Diary of Anne Lister of Shibden Hall

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Wrote out this part of my journal
from notes after my return here
from Lawton which accounts for the date
of my getting this book.

Saturday the fourteenth of September one
thousand eight hundred and sixteen

A Lister Shibden Hall
Day [Boedromion - October/November]
Year 1816

Index from Wed[nesday] 14 Aug[ust] to Tues[day] 5 Nov[ember] 1816

1816
August
Wed[nesday] 14 - Macclesfield – Buxton – teasing Anne
Th[ursday] 15 - Buxton – Crescent – Stables – walks – Castleton
Speedwell mine – Ebb[ing] and flow[ing] well – excusing
myself to Anne for my partiality to the ladies
Fri[day] 16 - Dull day at Buxton – Rem[arks] on the place –
contradicted all I said to Anne last night
Sat[urday] 17 - Left Buxton – the bath charity – conduct to Miss Anne
Sun[day] 18 - Sarah and the laundry maid ver[y] ill – Talkation
Mon[day] 19 - C- [Charles] afr[aid] of being thought mad – Mr Stansf[iel]d Caldw[ell]
Anne let me look at her a lock of tweres hair
Tues[day] 20 - wrote π [Mariana] a circular for her friens
Wed[nesday] 21 - all but connected with Anne – Mrs. Steph’s opin[io]n of
C – [Charles] – Steph’s din[ner] party-
Th[ursday] 22 - conduct to Anne – Steph show[e]d me C-’s [Charles] incoherent
note of Mon[day] 29 July – Left Field-house-
Fri[day] 23 - Newcast[le], Congleton, Wilmslow, Cheadle, Man-
ches[ter], Rochdale, H[alifa]x – My aunt L’s [Lister] scandal
I Sat[urday] 24 - Mrs. Veitch left us – wrote to M – [Mariana]
1 Sun[day] 25 - Wrote to Mrs Steph – Beg[a]n Horsey’s serm[on]s
1 Mon[day] 26 - Wrote to my moth[er] Fruitless walk to call on
Miss M - Rem[ar]ks on Mrs G’s mo[re] th[a]n com[on] civility
Beg[a]n the Itineraire de Geneve Lausanne etc
I Fri[day] 30 - Wrote I.N. Berne en Suisse
Sat[urday] 31 - Wrote to M – [Mariana]

