

Diaries of FW Edmondess 1860 to 1918 - notes

1860

Sun, 25/3: At home. Llanblethian in the morning, Cowbridge evening, saw my aunts and the Listers

Weds, 4/4: WW Edmondess died at Calcutta in hospital

Weds, 29/8: Match between Old and Present Boys. Made 11 1st Inn, run out; 0 2nd Inn, not out

Tues, 16/10: Dined with Parry Thomas

Weds, 17/10: dined at Capt Boteler's

Th, 27/12: Ball at Merthyr Mawr

1861

Tu, 1/1: dined at Penlline Castle

Wed, 2/1: dance at Capt Jenner's

Th, 3/1: Ball at Bridgend

Sun, 6/1: Cowbridge Church twice

Fri, 11/1: dance at D. Nicholl's

Sat, 12/1: Tea at Mrs R? Williams

Sun, 13/1: Cowbridge church twice. Mrs Carne of Nash died at 12.30a.m.

Mon, 14/1: called on L.Thomas and J. Samuel - both at home

Tu, 15/1: dined with Parry Thomas - J.W.E and self

Wed, 16/1: skating on Mynydd y Glew

Th, 17/1: rode to Dimlands to enquire

Fri, 18/1: drove my mother to Merthyr Mawr to call. Wrote to Bessie Jones and Uphill. Mrs Carne was buried.

Sun, 20/1: Cowbridge morn, Llanblethian aft. Went to J.W.E's in evening

Tu, 22/1 Lister's birthday - I gave him a pin. Conny Knight came to stay

Wed,23/1: began Ethics with C.J.E. Bought 'Toby' from Wm Roberts for 7/-: 10 months old

Th,24/1: went to a little dance at Bonvilston House. pleasant evening. Inspector of Charities at the Town Hall

Fri,25/1 Lister went to Oxford. A dinner party at home. J. Samuel, Mr & Mrs L. Thomas, F.Taynton and William Williams.

Sat,26/1: Jesus Coll meets today. I drove C. Knight to Bridgend and waited some little time with her. Saw T. Thomas there. Tea with my aunts

Mon28/1: Went hunting, Meet at Sutton - killed two hares - a good deal of running

Tu,29/1: Mary went to school - Mamma went with her. Walked in the afternoon. wrote up diary and accounts

Sat,2/2: Hunting at New Forest - very bad day

Mon, 4/2: Hunting at Golden Mile - very fair hunting, but got wet through

Tu,5/2: Spent the day at the Gwyn's - pleasant day enough - C not well enough to go

Wed,6/2: My father and Frank went up to Town

Th,7/2: The Traherne Will case began today

Fri, 8/2: Frank went to Addiscombe

Sat, 9/2: Hunting at Stembridge - two very good runs but no kill

Mon,11/2: Hounds at Castle upon Alun - I did not go out

Th, 14/2: Val. from Miss Nicholl. Hunting meet at Flemingstone Barn but frost so hounds did not come; found them in Llanblethian, poor spoils. Dined at F. Taynton's - CGE, JWE, WW and self

Sat,16/2: Sent a Val to Miss Cleeve and a thank one to Miss Nicholl

Mon, 1/4: S.A. Rogers came to stay. I met her at Llantrisant.

Th, 4/4: Gilbertson came to stay. Aunts to dinner and L.Thomas and Mary Knight etc to tea.

Sun, 7/4: Cowbridge Ch twice. Census to be taken tonight

Th, 11/4: Dined at Lewis Thomas'

Fri, 12/4: Came up to Oxford. Brought Toby up..

Wed, 12/6: came down in evening

Th, 13/6: Match between past and present Cowbridge. I made 1 ct. 3lbw. Past won by 37. dinner at Beaver's. F.Wms got very screwed.

Fri, 14/6: Lister drove me to St Donats

Mon, 24/6: Rode to Coedriglan to see my aunts. Called on Mrs Basset

Tues, 25/6: Went to St Donats to meet the Crossmans

Wed, 26/6: Dined at Hanmer Morgan's. Mother, FTE and self

Th, 27/6: Row came home - I went to Llantrisant to meet her

Fri, 28/6: FTE and I rode to Southerndown to the Crossmans

Mon, 1/7: Mary and Fanny Knight came to stay

Th, 4/7: tea at Lewis Thomas's - was to have been archery but too wet

Fri, 5/7: a lot of Woods to spend the day - such a day and such people!

Sat, 6/7: Row's birthday - I gave her Evangeline. The Knights went away

Mon, 8/7: Rode with Mary to St Athan - wrote to RDH, IRT and Gilbertson

Fri, 12/7: A party at home. Carnes, Ashmores, L.Thomases and home folk, about 30 in all. Meant to shoot but too wet. Danced from 8 till 11.30 - very good fun

Sat, 13/7: the William Williams came here - I called at Llandough Castle - wrote to Mrs Mansfield and Bessie Jones and Arthur Jones.

Sun, 14/7: Cowbridge church twice. Went to see Aunts, F.Taynton, Listers, Uncle Wm (who gave me £1 for birthday); Evans in the evening

(15/7 - 13/8: holiday in N.Wales)

Tues, 13/8: Came home. 2nd class to Newport, 1st on bus home; found my mother poorly

Wed, 14/8: Called on the Listers, my uncle Wm with whom uncle John is staying, and I.W.Evans who was not in. Wrote to Bessie and Sarah Anne. F.Taynton's birthday.

Th, 15/8: rode to St Donats and bathed with Lister. read in morning and evening

Fri, 16/8: went to ?Colhuw? in Col. Boteler's trap to: did pretty well

Sat, 17/8: read morning and evening; rode to St Hilary in afternoon

Sun, 18/8: Cowbridge twice - walked with Lister and tea'd before church.

Mon, 19/8: Rode in afternoon - went to the Poplars in the evening

Tue, 20/8: Dined at Beaupre - stupid evening

Wed, 21/8: Cricket at Merthyr Mawr - Bridgend v. Cowbridge. Cowbridge 1st inn 100, Bridgend 1st inn 29, 2nd inn 29. I made 12 b Jones. L Traherne and Aunt Cha to dinner

Th, 22/8: My birthday, age 21. Mamma gave me her old gold watch. Letters from Mary and Aunt Lon. Uncles Wm and John, Evans and Lister to dinner. Whist after tea.

Fri, 23/8: Archery, etc at E. Nicholls. Not a very lively afternoon

Sat, 24/8: Rode to St Donats with Lister and Father.

Mon, 26/8: Rode to St Mary Hill fair after lunch. Saw the rector and T. Salmon there. Letters from WH Williams and Bessie Jones. Wrote to WHW

Tue, 27/8: Walked with Lister. Aunt Cha here to tea

Wed, 28/8: Drove my mother to call at Clemenstone - not at home. Back by Llampha and Colwinstone. at the Poplars

Th, 29/8: Rode to St Donats with Lister and bathed. Tea with him and whist

Sat, 31/8: Rode to St Donats and bathed with Lister. Found the PL here on coming back

Sun, 1/9: Cowbridge twice. The PL preached both times. Aunt Cha to tea.

Mon, 2/9: Walked with TWE and Lister also to meet my father and mother who had taken the PL to Bridgend and had gone thence to Dunraven

Tu, 3/9: Went to Railway meeting and walked with TWE. Uncle John to tea, and whist

Wed, 4/9: Rode with Lister on Stalling Down. Dined with F. Taynton - two uncles and self

Th, 5/9: Walked with Lister and TWE. Aunt Cha to dinner

Fri, 6/9: Drove my father and mother to Gwyn's. F. Taynton to tea - whist

Sat, 7/9: Rode in aft; Listers am. killed 7.... partridges

Mon, 9/9: Rode to St Donats with Lister, and bathed

Tue, 10/9: My mother went to Oxford - I drove her to the station. My father went to ?Glos? Evans dined with me - Lister wined

Wed, 11/9: The hounds were out today, as I heard afterwards. I did nothing all day. Went to the Poplars in the evening

Thurs, 12/9: Drove my uncles J and W to Marcross, dined with the Rector. Bathed by myself. My father came back from the hills

Fri, 13/9: Walked with my father and JWE. He dined here. Lister to wine. Whist afterwards

Mon, 16/9: Walked with JWE and Lister

Tu.17/9: Drove my father and Williams of Marcross and JWE to the opening of the new organ at Llandaff. Got a card for the luncheon from the Dean

Wed, 18/9: My father went to Oxford. I rode to Cardiff after lunch. Saw JR Thomas. I asked him to Cowbridge. Had my hair cut. Home to dinner

Th, 19/9: Rice Thomas came by the morning bus. Match between Cowbridge and Bridgend - we won by 3 wickets. I made 5 and 0 - bowled both times. Lister dined with me

Fri, 20/9: Drove Lister and JRT to Southerndown - very fine sea - thence to Bridgend where JRT left us. Supper at Lister's. A letter from Nancie Jones

Sat, 21/9: letter from my father. Got a brace of birds from William John, Llantrisant, and two brace from Mr Homfray

Sun, 22/9: Cowbridge twice - a very wet day. Wrote to my mother. Lister came in after church and stopped to supper

Mon, 23/9: Rode to see the Volunteers shoot in the afternoon - with Royds

Tue, 24/9: Cattle show here, and rode. Tea at Mr Ll. Williams - lost 13 points at whist - for love

Wed, 25/9: Drove Lister to the Laise (sic). Took my rifle - this on Thursday. Dined with F.Taynton, W.Wms, JWEvans and self

Th, 26/9: Did Wednesday. Mr Lister's birthday today - don't know what his age is

Fri, 27/9: Letter from Frank. Rode in afternoon - tea at F. Taynton's. Lost 13 points at whist - for love

Sat, 28/9: Rode to see the rifle shooting - Royds walked back with me. Letter from Mary

Mon, 30/9: Cowbridge Fair. Mr Williams Marcross to lunch - called on L. Traherne afterwards. Evans to dinner - tea at Mrs Ll Williams - to Evans' after - wrote to my father. Man here about a road at Dinas

Tu, 1/10: Rode the horse as far as Golden Mile, when it began to rain to come back

Wed, 2/10: Rode to the rifle range and shot 10 shots. 5 at 400 - 0! 5 150 - 6. Tea, etc, at Hornsby's. Evans here afterwards

Th, 3/10: Dined with L. Traherne. Fairly pleasant evening

Fri, 4/10: Went hunting for 1st time - not much sport. Met at Cross Inn. Lost the hounds at Moorshead, White and I went across country to look for them

Sat, 5/10: Walked with Evans and Lister. Supper at Lister's

Sun, 6/10: Cowbridge church morn, Llanblethian ev. Wrote to Nancie Jones and Mary

Mon, 7/10: Rode to Nottage. Lunched and dined there. Back about 11. Hounds at Ewenny Park today

Tu, 6/10: Meant to have called on L. Traherne but found the Baileys were there, so did not go. Lister to wine-shop and cribbage

Wed, 9/10: Rode with Lister in the afternoon - my father came home by bus. Had a little cross-country with TLL. F. Williams birthday - 20

Th, 10/10: Went jumping on foot with Lister. Did some good ones. Dinner at F. Taynton, W Wms, T.E, self

Fri, 11/10: Hunting at St Mary Hill. Killed three hares but not much cunning. Splash party at F. Taynton's in evening - Wards, Hounsbys, Royds, etc. Uncle William's birthday

Sat, 12/10: Called in afternoon at the Bank, Poplars, and Mrs Ll Williams and Mrs Listers - my aunts came home this evening

Sun, 13/10: Cowb. Church twice. With Lister in aft.

