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EDITING

The following changes have been made to the original layout of the diary: each month begins on a new page; the names of the days of the week have been written in full; and the space at the end of each double page has been omitted so that the entries for each month run on. Examples of the original layout can be seen in Facsimiles 1-3.

The original spelling and punctuation have been retained. *Sic* has been used sparingly, mainly to indicate irregular spellings or constructions that might otherwise be mistaken for transcribal or typographical errors. All other editorial additions or corrections are inserted in [].

FAMILY TREES

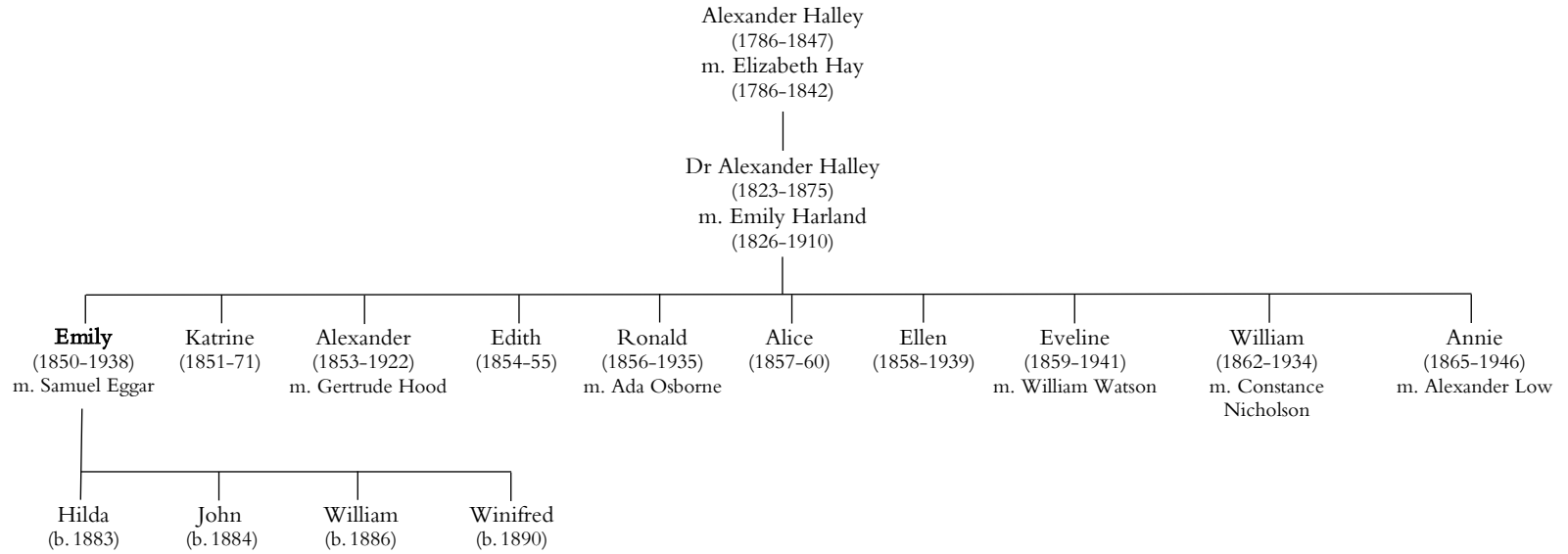
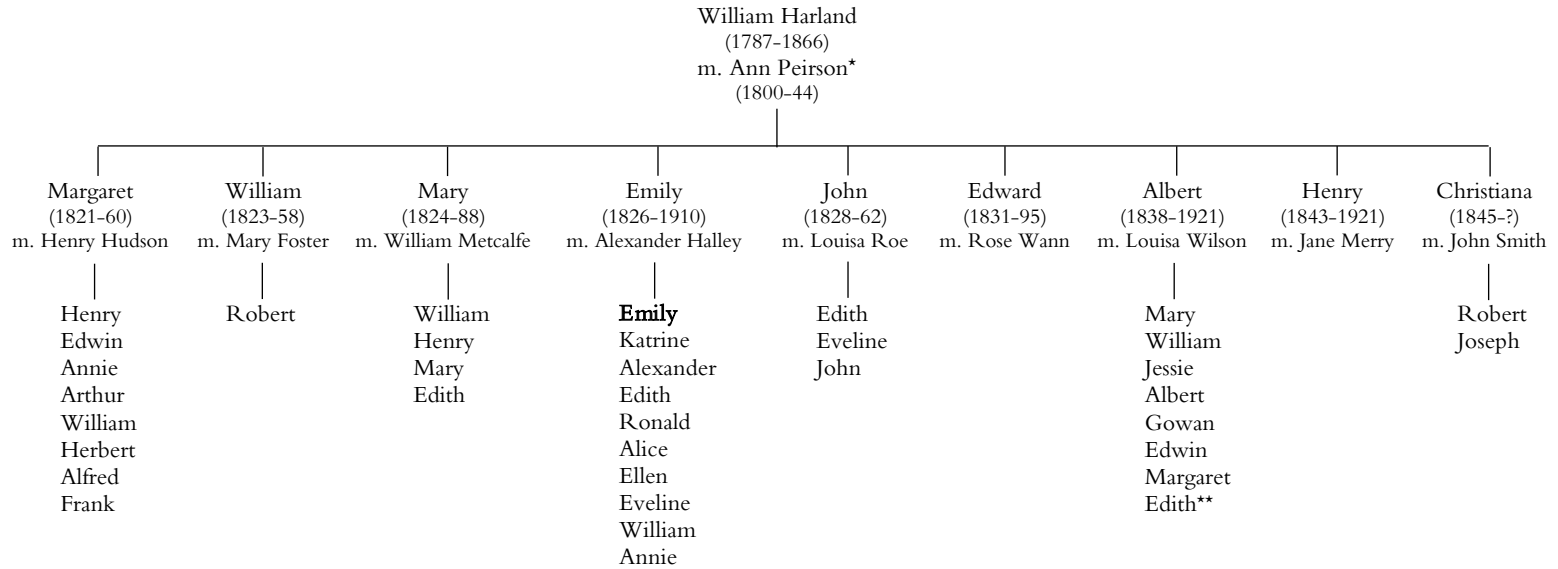