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September
I Mon[day] 2 - Wrote to A.C. (vid[see] 1 Sept) Let[ter] fr[om] Miss M-
Tell[in]g me what Mrs. G h[a]d s[aid] of me - Accoun[t]
Tues[day] 3 - P[aid] Mr. W- for consult[ing] the regist[r]y and explain[e]d
Wed[nesday] 4 - Beg[a]n arrang[in]g my journ[al]. Rem[ar]ks up[on]
Mr and Mrs Hudson call[e]d. Be[ga]n w[i]th germ[an] gram[mar].
Fri[day] 6 - Miss S Ralph call[e]d
Sun[day] 8 - Curious[ly] mount[e]d walnut fr[om] [I.N.?]
Tues[day] 10 - Call[e]d on Mrs. Wetherherd
and Anne – Mrs. Veitch came – Her nephew
Mrs H Ridsdale dr[an]k tea w[i]th us
Fr[iday] 13 - My Aunt L[ister]’s story ab[ou]t C- [Charles]
Sat[urday] 14 - Mr. Morris’s trial - Mr. Wilbraham in a scrape-
I Mon[day] 16 - Wrote to M- [Mariana]
Wed[nesday] 18 - Dr[ank] tea a N[orth]gate -
Fri[day] 20 - Miss A. Walker and Miss Atkinson and my unc[le]
and aunt Lister call[e]d
to see Miss O’Neil-
I Mon[day] 23 - Wrote to M- [Mariana] – answ[er] to a point of etiquette
Tues[day] 24 - Call[e]d on the Ralphs, Greenw[al]lds, Mrs Tom Rawson,
Mrs. Veitch and at N[orth]gate - Joe Milnes beg[a]n
cutt[in]g his wheat -
Thurs[day] 26 - Call[e]d at Crownest, Cliff-hill, Lightcliff
and Mrs. Hudson’s -
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L had no kiss. C – [Charles] and M – [Mariana] were off in the gig by 8. Mr. Lawton being left at home, Anne and I had the carriage to ourselves and were off about half past 8. We overtook C – [Charles] and M – [Mariana] before we got to Congleton – The same horses / one [pr] from Talk/ took us through to Macclesfield, where we had a luncheon and then walked into the town – went to see Lady Lucan’s house, a mile off on the London road – the count[ry] and ground about are fine, but the house itself / an old family place of the Fauconbergs and in times of yore a Hall of distinct[tion] a large pile of useless inconvenient old holes, part of th[e]m - let off to a farmer, as at Red-house – There was form[erly] a chapel – perhaps a handsome one – it is now the best thing ab[out] the place in the form of stables - C – [Charles] asked the rent – The house unfurnish[ed] – and 8 or 10 acres of land £100 per annum… W[ould] take £80 perhaps, rather than nothing – On our way back, stop[ped] to see what used to be Mr Daintree’s silk-mill – The machinery apparently lit[tle] different fr[om] th[at] us[ed] for cotton – 4 or 500 people employ[ed] - Fine crimson floss silk, done up in banks of 2 lbs and 2 and a half, going off to Scotland / Glasgow / to make shawls £2 – 12 – 6 per lb - Macclesfield is a good town, contain[ing] – they say, w[i]th its immediate suburbs, 1700 inhabitants. There are 2 churches – one of brick only lately built and a very neat, convenient, small square market place, consist[ing] of 3 streets form[ed] by 2 rows of Sheds run[ning] up the middle – it is entirely closed in when not want[ed] - we found the gates lock[ed] but saw the whole place by peep[ing] thro’ the bars – Th[e]re are a great many both silk and cotton mills – the proprietors of the one we saw are lay[ing] out a considerable sum to make it go by water, prefer[r]ing th[i]s means to steam, on acc[ount] of coals being so expensive – Aft[er] being shown very civilly all over the works, C – [Charles] offered the man money – Strange to say, he replied he nev[er] took anything, and really and positively refus[ed] it! – I wish, for the hon[our] of our Count[ry] th[is] example were more generally follow[ed] – the road fr[om] Cong[leton] to Mac[clesfield] is good, very hilly and picturesque – The town of Mac[clesfield] on the Derbyshire side is at the foot of an amphitheatre of bold Lime-stone hills to w[hich] the Mowcop range extends along th[e]eir right all the way fr[om] Lawton – You are on the moors w[i]thin a mile or 2 of Mac[clesfield] and thence to Buxton the road is a series of tremendously ups and downs through the wildest moor country imaginable – The moors, belong[ing] chiefly to the Duke of Devonshire, are now, and have been since last y[ea]r, preserv[ed] for the comp[any] at Buxton - none but qualified men / perhaps th[e]re is an except[ion] in fav[our] of th[ose] stay[ing] at the crescent or some other principal house / being allow[ed] to shoot. There is now, therefore, goodsport - Before, any body went up[o]n th[em] - who chose, and these us[ed] to be, in the course of a season,
some hundreds of low lived fellows / fr[om] as far as the Staffordsh[ir]e potteries/ at the Moss-house, on the left, ab[ou]t 3 m[ile]s fr[om] Bux[ton] down a very steep narrow road w[i]th an ill-fenced-off precipice / the case in many oth[e]r p[ar]ts of the road/ on the right – the appearance of the town is very singular – surround[e]d by rude, bleak, barren lime-stone mountains, cov[e]red w[i]th lime – kilns – the crescent is situat[e]d so low, and so hid fr[om] view, you hardly see the chimnies, till you drive round the back, and come into the area in front – we went to the Great hotel – had a sitt[in]g room downstairs, C [Charles] prefer[r][i]n[g] it on accoun[t] of seeing the people as they walk[e]d along the piazza - order[e]d din[ner] immediately, and devour[e]d a brace of moor-game wh[i]ch were excellent, but dear / 16 s/ in conseq[uence] of the moors being so strictly preserv[e]d – I fell asleep afterw[ards] on the sopha dur[in]g w[hi]ch time, M – [Mariana] was very sick and almost faint[e]d - C – [Charles] sent for Dr Buxton, not at home - then for Dr Dresser (now settled in Lond[on]) late of Macclesfield, and originally an apothecary there w[hi]ch fr[o]m his appearance and manners, one has no difficulty in believing – Anne and Watson had a double bedded room – I a tolerably good single one opposite – 10 s[hilling] p[e]r week – up I know not how many flights of stairs – All rather tired and went to bed early – Anne sat by my bed-side, and lay by me upon the bed till 3 in the morn[in]g – I teazing and behaving rather amorously to her she would gladly have got into bed or done anything of the loving kind I asked her

