – the back ver[y] dark col[ou]r – the belly whitish – the tail taper[e]d to a point – the breadth of the head did not seem more than 2 inches – It was kept in an oblong cage (perh[aps] a coup[e]l y[ar]ds long, 3/4 broad, and 1 1/2 high) the bot[tom] cover[e]d with th[e]n 2 inches –

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of his travels translated by Helen Maria Williams – went to the library – sat there an hour and 1/2 and here and at Whitley’s read of the same volume preface 12 pp. Introduction pp. 51, and of the work itself pp. 50 – the library all in the bustle of removing 2 of Whitley’s men there repairing the books – several books brought in while I was there -
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L

Called and sat 1/4 hour at Northgate, and got home at 4. Mr. Jos[eph] Watkinson h[a]d been din[ing] w ith my aunt, and was there when I went in. Let[ter] fr[om] Marian to my aunt, dat[ed] yester[day] saying 'My father got safe home on Wed[nesday] by the aft[ernoon] coach, tho' not w ithout accid[ent]; for ab[out] 1/4 of a mile bef[ore] you come to the house at the cross roads on Bramham Moor, the coach (the mail) came in contact w ith a cart, the pole was broken, and some oth[er] damage done, wh[i]ch oblig[e]d the passengers to walk to the house I have men[tion]ed, where, w ith anoth[er] pole and ropes, all was suffic[ient]ly repair[e]d to take them to York, where they all got in safety – The Rockingham being full, my father was oblig[e]d to wait for the coach which leaves York at 5, and got here ab[out] 5. Let[ter] fr[om] Marian (Lawton) from which I extract[e]d the follow[in]g respect[in]g Jane Preston. Lou wrote to me a few days aft[er] I left home, and inform[ed] me th[at] as soon as I h[a]d quit[t] the house, my moth[er] despatch[e]d a note to Miss P. [Preston] say[in]g, th[at], as I was gone, she must assure her th[at] she firm[ly] believe[e]d what she h[a]d been told Miss P. [Preston] h[ad] s[ai]d, was true, and th[at] in conse[q]uence she must decline all furth[er] intercourse w ith her – the next morn[in]g Mr Duffin call[e]d to say, th[at] Miss P. [Preston] h[a]d been w ith him in the gr[ea]t[est] possib[le] distress, request[in]g advice how to act – She s[ai]d she h[a]d scarce[ly] slept since the matt[e]r being first men[tion]ed, th[at] she was ready to make an[y] apology, or to do an[y] thing th[at] m[ight] be requir[e]d, but still she positive[ly] declar[e]d she h[a]d nev[er] made use of the worst express[ions] th[at] h[a]d been imput[e]d to her, tho' she confess[e]d herself extremely blam[e]d in hav[ing] giv[ing] utterance to m[any] impropieties particula[rly] before strangers – aft[er] a long consultat[ion], wherein Mr. D.-[Duffin] preach[e]d peace and forgi veness, it was determ[ine]d th[at] he sh[ou]l[d] propose to the fair penitent her wr[it]in[g] an apology, a cop[y] of wh[i]ch my father w rote out – th[at] she d[ou]t[d] and my moth[er] wrote to grant the pardon she ask[e]d – Mr. D.-[Duffin] s[a]id th[at] Anne was acquainted w ith all th[at] h[a]d happ[ene]d, and was in gr[ea]t agitat[ion] of mind ab[out] it – my moth[er] theref[ore] sent her a consolatory epist[le], to w hi[ch] she rec[eived] a ver[y] prop[er] ans[wer]. say[in]g th[at] her sorrow was sincere for the unfort[une]tate occurr[ence], but th[at] both herself and her sist[er] were ready to allow th[at] my moth[er] h[a]d act[e]d as became a parent - Here theref[ore] I hope the matt[e]r will rest. I am really sorry for Anne, and c[oul]d alm[ost] pity Jane – I am glad she has act[e]d so contrite[ly], as it proves her heart is not so bad, as her tongue w oul[d] induce one to suppose – I am to have copies of the notes – In a form[e]r p[ar]t of her let[ter] (2[n]d page) she says, speak[in]g of the Norcliffes, 'I find poor Emily is to be bur[ie]d at Langdon § and Mr Sykes told my moth[er] he heard all the fam[i]ly were on the[i]r way back – Have you heard any[thing] confirm[iation] of th[i]s? It seems prob[able] – for who c[oul]d send w ith the corpse? – There is on[ly] Burnett, and she, I sh[ou]l[d] think, w oul[d] be insuffic[ien]t – In the ev[ening] wrote my jour[nal] of to day, as far as to the end of the ext[ra]ct fr[om] Marian's let[ter] to my aunt, and wrote out p[ar]t of the ind[ex] to th[i]s vol[ume], Fine aft[ernoon] but rainy, windy, stormy ev[ening] and night – Barom[eter] 2 deg[rees] bel[ow] Fahr[enheit] 34 1/2 deg[rees] at 9.p.m. – My aunt Lister told me th[at] there was a good deal of thund[er] and lightning on the ev[ening] of last Wed[nesday] Thurs[day] and yesterday –
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Jan[uar]y Sun[day] 18 + 9 1/4
11 40/60

Just aft[er] break[fa]st wrote the remaind[e]r of my journ[al] of yest[erday], none of us went to ch[ur]ch, it hav[ing] been a stormy night – some lit[tle] snow hav[in]g fallen – the wind being high, and the morn[in]g