Table 1. A simplified family tree showing Emily Halley’s descent from Alexander Halley, her siblings and her children.

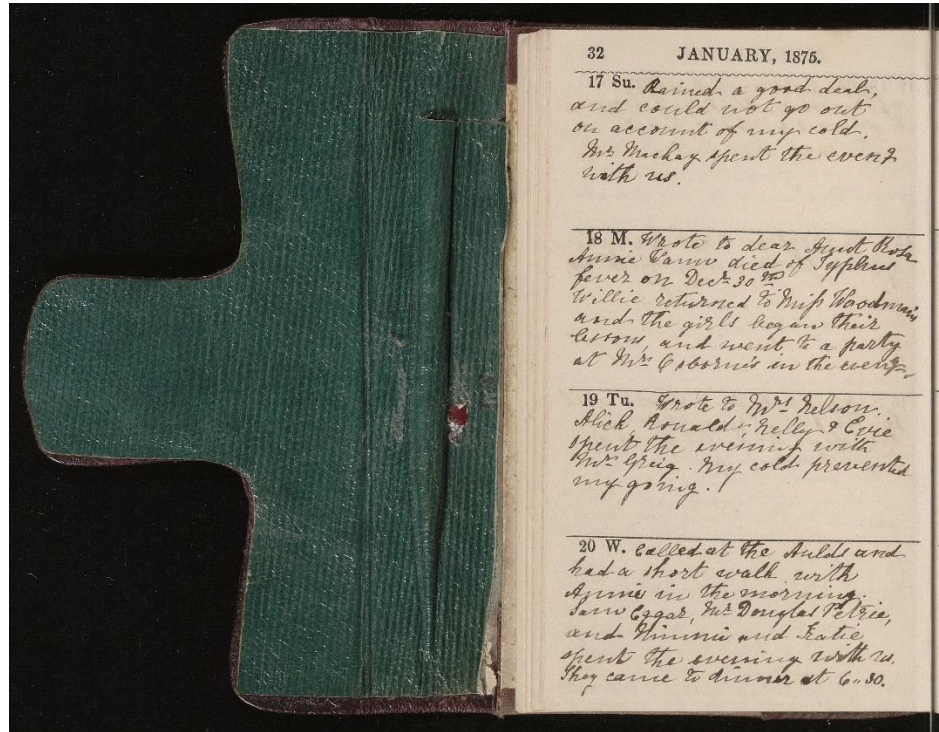


* Two of William and Ann Harland's children died in infancy, Erasmus and Eliza. In the interests of space, they have been omitted from the tree.

** Albert and Louisa Harland had eighteen children between 1865 and 1892. In the interests of space, only those born before the end of 1875 are listed here.

Table 2. A simplified family tree showing Emily Halley's descent from William Harland and her maternal aunts, uncles and cousins.

FACSIMILES



Facsimile 1. Emily used a Pawsey's Pocket Diary and Almanack to record her year. It came with a pencil, the holder for which can be seen in the image above. (Courtesy of the University of Edinburgh)

MARCH, 1875.

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18 Th. Cousin Tom left went to the solicitors in the morning, then returned to Lowestoft. I took Flora to the Ascham, & Misses Brose Mamma & me to Elgin Road after lunch. Found Uncle Hudson here when we came back. Dr. Matheson called in the evening.

19 F. Uncle Hudson called in the morning. Mamma went to see old Mr. Buttrill our Landlord's Agent, & he came to look over the house. I did some shopping & called on Lady Durborough. Uncle Harry just wished us good-bye before returning to Sawdon.

20 S. Uncle Hudson called at 9.30 to take our dear little Annie to Oakwood. To be Maggie's companion until we are settled in the new home. Ronald went to Wimbeldon for his first shooting. ~~Dear copy sent to~~ three days with us, & Mr. Davidson called.

Mr. Shaw called. & sent poor Flora to Lowestoft to Cousin Tom. Ronald took her to the station.