Thurs[day] 15

L had a kiss  The morn[in]g fair and tolerably fine but tow[ar]ds noon, threaten[in]g rain – walk[e]d out and saw the Crescent – stables – the church – the walks, and the town – A lit[tle] aft[er] 12 set off to Castleton. Had sev[eral] flying showers on our way – a pretty heavy one dur[in]g the time we had luncheon there, and as we were going to the cave, or as it is call[e]d there, Peaks hole –, we were just 3 quart[er]s of an hour in exploring the wonder of nature fr[om] one end to the other, a dist[ance] of 700 y[ar]ds – It was full of water and quite inaccessible only 3 weeks or a fortnight bef[o]r we were there – the man who shows it / and his fath[e]r – had it bef[o]r him / farms it of the Duke of Devonshire, and keeps as good a path thro’ it as he can – the lit[tle] stream of water we saw run along it was clear as crystal / we stepped into it 2 or 3 times by mistake / and remarkably good tasted – The Austrian Princes the Archdukes John and – visited th[i]s wonderful place last autumn / I think/ and the man was much amus[e]d by telling us of the fear they show[e]d at the unexpect[e]d shock of the blast – At the
very extrem[ity] of the Cave[n] – we saw cut up[o]n – the rock ‘Gurk of Vienna’ the proprietor of the curious panharmonicon th[at] was in York last Jan[uar]y – our friends whom the Belcombes and I went to 3 or 4 morn[ings] – to waltz – At the ent[rance] of the cave there is a board put up ag[ain]st one of the cottage huts, telling the price of show[in]g the cavern
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to one two or more visitors – 1, I think, is 1/6 – 2. 2/6 – we, a party of 5 -/C – [Charles] – M – [Mariana] Mr Lawton, Anne and I / paid if I mistake not, 8 s and 2 s for the blast, or 6 s for the party and 2 s for the blast –
There were no singers in what is call[e]d the Chancel – the guide told us the singing was now giv[e]n up unless when particularly bespoke; as it was too expensive to answer in general –
There are a few poor [lookin]g cottages and a ropery in the entrance of the 1st Cavern the length of w[hi]ch is 180 feet – the span of the arch 120 and its height fr[om] the left abutement /20 feet lower than the right and the road on w[hi]ch you stand / 70 feet / But, for a furth[e]r descrip[tio]n, vide the little guide book
I bought of Elias Hall who s[a]id he was an agent to Mawe, the mineralogist of Lond[on] had
a nice shop just opposite the Inn and a good collect[i]on of specimens tho’ very dear –
the least 6 d and for a lit[tle] bit of elastic pitch, fr[om] Mam Tor, ab[ou]t half an inch square 1 s –
s[u]ch things being too high for me I only bought the small guide refer[e]d to p[rice] 1s print[e]d 1815 and Mawe’s
Mineralogy of Derbyshire p[rice] 6 s, print[e]d in Lond[on] 1802 – The man show[e]d us some very
near Derbyshire marble chimney-pieces – One of [black marb]le £11 – 11 – one of bird’s eye
£7 or 8 – One of dog’s tooth £5 – There was a set /3/ beautiful large Black-John vases
at 40 guineas – From the cave we return[e]d to the Inn, got into the carriage, and drove
thro’ the winnets to Speedwell mine, dist[ance] ab[ou]t a mile – The winnets is the old road – for the sake of easing it, they have just made a diversion th[a]t branches off
ab[ou]t a mile fr[om] Speedwell, and goes by the foot of Mam Tor - The mine is opposite to this
mount[a]n ab[ou]t a mile on the left fr[om] Castleton – the entrance is shut up by a door
hung in the rock, looking just like a pig-sty door, or at least giving you the idea of
something of th[a]t sort – It rained very heavily all the way there and during the rest of
the aft[emoon] – almost w[i]thout intermission – The man conduct[e]d us down an arch, 106
steps, when we came to the water and got into the boat – In a furth[e]r descrip[tio]n vid the lit[tle]
guide book – This mine the guide told us was driven in a North and South direction[i]o]n by a Staffordshire gent[leman]
ab[ou]t 5 y[ear]s ago / w[hi]ch gent[leman] it event[uall]y ruin[e]d, and is now the prop[erty] of the guide’s uncle/ to cut across
the gen[eral] run of lead veins in th[i]s country, and collect water so as to float boats to convey
the ore, and otherwise render the work less laborious – They cut 700 y[ar]ds – and then came to
the cav[er]n– call[e]d the Devil’s Hall, 600 feet below the surface of the earth/ heigh[t of the cav[er]n
not known/ – The Guide was ab[ou]t 9 years old at the time, was present and remembers the
panic th[a]t struck th[e]m when the blast first open[e]d – up[o]n th[e]m – th[i]s yaw[n]g chasm – They
fanci[e]d the tremendous rush of water into the abyss, not know[ing] – whence or how it came,
must inevitably overwhelm th[e]m – and therefore endeav[ou]red to scamp[e]r off as fast as possible.
They afterw[ar]ds cut 700 y[ar]ds farther, beyond the cav[er]n – and tho’ they wheel[e]d all the refuse of th[i]s last
part of the mine into the abyss, at the rate of 20 tons a day for 5 years, it made
no apparent difference but it remains unfathomable – the guide told
us he had been let down with ropes 100 yards to the level of the water – but still he could not get line
enough to find anything like a bottom – the declivity is not steep – he walked down very
securely with the help of the roper – The mine cost £14000 and took 15 men, working day
and night, 5 at a time and 5 hours together, 11 years – the road from Buxton to Castleton is
in many places tremendously steep, bounded on all sides by high naked lime-stone
mountains here and there scattered with sheep – Mam Tor or the shivering mountain rises into view 4 or 5 miles