Mon, 14/10: Rode with Lister to Merthyr Mawr to see Battalion Dish. Back to dinner. Tea at my aunt's.

Tu, 15/10: Hunting Marcross Down. No find till 1.30 or so, then a good run, another, then a choppy run near Colwinston. I have killed and ran to a drain(?). Tea and cards at Mrs Royds. Family party

Wed, 16/10: Went jumping with Lister after lunch; beat him out of the place - went to fetch my mother from Llantrisant

Th, 17/10: Called on Beever - out - and L. Traherne, W Williams, my aunts, the Listers

Fri, 18/10: Came up to Oxford. Travelled with Lister 1st class. By the 17.51 train. A great many men up and several freshmen.

18/10 - 7/12: at Oxford

Sat, 7/12: went down at 5.30 with Lister - he took me from station without my luggage

Sun, 8/12: Cowb church twice. Called on my aunts and F. Taynton and the Listers. No service at Llanblethian as they are putting a stove up

Mon, 9/12: Hunting at Wick. Capital run 1.45. Took pony on to Southerndown and fed him. He went very well - one of the best runs I have had

Tu, 10/12: Very wet day. Called on Mrs W Edmond, Aunt Cha and Uncle Wm. Wrote to Robert, R Jones and Gilbertson

Wed, 11/12: Tea at the Wards. They seem pleasant people enough

Th, 12/12: Dinner at F. Taynton's. Hunting - the Lake to Sir John's Walks. No running, and rain

Sat 14/12: Rode after lunch and met with the hounds. Had a long run till dark. Tea at Mrs L Williams's. Evans's afterwards. The Prince Consort died at 10.50 pm

Sun, 15/12: Cowb church twice. Walked with Lister. No service at Llanblethian again

Mon 16/12: Hounds at Ogmores Down, so didn't go. Walked with the two Listers. Shooting in morning, and rode to Hensol afterwards. Tea with F. Taynton

Tue, 17/12: Letter from Rice Thomas to say he has got through Mods - wrote to him and to Coe for my mother- who came down today. Class list for Mods out - JRT a 3rd, Edwards a 2nd

Wed, 18/12: Walked up to L. Traherne's after lunch - whist and supper at the Lister's. JLL killed a cock today. Mrs Davidson's birthday

Th 19/12: Rode to look for the hounds but found they are out tomorrow. Charlie, Frank and Mary came home this evening. Letter from R. Gilbertson - wrote to Robert

Fri, 20/12: Went to look for the hounds again, but they were not out. Tried my revolver after lunch

Sat, 21/12: Aunt Lou's birthday. She and Aunt Cha and Lister dined here

Sun, 22/12: Cowbridge church twice. Wrote to Nancie Jones

Mon, 23/12: Walked with Mary to St Hilary - Frank's friend Woolley came today

Wed, 25/12: Cowbridge morning and Sacrament. Llanblethian afternoon. 14 to dinner. Miss Williams, Evans and family

Th, 26/12: went to Tondruckwar (?) to shoot. Very poor sport

Fri, 27/12: went to Marcross for the day. Nothing killed. Pleasant day but very cold

Sat, 28/12: went to Mynydd-y-Glew to skate but the ice would not bear. The Wards up there

Mon, 30/12: In bed almost all day with a bad cold. Good skating today. Frank fell down and cut his face

Tu, 31/12: (Partial eclipse of the sun) - which I saw. Rode in afternoon.

1862

Wed, 1/1: Went to church morning; to Penlline Castle to tea - had some dancing. they and ourselves only. pistol shooting in afternoon

Th, 2/1: Meet at Clay Pit but frost too hard to go out

Fri, 3/1; Drove to St Donats with FQE and Woolley; left Mary at Dimlands. Arthur Malkin and F. Taynton to dinner

Sat, 4/1: Tea at F. Taynton's - played whist. Rode to Pendoylan for my father

Mon, 6/1: Went with Mary to Pontardawe - called to wish the Malkins goodbye

Th, 9/1: Home again - dance at the Wards - stupid evening. No one could dance though they were pleasant enough. Called at Aberthin

Fri, 10/1: Charlie and Mary Williams here to spend the day. I walked to Aberthin with the two Marys

Sat, 11/1: Very boisterous day. Went to my aunts and the Listers

Mon, 13/1: Hunting at Castle upon Alun - first rate day. Killed two hares - found the third near Wick and killed her near Bridgend station. Lucy and Constance Knight came to stay

Tu.14/1: The Wards and relations to tea. Had some dancing. very pleasant day

Wed, 15/1; Rode to Nash, and walked twice to Aberthin, back and there with the Miss Morgans. Tea at my aunts

Th, 16/1: The John Carnes and Beevers to dinner. 15 in all. Hounds at Llandow Crossroads. I did not go out

Fr, 17/1: Walked to see rifle shooting - to St Hilary with the girls. On alone

Sat, 18/1: The Knights went away, and Mary with them. I walked by myself. Charlie went up to Oxford. I wrote to Caldicot to ask for testimonials

Sun, 19/1: Cowbridge morning, Llb aft. Walked there with Aunt Lou. Back to the Eastgate with the Miss Morgans and Aunt William. Went to see F. Taynton. Snow in the evening

Mon, 20/1: No hunting owing to the snow. Uncle William to dinner. The Miss Morgans left today

Tu, 21/1: Tea at my Aunts. walked to Aberthin. More snow

Wed, 22/1: Dined at Capt Jenner's - pleasant evening. snow all gone

Th, 23/1: Charades and dancing at Miss Royds. I took one little part with the Wards - went off very well altogether. Hunting at Wick. Very fair hunting but rough day

Fr, 24/1: Dined at the Beevers - ate very well. walked to Mrs WE's in the aft - Charlie came back from Oxford

Sat, 25/1: walked with Mary to call at Capt Entwisle - at home - and Capt Jenner - out. Tea at Mrs Ll Williams. Royds asked me to dine but I could not go

Mon, 27/1: Rode to Llanmaes and St Athan with invitations - nobody at home

Tu, 28/1: walked with CGE and TLL - called on Beaver

Wed, 29/1: walked with Lister and Evans to Pentremeyrick and back

Th, 30/1: with Bob Ridley to Cardiff. He split(?) me opposite Ballards coming home....very wet day

Fr, 31/1: walked with CGE to Llanmaes - not at home. Hanmer Morgan, the Beevers etc to dinner

Sat, 1/2: went hunting after lunch - around Llanblethian....went to Listers in evening

Sun, 2/2: Cowb church twice. Called on F. Taynton and Aunt Cha - both invalided

Tu, 4/2: Mary went to school, Charlie to Oxford. Wet again. Went to see Mrs WE, and Aunt Cha. Hounds at Lichmere

Wed, 5/2: Called at the Oldhams, and Col Botelers to surprise

Th, 6/2: Hounds at Corntown. I didn't go out

Fr, 7/2: Walked with Frank and Lister to Llanquian, back alone - called at Aberthin

Sat, 8/2: Went to Penlline to hunt. Went out for a little but it was too hard. I lunched at Penlline - walked to Golden Mile with Evans and Lister

Sun, 9/2: Cowb church twice. Walked with my mother to Aberthin after dinner. Frost

Mon, 10/2: More frost - meet Ogmores Down but too hard - went to Ty yn y caea and saw David Evans. Uncle William dined here.

Sun, 2/3: Cowb church morning; Llanblethian aft - read the lessons there - they had a harmonium there for 1st time. Evans' in evening

Sun, 16/3: Ordination at Llandaff, Lister was ordained deacon and Evans priest. I rode the pony there. Cowbridge church evening

Mon, 17/3; was to have gone to Llanmaes but it was too wet. Went to Aberthin. Hounds out and caught but saved a vixen fox near Argoed

Sat, 22/3; Hunting about Llanilid. Poor sport - no kill. 96 hares killed this season up to this time. Went to Mesmeric Entertainer in the evening - great fun

1863

Th, Jan1: Hunting - Colwinstone - good day. A hare ran herself to death before the hounds. Back at Court Colman in evening. pleasant enough - about 55 there.