Barom[eter] 2° ab[ove] chang[ea]d Fahr[enheit] 32° at 9 p.m. – Just bef[ore] it was dark in the aft[ernoo]n or rath[er] while it was light enough to see to r[ea]d (till 20 min[ute]s aft[er] 5) r[ea]d the last 15 pp. [pages] of the 1st chap[ter] of Bakewell’s geology –

Mon[day] 19
6 25/60
11 20/60

Bef[ore] break[fa]st and in the aft[ernoo]n ev[ening] wrote out the whole, exc[Iduin]g the 1st page, of the ind[ex] to th[i]s vol[ume] up to th[i]s day – Mrs W[illia]m Priestley call[e]d and walk[e]d w[i]th my aunt and me to H[alifa]x, as far as the end of N[orth]gate –

My aunt went to see the boa constrict[o]r and wild beasts – I sh[oul]d have gone in w[i]th her, but they w[ou]ld not admit me w[i]thout pay[in]g a shilling, even tho’ I h[a]d paid 2 on Sat[urday] so I walk[e]d ab[ou]t on the outside stage of the caravan, till my aunt return[e]d – We then went and pa[id] the bride-visit to Emma Stansfeld (Em[ma] Ralph th[a]t was) in Aked’s road, and sat 1/2 an hour – she shew[e]d us ov[er] the house which is ver[y] neat[l]y furnish[e]d and made the m[o]st of – but it is a cold and comfortless look[in]g situat[io]n and I sh[oul]d be sor[ry] to

live there- Mr and Mrs. James Edw[ar]d Norris were there for the 1st tim[e] to sit for his miniature –

Rawson came in just bef[ore] I came away – she has been some m[on]ths settled in a house in the back street, or rath[er] cheap-side, and forgett[in]g the circumst[ances] of our famil[i]ly look[ed] as if she meant to be shyish at our not hav[in]g call[e]d on her – Left a ticket for Em[ma] Saltmarshe, as they were at din[ner] tho’ the serv[an]ts said it was on[ly] bet[ween] 1 and 2 – Sat 1/4 hour at N[orth]gate, and my aunt, and unc[le] L- [Lister] and I walk[e]d home togeth[er] – My unc[le] went th[i]s morn[in]g for the 1st time to a Mr. Westoby to sit for his miniature –
Frost last night and early this morning, but a softish finish thickish day – Barometer at fair – Fahrenheit 32° at 9 p.m. – Fine moonlight night -
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Tues[day] 20
7 40/60
11 25/60


Wed[nesday] 21
6
11 20/60

Wrote out the list of books pamph[le]ts and period[ical] works contain[e]d in this vol[ume] up to today, and was the whole of the remaind[e]r of my time bef[ore] break[fa]st and aft[erwa]rds fr[om]m 10 3/4 till 2 3/4 add[in]g up and arrang[in]g on a new plan my expenses of last y[ea]r, i.e. class[in]g them und[er] the follow[in]g head[in]gs – Clothes, Hair cutt[in]g, oil and brushes, washing, sundries, Postage, Parcels Stationary, Books, music, Charity, Presents, Serv[an]ts, Chair hire, Travell[in]g expenses, 2 courses of lect[ure]s, Shoe bill at Hornby’s of last y[ea]r, Bal[ance] of acc[oun]t with M- [Mariana] fr[om] Sept[ember] 1815 to 25 Februar[y] 1817, P[ai]d on my moth[er]’s acc[oun]t - so that I can see at a glance what I have spent dur[in]g the y[ea]r in each depart[me]nt - I mean to pursue this plan in future, and, to save myself all the troub[le] I have now h[ad] in hav[in]g the items of the whole y[ea]r to separate and class all at once, I shall do it as I go along, regular[l]y ev[ery] month -
In the afternoon and evening going on with the rough draft of an index to volume 1 of my Extracts. From 5 25/60 to 5 3/4 played the flute, without book - Last night fine - the wind got up about 6 this morning, showed between 10 and 11, fine from then till near 2, when a heavy shower of hail - 2 or 3 showers of rain in the afternoon. Fine evening Barometer 1 1/2 degrees above changeable. Fahrenheit 37° at 9 p.m. 

My uncle this morning brought from Halifax the melancholy news of another sudden – Mr Rhodes ate his breakfast apparently in good health – broke a blood vessel soon after and died almost immediately -

Death of Mr Rhodes
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The 1st thing my uncle said at breakfast this morn[ing] was ab[out] my Aunt L-’s [Lister] ill temp[er] and quere conduct her keep[in]g friends with the fam[illy] if she c[oul]d etc. He seem[ed] ver[y] uneasy ab[out] it - s[ai]d he w[oul]d ask her what she want[e]d and what w[oul]d satisfy, and appear[e]d to have made up his mind to give her the £1000 to sign away all claim to her 3[r]ds and be quiet - I advis[e]d strongly him to ask her no such quest[ion]s and make her no such propos[als], but to wait and let her tell of her own accord what she w[oul]d have and what she w[oul]d do - I was by no means for giv[in]g the £1000 s[ai]d I w[oul]d not ensure her life for 3 y[ea]rs and let the worst come, w[oul]d rath[er] pay her her 3[r]ds observ[in]g at the same time that I th[ought] the intent[ion] of the will was so clear, that she c[oul]d not get her 3[r]ds in a court of equity - advis[e]d my uncle tak[in]g a legal opin[ion] on th[i]s point - and, as he was going to H[alifax]x, to consult Wiglesworth ab[ou]t it - He seems bet[ter] satisf[ied] now he has Mr W-[Wiglesworth] who does not apprehend any mo[re] serious mischief than ill tempers -