from Castleton, and becomes gradually more and more striking – Th[is]s mountain is at least
13000 feet above the plain, and is, I believe, the only one in the country where
the elastic pitch is found – About 5 miles from Castleton on the right as you go, is the ebbing
and flowing well, at the foot of a lime-stone hill – It is several yards in circumference and looks
exactly like one of the Yorkshire Wold horse-ponds - Je Coup d’oeil of the valley or
basin, in which Castleton is situated, when you first catch it from the new road
just cut at the foot of the Tor, is very striking and beautiful – It is formed by a circular
range of Lime-stone mountains, in many parts not apparently of much less
extent than the Tor – may possibly be 5 or 6 miles in circumference looks fertile and
well cultivated and is agreeably diversified by the 2 villages of Hope and
Brough by a few small farm-houses and trees in the hedgerows – Sheep graze
along the heights; for there is no plants, nor indeed a tree to be seen on the
south side of the village - the
town with its neat looking church, is quite at the extremity of one side on the right –
Almost at the Summit of the mountain is a 250 feet above the plain/
is a fine ruin of the Castle, called by the Romans Arx Diaboli, in the possession of one
Peveral, at the time of the Doomsday Survey and then called The Castle of the Peake.
A deep fissure separates this part of the mountain from the entrance to
the Cave or Peak’s hole, which can hardly be more than a couple of hundred yards from the Inn.
we got back about 7 – all delighted with our day’s excursion – C – [Charles] hardly spoke as we
returned and wou[ld] have been very much dejected if we had not coaxed him out
of it – He told us how faint and sick and quere he had felt in Speedwell mine – he thought he sh[ou]ld
have died while he was in the boat – It certainly was very vaultish, and the atmosphere not
agreeable – Anne sat by my bedside till 2 I talked about the feeling to which she gave rise
lamented my fate said I should never marry could not like men ought not to like women at the
same time apologizing for my inclination that way by divers arguments arguments made out a pitiful
story altogether and roused poor Ann’s sympathy to tears
1816
Aug[уст] Fri[день] 16
L had a kiss A very rainy day and Buxton looked very dull – Took a few turns
ev[ery] now and then under the Piazzas – Tasted the well-water – it is warm and has nothing at all
unpleas[а]nt to the taste, but the mouthful I took made me rath[e]r sick – went to Moore’s circulat[in]g
library/ found nothing but novels, and some of th[e]m none of the best nor least
exceptionable – Saw the ball and card rooms wh[i]ch are in the house and are both very handsome and well
adapt[e]d to their respective purposes - There was a ball in the ev[ening] but we did not think it
worth the trouble of going – the fuss of dressing at 9, to break up, accord[in]g to rule, precisely as the
clock strikes 11 – what I am going to say of the place is almost entirely taken fr[оm] the few observant[ио]n[s]
I [ou]t make yest[е]rday morn[и]ng while we were saunter[и]ng ab[о]ut before going to Castleton – The Crescent is
a handsome stone building very neatly finish[e]d, 3 stories high, a piazza under the 2[n]d story
in w[о]hich 4 people can walk abreast, and the top of the build[in]g surmount[e]d in the centre by the
Devonshire arms in handsome relievo – The Crescent communicates immediately w[i]th sev[е]ral
oth[е]r handsome mod[е]rн erect[iо]ns belong[in]g to the Duke, all piazzaed in the same way for the
convenience of visitants / they say it always rains at Buxton/ and let as lodgings – the
cres[е]nt besides a few shops, consists of the Great Hotel, the Centre, and St. Anne’s in front of
w[о]hich is the well, call[e]d St. Anne’s, whence the house has its name
– This is the place for
invalids / notwithstanding it is sometimes skittishly call[e]d the Manchester warehouse / Step
out of the door, turn to the right, and you are in a cov[е]red paysage within 20 y[а]rs of the baths –
Th[e]se rath[e]r disappoint[e]d me both in style, and numb[e]r – They are dark low places, the
dressing-rooms do, and very small, and seemingly uncomfortable – There is only one pubлис
bath for the ladies and one for the gents – one priv[е]t bath for the ladies, and one for the gents
There is no prospect fr[оm] the Crescent, a hill rising directly in front of it – the stables
are excellent and at a lit[t]e dist[ан]ce to the right – They are quadrangular on the outside
w[i]th 4 great int[е]rior gates – the inside, enclosing a large circular area, is circular and
piazzaed round for the purп[о]se of a menage, or riding school - The carriage stand,
w[о]hich in a good season is quite a show-thing, is close at hand, form[in]g 2 long lines
of shed in the shape of a gnomon at the back of the stables – At a lit[t]e dist[ан]ce is
the ч[у]r[ч] one of the neatest and most beautiful lit[t]е build[in]gs of the kind I ever saw. It
has not been finish[e]d long, and is of fine free stone like the Crescent, the walls the same
w[i]thin as w[i]thout, the plain stone look[in]g infinitely better th[a]n any plaster, paint,
or whitewash, tho’ some think the appearance cold – the 2 int[е]rior doors are thro’
a sort of porch, support[e]d by 4 handsome Ionic columns, each of one block. Perhaps
it is the only ch[у]r[ч] of the kind in Eng[л]and and is universally admired – The pleasure grounds
and walks, belong[in]g as it were to the Crescent, have lately been m[u]ch enlar[g]еd and now extend
some miles – no expense has been spar[e]d to make Buxton as alluring as possible -
Aug[u]st