Mon, Jan5: rode to Llanmaes - no one at home. Lucy and Constance Knight came to stay - Hounds at Ewenny Bridge

Wed, Jan7: Dance at home - about 37 people - very pleasant evening. danced till 2a.m. Charlie came over today

Fri, Jan 9: Walked with the girls and Charlie to Stalling Down - had some pistol shooting there. Evening party at Mrs Ll Williams

Sat, 10 Jan: Poor Royds of St Quintins - fell off his horse dead in Gloucestershire - no one with him at the moment. Called at F. Taynton's

Wed, 22 July: rode to Llanmaes - saw the Parry Thomas's. Dined at Beaupre with Mr and Mrs Underwood. Mrs Basset not at home

Mon, 27 July: went down to St Donats - Evans and I walked - splendid day. I did not bathe. Walked home in 1(hr) 20. Toby lost his collar

Th, 6 Aug: Flower show (cottagers) at Llanblethian castle. The Williams of Marcross to early dinner. Wards to tea

Tu, 18 Aug: Went to the station to meet the Robert Joneses. They did not come by the 6.25 train so I had to wait for the 10.27 - walked to Llanharan meantime. Mr and Mrs Jones and Nancie came

Wed, 19 Aug: Went to Beaupre to play croquet at Mrs Underwood's invitation ; no-one there but ourselves

Th, 20 Aug: Arthur Gilbertson and his eldest sister came to stay. Nancie Mary and I went to Merthyr Mawr to a croquet party - very pleasant

Fri, 11 Dec: A testimonial presented to Beever at Cowbridge today by old and present boys

Wed, 30 Dec: Bachelors' Ball at Bridgend - capital ball - went to Mrs Lewis's to dress. Home by about 6.15 a.m. My mother, Mary and I went from here - Frank's lameness prevented him

1864

Mon, 4 Jan: Went with Evans to Caecady to lunch and to Mynydd y Glew to skate. Got on pretty well. Mary and Constance Knight came to stay - Evans to wine

Th, 7 Jan: drove the girls to Caecady to a skating party and walked thence to the pool - a lot of people there

Fri, 8Jan: Had scarcely any voice. Went with Conny and Mary to Korrucks pond and skated - no room. Evening : party at Mrs Ll Williams - played whist

Mon, 18 Jan: Hunting. Marcross Down. Splendid run in morning - found under Llampha - a run towards Clemenstone over the brook, back across to Brocastle, killed by Eweny Bridge in Eweny Park

Sat, 23 Jan: Went fowl hunting for my mother to Lisworney and Aburthin - on the pony

Mon, 8 Aug: Drove Evans and Curre Thomas to Merthyr Mawr via Bridgend where I saw Blossie by appointment, and settled to take Laleston curacy, £80 1st yr and £100 afterwards. Match of Golden Mile club at Merthyr Mawr. I made 0 1st inn, bowled, and 18 2nd inn, run out. Dined with H de BT on the way home

Th, 25 Aug: Dined with F. Taynton. Match between GMC and school. I made two ducks - we won - rain all day

Fri, 26 Aug: St Mary Hill fair - I rode up there - no one there and a very slow fair. No food for cattle

1865

Th, 27 Ap: I. Morris came to stay. Met him at B.end and drove straight to Cowbridge. Eisteddfod there. Walked to Llanblethian and Llandough after dinner. IWEvans staying. Extremely hot

Th, 10 Aug: Croquet before lunch. The cottage garden show. Mrs Jenner had 30 to lunch after it - very good spread. Williams of Marcross lively. A Treharne drove me back

1866

Tu, 2 Jan: ...to Bridgend, found my father there - on in the carriage to Cowbridge. CJK staying there. Tea at my aunts - played spellican!

Th, 15 Feb: Walked to Cowbridge to dinner, Frank having come home yesterday. From 4th milestone to Cowbridge 40min; 3 miles in 35.5 min. Uncle Wm to dinner

Th, 12 Ap: Walked to Cowbridge to lunch - Mary Knight and C staying there. Rode to St Hilary and bought a pup of old Toby's - 5/- ?3 months old. Thence to Llandough Castle sale. JFEvans there - a great many people. Dined at Cowbridge - Evans, Morson, Aunt Cha, and Miss Stokes to tea. Talk with Row

Th, 9 Aug: Cottage garden exhibition at Llanblethian - croquet and big tea afterwards. Home with the Prichards

Th, 6 Dec: Met A.Gilbertson at (Bridgend) station; drove to Cowbridge. Dinner at my father's: he and mother at Lampeter. Concert in the Schoolroom. Supper at Williams' - both very good. AG,H de BT and Mrs Stone sang. Talked with AG till about 2.30

Wed,26Dec: read part of the service at Cowbridge. Drove the Thompsons and Mary to Monknash to see decorations - marvellous. Thompsons to tea.

1867

Tu,8 Jan: To Cowbridge. Walked to Ewenny Bridge, thence with C in own trap. Evans to stay. Dance in evening, 37 people - went off very well. Shopping in afternoon with Row and C.

Wed, 9 Jan: Rode in morning, caught in rain. Lunch at Lansannor. Mr Hooper(?) very civil. Volunteer Ball in evening, high old sport. Called on aunts, FT and JWms.

Th, 10 Jan: ...back to dinner. Penny readings after. Morson to supper

Fri,11 Jan: Croquet. Rev TE, C and I. I won two games....

Wed, 24 April: Athletic sports at Cowb. Drove from Bridgend with Frank and Arthur Gilbertson, T.Thomas and D. Lewis - dined at the Bear. Returned thanks for the ladies

Thurs, 25 Ap: With AG to Brynhyfryd with Lita's umbrella. After lunch rode to Laleston

Tues, 7 May: Drove round by St Mary Ch to Llanblethian. Called on the Giros. FT to tea - whist. Croquet in morning.

Tues, 25 June: At 3 my father and I started for the hills - rode by Dinas to Cynllwyndu, then over Cefn Gwyngyll to Newbridge about 9pm. I slept there

Weds, 26 June: Left Newbridge about 10.30. To Glog? saw the squire. To Lanwonno church, Duallt, Mountain Ash, Aberdare. lunch/dinner at the Boot. Over the hills by Betlwn and Mardy to Abergorchy - on to Treherbert. No stabling there so back to Aberg. I slept on a sofa - got in about 9.30. Tremendous rough way from Aberaman to Abergorchy.

Thurs, 27 June: Left Cardiff Arms 9.30 - over Bwlch y Clawdd to Blackmill. Lunch - on to B'end - thence each home

Fri, 5 July : To St Donats with Dick Prichard to a croquet party. Big lunch - 75 or 80. Dancing in evening. High old sport.

(Aug 17 - Nov 18, learning Welsh at Penybont, near Llanfyllin)

Tues, 19 Nov: To Cardiff by a morning train. Examined in Welsh by the Chancellor (Williams) &c. Passed pretty well.

Sat, 30 Nov: dined at Mr Giro's, Lita's birthday, 19. Williams of the school and Mrs Underwood. Gave Lita prayer and hymn book.

Tu,10 Dec: To Llandaff middle day. Was instituted by the Bp into the Rectory of Michaelston super Ely with S. Brides super Ely

1868

Th, March 12; Gardening - cut rhubarb for 1st time

Th, March 19: Croquet in morning with C, and with her and my father - won all. C and Row lunched at Mr Giro's - for a walk with Aunt Cha to Corrwcs. Then on Jenkins to pick violets at bottom of Crack. To dinner at Brynhyfyd - only ourselves. Pleasant evening.

Mon, 27Ap: Rode to Cowbridge to dine – Cousin William and Jane, Mary Knight and A. Gilbertson staying at my father's. Great concert in evening. Miss Phipps sang splendidly - very good altogether

Th, 18 June: To Cowbridge by 11.30 by appointment to meet C. Met her at Aunt Cha's about 12. Walked by the bottom of Cae Rex to Llanblethian Hill. sat a while. on to Mr Giro's to lunch, dinner. . .

Th, 16 July: (Cowbridge) Under ye laburnum before breakfast. Was elected Capital Burgess. Under the plane trees and on the terrace

Fri, 17 July: Under ye laburnum before breakfast; to FT's after for some Welsh sermons. He gave me £5 wedding present. Under the planes - a game of croquet before luncheon.

Mon, Sep 14: To Cowbridge in after. Fete about Lord Bute at Cowbridge. Went to the Town Hall tea drinking and Mill Road for 20 minutes fireworks

Weds, 23 Sep: Was married to my sweet darling Constance Sarah Knight, 3rd daughter of the Rev Edward Doddridge Knight of Nottage Court, at Newton Nottage Church by my father. A. Gilbertson, J. Morris and R.K. Prichard as my friends

Weds, 14 Oct: Reached Cardiff 1.38. A dandy postillion - triumphal arches. Tea at St y Nyll - admiring public - home at last – unpacked

Tues, 20 Oct: To Cowbridge - meant to have gone by train but found a Cowbridge carriage so went in that.... home by train

Fri, 13 Nov: Called at the Poplars - Uncle William gave us a toast rack which my mother gave her father

Fri 25 Dec: My father sent a Bear carriage for us. to dinner at Cowbridge. Dined 12 family and Kate Thompson.

1869

Fri, 26 Feb: Busy gardening. Put peas 2 rows Ringleader, 1 Pr. Royal, 1 Flack's Victory - and beans among the early potatoes. Minster Abbey. Planted Virginia Creeper

Tues, 4 May: To Cowb. May Fair - was offered £18 and £20 for Heretic

Fri, 25 June: Con had a little girl, born at 9.15pm

Fri, 23 July: Baby christened 'Constance Mary'. My father and mother, Mill, Mary and Fanny Knight and A. Gilbertson - her godfather. Emma and Mary Cazalet godmothers

Tues, Aug 10: Family to Cowbridge to see the menagerie. Very good

Weds, Aug 11: Rode to Pendoylan forge, John taking the horse back. Walked on to Cowbridge by 10am - in the carriage with Rev TE, mother and MEE to St Donats and Llantwit with the archaeologists - after dinner Charlie, Emma, MEE and I to Bridgend to a Welsh concert - very good

Thurs, 26 Aug: (from Nottage) To St Mary Hill fair - sending Heretic on. Sold him to Williams of £20, 10/- luck. Bought a smaller pony 'Tom' from Lewis of Aberkenfig 5 or 6 years, bay black points £14. Curzon bought 'Jenny' £25. EDK and I went and bathed. Tremendously hot

Mon, 1 Nov: T. David here taking the privet hedge down

Tues, 2 Nov: Fowler gardener from Treseder's came. Planted 1 dozen gooseberries, 6 named, 6 unnamed, 8 red and 4 white currants

Weds, 3 Nov: Planted apples - Quarrenden, Northern Spy, Ribston Pippin, King of the Pippins, Cornish Gilliflower, Co.. of Wick, Keswick Codlin, Blenheim Orange. Pears - Beurre (d'Or) and Crassam. Siberian Crab. The rhubarb movedalso raspberries moved

Thurs, 4 Nov: In the garden - attend the position of the apples. Put 66 British Queen, 58 Black Prince, 60 Chancellor strawberries. 60 cabbage plants in lower garden. T. David here - moved the old espalier to orchard in morning

Fri 5 Nov/Sat 6 Nov: Fowler pruning in orchard

Tues, 28 Dec: (Cowbridge) C's birthday - 27 years. Trying to clean the gun most of the day - in after shot a blackbird which C. had for dinner. She and I to look for larks but could not see any. Birt and Fanny Jenner, Aunt Lou, Phillips and R. Ord to dinner

1870

Thurs, 10 Feb: JW Evans and I to Marcross to the sale. Bought breakfast and tea things - two lots of books and toast rack. No bargains to be had - so cold C. didn't come... bought also Shig's double-barrel gun in case complete. F.Taynton and OB Price to dinner - whist . OBP left after dinner for penny readings

Mon, 14 Feb: Still cold. To St y Nyll pond, skated for half an hour in after. Shot a missel thrush through dining room window with the new gun

Tues, 15 Feb: C and I shooting in after. 5 larks, 3 redwings, 1 fieldfare, 2 blackbirds, 1 greenfinch. We were going to the Alvas, but sport too good.