Thurs[day] 22
5 50/60
11 20/60
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were a long while, many m[on]ths, off the African Coast, in the Bight of Benin, off the Guinea Coast etc, and st[aye]d some time at Jamaica, and touch[e]d at Barbads, St Kitts and 1 or 2 mo[re] of W[est] Ind[ian] Isl[an]ds. 'Seen a yam 114 lbs weight - veget[ation] earth a y[ar]d deep on the
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COAST of Guinea – the soil is so rich, it neither requires nor gets much culture - Slaves 600

on board the ship (the Tom) - fed on[ly] twice a day, and then on boiled horse leaves with 1/2 pint of water at each meal - fattened for the market on rice and palm oil -

Chained by tens together brought on deck and kept there from 1/2 past 10 in the morning till 4 in the afternoon - made to dance till they perspired excessively this for their health’s sake - took every means of escaping they broke loose 2 or 3 times but were soon got under -

After the first 2 or 3 days were over they seemed to settle - 4, all chained together hand and foot, jumped overboard 4 leagues out at sea, and were drowned.

Men bought at about £13 a piece – women £2 less, tho if pregnant only £1 less, and, if with a fine child at the breast, the same price as the men - Paid for in goods – guns, gunpowder, some Manchester and Irish goods - East India calicos - a few taffeties - surges, and all sorts of hardware - A set of men on 1 part of the Coast of Africa (to the North of the Bight of Benin) remarkably large and strong - 6 feet and upwards would break the ordinary hand bolts with great ease, so that the ship’s smith was obliged to make some on purpose very strong and heavy. - they had 4 men and 2 women more intelligent and quite different from all the rest - women 5 feet 9 inches very handsome and well made proper noses and all their features handsome - men in proportion, and equally well made - the 2 women were kidnapped going together to fetch water, and the men in trying to rescue – they were not relations they had been 10 months in trading from the interior down to the coast - then people seemed to know perfectly well where and what they were going to sell it was of no use to complain – endeavored to learn and soon got to understand a little English and behaved so well that they were not chained and always had a little meat of some sort given them every day - these six were all sold to one man at Jamaica -

the current price for the whole cargo of 600 (out of which not more than 14 or 15 died) was £80 a piece - these poor wretches went on board 14 or 15 months before the ordinaries went to sea, and starved to death having only 5 bits (a bit the 8th of a dollar 7 1/2) a week allowed them with which they could procure nothing better than a little dried fish -

the sailors did not venture farther inland than 5 or 6 miles and armed with Cutlasses and pistols - they were 2 months in the Bight of Benin - and never got a single slave - some of the crew of H.M.P. European, 50 guns, unlucky went ashore were only 2 days away, and the natives castrated 40 – 25 of whom died - the soil, as said above,
remark[ably] rich – houses of mud, thatch[e]d w[i]th bamboo leaves – only one story
high – fire in the mid[die] of the room - smoke let out at the door -
Corn bruis[e]d bet[ween] 2 stones – moisten[e]d, wrapp[e]d up in bamboo leaves, and bak[e]d in
ovens made in the ground - Children born quite white – contain[ue] so 14 or 15
days - as soon as they are born they rub them all ov[er] sev[e]ral times as occas[io]n requires, w[i]th palm oil, or an[y] sort of grease,
and in this state expose them w[i]thout giving them any food, to the hot sun, so that
they fry and frizzle like boiling fish – und[er] w[hi]ch operat[io]n, w[hi]ch is to make th[e]m a
good black, many of the child[re]n die - But you cann[o]t possib[l]y persuade th[e]m
to lay aside this cust[om]. They flatten their noses also by press[in]g them down w[i]th the
fing[e]r, and stretch open their mouths as wide as they can, and curl up the upp[e]r
lip to make the child[re]n handsome - all this as soon as they are born -
w[hi]ch had not been done to the 6 peop[le] ment[ione]d that came from the inter[io]r. The Guinea
worm (vena medinensis) ver[y] troublesome – gen[eral]ly attacks the legs – once saw it in the arm – ver[y]
painful – wrap it round a sponge and keep turn[in]g the piece of sp[on]ge gently round till the worm is
gradually drawn out – if it be broken it causes viol[ent] inflammat[io]n and ‘pain that goes
to the heart’ it is so gr[e]at till, when the 1’st place has heal[e]d, the anim[a]l breaks out in some
oth[er] p[ar]t of the body – These worms while in the water are ab[ou]t the thickness of a horse
hair, quite white, and ab[ou]t 1/2 inch long – when tak[e]n int[o] the hum[an] frame they rapidly
increase, and Mr R- [Robinson] saw th[e]m as m[u]ch as 14 y[ar]ds in length when extract[e]d - on accoun[t]
of these worms, the wat[er] in Guinea is not drinkable, till prepar[e]d - The officers of the ship
alw[a]ys h[a]d it filter[e]d, but for the men and the slaves they threw lime int[o] it, made of burnt
shells, or limes or any acid w[hi]ch effect[ivel]y destroy[e]d the worms -
Mr R- [Robinson] – while talk[in]g of repairs at f[ir]st when he came in s[ai]d that copper sheet[in]g for roofs
was m[u]ch bet[ter] light[e]r and cheap[e]r than lead – it was now 25 p[er] cent dearer th[a]n it h[a]d
been a lit[tle] while ago but was 16d [pence] a pound, while lead was 20d [pence] - Sheets 4 f[eet] by 2
ab[ou]t lbs in a sheet - Mr R- [Robinson] left us a lit[tle] aft[er] 7, aft[er] hav[in]g drunk tea w[i]th us
aft[er] sitt[in]g the 3d and last time for his pict[ure] this morn[in]g and seeing Wigle[s]w[orth] din[e]d w[i]th my Aunt
L- [Lister] who was all in good hum[ou]r as if noth[ing] been wrong yest[er]day. My unc[le] came home
ver[y] well pleas[e]d ab[ou]t it, and seem[e]d satis[fi]ed - Mr Westoby, the paint[e]r, told my unc[le] that Mr Rhodes
h[ad] just got his break[fa]st yest[er]day when a crumb of bread went down the wrong way - He went
upst[a]irs into his dress[in]g room – soon rang his bell, and Mrs Rh[o]des went up and fo[un]d he h[a]d broken a
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blood vessel and brought up a great quantity of blood - Dr Paley was sent for, but was not at home - Dr Moulson however got there almost immediately - Mr Rhodes is reported to have s[aid] to him - O God! I must die - and expired in about 3/4 of an hour - A very stormy, rainy, boisterously windy day - Barometer 1 1/2 degrees below - Fahrenheit 40 degrees at 9pm -