but still, aft[er] the routine of excursions has been made, or the weather compels you to be content[e]d w[i]th pacing up and down the piazzas, I can conceive no place more stupid –

As for the town itself, it being consider[e]d vulgar, we only just peep[e]d into it. It seems to consist principally of a long wide street of lime-stone houses, many of th[e]m of but mean appearance – There are 3 or 4 very large Inns to w[h]ich the coaches go, and w[h]ich appear m[u]ch frequent[e]d. They were fill[e]d w[i]th genteele comp[any] bef[e]ore the Crescent was built w[h]ich now together w[i]th the priv[ate] lodg[in]gs in its immediate neighbourhood, entirely engrosses all the higher orders of society – The Hall, an Hotel adjoin[ing] to the Cres[cent], us[e]d to be the 1st house –

Owing to its happy vicinity, it has been able to keep up its respectability, and is still, tho' by no means consid[e]red on a par w[i]th the Cres[cent] support[e]d by some genteel people. They say, the Cres[cent] and build[ing]s connect[e]d w[i]th it cost upw[ar]ds of £200,000 – The Duke lets the Cres[cent] itself for ab[ou]t £4000 a year – Muirhead pays £1200 for the great Hotel – th[i]s like all other pub[lic] places in Eng[land] very thin of comp[any] owing to the Emigrat[ions] abroad, the Great Hotel seems to suffer more partic[ularly] – Only 9 sat down yesterday at the pub[lic] table, and only 2 or 3 private parties in the house, among the numb[er]s own[se]lf – St. Anne's full – The Centre ab[ou]t half full – the Hall pretty full – Still the tradespeople say, they nev[er] rememb[er]e[d] such a bad season, and if times don't mend half of th[em] will be ruin[e]d. The Great Hotel is a good house and I w[oul]d certainly go to it again – They are very nice civil peop[le]. There is good cook[ing] – and ev[ery]thing very comfortable, tho' to our surprise now they are so common, no silver fork – I recognised Mr Gibb walk[in]g ab[ou]t the Piazzas yesterday and today also, more spruce and smart th[a]n formerly – he did not appear to know me, and, of course, I took no notice of him – Anne came into my room at night and st[a]yed perhaps an hour – I contradicted all I said last night argued upon the absurdity and impossibility of it and wondered how she could be such a gull as to believe it she said she had really been very sorry for me and said she thought I hardly behaved well to make such a fool of her I begged pardon etc etc --

Sat[urday] 17

L had a kiss. Wet morn[in]g took a turn or two under the Piazzas – they brought us in the subscript[i]on book to the Buxton bath Charity and the school of Industry – we all, as I believe universally done by ev[ery]body, put down our names, and gave a Shilling a piece to each – the bath Charity is, as its name imports, in behalf of those who c[oul]d not otherwise afford to have the ben[efit] of the waters. Ev[ery] subscriber of one shilling / observe he must have been at Buxton in the Course of, or within the year, as there is no putting down names
by proxy / may recommend and send one poor person whom the governors of the Charity
will provide with board and lodging, medical attendance, medicines, bathing, and the waters gratis,
1816

Oct[ober]


² The day H.R.H. Monsieur – the Count D'Artoir made his public entry into Paris, and was acknowledged[ed] L[ieutenan]t Gen[era]l of the Kingdom, in the name of his brother the King, Louis the 18th ‘It was only on the 2[n]d of Ap[ril] th[at] the senate, by its decree, w[hi]ch was made public on the 3[r]d, ‘declar[e]d the Emp[orer] Napoleon, to have forfeit[e]d the throne and releas[e]d the people, as well as the army fr[om] the oath of fidelity.’ Vol[ume] 2. p228.

Sat[urday] 19

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8/11


‘Antidote to the Congress of Rastadt’ and The hist[ory] of the Embassy
A rainy day – very windy and stormy in the evening more particularly towards bedtime.

Sun[day] 20
8 1/4
11 55/60

Went to morning Church – called at Northgate – my uncle Joseph much better. He had had a good night – In the afternoon wrote 2 pages and a half of a letter to M – [Mariana] – After tea read aloud the 2 last of Bishop Horsley’s sermons – some rain last night, and a very high wind which has continued all to day –
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October Mon[day] 21.
7 20/60
11 50/60
Constr[ue]d the 3[r]d and 4th ch[apter]s of Neilson – Began the Itineraire de Geneve over ag[ai]n and read 13 pp[ages]. 
Mrs. Rawson of Stoney Royde and Ellen Empson call[e]d – also Mrs. Hodgson who brought me two lit[tle] poems by Mr. Montague / who has just got made Commander/