Weds, 9 March: (From Pontardawe) C. Fanny Arthur Miss Ford and I in the wagonette to Mumbles - lunched at the Mermaid - oysters, steak, Cornish cream. After round to Bracelet and Bread and Butter Bay and back over top of the hill - pleasant day

Tues, 15 March: T David here beginning the kitchen garden - put 14lbs Gloster Kidneys, 14lbs Haigh's do. 14lbs King of Potatoes

Weds, 16 March: Wet, cut the laurels by the kitchen window

Thurs, 17 March: (Cardiff) bought a spade, grubaxe, little fork for C. T. David put 14lb Red American Seedling

Fri, 18 March: T. David putting onions and beans. planted some currant trees and pruned apple tree.

Sat, 19 March: T. David putting leeks, carrots and cabbage plants

24 -28 March: Levelling in the garden

Tues, 29 March: T. David in the garden - set 28lbs Walker's Regent and half cwt Blues. Put some turf by the strawberry bed and finished levelling till rain comes

Weds, 30 March: T. David setting potatoes, a few flukes and nearly 1 cwt white rocks. Dug the beds in front of drawing room window.

Fri, 3 June: (Cowbridge) Trying a new mowing machine - Green's

Mon, 27 June: Mowing in morning - snapped the handles of the machine by falling on them

Fri, 29 July: (Cowbridge) Croquet in morning. His Rev and Charlie beat C and me. After early dinner to call at the Armoury - over the house but rather hurried. To St Hilary - G. Treharne and Mrs T both at home. Thence to croquet party at Llandough castle.

Thurs, 8 Sept: Old and present cricket match. I made 3 first innings run out by H de BT refusing to move, a 0 2nd innings caught by longstop. We lost by 7 wickets. Lunch at Morson's. JWE and Birt Jenner to dinner

Thurs, 15 Dec: C and I to Cowb to a prize day at the school, the Bp giving away the prizes. All went off very well - Morson did particularly well. To see Lister, F. Taynton and Aunt Cha.

Weds, 12 April : Mrs WP, A Gilbertson, Birt and I to Cowbridge for the athletics. To Old Boys' dinner in evening. Proposed the Assistant Masters. Slept at Cowbridge.

Fri, 14 Ap (St B): Twmmy mowed the lawn - 1st time this year. Also put S. John's day cabbage. Rouen leek and savoy seed from Mr Courie.

Thurs, 4 May: (Cowbridge) About the fair to look for a cow. Only about 3 likely ones and they were sold...

Fri, 5 May: Home to luncheon, having first bought a donkey cart second-hand from Mr Bird for 30/-

Thurs 25 May (St B): C and I planted out cabbages, broccoli, sprouts and savoys

Tu, 13 June: I drove to Cowbridge for Old v Present. I was bowled first ball. We won by 8 wkts. Lunch at Morson's. DJDavies, Fowler and Bertie Thomas to my father's to wine and biscuits.

Weds, 28 June: His Rev and I croquet before lunch. C and I to call on Uncle William. He gave me bottle of brandy - to see his cellar and garden - to see Cowbridge and Bridgend play cricket for a bit - Cowbridge won by about 9 wkts. Whist.

Tues, 22 August: (Cowbridge) Charlie beat me a game of croquet. I could not make a stroke. He, C and I went nutting in after to a lane between the Herberts and Howe Mill. Got some good ones.

Thurs, 24 Aug (Cowbridge): C and I to church. OBP read. The boys very slow. After some consultation, Uncle Wm, the Principal, Charlie, Emma, MEE, my aunts C and I started in the bus. Went via Ogmere to Southerndown. Fine sea. Stopped at the Three Cups - it began to rain. Toasted cheese for luncheon.... home by St Brides - high tea at the Armoury.

Fri, 25 Aug: (St B) David put a row of celery and a lot of plants when we were away.

Sat, 26 Aug (St B): Twmmy transplanted 3 rows Musselburgh leeks

Thurs, 14 Sept: I rode to Cowbridge. Walked thence to Llanmaes for ye sale. Bought a pony - 4 years old light bay with white stockings and blaze. £18. Ned the jockey brought him to Cowb. Promising enough but raw.

Thurs, 12 Oct: Rode to Cowbridge to lunch and on to Pwlllywrach to sale - bought 8 dining room chairs 30/- each and 3 sets of curtains, poles, rings, etc.

Sat 16 Dec; C and I rode to Cowbridge for the Speech day. Mr Talbot gave away the prizes. All went off very well except that Briscoe made a silly speech and Jayne a very ill-timed one on dogma. Lunch in the school room - about 45 there.

Tues, 5 March (Cowbridge):on in afternoon to sale at Marlborough. Saw Miss Entwisle and Mrs Royds. Home to dinner. Tommy in garden. Sowed savoys, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, cabbage, Scotch kale by gate. A small bed of Early Horn carrots - a row of Nuttings No 1 and Yorkshire Hero.

Weds, 6 March (St B): Tommy planted cabbages and sowed a bed of Reading onions.

Tues, 19 March (Cowbridge): Fair Day. Things very high. Didn't try to buy.

Mon, June 3rd (St B): Gardening most of the day. Put peas, beetroot, turnips, cress. Moved lettuce and greens.

Fri, June 7th: Rode to Cowbridge today to play Old v Present. I made 3 and 2 caught each time. WR and IWEvans dined at my father's.

Mon, June 24th: Rode to Cowbridge and sent Llanmaes to the fair - no dealers there, might have had £25. Beat his Rev - a couple of games at croquet.

Thurs, 22 Aug (Cowbridge): Uncle Wm took C, his Rev, my mother, 2 aunts, Charlie, Emma, MEE and self to the Leys. Toasted cheese there - round through East Aberthaw to Fontygary. To the sea there - we were going to Llancarfan but a storm threatened so went home via Aubrey Arms. Travelled in a small break and were too heavy for the springs. A spread at the Armoury to finish the day.

Mon 26 Aug: Rode Chimham to S. Mary Hill in morning. Rough morning. Sold Lanmaes to Harvey, a dealer from Gloucester, for £30 - a sov back.

Mon, 30 Sept: C and I to Cowbridge. Sent Joseph on the mare to the fair - no offer.

Fri, 18 Oct (Cowbridge): Robert, Frank, Cousin Wm and Jane at my father's. Jones the curate to dinner. C and I slept at Mrs Parry Thomas'. Fanny, Ann and Miss Nicholl to tea - rubber.

Sat, 19 Oct: Breakfast at Mrs Thomas'. Bought a powder flask, powder and shot at Birds, and a gun licence. Lunch at his Revs.

Sat, 21 Dec: I drove to Cowbridge to the Speech Day. HA Bruce in the chair. W Briscoe very foolish and tedious. Llewellyn Thomas spoke very well. Wm Bruce fell foul of Mt Talbot on the Education question. Lunch at the school.

Weds, 25 Dec: C and I to Cowbridge for dinner. Rev TE, HAE, WW, CL and LML, MEE, Price and Jones, singing.

1873

Sat, 8 March: Tommy in the kitchen garden. Set Minster Giant beans and Ringleader.

Sat, 22 Mar: Tommy put early carrots

Sat, 29 Mar: I drove to Cardiff - bought half cwt Walker's Regents and half cwt Warminster Blues

Weds, 11 June: Cowbridge. Beever to lunch. Non + I to the circus in after.

Fri, 13 June: C and I to the Chalybeate in morning

Mon, 23 June: Went to Bridgend by 10.35 and was instituted into the R of Coity by Archdeacon Blossse as commissary

Tues, 5 August: drove to Cowbridge to the Glam agricultural show. Very good show I thought particularly the cattle. Took Tommy with me

Fri, Aug 15: C and I slept in our new home - Llwyn On, Bridgend.

Mon, 3 Nov: I went with Rees Thomas of Hall round Ewenny, Wick, Monknash, Coychurch and Laleston judging cottages and gardens for the Labourer's Friend Society

Thurs, 25 Dec: A Cowbridge carriage to go to Coity and Cowb for dinner. Nonnie went with us. Party at Cowbridge - TE, HAE, FTE, MEE, CLE, LME, WW, FWE, C, Nonnie and Price and Jones

Fri, 26 Dec: To Church in morning and to the aunts - after lunch, Frank and I up to Llanblethian downs with guns. Saw nothing. C and Nell to call at Marlborough

1874

Thurs, 26 March: I walked to Cowbridge by 6. Aunt Lou to dinner. C, MEE and I to the Japanese in evening. very clever and good entertainment

Fri, 22 May: (Cowbridge) C up but only allowed to go from the Bow Room to the spare room, the rash gone.

Thurs, 16 July: After lunch, Non and I to Cowbridge in a trap from the Wyndham. Met Hartshorn, took them to Lotts' and left them to choose papers. MEE, Non and I to see the wild beast show. Mrs Homfray to tea.

1875

Thurs, Jan 7: C + I to Cowbridge to an evening party and dancing. Pleasant evening. Fan there looking very ill. Birt, Davies Llanilid(3), Woods(4), Vaughans (3), Mrs L and Rosie Morgan and FT Ashmore. Mrs Hanmer Morgan son and Nellie. Morsons. Aunt Lou, OBP Piper, Bertie Thos. Frank there having come down on Monday.