Fri[day] 23
5 3/4
11 5/60

L

Till time to get ready for break[fast] (9 40/60) work[ing] on my accounts to make up the difference of 8d [pence] - and, at last, add[ing] th[e]m up all ov[er] ag ain, got them to my great joy quite right - I was determined not to be mastered and determined, let them take what time they w[oul]d, my patience sh[oul]d not be wearied - there h[a]d been snow in the night, but the morn[ing]

look[ing] to[ward]able, went downstairs ready to go w[i]th my Aunt to H[alifax] and make 2 or 3 calls - Duri[ng] break[fast] it came in thick and soon began to snow a little and turned out a thoroughly winterly snowy day - A letter from Miss M-[Marsh] dated yesterday January 22 (Micklegate York) giving an account of the arrival in York of the remains of our dear Emily - 'I went yesterday' (Wednesday says Miss M-[Marsh])

'to Fisher's and f[oun]d all h[ad] arrived the evening before and all was got ready to set off this morning to Stanfield - Miss Fryer happened to be in York, and is gone w[i]th Fisher and his wife and John, whom I spoke to yesterday - He brought no letter but says he left them all tolerably composed - Mr Norcliffe h[ad] left his bed - but he says his mistress is grown so thin, no one w[ou]ld know her - Miss N-[Norcliffe] much the same th[at] Miss

'Em[ily] they suppos[e]d suffer[e]d very little, as she was very quiet, scarce ev[er] spoke, and at last went off like a lamb - He thinks she was never well after they left Tenda

‘her appetite fail[e]d and she grew thinner - the party will ret[urn] tomorrow - John will then go for a day or 2 to see his friends - he will als[o] go to Langton, and ret[urn] here about next Tuesday or Wednesday and set off for Brussels immediately --- It is now a month since we have h[a]d an intelligent[ence] for John set off a few days after the fatal let[ter] - Poor fellow he looks ill and thin - no wonder' --- As soon as I h[a]d r[ead] my let[ter]

thought it over a little mus[in]g on the uncertainty of the things of this world, and sigh[ed] a deep and tender regret to the memory of my dear Emily - I took off my pelisse and about 12 (or a lit[tle] after) sat down to write to Miss Vallance, feeling it a melancholy pleasure to pay any attent[ion] in my power to one who, whoever or whatever she maybe, has a claim upon me in behalf of poor Mim - wrote on[l]y a couple[le] of pp[ages] - My mind seemed bent on meditation and the hours till 1/4 before 3, when I called down[st]airs, flew rapidly I knew not how - In the afternoon and evening wrote out my journal of Wednesday, yesterday and today -
the ev[ening] more calm, tho' froz[e]n snow show[e]rs ev[ery] now and then - Barom[eter] 1/2 deg[ree] above rain - Fahr[enheit] 34 degrees at 9 pm -
Sat[urday] 24
6
11 20/60
L

Before breakfast and from 1/2 past 10 till 12 finished my letter to Miss Vallance filled the ends and crossed the two first pages when I had done made one or two verbal alterations kept

this sheet as a copy and wrote another. Sent my letter to Miss Vallance (Sittingbourne Kent) by William this afternoon - I had got ready to go to Halifax myself, but, dawdling till 1/2 after 3, it began to rain and snow and turned out a winterly sort of afternoon - Abou[th] 4, Tom[a]s came up with a note from my Aunt Lister, to say, 'Mr Joseph Walkinson was taken with a fit in the hall this morning, and brought to his brother's by 2 men on a barrow - He is, poor man! perfectly sensible, but has lost his speech, and the use of one side - Dr Paley has been sent for, and he says there is no chance for his recovery' --- So many sudden deaths are very awful - God grant they may be a useful lesson to us all, and 'so teach us to number our days that we may turn our hearts unto wisdom' - In the afternoon arranging the rough draft of my index to Volume 1 Extracts and in the evening wrote out in the volume itself 3 columns, i.e. to the end of letter C - The evening fair - a good deal of snow on the ground - Barometer 1 1/2 degrees above zero - Fahrenheit 32° at 9 pm - The moon shone so bright, and it was so very light and fine at 1/4 to one last night or rather this morning that awaking, I got up, went down stairs, and lighted my candle to light my fire, before I discovered my mistake (I have had it lighted early in a morning; the first thing when I get up) and kept it till dinner time, instead of being lighted at night - ever since the first night or 2 after I returned from York -