Tues[day] 22
x 8 3/4
11 50/60

Wednes[day] 23
7 3/4
12 1/2

These, howev[er], are entirely the faults of translat[io]n – M[r] De Pradt seems to have taken a very correct and luminous view of his subject – shows an extensive historical – draws his conclus[io]n[s] justly, and every where reasons w[i]th soundness and precision. He dreads the encroachment of Prussia and w[oul]d at all events, have kept her behind the Vistula –
He is a strong advocate for the incorporation of Saxony with Prussia, but more especially blames the present division as contrary to the interests of Europe. 'It should have been with Saxony as with Poland: she should have remained entire, or have altogether disappeared. Half measures spoil all great affairs.' Page 146. He entirely disapproves the disjointed arrangements of Prussia. 'In her present state there are 3 Prussias—Prussia in Poland, Prussia in Germany, Prussia on the Meuse and the Rhine. Her boundaries are not to be defined. Prussia powerfully feels his truth. She has enemies
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on all sides. Nowhere has she frontiers’, p. 105. He deprecates the immense influence of Austria in Italy. ‘She’, Austria / ‘ought to have been precluded the passage of the Po
‘on the side of the legations, and her simultaneous establishments in all the lit[tle] soveign[t]ies
‘of Italy and Modena, in Tuscany, at Parma, prevent[e]d. The King of Sardinia sh[ou]l[d]
‘have been aggrandiz[e]d, as we have stated elsewhere, and some corrective of the evil
‘inherent in the entrance of Austria into th[i]js country, attempt[e]d. It sh[ou]l[d] be the
‘invariable and eternal principle of Europe not to permit either France or Austria to
‘set foot in Italy. The welf[are] of Europe requires th[a]t there sh[ou]l[d] be a King[do]m establ[is]h[e]d, to
‘commence at the Isonzo and terminate at the foot of the Alps, and the states of the
‘Pope. Th[e]n Italy w[ou]l[d] form 3 states; th[i]js kingd[o]m, the states of the Pope, and those of Naples.
‘Reason, and, we may say, the nature of things, adjudge the throne of Italy to the House
‘of Savoy’. p[age] 134. De Pradt is a sensible lib[eral] writer, whose work is well worth a 2[n]d
read[in]g. In his last Ch[apter] but one, p[age] 218. Speak[in]g of the French polit[ical] writers of the day, and
lament[in]g their party accusat[i]ons etc etc, he very aptly observes th[a]t ‘Ev[ery] Frenchman who
‘employs himself in writ[in]g ought ev[er] to have in view these circumstances:-
‘1st th[a]t it is as profitable to tire a Frenchman as to amuse a Lacedemonian.
‘2[n]d th[a]t ev[ery] opinion too strongly enforc[e]d, has always an air of imposit[i]on (l’air imposée)
and by th[a]ttt means loses its authority.
‘3[r]d th[a]t the true Frenchman may be compar[e]d w[i]th the Athenian who voted for the
‘banishment of Aristides, because he was tired w[i]th hear[in]g him call[e]d the Just.’
Got the 2[n]d vol[u]me of Paris Chit-chat fr[om] the library ag[a]in yesterday, and tonight, just bef[ore]
Thurs[day] 24
8 1/4
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Fri[day] 25 Oct[ober] 1816

‘A narrative of the events w[h]ich have taken place in France, fr[om] the landing
Napoleon Buonaparte on the 1st of March, 1815, till the restoration of Louis 18, with an account of the present state of society and public opinion. By Helen Maria Williams. London: Printed for John Murray, Albermarle Street, 1815. 1 Volume 8vo pages 390.

It is a light, amusing little periodical work, in papers, on the same as the spectator [crossed out text] Mon[seur] Guillaume Le Franc Parleur is fond of a joke against the English, and does not seem to love us dearly – But we have humbled La Grande Nation, and some of them will owe us a grudge for it, for some time to come -
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12
Read from page 27 to 43 of the Itinéraire de Genève Constru[e]d Ch[apter] 15 of Neilson’s Ex[pository] and Ch[apter]s 12. 13 lib 1 Liv[ii]. Aft[er] din[ner] wrote a let[ter] to Marian, M[arke]t Weighton, Aft[er] tea r[e]ad aloud the remain[in]g part of the nar[rative] of H.M. Williams i.e fr[om] pages 211 to 390. It is an exceedingly interesting, well written work w[i]th w[hich] we have all been m[u]ch pleas[e]d and amus[e]d. The authoress is a staunch friend to Louis 18. and represents the nation in gen[eral] as such, declaring Buonaparte to have been only supported by his army, more partic[ularly] the Imperial Guard, which she not inaptly calls Praetorian, - and w[hich] to the very last panted aft[er] its idol Napoleon – A very rainy day – The capitulat[i]on was sign[e]d, and the Allies enter[e]d Paris the 2[n]d time, 3[r]d July 1815.

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Constru[e]d ch[apter] 16 of Neilson’s Ex[pository] and Ch[apter]s 14.15.16. lib 1 Livii – Sent of my let[ter] to Marian, and had a let[ter] fr[om] M – [Mariana] / Lawton / she has not written to Miss Marsh, nor been able to make up her mind whether to write to Mary Best or not – Aft[er] din[ner] walk[e]d to H[alifax] and sat half an hour w[i]th Mr. Knight who has quite recov[er]ed his fall down stairs – My unc[le] Jos[eph] a great deal bet[ter]. I had not time to call there – The day has been very fine – the ground cov[er]ed w[i]th a hoar frost when I got up this morn[in]g – Aft[er] tea, r[e]ad al[ou]d – 144 pp[ages] of
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Tues[day] 29 Oct[ober] 1816
‘A visit to Paris in 1814; Being a review of the moral, political, ‘intellectual, and social condition of the French capital. By John Scott, ‘Editor of the Champion, a weekly political and literary journal.
——— now I w[ou]ld pray our Monsieurs,
‘To think an English courtier may be wise, ‘And never see the Louvre! – King Henry 8.