Fri, Feb 26: C, MEE and I to Cowbridge in covered waggonette from the Wyndham

Sat, Feb 27: (Cowbridge) to see the new Board School Buildings and Uncle William and aunts. C and I home in covered waggonette from the Bear, my father paying for it.

Sat, 24 July: Cricket match between Bridgend and Cowbridge school. The boys won by 9 runs though Ord had got EG Davies to help

Thurs, 9 Dec: Granny C, Non and I to Cowbridge in John Llewellyn's bus. Non and I got out at the Westgate. The others went on to Marlborough to call - played lawn tennis - his Rev beat me 2 games

1876

Fr, 17 March (Cowbridge): Rode Kitty in after. Llantwit, Boverton - called on the Miss Bassetts - Bethesda, Flemingston, St Hilary - Service at 8. I preached - about 90 in church without the boys.

Sat, 18 March (Cowbridge) Snow at intervals in morning. Rode Kitty by the new board school at Maendy.

Wed, 19 April: C, Non and I to Cowbridge by 11.30, they sending for us. School sports. JWE came about 3 - I dined at the Bear - returned thanks for the Old Boys, and proposed Williams health. Concert in evening. MEEs choral class - very full room and fair performance. His Rev and my mother there.

Th, 20 April (Cowbridge): To Nash for a sale. CC Williams. Bought some books and pictures. A lift there and back with Lewis Morgan, WCB being with him. Mrs Parry Thomas, Fanny and Miss Jenkins, and Aunt Lou to tea. Played little words.

Wed, 2 Aug: All of us, with WP and wife to Cowbridge Agricultural Show - a very fair show I thought - good horses - a lot of people too lunch at his Rev's - dined at the Bear. JS Gibbon President - no great speaking - rain all the way home

Tu, 12 Sept (Cowbridge): Marked out - or measured out - Lawn Tennis ground in morning

Tu, 19 Dec: Walked to Cowbridge 9 to 10.40 to the distribution of prizes at the School. His Rev presided - lunch at the School. CC Williams, examiners - masters, his Rev and self. Thomas and Edwards the examiners to dinner. I stayed to help entertain them. Home in a waggonette from the Bear

1877

Th, 1 Feb: To Cowbridge. I Llewellyn's dogcart - C and Non came too and went back after lunch. I to Llanmaes to Leigh Morgan's sale, riding Jenkins. He got into the field and rolled on the saddle and bridle - bought a plate-warmer and knapsack. A fur rug I want not forthcoming

Fri, 2 Feb (Cowbridge): Walked to Llanmaes by about 1 - no bargains. Pedestal table went for £20, marble wash stand £3 - bought some books - Foxes Martyrs, Parker Library 13 vols, and a copy of Alford for Thomas. John Trott to fetch me - drove to Bridgend.

Sat, 10 Feb: Coychurch church tower fell in the afternoon crushing the South Transept

Mon, 12 Feb: To Coychurch in morning. A terrible smash

Mon, 28 May: New house - Fitzhamon Court

Th, 27 Sept: To Cowbridge, they sending for us. C, Non and I - lunch there. To a concert for Llantrithyd church. Lots of rank and fashion

Wed, 17 Oct ; Principal of Jesus Coll died

1878

Entertainments

Wed, 2 Jan: The first winter evening entertainment. I in the chair. Mr Bovile (with the Veritys) showed a telephone

Th, 3 Jan: To Cowbridge in the hansom. Entertainment at 8. I in chair - very fair performance

Mon, 7 Jan: Into town Hall (Bridgend). Pearson Price showing a Magic Lantern to the Board School and workhouse children

Tues, 22 Jan: Dined at Cowbridge and tried the Magic Lantern

Fri, Jan 11 : C and I went to Cowbridge to be photographed. Father and Mother, 3 sons and daughters in law and 4 children

Th, 24 Jan: Cowbridge - a Sunday school tea, etc at the Town Hall there. I showed the Magic lantern from 6 to 7.20 including some slides from City

Tu, 29 Jan:(Bridgend) took Non to see a Diorama of Scotland at the Town Hall

Tu, 19 Feb: To Coity by soon after 6 - showed the Magic Lantern to a rather large and very odoriferous audience

Gardening

Weds, 20 Feb: Evan Thomas set 7lb Gloster Kidneys and 7lb Ashleaf.

Sat 16 March: Turner set 14lbs redskin Flowerball and 14lbs Magnum Bonum

Mon, 22 April: In Evan David's trap to Cowbridge. Volunteer sham fight on Stalling Down. very fine day and pretty sight

Th, 26 Sept: Darling MEE married to Basil John Haines - we all went to Cowbridge in the landau, getting there 10.45. Left MEE's present behind and had to telegraph for it. service at 11.30 Miss Disey and Non bridesmaids. Church decorated and full of people. 24 at breakfast viz, Rev TE, HAE, bride and bridegroom, his brother Robert, 2 sisters, Charlie and Emma and 3 children, Con and I and Non, Frank and Maggie, Uncle Wm, Aunts Cha and Lou, Alice Williams, Fanny A Thomas, Price and Edwards (curates). All went off very well. Tea at the Town Hall for schoolchildren in after. Fireworks in the 3 acres at 8. We home by 11.

Tu, 1 Oct: With Birt Jenner and Ted Davies (Llanilid) shooting. Birt drove us to the Cross, St Hilary and we began there and got on by degrees to Llanbethery. Bag 9 brace pheasants, 9 partridges, 5 hares, 1 rabbit (keeper killed it) 1 pigeon. I killed 2 hares, 2 partridges and 5 pheasants as far as I can make out.

Mon, 16 Dec: (Cowbridge) Entertainment by the boys at the Town Hall - musical and a farce.

Weds, 18 Dec (Cowbridge): School Speech Day. short service at 10. J Wynne Jones Vicar of Aberdare preached - from the altar step. Harper gave away the prizes in the Town Hall. Hardly anyone there - the roads very slippery there having been rain in the night and then frost. Lunch at the school

1879

Th, 18 Dec: His Rev came over by 12. He and I to TT Lewis to meet Mr Hood (representing the Glamorgan Coal Co) and Mr G.F. Hill his lawyer. Henry Morgan there - about letting the lower measures at Dinas.

1880

Fri, 27 Feb: To Cowbridge for dinner for their wedding day going from the Wyndham and sending the trap back. A poor fellow run over by a waggon at the bottom of Tylerosser as I got there - to fetch Edwards and the doctor but he died about 9.30. Clemenston waggoner and a son of Quick. ME laid up on the sofa in the spare room...

Wed, 1 Sep: C and I to Cowbridge, his Rev driving over for us. to see Uncle William also with his Rev to the Malthouse which he is improving and round Uncle Wm's meadows and the Silver well.

Mon, 29 Nov: (Cowbridge) After lunch, His Rev, C and I to Uncle William and to our new houses. Deach and Arnott tenants. drainage badly wanted.

Tu, 14 Dec: (Cowbridge) The school entertainment in evening. Some music first and then Ici on parle Francais

1881

Tu, 13 Dec, Cowbridge: to see my houses and the Board School with his Rev. Ivor Arnott paid his rent 1 qr at £9 and 1 qr at £8 = £4.5s.

Th, 29 Dec, Cowbridge: Uncle William, Aunts and Mrs Morson to dinner - rubber. His Rev gave me Mrs Geach's rent which he had received this morning. £4.5s - to Nov 1st.

F, 30 Dec, Cowbridge: with Non to the church and to Robert's grave. They have cut almost all the fine trees in that part of the churchyard. To the top of Caerex round by Bowman's Well back. In after to see Uncle Wm - he gave me 2 bots Amontillado bought from young Wilkin. To see Mrs Geach who wants to give up her house.

1882

F, 6 Jan: Rogers, Ironmonger, Cowbridge, shot himself.

Tu, 17 & W, 18 Jan, Cowbridge: Walked with his Rev in after to Tynycaeu and back by the Lake.

....Took Non for a walk to the top of Llanblethian Hill, past the Cross, down the steps past the Nicholls, Great House, Broadway, through Windmill field to Beggars Bush up the Lane and across to Coxey Lane - Stumpies and Poplars, home.

Th, 13 April:.....called at Marlbro' on our way back. Mrs Prichard not very well so we didn't go in.

F, 21 April : C and I to Cowbridge in the hansom to concert. MEE sang and played and Mrs Graves (Janie Cooper) played the harp.

Th, 15 June: His Rev, C and I to Cynllwyndu. Left Cowbridge 10.13, reached Tylor's Town 11.45. H.Morgan joined us at Llantrisant, Mr Kirkhouse at Pontypridd, Mr Lewis (Vicar) at Porth, and Mr Rees Curate on the spot. Chose a site for mission church and C cut the first sod. Grand lunch for us and H. Morgan at Brynbedw. Left 3.38 - reached Cowbridge 5.45 Had Ivor Arnott's rent - £3.14 -to May 1st, 6/- Income & Land Tax

Fri, 30 June, Cowbridge: to see the cottages in Croft Terrace which are being painted. One empty.

Tu, 15 & W, 16 August, Nottage: C, Thomas and I walked to Sker Point taking lunch with us. Few shells of value to be found. wind very high. We bathed before breakfast..... the *Thames* was to have gone to Ilfracombe but rain and scarcity of passengers prevented it .

Tu, 26 Sep (St Bride's): John Hopkin of Tregyrnog and wife in church

Tu, 24 Oct: My mother's birthday at 78. C and I to dine at Cowbridge. Charlie and Emma, and Frank and Maggie there too, and old MEE. Also Uncle Wm, Aunt Cha and Edmund Jones dined.

Fri, 1 Dec: Father, Mother, MEE, Aunt Lou and we went by rail to Tylorstown (Cynllwyndu) where my mother laid the foundation stone of a new church (Holy Trinity). His Rev gave the site and £400. After the stone was laid we adjourned to the schoolroom and had addresses fromand his Rev. Then lunch at Tyler's Arms, and back to Cowbridge by 6.

M, 25 Dec: We to Cowbridge to dinner from the Wyndham. TE, HAE, CLE, LME, WW, OB Price, CSE, CME, FWE, Sybil Mitford. Home about 11.

1883

M, 15 Jan: C and I to Cowbridge at 4, his Rev sending for us. Mr Wood and Harriet and Dora there. Concert at Town Hall. I read part of Ode to Duke of Wellington and conclusion of Enoch Arden

Sat, 30 June: My father's birthday at 77. He resigns the living of Llanblethian today, having been Vicar 48 years.