Sun[day] 25
9 1/4
11 20/60
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Assisted in reading morning prayers (it was so slippery we none of us went to Church) and then filled a sheet to I.N. [Isabella Norcliffe] to say I had meant to write by John, who is to set off for York on Tuesday or Wednesday, but that I was so uneasy at not hearing from her, I could not delay writing so long - In the afternoon my uncle and I read Chapter 1 (ppage 20) Bakewell's Geology - My Aunt wrote down to dine at Northgate, for it began to thaw and was a warm afternoon, and the road was so softened, the mare could go safely - Mr Jos[eph] Walkinson still continues but has begun to take no notice of anything and they know not whether he is sensible or not - The barber brought the news that a letter had come this morning from York to say that Miss Radclyffe of Smith-house had been burnt to death in the Asylum - W[illiam] took my letter to I.N. [Isabella Norcliffe] (138 Rue du'Empereur, Bruxelles) postage 2/1 - when he went for my Aunt's sheet aft[ernoon]
In the evening read sermons 5 and 6 Volume 2 Hoole - Fine morning - Came in rather drizzly and damp between 4 and 5 in the afternoon - A soft evening the snow almost gone - Barometer very near at Changable - Fahrenheit 32 1/2 degrees at 9 pm - § Young Radclyffe, her brother, from grief at the thought of being obliged to leave Smith-house, attempted to poison himself the other day, and narrowly escaped having taken 14 scruples of nux vomica (14 scruples, according to Mr Sunderland who attended him) -
To 52  From 54
1817
Sept[ember] 1  Miss M-[Marsh]  M-[Mariana]
  6  M-[Mariana]  Miss M-[Marsh]
  7  Miss M-[Marsh]  M-[Mariana]
  8  My Moth[er]  M-[Mariana]
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October 3  My Moth[er]  M-[Mariana]
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 31  My Moth[er]  Miss M-[Marsh]
November 2  My Moth[er]  M-[Mariana]
  3  M-[Mariana]  Marian
  7  Marian
  8  My Fath[er]  M-[Mariana]
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Marian

Miss Vallance
Mrs HSB- [Henry Stephen Belcombe]

To
From

Miss M- [Marsh]
I.N. [Isabella Norcliffe] Brussels

Marian

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1818
Jan[uar]y 1
Mrs Norcliffe
My fath[er] M- [Mariana]
M- [Mariana] Miss Vallance
HSB- [Henry Stephen Belcombe]
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M- [Mariana]
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Miss Vallance
I.N. [Isabella Norcliffe] Brussels
Index
1818
January 13 - My father left us - Miss W's [Walker], Cliffhill, called.
14 - Miss S. Ralph – Mrs John Waterhouse, and Em[ma] Saltmarshe, called.

16 - Made up my journal after all the time lost in York – Mr Wiglesworth dined with us. Hummums – Bedford Coffee house – Greys Inn

17 - Polito’s wild beast – Boa constrictor &c Humboldt’s personal narrative – My father got safe home, tho’ the pole of the coach was broken by the way – M’s [Mariana] account of Mrs Belcombes note to J.P. [Jane Preston] and J.P.’s [Jane Preston] contrite apology. M- [Mariana] says E.N. [Emily Norcliffe] is to bury [ie] at Langton and the N-s [Norcliffe] are coming home directly – Thunder and lightning.

18 - Bakewell’s Geology


20 - Valuation at Northgate. My Aunt Lister out of sorts.

21 - Plan of my accounts. Death of Mr Rhodes. Doubts about my Aunt L- [Lister]. My advice on the subject.


23 - Arriv[al] of the rem[ain]s of poor Em[il]y at York, and then internm[en]t at Janfield.

24 - Sudden illness of Mr Jos[eph] Watkinson.

25 - Miss Radcliffe burnt to death at the York asyl[um]. Young R- [Radcliffe] took poison some days ago.
1817 To Rouge Croix
25 From M- [Mariana]
29 M- [Mariana]
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April 1 Mrs H.S.B. [Henry Stephen Belcombe]
2 M- [Mariana]
7 My moth[er]
10 Mrs B- [Belcombe]
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14 M- [Mariana]
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26 M- [Mariana]
28 M- [Mariana]
29 Copy for my uncle
30 Marian

May 1 Marian
3 M- [Mariana]
4 Rouge Croix
6 Rouge Croix
10 Copy for my uncle
12 M- [Mariana]
15 My Aunt A- [Anne]
17 My moth[er]
19 M- [Mariana]
20 Rouge Croix
21 M- [Mariana]
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Strickland, the tailor, wrote his tour to Paris -
Called to inquire after Mr W. Rawson and Mr Knight -
To begin my attendance on Mr K- [Knight] tomorrow

4 – Account of my less[n] from Mr K- [Knight]
6 – Called at H. Green, Pye nest, and Mrs Veitch’s -
2nd less[n] from Mr K- [Knight] Southey’s letter to W[illi]am Smith

7 – Died a few lines in the Elect[ra] of Sophoc[les]


9 – M- [Mariana] going to York – Indifferent account of my moth[er].

10 – My father[er] arrived – Miss Tenant

11 – The corpse kept in a close room – Fumigation

12 – Bad account of my moth[er]. Death of the Princess Char[lotte]


15 – Miss Inman called. Conversation about my poor moth[er] – Mr Mitton – Mr G Jackson

16 – Mr Inman called. Dr Belcombe’s charges.
Mr Mather’s ignor[an]ce
17 – Fun[eral] arrangements.

18 – Miss Inman called.

19 – Miss In[man] called. mentioned my mothers taking brandy and water


21 – uncomfortable way of living
Miss Inman called.

22 - Mr Skelding called.

Nov[ember] 23 – Miss In[man] called and brought the li[t]tle girl.

24 – Mr In[man] called 6 months child –


27 – Mr G.J.[Jackson] and Mr Dales called – Sud[den] death of Mr D-’s [Dale] moth[er]. Age of Mr Battle –


30 – Mr In[man] went w[i]th us to ch[ur]ch.