Sun[day] 27.
8 3/4
It look[e]d so likely to rain none of us went to Church – However tho’ the air has been very humid, we have had no rain – Aft[er] din[ner] wrote 2 pages of a let[ter] to M – [Mariana] – Aft[er]
Mon[day] 28.
  x 9
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Tues[day] 29
  8 3/4
  11 3/4
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From which you may form a judgement of your own – the appendix contains an interesting description of the Jardin des Plantes and its collections of the Conservatoire des Arts et Metiers, and the Catacombs and which I should have mentioned first, a sketch of the progressive improvement of the Capital, compiled from the history of Paris by Le Grand and Laudon – Damp and small rain in the morning, afternoon fine.

7 3/4
12 10/60
Construted Chapters 18.19 of Neilson’s Expository. The day tolerably fine – Finish’d getting in the wheat – a few drops of rain in the evening. In the afternoon and tea read – 340 pages of H.C.L 17/14.

Thurs[day] 31 Oct[ober] 1816
Memoires of the War of the French in Spain, By M. De Rocca, an Officer of Hussars, and Knight of the order of the Legion of Honour. Translated from the French By Maria Graham, Author of ‘Journal of a Residence in India’ etc. Printed for John Murray, Abermarle Street. 1815’

Thurs[day] 31.
8
12 20/60
Construted Chapters 20.21.22 of Neilson’s Exposition. A good deal of smallish rain in the morning – but still very damp and November like. After dinner finish’d Rocca’s memoirs – He speaks of little but what he himself saw, considering the information he gives you is rather limited, and his book is merely an amusing journal of his own adventures – After supper read aloud 68 pages of H.C.L 12/15.

Mond[ay] 4 Nov[ember] 1816
History of the War in Spain and Portugal from 1807 to 1814. By General Sarrazin, one of the commanders of the Legion of Honour; and formerly chief of the Staff in the Corps of the Prince Royal of Sweden. Illustrated with a map of Spain and Portugal exhibiting the routes of the various armies.
A victorious general has committ[ed] no fault in the eyes of the public; while he is defeat[ed], always becomes an object of censure, however wise his conduct may have been. Voltaire’s General History Chapter 182.”
While they were at supper read from page 43 to 51 of the Itinéraire de Genève. After tea we had a long talk about family affairs. I advised my uncle to entail Shibden and at his death should my aunt Anne survive let her come into all as it stands for her life. I said I wished him to prevent my aunt Lister or my mother having thirds and mentioned my father's having once said, namely, 3 July 1814, he would leave Marian and me joint heirs to which I objected as it might lead to the place being sold. My uncle agreed, seemed annoyed and from what I could guess meant me to have it. He said to me when I came down after supper was over, well you need not mind, he has said before speaking of the weight on estate, and my mother's threat to give it all to Marian well let Marian take it. When I told that Mr Wilson had last November refused my father the loan of fifty pounds for a few weeks both my uncle and aunt seemed much annoyed. I told them how ungentleman like my father's manners were become etc etc they agreed.
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November Friday 1.
8
12 1/4

Sat[urday] 2
8 1/2
12 1/2

A very fine day

Sun[day] 3
9
11 3/4

Mon[day] 4
x 9
12 50/60
L


I have been much pleas[e]d w[i]th this work – The author writes freely, and, as far as I can judge, w[i]th great candour, impartiality, and science – He alternately points out the blunders, and praises the talents of all parties – Defends Sir John Moore in most instances, and says he has been too severely criticised by his enemies, and too highly commend[e]d by his friends – greatly extols L[or]d Wellington but says he want[e]d experience at first, and th[at] a few campaigns under Kleber w[oul]d have done him infinite service – Says if Graham had been commander in Chief at Barrosa he w[oul]d have raised the siege of Cadiz - Blames both Beresford and
Soult for fighting the sanguinary battle of Albuera – Approves of Sir John Murray's retreat in 1813, tho' he does not seem to think very highly of his science in the higher tactics –

He points out several egregious errors committed by our engineers – Badajors would have been taken in 1811 had they not, contrary to the rules of fortification, neglected taking possession of the ditch, and preventing the besieged from deepening it in the night and thus making the breach impracticable – They committed the same blunder in 1812, in consequence of which the scaling ladders were too short for the breach, and many lives were unnecessarily lost – Burgos would have been taken and that lamentable retreat spared but for the unskilfulness of the engineers, and but for that also many valuable lives would have been saved /2000 out 3000/ at the taking of Pampeluna in 1813 by General Graham – He says Buonaparte unjustly censured Dupont for his defeat by the Spaniards at Baylen – calls Soult by much the best of the French generals and Suchet the next – says little for the talents of King Joseph not much for his Major General Jourdan, and not much for Massena or Marmont – Junot a brave grenadier – a better soldier than a general. He places our immortal Wellington with the greatest captains of the day – Buonaparte Moreau, and Kleber – Vid [see] the next volume of my journal p. 1. for the dates of the principal battles fought by our troops in the Peninsula –