F, 28 Sept: C and I to Cowbridge in the hansom by 11.20. Charlie and Emma there. Address and centrepiece presented to His Rev at the Town Hall at 12.15. he spoke at some length - a good deal about his family

1884

Tu, 24 April: his Rev and I to Cowbridge and back - he going chiefly to be present at auction of Llanquian and other property. Nothing was sold. £10,400 bid for Llanquian

Tu, 6 May: (Llandaff) His Rev instituted into his honorary Canonry in the Chapel at 10. W, 7M his Rev inducted into his stall of Thomas Jones alias Fairwater at the beginning of 11 o'clock service

Th, 15 May: Called at Llanblethian Cottage (the Protheroes) (new vicar)

F, 6 June: His Rev gave me title deeds &c of the Aunts' house at Cowbridge.

1885

21 Feb: Uncle William died; funeral at Llanblethian 26 Feb.

Mon, 2 Mar; C and I to Cowbridge - at the Armoury in after. Brought back some china. Worcester breakfast service and some of the dinner service

Th, 5 Mar: At the Armoury seeing about packing, more particularly the wine. Gave the aunts 1 doz pints of port.

Fr, 6 Mar: C and I to Cowbridge taking some empties. Filled Bowen's trap with wine, carpets and pier glass, and sent him back. Finished getting the wine packed.

Wed, 11 Mar: Loading Edward John's dray borrowed with books, safe, etc, and railway waggon with furniture. We home by 5. Furniture came as we were going to dinner. Spoke to Howell about selling the remainder of the things.

Th, 12 Mar:(Cowbridge) I brought a few last things home by 6 - having stayed to see the big glass put in the vestibule. (Br) C unpacked the books and put them in the bookcase.

Tu, 7 April: (to Cowbridge) Sale of books of the Book Club - bought a good many for £1.11s. To see the aunts, and C and I to see our tenants Mrs Lougher and Miss Howe

Wed, 29 July: Party to Daran Dimbath - break from the Wyndham. C, Non Mdlle, + 6 . We left town about 11.20. Blackmill by 12.30 and Cwmpantfyfi by 1. Lunch under Pantyfi Farm. The horses put at Gilfachorfyd just opposite. Walked along the valley to the Dimbath. Found hay scented fern and hymenophyllum. Tea about 5.30. Kettle boiled at Gilfachorfyd. Started home about 6.30 and reached it about 8.

Th, 6 Aug: Choral Festival at Cowbridge. Start 9.30, rehearsal 10.30 (both nominal) service 11.30 really 11.45. Skrimshire intoned. Buckley preached. We had lunch on the lawn at his Rev's, walked around the garden. Were going to Llanblethian but rain came on so turned back. Thunder and lightning. Played games in the hall and after on the lawn. Dinner about 1.30, tea 6.15. Started home about 8. 2 large veal pies - a ham, and small forequarter of lamb, potatoes (boiled in the house) 3 large bread and butter puddings, 3 doz jam tarts, cheese, beer and lemonade for dinner; plum and seed cake, butter and jam for tea - in the kitchen

Tu, 11 Aug: C, Non, Mdlle and I to Cowb with Mrs Prichard - to bazaar for St Marychurch bells. They took altogether about £137.

Mon, 24 Aug: To Cowbridge - took Tom to see the new grate at the Aunts

Mon, 21 Sep: To TT Lewis (JL?) gave him a cheque for £3500 mortgage on Llanquian and Hollybush (had the title deeds of Llanquian &c from TT Lewis on 14 Oct)

Tu, 13 Oct: Rev JH Lewis, son of Titus Lewis came as curate

Tu, 17 Nov: Mother died this evening. She had been at Evans the Drapers and Miss Decimas in after.

1886

Tues, 2 Feb: C and I lunched at Cowbridge with his Rev, Emma, Min and Daisey. They went to Penllyn Castle in after. C and I to Llantrithyd for 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' - I was Launce - not a very lively play - came home by the Aubrey Arms

Fri, 5 Feb: (Cardiff) Col Hill there describing the execution of the Llanblethian murderer (after the Choral association meeting)

Tu, 16 Mar: His Rev at Book Club Committee

Th, 21 Oct: (Cowbridge) to see Mrs Morgan and Miss Bates my tenants - his Rev and I to the Meadows and I to Porthygreen and the Closes - a piece of wall down in the latter

Fri, 26 Nov: (Cowbridge) We went to Aunt Cha first and she gave us Aunt Lou's legacy - book for me - gold necklace and ear-rings given Aunt L by Miss Turberville and a diamond ring.

Sat, 25 Dec: We to Cowbridge by 5.45 - to see Aunt Cha - she in her drawing room and cheerful. dined with my father, TE,FW,CS and CME and Phillips and Arthur

1887

Tu,29 Mar: C, Non and Tom to Cowbridge with Bowen. I rode the pony. I got the probate of Aunt Lou's will from Stockwood - told Aunt Cha. C and I with his Rev to fix a place for the tablet to my mother in church Sale of Book Club books - I bought £1. 4s

Wed, 13 July: Aunt Cha died.

1888

Fri, 4 May: C, Non and I to dine at Cowbridge, calling at Pwlllywrach en route - out. His Rev bought a cob "Polly" today in the fair - from Ogmere Vale, 6 years old, sturdy.

Sat, 5 May: C. Booth Meller elected Med. Off. for Cowb district, the only other candidate being a Dr Moynan

Mon, 28 May: Rode the grey over to Cowb to see the closes and Porthygreen and I. Llewellyn and L. Jenkins. Also to Croft Terrace to Mrs Morgan and Miss Bates - and to Mrs Jones (the aunts'). After lunch drove his Rev, ME and her children by Llansannor, City and Penlline, calling at Llansannor Rectory - the Dorrays out.

Tu, 25 Dec: To Cowbridge for dinner in the close carriage - party there. TE, CGE, EE, Minnie, Daisey, Charlie, FW, CS and CME, FQ and MSE. More of a family gathering than since my mother's death

1889

Th, 10 Jan: dance at Llantrithyd, 9.30 to 2.50. Very well arranged. 135 there

Tue, 5 March: C, Non and I to Marlbro to lunch going by the Cowbridge Westgate - roads heavy but no difficulty. Lunch and merchant of Venice - I was Shylock, Non Portia. Uncle L L Gobbo which he enjoyed much. To Cowbridge to dine taking ME and Lizzy Jones back from Marlbro.

Mon 2 Sep: Con died.

Th, 19 Dec: Non and I to dine at Cowb. The Nortons had a dance at the Bear. The ladies inspected the arrivals from the bow window. Chestnut and carriage with new leather back for the first time

Wed, 25 Dec: William drove Non and me to Cowbridge by 6.30 - chestnut. Dinner at 7 - TE, CGE, EE, MQE, HDE, CGIE,FWE, CME, Phillips and Arthur - my father well - took part in the service this morning

1890

Fri, 7 Mar: Drove Non and Tom to Cowb to lunch. Bas there. We walked to see the Cowbridge and Aberthaw Railway - a deep cutting in Beggar's Bush

Th, 28 Aug: Picnic. Break from the Wyndham. Geo T, Mabel Stanley and Sydney here at 10.45. Loaded the goods and went to the station. Mary and Harriet Johnson came in by the 11. Hood, Non and I - also took William - at St Brides Major picked up Lister and Mrs Katie Walter and Gerard - at Monknash some of us got out and walked down the Cwm and along the shore to Marcross - break going round. Dinner soon after 1. Fowls and ham, haunch of lamb, jam turnovers and bread and butter pudding; lemonade, beer, stout, hock. Some of us to the short lighthouse. Left for St Donats 4.30, all driving. tea there. Tide full in. Illtyd Nicholl of Ham joined us for tea; didn't leave till 6.55.....all enjoyed day.

Th, 18 Sept: (Cowbridge) To N. Bird's to order a galvanised cask for No 1 Croft St

Tu, 30 Sept: Bazaar at Cowbridge. I went over by 12.50 taking Tom. Bazaar well attended - bought a screen, horseshoe bracket, newspaper rack, ironwork for hanging plant, photo frame. Bishop and Miss Bowyer to lunch at my father's. Min, Die and Miss Steel and dear ME there

1891

Tu, 13 Jan; to see William Morgan in Croft St - his wife buried yesterday. He out, saw 2 daughters; and to see Edward Evans next door - wants a new grate

Mon, 16 Mar: To Cowbridge to see my tenants. Saw Hayter about painting the Aunts' house and papering 1 Croft St, the Evanses out - and to the Meadows

Th, 23 July: Picnic. Party in break from Wyndham to St Donats. went by Wick and Lechmere - lunch at St Donats - tide full out - tugs and vessels about. 5 of us walked along the shore to Marcross - the others drove. Tea provided there by Non

Fri, 25 Dec: Kitchen dinner - goose, turkey, plum pudding, mince pies, beer, raisin wine apples, oranges, nuts, biscuits. We dined at 2, they at 3 - party left by 10.30

1892

Mon, 9 Mar: to Cowbridge with Non and baby in after. S Hayter photographed my father, me Non and baby - 4 generations

Th, 2 June: Revd Thomas Edmondess died (funeral 7 June)

Fri, 3 June: To Cowbridge to lunch. Starting home, shaft broke under William's foot - sent the trap to Tilley. William home with the pony, I home by train

Wed, 8 June: to Cowbridge to lunch, found them weighing the plate. Spent from 3 to 7 (nearly) dividing it. Home in a gig from the Bear, bringing my plate with me

Fri, 17 June: (Cowbridge) J Thomas's people making the inventory and valuation

Th, 23 June: Charlie and I at TT Lewis' 11 to 1 - made an abstract of the will and an outline of the probate a/c

Mon, 31 Oct: Nos calan gaeaf at Broadlands

1893

Fri, 20 Oct: To Cowbridge to the reopening of the church, taking Mr and Mrs Morris - service at 11, Bp preached. I read 1st lesson and helped to administer. singing went very well; surpliced choir under tower. Lunch at Town Hall. I proposed the Vicar, and spoke on behalf of past generations. Showed Mrs M house, garden, church, churchyard. Home abt 5.30

Mon, 23 Oct: To Cardiff to complete the sale of Great House, Llanblethian at Mr Corbett's office - he being steward of the Manor of Llanblethian

Tu, 24 Oct: To Ewenny for the first Shakespeare - some new members elected. I was Clown. Most of the readers rather rusty

Th, 26 Oct: On Monday had a cheque from Rees and Gwyn £2089.5.1 for Great House mortgage and interest. Sent a quarter each to Emma, Frank and ME

Fr, 10 Nov: Frank and I drove to Cowbridge in after. A lot to be done to the house yet.