Dec[ember] 2 – Callers yest[erday] and today – Mr In[man] drank tea w[i]th us – Cop[ie]d Mr G. J- [Jackson]'s let[ter].

3 – Mr Skeld[ing] drank tea w[i]th us – Advis[e]d me to read the critique on the Rhemish bible
in the Brit[i]sh Crit[ique] of 2 or 3 mon[ths] ago –
Marian wrote to Miss Jackson.

4 – Mr Skeld[ing] called brought me (fr[om] Mr I- [Inman])
2 or 3 mineralog[ical] specim[ens] and a Romaic
edit[ion] of a small work of St Chrysostom’s
to look at – Mr In[man] sent me a coup[le]
Beckman’s hist[ory] of invent[i]ons.

5 – Made calls – Poor rates at M[arket Weighton] –
Mr and Mrs Skeld[ing] drank tea w[i]th us –
Metropolitan – Mrs S. [Skelding] can rememb[er]
weight 50 y[ea]rs Bev[erley] subscript[i]on lib[rary]

6 – M[arket Weighton] parish regist[ry] Mr In[man] called
Dissatisf[ied] w[i]th Dr B- [Belcombe] the Dr’s equivocat[i]on
and mistake ab[ou]t a cutaneous disease.

7 – Left M[arket Weighton] whale fishery – oil – Cause
of Hilvers – Sunderland bridge – Expenses
of a trav[eller] (bagman) Price of iron –
Arrival at York.

§ Mr I[man] recommend[e]d Thomas’s pract[ice] of phys[i]cs and Fife’s Anatomy –
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Dec[ember] 8 – Miss M-[Marsh] and M-[Mariana] and I din[e]d at the Duffins’


11 – Made calls – the story of Jane Preston fr[om]
Lady Vavasour – Miss Stainforth –
M- [Mariana] h[a]d her teeth out –

12 – a kiss Miss Jane Preston – Mrs Busy –

13 – J.P’s [Jane Preston] scandal told to M- [Mariana] and the Belcombes –

14 – Call[e]d on Mrs Busy – Din[e]d at the D-‘s [Duffin] –
Miss M. D- conversat[i]on ab[ou]t J.P. [Jane Preston] - anecdote of lady V- [Vavasour] Left Miss M- [Marsh] and went to the B- [Belcombe]s’

M- [Mariana] well spok[e]n of – Made oth[er] calls –
Dr B. [Belcombe] consults Jon[a]than Grey, and Lawton the proctor –
Process[ed] expenses etc – Ask[e]d Mr D- [Duffin] to be mediat[o]r The rooms open[e]d on a new plan –

16 – Beg[a]n Parkhurst – Mr D [Duffin]’s notable manage[me]nt –
Lady V-‘s [Vavasour] literary note –


Isabel and Charlotte better. Emily ill in a cold –
Mrs Busy called – Paid bills – π [Mariana] jealous of
Louisa – Joke about a decade –
Death of Mr Radclyffe of Smith house –
Left York – presents to the Belcombes Horses
bought by the Hanoverians Rose and Crown Inn Leeds –
Fires of mourning rings – Roguery in Coach Offices –

Dec[ember] 20 – Arrive[d] at Shibden

21 – my aunt Lister dissatisfied flaw in
my uncle Joseph’s will – Death of Dr Coulthurst
Church put in mourning for the princess Charlotte and for him –
Elect[io]n of a conductor and matron for the Asylum
at Wakefield – Salary etc –

22 – Mrs James Holroyd called. I called at N[orth]gate
26 – M- [Mariana] came – Mr C. L’s [Charles Lawton] narrow escape –
27 – Account of the death of poor Emily
28 – M- [Mariana] left us
29 – Death of Mr John Greenwood
Begin[n] to dine at six

31 – Mr Knight to be our vicar

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Jan[uar]y 2 – Radfield’s bill for mourning rings

3 – Miss Vallance – Mrs Steph brought to
bed of a fine boy

4 – European magazine for Nov[ember] last

5 – Death of E.N [Emily Norcliffe] – in the Leeds Intelligencer

6 – My father came

7 – Read Chapter 1 Neilson’s Greek Idioms
8 – Formula of pills and febrile powder given to Betty –
   Called to congratulate Mr Knight

9 – Conversation with my father about affairs
   Things seem to be rather better my father thinks of going abroad

10 – Von Buch’s travels in Norway – Beloe’s anecdote
     of séance books – no more books to be given
     out from the old library room – Ordered Hutton’s
     course of mathematics, and Hebrew grammar
     Wursolde’s engraved gems – new edition of Seapula

11 – Sick head-ache

12 – Letter from C.N. [Charlotte Norcliffe] to Mrs Milne in good spirits Dec 10 –
     Death of Lady Vavasour – Mrs B. [Belcombe]’s note to
     J.P. [Jane Preston] & J.P. [Jane Preston]’s written apology
     Paid Rawsons £50 New
     library room – Mrs Prescott’s new houses – Bakewell’s
     Geology – E.N.’s [Emily Norcliffe] remains to be brought to England vid. Leeds Intelligence
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Walkingh[a]m’s divis[i]o[n] of ratios vid[e] June 7 –
Obs[ervation] on the notes to the translat[i]on of Pausanias –

let[ter] will she and I or π [Mariana] and I get together


19 - The gre[a]t heat beg[a]n

22 – Mrs Veitch came – Excess[ive] heat –

Din[e]d at tea-time –

27 – Got thro[ugh] the 1st 6 books of Eu[clid]