To day has been pretty fine -
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Sept[ember]
Fri[day] 27

Called at Stoney Royde (Ellen overturn[ed] Pye Nest
(Mrs. Edw[ar]ds brought to bed of her 7[th] ch[il]d Lucy) and
din[e]d at Haugh-end – anecd[ote] of Mrs Greenup –
Mrs. Astley, Chippenham, n[ea]r Bath – Dr[ank] tea at
Mrs. Veitch’s - Mrs W[illia]m H. Rawson br[ou]ght to bed of
her 8[th] ch[il]d a daught[er].

Sat[urday] 28
Jos[eph] still ver[y] poorly –

Sun[day] 29
Wrote to M – [Mariana] and my moth[er]

Mon[day] 30
Marian had a more cheerful let[ter] fr[om] my moth[er]
Barom[eter] nev[er] as high as Fair since midsum[mer].

October

Tues[day] 1
Wrote to Mrs H.L.B. and Anne jointly –
1[st] ment[io]n of play(in]g the flute –

Thurs[day] 3
M – [Mariana’s] opin[ion] of Miss O’Neil – Mrs Ethelstone
disagreeab[le] as her husb[an]d – letter for Mariana

Sat[urday] 5
Wrote to M – [Mariana] Letter to Miss Marsh in answer to
that from Mary Best

Mon[day] 7
Tues[day] 8
All din[e]d at N[orth]gate –

Wed[nesday] 9
Marian to leave us on Mon[day] by the Free Brit[ish] Coach

Sat[urday] 12
to M[ary] Best  Death of Mrs Broadhurst –
Wrote to I.N

Sun[day] 13
R.C. arriv[e]d st[aye]d all n[i]ght  His Charact[er] and
mann[er]s – his opin[i]on of Whitaker’s new edit[i]on of
Thoresby – his genealog[i]cal rem[ar]ks etc etc ----

Mon[day] 14
Marian left us – R.C. went w[i]th her as far as
Leeds – Misses S and E Ralph call[e]d – talk[e]d noth[ing]
but nonsense to th[e]m – Cur[be]d speculat[i]ons and
reflect[i]ons on myself – Call[e]d at N[orth]gate – Bests
no arms in the Col[lection] [Our] liv[ys] – Anderson’s
Royal Genealogy –

15
Wrote to M – [Mariana]  The first letter not being the
thing wrot another – My unc[le] L[ister] has got
half his corn cut –

16
Beg[a]n Neilson (Vid Fri[day] 18)

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October
Thurs[day] 17
R[ea]d Livy’s Pref[ace]  Call[e]d on Mr. Knight – f[ou]nd him
laid up in consequence of a fall – Mrs. Moore (Brockwell) stopped payment

I Saturday 19

I Monday 21
Began the Itineraise de Geneve a 2nd time –
Mrs. Rawson and Ellen – and Mrs Hodgson called Mr. Montagu’s 2 poems – Wrote to M – [Mariana] – Got some
Wheat in – Finished shearing

Tuesday 22
Began Euclid –

Friday 25
Wrote to Marian –

Saturday 26

I Monday 28
wrote to M- [Mariana]

Tuesday 29
Called at Northgate, and on Mrs. Veitch – Mr. Wigglesworth
gone to Sidmouth to see his son –

Thursday 31
Conversation on family affairs advised my uncle
to entail Shibden etc etc –

November
I Saturday 2
I Mon[day] 4

List of books mentioned in th[i]s volume –

Sat[urday] 21 - Noble stock – Jobber –
Mon[day] 30 - Wakefield’s Mental Improvement

Oct[ober] 3 - Fellowes’s acc[oun]t of Paris in July in 1815
Sun[day] 6 - Paris Chitchat
Fri[day] 18 - J. Liv. Historianum qd extat
Sat[urday] 19 - De Pradt’s Congress of Vienna
Th[ursday] 24 - H. M. Williams’ narrat[ive] of events in France
Sat[urday] 26 - Scott’s visit to Paris in 1814
Wed[nesday] - 30 De Rocca’s mem[oir]s of the war in Spain
Th[ursday] 31 - Sarrazin’s hist[ory] of the war in Sp[ain] and Port[ugal]

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Aug[ust] 25 - Beg[a]n Horsley’s Serm[ons]
26 - Itinéraire de Genève
Sept[ember] 2 - Gr[ek] Test[ament]
4 - Germ[an] Gram[mar]

Oct[ober] 16 - Beg[an] Neilson
21 - Itin[eraire] de Geneve 2[nd] time
22 - Euclid. –