Wed, 29 Nov: Emma, Min, Disey and Charlie came up 8.27. They and Sarah their maid and Lewis all slept here.

Th, 30 Nov: Emma and co left 10.55 - they went to Cowbridge by rail and began to live there from today

Fri, 22 Dec: Shooting with Turberville, 6 guns. JPT, his sons Chas and Jack, his brother-in-law Mr Ebsworth, TT Lewis and I. Ewenny Park and the big wood to the road to Wallas and Wick. Bag about 36 pheasants, 3 woodcock, 16 rabbits or so - don't know exactly. I killed 2 woodcocks, 6ph, 3 rabbits at least. Rain in morning and very wet after, otherwise it would have been a capital day

Sat, 23 Dec: Drove Non to Cowb After. Emma's birthday. Dined next door - gave Mrs Lloyd 2 guineas

1894

Mon, 1 Jan: Dined at Cowbridge by my own offer. Emma, Min, Disey and Charlie there - house in pretty good order - they all kind and pleasant

Tues 2 Jan: Shakespeare reading here for the first time. Tempest - all passed off well enough. Mrs TM Franklen, Maudie Ll, Miss Franklen, Mary, Fan and Mabel. Mrs Picton Turberville, Miss Dixon, Canon Allen, RC Lewis and Mrs Dr Stewart. Humphreys, Griffiths, Bevan, Mr and Mrs Llewellyn Jones, E Warlow, Mrs Chas Morris, Non and I.

Tu, 27 Feb: Charlie and I to Porthygreen to look at the trees - one fir snapped off

Wed, 16 May : Thomas and I to Cowbridge - I to see about the aunts' house - met Fanny Williams the new tenant there. Told S. Gibson to get what is necessary done

Wed, 13 June: Mary Hugh died about 2pm She was 80 last Sunday. she must have come to my mother more than 60 years ago, for she was not 20 when she came as nurse to RWH

Wed, 25 July: Nolton SS treat - a black day, poor little Fred Corbett drowned. Service at 10 which I took. A large number of vehicles and a lot of mothers - all went well enough till nearly 3.30 when Fred Corbett was brought to shore senseless by Harry Deere. People very

kind and painstaking but no recovery at all - just a slight sign of life - sent the poor little body home in the waggonette. Morris and I to see Mrs Corbett on our return - she very reasonable - and so was her husband afterwards

1895

Fr, 29 Nov: to Cowbridge.....I lunched with Emma - the Bp at the school - he called after lunch, to see the billiard room

1896

Th, 27 Feb: to Llandaff Cathedral by 1pm for Miss Decima Prichard's funeral

Fri, 15 May: To the funeral of Mr Salmon of Penllyne Court. He was 106 on the 16th of March 1896. Went to the house and then to Llanfrynach church - the grave in the church. Williams and I walked down to Cowbridge, having sent the trap on from Corrwks. Place looking very pretty.

Mon, 25 May: To Cowbridge. Emma and Min there. To sports on the new cricket field in after. Thurston Bassetts and Col. Tyler in to tea, &c. Mr Ebsworth gave the prizes - some good races.

Mon, 8 June: John Harold Morgan of Maesyberllan, Glynneath here at 11 to meet Frank and me. We appointed him as our mineral agent

Thurs, 18 June (Glanrhyd): Down to the works with AG and then to the farm and round by the young pheasants. Charlie came by luncheon. The Leaches, Miss Lloyd and I to call on Frank Gilbertson and his bride at Glynteg their new house....

Weds, 1 July: to Penllyn Court sale, 1.35 - 4.10. No nice pictures left. Bought 4 plated corner dishes £10 and a pair of lustres 9/-

1897

Weds, 8 Sept: letter from the Bishop offering me the Archdeaconry of Llandaff - wrote and accepted it much for his sake

Mon, 27 Dec: dined at Cowbridge..... a Mari Lwyd.

1898

Weds, 2 Feb: ME, Dorothy Cecil and Billy to Cowbridge to a sort of Volunteer Ball, starting 8.15, back about 3.15

Sun, 26 June: To Cowbridge by 11 for ordination of John Henry Collin Morson and John Jones (Deacons). I presented them. Canon Roberts preached, Morson read the Gospel. JO Evans' first Sunday there. (Revd John Owen Evans was inducted to the living of Llanblethian &c on June 23rd)

Thurs, 3 Nov: Drove Punch to Cowbridge to lunch. Emma better, has been upstairs a fortnight. Mr Jarvis there. Dolly came in as I was leaving. Called at St Quintins to ask after Mrs Evans - she came home on Tuesday, much better.

1899

Tu, 19 Sept: to Crossways for a bazaar for Llanblethian Church. drove the mare 10.45 - 12.30. Bishop opened bazaar - he came by train. Non, Dacey and Isabel Clay lunched with me. Bishop at same table. Spent about £5. 15s. Home 3 - 4.30

1900

Tu, 27 Feb: To Cowbridge in after to performance by Miss Culverwell's pupils. Tea with Emma. Saw RM and Mrs.

Tu, 5 June: From C, I walked to Llanblethian to see the new Vicarage

Th, 8 Nov: drove to C. to the Aunts' house, meeting Alfred James there. Ordered chimney stack to be rebuilt with pot, and small repairs. To 2 Croft Terrace. Saw Mrs William Joseph, the new tenant. Ordered a water tank.

1901

Fri, 1 Mar: William Rhys, cabinet maker's funeral at Nolton 3.30

Fri, 30 Aug: Stopped an hour at Cowbridge and lunched at the Bear. Went to the Meadows and looked at the Eagle with Edward John

1902 – nil

1903

Weds, 1 April: Had the Llanquian mortgage interest from Mrs Lewis - returned £10 to her

Mon, 27 July: To Cowbridge for school prize day. Sir Lewis Morris in the chair; 2.10 - 6

Weds, 29 July: We four to a ball at Cowbridge by 9.30, back about 3.15. Rain so there was no sitting in the garden as intended. Good supper in the billiard room and all went well. About 70 there.

Thurs, 6 Aug: To Ham for a bazaar for Llantwit Major church, 2 - 6.30. Very few people there. Lady Hills Johnes opened it - saw her and Sir James....

Thurs, 13 Aug: Frank, Non and I to Cowb for lunch. Emma Min and Disedy there, also Geo Traherne. All of us to the cricket ground in after. Newport v Ebsworth...

Thurs, 26 Nov: To the Park Hotel by 7.25 for the Cowbridge School Old Boys dinner - a very good muster, 74 or 75 there. I in the chair, supported by Headmasters WF Evans and JW Evans. All went off very well... Thurston Bassett died at Crossways

1904

Fri, 25 Nov: to Cardiff 5.7 to 11.20. Cowbridge Old Boys dinner at Park Hotel at 7. I in chair. Dr Leigh of Treharris on right (General Tyler failing to come because of the slippery roads) and Headmaster on left. 44 in all - a good many different from last year. Clarence Bird a son of George Bird proposed the school - Lister responded for Bishop and clergy. Evening went off very pleasantly but there was no accompanist which checked the singing.

Thurs, 8 Dec: To All Saints, Pontardawe by 11.45 - fine rather frosty morning. At 12.15 I married Rice Mansel Dillwyn (formerly Nicholl) to Harriet Florence Gilbertson, Harrison the Curate-in-charge assisting. Arthur gave Harriet away and got through the day very well. About 70, all relations or connections there, and a large crowd of onlookers

Gardening:

Fruit trees planted January 20 and 21:

1 peach Bunington 1 Royal George

1 nectarine Pitmaston Orange
1 Apricot
4 pears - Pitmaston Duchess, Marie Louise, Bon Chretien, Beurre Superfine
100 strawberries
100 Seakale roots

Apple trees bought Nov 16;
7 espalier apple trees from Garaway
Peasgood's Nonsuch (TK), Blenheim Orange (TK), King of the Pippins (T),
Ecklinville Seedling (K), Lady Sudeley (T), James Grieve (T), Scarlet Nonpareil (T)
(T=table, K=kitchen)

Address:

"Harry" Ebsworth is head of William Miller and Co., and the office is in the 1st Line,
Wassili Ostroff, St Petersburg

1905

Fri, May 26th: To Cowbridge 11.50 - 5.10, driving Punch. Old Boys Association Cttee at the
School 2-3. Met Emma and Minnie going to Weston - had a bit of lunch there - came home
(Llandaff) by Peterston to avoid glare and dust. Well dry at Cowbridge

Tues, 22 Aug: My birthday at 65. We in the wagonette to Marcross. Stanley on his bike.
Lunch there. Non, Mary, Freddy and I walked along the shore to St Donats, Stanley rode
round and met us. Rain came on as we were leaving; heavy storm about Wick and rain all the
way.

Weds, 23 August: We all in a landau and pair to lunch at Cowbridge at 1 o'clock. Disey,
Wyndham, Hubert and Tippy there - also Teddy Davey and Isabel Piers. To a bazaar at St
Hilary by about 3. Lady Eva Wyndham Quin opened it. I moved thanks to her. They have
just come to live at Beaupre. I bought a water colour of Venice £2. 15. 6

Fri, 25 August: Non and Stanley and I to Llandough Castle to a musical party 2.20 - 7.
Landau and pair from J. James - put the head up in Cowbridge - a lot of rain after. A great
collection of people

Fri, 17 Nov: to Cowbridge to Croft Terrace to see about repairs. Saw Mrs Pickard at No 1,
her husband a carpenter, 1 girl about 10. No 2 - Mrs Edwin Williams, she went and fetched
her husband - a pleasant chap, on the TVR. A girl and boy. I said I would do what is wanted.
Dined with Emma. Mary Piers there. Charlie in from shooting gave me a pheasant for Non.

Croft Terrace, Cowbridge.