28 – My fath[er] came –

30 - Beg[a]n Eu[clid] 2[n]d time – begin to wean myself
from the thought of π [Mariana]

July 5 – wavering about π [Mariana]

7 – Din[e]d at Stoney Royde – Conversat[i]on w[i]th Ellen –
Fortune – Housekeep[in]g – Mrs Saltmarshe –
Mr Colbeck – my own feelings

9 – Steph has left Field house

10 – Call[e]d at H[yson] Green – My fath[er] wrote to his ten[ant]s
at Hampstead –
11 – Called at Pye nest – Spent the day at Haugh End
low about π Mariana looked at Isabella’s picture

12 – M- [Mariana] annoyed at my last letter
Mrs and Miss C- Greenwood called

14 – My Aunt and I drank tea at Cross-hills

16 – Mrs R- [Rawson] and Ellen called My uncle and aunt at
the Prescotts’ – I not asked

18 – I Heness[e]y – Called at the W. & J. Rawsons –
the Hudsons called here

20 – Spent the day at Lightcliffe

22 – Forbes gives some credit to the Indian method of
trial by ordeal

July 23 – Called at H. [Hyson] Green Religion killed 5
men – a boy – Mr Sam Lees

24 – Mrs R- [Rawson] and Ellen drank tea with us

25 – Lib. 2 proposition 13 Euclid My pons asinorum

28 – My uncle Joseph very dropsical after his attack of h[aemorrha]ge

31 – Writ[en]g an index to vol[ume] 2 of my Ext[acts]

Dr[ank] tea at N[orth]gate – Called at H. [Hyson] Green –
Miss Ann Caldwell married

4 – Mrs Ralph called in the afternoon

7 – Puzzled about surds
9 – Read 305 verses Homer Iliad in 3 hours
Talk seriously of going to Mr K- [Knight]

10 – My uncle Joseph 1st takes elaterium
Mr Wiglesworth came in the evening
Called on Mr K- [Knight] to attend him after
Michaelmas – account of Dr Bell

15 – Miss C- [Caroline] Greenwood called

18 – account of my money

19 – Account of John Oats

20 – Alabaster cupboard from I.N. [Isabella Norcliffe] dissatisfied
with π [Mariana] comparison between the two
Dalton the lecturer Lean of Wyndenbury
Steeple – Ravenhead mirrors 15 [ee]t by 10

23 – Death of Dr Best

26 – Speech of Nest Iliad 23 the most difficult part of the Iliad
Reflections on I.N. [Isabella Norcliffe] and M- [Mariana] and on writing to them

27 – Dalton’s gig – Colling’s pattern bush and axle –
Miss Copley Brown –

28 - folly about miss brown – my father left us –
Spent the day at Stony Royde – Miss Markland –

29 – more about miss brown

30 – Low about M- [Mariana] called on Emma Saltmarshe
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2 – Dr[ank] tea at Cliff-hill – the 1st time of visit[in]g
in black, out of mourn[in]g

4 – Dr[ank] tea at Thorpe

Dr[ank] tea at N[orth]gate – Call[e]d on old Mrs Wetherherd

8 – Beg[a]n Longin[us] f[i]nd it rath[er] diffic[ult]
Call[e]d at Pye nest – Mrs Ed[wards] recov[erin]g fr[om] a bad

9 – Speak to Miss Legard at the lect[ure]

11 – Sent Miss M-[Marsh] mon[e]y to pay Mrs Cooke and my
subscript[i]on to the friend[ly] soc[iety] when due –

12 – Lou out of dang[er] – harriet’s bad nursing
My unc[le] and aunt dr[ank] tea at Haugh end – I go
to stay till mon[day]

13 – Recollect[i]ons at Haugh end – Miss Birch –
dr[ank] tea at White wind[ow]s

14 – housekeeping expenses at haughend

15 – Spent the day at Mill house

18 – Mrs R-[Rawson] and El[len] call[e]d sick head-ache
Party to tea.


20 – Call[e]d at Stony Royde – at Crop hills and on
Mr K [Knight] am to go to him on the 1st Nov[embre].

21 – remorse at telling π [Mariana] my heart is hers


25 – Dr[ank] tea at N[orth]gate no connection between my uncle and aunt these 19 years


28 – Crew of the Bounty in Pitcairn’s Isl[and].


4 – my uncle listers determination te eentail


6 – Call[e]d at Hipperholme – Dr Paley call[e]d in to my unc[le] Jos[eph].

8 – Feroe Isl[and]s well worth seeing.


Mrs Ralph call[e]d. Mr W. Raws[on] ver[y] ill.

18 – Finish[e]d the treat[ise] of Longin[us].


22 – *reflections on the selfishness of πs [Mariana] conduct*  
John Oates came – Hinchcliffe, Walsh, and  
Co’s settlement w[i]th Mrs Prescott.

23 – *account of money matters*

to last long. Mrs Lawson, York, in the same way.

26 – My unc[le] Jos[eph] sat up w[i]th Mrs Inman  
dang[erou]sly ill.

27 – Call[e]d at Crow nest, Cliff hill, and Lightcliffe  
Mrs Bramley – Mrs W. Priest[ly] conversat[ion]  
ab[ou]t Dr B- [Belcombe]’s death.


30 – Not well – Look[in]g ov[er] let[ter]s low – Critique  
on Dr Holland’s trav[e]l[s].

31 –  
Rev[eren]d Mrs Thom[as] Linley call[e]d.
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Tues[day] 18 – Northern Star, or Yorksh[ire] mag[azine]

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March 29 – A.B. covered with ice – Left off fires.
April 2 – M- [Mariana] and Mr L- [Lawton] and Louisa passed through the town.

began to put my drawers on with braces

3 – Called at Cross-hills

7 – Called at Warley house and Pye-nest.