Rebuild 3 chimney stacks - repair or renew casing to front door. Cords to windows, new
floors to closets and clear cesspits. Repairs to doors, stairs, etc; reset one kitchen grate.
The whole came to £13. 2. 6.

1906

Sat, 6 Jan: 3.30 we went to Cowbridge, children's party at the Bear given by Mrs HR Homfray and Mrs LG Williams. 4.30 to 10 - over 80ch and 40 adults - a good many from the Cardiff side.

Weds, 17 Jan: To Cowbridge to vote for Sir Fortescue Flannery against Ivor Guest for the boroughs - lunch with Emma and Min - to see the trees in Counsel Twt and the Closes (Guest 12,434; Flannery 4,929)

Mon, 26 Feb: (Cowbridge) They are putting a bit of pitching on the main road in front of the door

Tues, 6 March: Told the Bishop in answer to his enquiry that Welsh is not now needed at St Donats

Thurs, 19 Apr: Children to Cowbridge to lunch and the races in Uncle Willie's motor

1907

Sat, 6 March: to Cowbridge to call on Aemilius Jarvis but they were all at the football at Cardiff except Emma; Wales v Ireland

Fri, 12 April: To Cowb to open bazaar for Llanblethian tower

Tues, 16 July: Wrote to Charlie offering to make the 2 houses in Croft Terrace over to him - which he accepts

1908

Fri, 14 August: to Cowbridge to lunch to meet Arthur Harness and Maggie and Walter Harper - Arthur and Maggie cycled from the Park Hotel Cardiff and Walter from Wenvoe Rectory (Arthur was 70 in June). I went with the Hs to see the brass in church and for a turn round the town for Arthur to see where Aunt Ma (?) used to live - and we went about the garden - afterwards to look at some cricket

Tues, 1 Sept: (storm) The Amazon, 4-masted sailing ship, driven from her anchor at the Mumbles and wrecked on Margam sands close in shore. 20 lives lost, 7 saved

1909

Fri, 9 July: to lunch at Cowbridge School 1.30. Evans the headmaster ill and shoulder put out. JW Evans, David Davies, LE Richardson and Edmonds Jones the examiner at lunch. At 3 - prize-giving at the Town Hall. Some songs and a piece of Henry V - poor enough. I presided and gave the prizes. Tom Gower Williams got Catechism prize; Wheeler (St Brides Major) got my Greek Testament prize.

Weds, 18 August: To Newbridge fields in after. BCC against Cowbridge Wanderers - a team got up by Owen Jones. We won by 1 run

Sat, 18 Sept: Lady Sudeley apple ripe now

Sat, 25 Sept: Ecklinsville seedlings beginning to drop off

Thurs, 18 Nov: Jones planted 100 new raspberry canes near the greenhouse - 1 espalier Charles Ross; pyramids - 2 Claygate Pearmain, 1 Devonshire Quarrendon, 1 James Grieve, 1 Worcester Pearmain, 1 Lady Sudeley - from Wheeler's

1910

Weds, 3 August: Ball at Clemenstone for Evie's coming out, given by Mr and Mrs T. Mansel Franklen and Mrs Franklen. A large marquee for dancing, floor sloping very much; another for elaborate supper - Roberts' band - Non, Nancy and I went in landau from Woodward. I had William to fetch me 12.15 - got home 1 a.m.; the others not back till 4.35. About 230 said to be there. Lighting along the drives and through the tents with paraffin and incandescent.

Mon, 22 August: My birthday at 70. A picnic to Monknash and Marcross - started at 11 nominal but a little late, train being so. Party of 14 in Woodward's break. 3 servants in his wagonette. WH John man and maid with his van and provisions - got to the sea at Monknash about 12.30. Rough road and overgrown from G. Bruce's house to the sea. Lunch ready when we got there. A pleasant walk along the shore to Marcross. Low water about 2. Juniors bathed after a fashion, and most of them went up the tall lighthouse. Tea at 4.30; started home a little before 7 and arrived at 8. Gladstones had supper here and went home by a 9 train. Very fine day. Much mirth on the way home.

Party: FWE, Non, Nancy, Freddy, Hobson, Nest + Audrey Prichard, May Daisy and Charles Morris, Mr + Mrs Jack + Gerald Gladstone; Wm, Edith and Emily Neath in wagonette, WH John man + maid, 2 drivers.

Veal and ham pie, chicken and tongue, ham, meat patties (a failure), apple turnover, chocolate eclairs, Swiss roll, cheese, tomatoes, cucumber.

tea: 3 cornered tarts, half-penny buns, small cakes, plum cake, scones, bakestone, raspberry jam

18 Schweppes ginger ale, 18 Salutaries. 2 botts claret, 1 gall milk

1911

Mon, 30 Jan: (Gardening/Apples)

Lane's Prince Albert has kept quite well till now. Bismark nearly as well. Charles Ross well till Christmas

Tues 11 July: Wrote to the Bishop that Colwinston is on the borderline, but that probably a little Welsh should be required in the incumbent.

Thurs, 27 July: To luncheon at Cowbridge, prize Day at the School at 3. Herbie Homfray presented the prizes - Lewis Gower Williams got my Greek testament prize. British Archaeological Society meeting at Cardiff this week - they came from Llantwit and a few of them looked at the Terrace, Town Wall, &c. Basil was brought downstairs and put in the big new room.

Weds, 6 Sept: Picnic to Monknash and Marcross. A wasp stung me under the eye, but it was very trifling - paddling and bathing after the waggonette came round - a few went up to the high lighthouse - a lot of pilot boats circling round off St Donats and Marcross
Party: FWE, Non, Nancy, Freddy, Hobson, Ros Llewellyn and Miss Hobbs, Nest and Audrey Prichard, Phyllis Gilbertson and Margery Firth with them. May and Charles Morris, Flo Leeds. Daisy Morris had a cold and didn't come. Brake and pair from Woodward - just fitted. Waggonette from him for Wm, Edith and Emily Neat. Started 10.45 nominal but the Newton folk were late.

Veal and ham pie, chicken, tongue, ham, apple turnovers, chocolate eclairs, Swiss roll - cheese, tomatoes, cucumber. Bread or rolls. Tea: as 22/8/10

Thurs, 26 Sept: To Cowbridge by 1.5 for the conferring of Honorary Freedom of the borough on EH Ebsworth of Llandough Castle. David Tilley, mayor. The Lord Mayor and Town Clerk of Cardiff were present. Public luncheon and speeches after. Speaking for the Bp and clergy, I spoke about the arcade in the church and Iolo Morganwg's measurements. In to Emma after - she had no invitation to the function

Weds, 6 Dec: To Llanblethian church by 3.30 in cart. Bishop dedicated oak reredos in memory of FW Dunn, put up by his friends' subscriptions

Tues, 26 Dec: Fanny Williams, my tenant in the Aunts' house Cowbridge died tonight. Her sister, Bertha Williams keeps the house on on the same terms.

1912

Fri, 1 March: (Cowbridge) went to the bottom of Porth y Green and saw the new bit of walling there, and also in the Closes by the Mill Road

1913

Fri, 31 Jan: To Cowbridge School at 3. Meeting of trustees of Sir Leoline's Trust. Capital is about £1300, annual income £40. OH Jones in chair, Godfrey Clark, Tilley, headmaster and I. Jones told us of the present proposed scheme. We agreed to fall in with it in a general way provided we get some representation on the Board of Governors - sons of church people have adequate provision of church teaching in school hours, and the school be continued as a boarding school

Fri, 25 April: Sent Isaiah Roberts £50 towards the roof of Cowbridge Church

Sat, 26 April: MEE and I to lunch at Crossways with Mary and Edith Williams - Mrs Hubert Williams and Peggy staying, and John Williams at lunch

1914

Tues, 19 May: I executed conveyance of the aunts house to Beatrice E and Margaret Williams

Thurs, Oct 15: to a town meeting about housing Belgian refugees. SH Stockwood in chair. People eager to help but many independent plans started already

Sat, Oct 17: Nancy helped to put 17 Belgians in Colwinston Cottage which Dolly lends. Quite gentlefolk

Tues, 20 Oct: To Glanavon about 10.30. Committee there. SH Stockwood read letter from Charles Price Davies consenting to lend the house for Belgians. Looked through the house.

Tues, 27 Oct: M. and Mme Martens and Mlle Pauwels to lunch. They went on first shopping and then to Laleston to see some Belgians, and tea at Bryntirion

Fri, 30 Oct: Belgians in Glanavon committee at 3. Town divided for collecting

Weds, 25 Nov: Exec Cttee about Glanavon and Belgians. there are 4 adult women and one little child there

Fri, 27 Nov: A police sergeant here enquiring about arms. I told him I have a revolver and would fight if the Germans landed here. My double-barrelled gun is at William's house and will be put down for him.

1915

Tues, 5 Jan: Glanavon Belgians Committee settled to allow them £4 a week to do for themselves

Thurs, 6 May: (Cowbridge) Yeomanry horses in the market on the Butts and in the Two Acres

Sat, 31 July: (Cowbridge) ... a Belgian, M. Rom, at lunch

Thurs, 4 Nov: Yorwerth says £25 is what the timber merchant offers for the trees in the Closes: 10 elm, 1 ash and 1 sycamore

Sun, 14 Nov: Letter from Lewis Jenkins wanting to give up the Closes

1916

Thurs, 13 Jan: wrote to George Mitchell with terms of agreement for the Closes from Feby 2nd, he taking it over from Lewis Jenkins

Mmm

Weds, 19 Feb: Replied to Gwyn about cutting the trees in the Closes. He as agent alleging that they endanger Dynevor Cottage

Mon, 7 Feb: Reported to the Bishop that in my opinion Welsh is not necessary in the incumbent of Llandow

Fri, 11 Feb: To Cowbridge to lunch, going to the Mill Road first. The timber is cleared away; the wall wants attending to

1917

3 Feb: Francis Quintin Edmond, Lt-Col RE ret died. Born Oct 21 1842 at St Quintins Cottage, Llanblethian

1918

Th, 31 Jan: Sent my £11 to Cowbridge School. There are 65 boys there this term, but boarders are kept down to 26.

Sat, 2 Feb: William Giles paid Porthygreen rent to Gwyn and Gwyn and gave up the field.
Richard David, Danygraig, Llanblethian took it.