8 – Mrs John Waterhouse and Emma Rawson called.

9 – Chronological notes from Hanways Travels

10 – The W-‘s [Walker], Cliff-hill called. My Aunt and I called at Horley Green and Cross-hills.

12 – Mr Fenton Scott called to ask my uncle’s vote.

14 – Reading the Itinéraire de Genève the second time.

15 – Attempt to steal the poultry – Buy a pistol.

18 – Got through the extraction of the cube root
Mrs and Miss Ralph and my aunt L- [Lister] drank tea with us.

19 – Got through the extraction of the biquadratic root.
Misses Caroline and Ellen Greenwood called.

21 – Began Simple Interest in decimal fractions.

22 – Drouet, Lugden, the girl violin player.

24 – Conversation with my uncle Joseph about his will.

26 – Death of Mr Cotton – Receipt of the pedigree.

28 – Drank tea at Lightcliffe.
29 – Finished Xenophon Cyropaedia Draft £28 to Rouge Croix – Heard Lugden play –

30 – Observations on receiving money from my father my mother gone to Mr D’-s [Duffin] of York –

May 1 – Began Aesch cont. Ctes. [Aeschines against Ctesiphon]

2 – Called at Stony Royde – alarm about vaccination
Reports about M [Mariana] and Mr L [Lawton] being parted –

3 – Ann Hurt - C [Charles] goes to the post for letters –

4 – Errors in the pedigree corrected –

6 – Lugden on the flute – His terms –

Critique on Maillet’s description of Egypt –

May 7 – Drank tea at Crop-hills – Staveleys – Music
Singing Miss C.G.’s [Caroline Greenwood] manner –

8 – My Aunt and Miss L. R. [Rawson] went to Harrogate together
Called at Crop hills – said to be studying Hebrew –

10 – Miss C. Barlow married to Mr Park –

12 – Account of the registered election this and the two or three following days

13 – Finished Aesch cont. Ctes. [Aeschines Against Ctesiphon] – Began Euclid –

Scheme of a plan of study –

17 – Called on Mr K [Knight] who had just got into Trinity Church parsonage – Death of his father in law –

Edward’s rejoicing at Hawksworth’s being elected –

20 – P[age] 13 lib. 2 Euclid difficult Drowsy in a morn[ing]

22 – Reflect[ion] on the mis[er]y of idleness –

27 – Finish[ed] De Corona – Mesur[ing]g Bairstow –
Coley Chap[el] stone of the count[y] Bradley –

28 – Refuse a party at Pye nest – Conversat[io]n
w[i]th my unc[le] ab[ou]t matrim[on]y – despair
about π [Mariana] and I being together –

29 – Beg[a]n select orat[io]ns of Demosthenes
How long in dress[ing] in a morn[ing] etc –

31 – My unc[le] and I decline din[ing] at Cross hills –
June 1 – Determ[ined] alw[ays] to wear bl[a]ck –

2 – Divis[io]n of my time –

5 – Low ab[ou]t M- [Mariana] may not meet for some years
what will be the effect of such long absence

7 – Decima]l sums not understoo]d hott[e]st day this y[ea]r
so far –

ll[ia]d and to r[ea]d f[o]r 1/2 hour a day –

11 – Death of Jane Bolton’s Child -
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March 21 – Hanway’s Travels in Russia, Persia, etc

22 – Haiiy’s Elements of Natural Philosophy

April 15 – Niebuhr’s Travels thro’ Arabia, etc

20 – Bishop Horsley’s Sermons
Thistlethwaite’s Ditto
Alison’s Ditto

22 – Leland’s Demosthenes

24 – Warden’s Letters

29 – Αἰσχινος κατα Κτησιφων κι Δημοσθένος ο περί στέφανο λόγος

May 1 – Norden’s Travels in Egypt and Nubia

8 – Leland’s Philipp of Macedon

15 – Alciphron’s Epistles

18 – Translation of Pausanias

28 – Δημοσθένος λογοι εκλεκτοι

June 9 – Homer’s Iliad Grace et Latine Clarke
Pope’s Iliad
Itineraire de Geneve, etc

10 – Cowper’s Iliad

21 – Account of Humboldt’s Travels
Reflections on Banks
English Bards and Scotch Reviewers
The bat[tle] of Maida all b[ou]nd in one 12mo[octavo]

22 – Gregory’s Econ[omy] of Nature

July 5 – Forbes’ Orient[al] Mem[ories]

13 – Polwhele’s serm[on]s

July 25 - the French pox or little then us unmasked

27 – Goldsm[i]th’s hist[ory] of the earth and animat[e]d nat[ure]

Aug[us]t 1 – Les lecons de l’histoire

11 – Galt’s life of West


8 – Το Τα Διόνυσιος περι
Υψίς υπομνήμα
Welsted’s Longin[us]

10 – Smith’s D[itt]o

22 – Middleton’s Epist[le] of Lic[ence] to Brit[ain] and B. to C.

27 – Shillibeer’s Narrat[ive]


6 – Landt’s Descript[io]n of the Feroe Isl[an]ds

9 – Thomson’s Syst[em] of Chemist[ry]

10 – Born’s trav[el]s in Hungary, etc
21 – Art of preserving the sight

23 – Holland’s travels in the Ionian isles, etc

December 4 – Beckmann’s History of Inventions and Discoveries

21 – Hooles sermons

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January 8 – Observations on the Ruins of Babylon

15 – Adams’ narrative