Facsimile 2. Each double page in the diary is divided into seven sections and covers one week. As shown here, Emily often used the space at the end of the second page to complete an entry, usually marking the connected text with crosses. (Courtesy of the University of Edinburgh)

25 Th. Dear Papa was taken ill about 4^h 30. Ronald & I went to him first - called Nurse - then Mr. Lawson & Dr. Garrod at 4^h 50 A.M. They could do nothing. It was Apoplexy. Alick went for poor Maubina by the 6^h 28 train & she was with us soon.

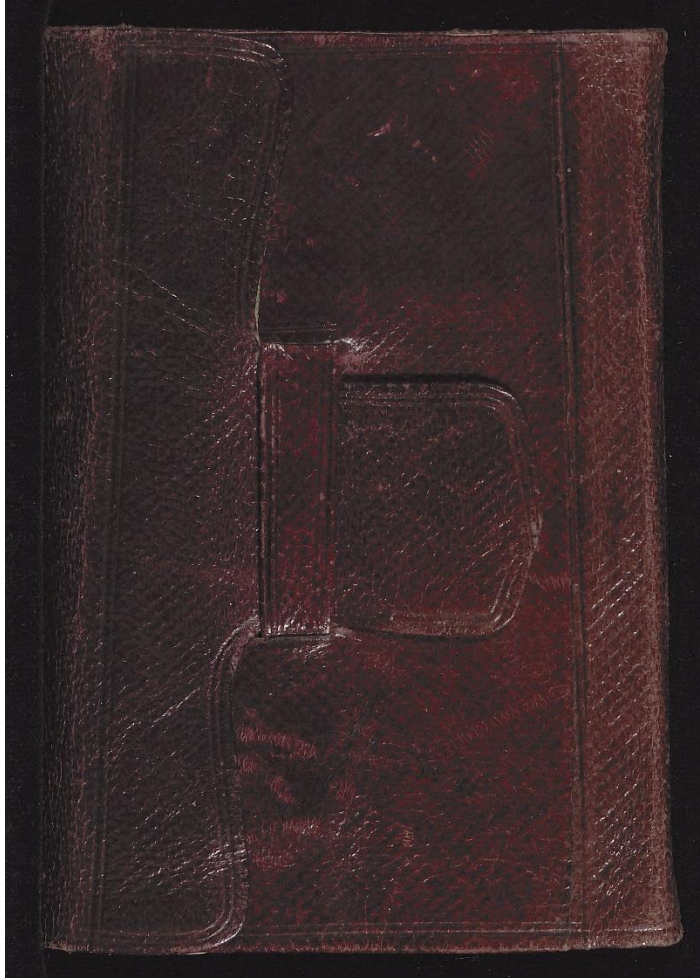
26 F. Dear Lizzie had stayed all night & Uncle Albert who came at 9 yesterday evening & stayed all night. Cousin Tom & Maie came at noon. Lizzie & Uncle Albert left in the afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Buchanan came & Mimmie & Kate.

Cousin Tom left. Our dear Father was placed in his coffin & Uncle Albert & Mrs. Buchanan had brought lovely flowers for us.

* After 10. Ronald went for Sir George Burrows at 9 o'clock. We telegraphed to Lizzie she was with us at 2. The Doctors came at 1.4.3 - They stayed till 3.50. Went our own dear Father's spirit passed away in perfect peace.

Facsimile 3. Emily marked the page on which her father's death was recorded with a small Celtic cross.
(Courtesy of the University of Edinburgh)



Facsimile 4. The diary was protected by a leather wrap-round cover, which could be secured by a tongue-and-loop fastening. (Courtesy of the University of Edinburgh)

INTRODUCTION

The diarist and her family

Emily Halley (1850–1938) was the daughter of Scottish physician Dr Alexander Halley (1823–1875) and Emily Harland (1826–1910), the eldest of a large family which in 1875 comprised four daughters ranging in age from twenty-five to ten and three sons aged twenty-two, nineteen and thirteen. Three further daughters died young (see Family Tree). At the opening of the diary, the family lived at 16 Harley Street at the corner of Cavendish Square in the fashionable west-central Marylebone area of London, the heart of the medical establishment. On census night in 1871, with all the children still living at home, the household also included two young female ‘visitors’, one of them a niece who later featured in the diary, along with four servants, described as a nurse, a cook, a housemaid and a footman. The nurse, Hannah Ford, known affectionately as ‘Nurse’, who was originally from Wiltshire, had been with the family since Emily was born.¹ By 1875, the two older sons, Alexander (Alick) and Ronald, were mostly away from home as they embarked on their careers in the City.

Dr Alexander Halley, an only child, was raised in Dunkeld in highland Perthshire. His father, the son of a clergyman, was a wine merchant in Madeira and seems to have left his son in Scotland for part of his childhood. His mother, Elizabeth Hay, was a shadowy figure. He was educated from his teenage years at the University of Edinburgh medical school, graduating in 1841, and took further training, including in obstetrics, at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and University College London.² His Edinburgh doctoral thesis, dated 1844, is titled ‘Observations Connected with the Natural History and Climate of the Island of Madeira’, which was based on research undertaken ‘during a short residence in the Island of Madeira during the winter of 1839–40’.³ He clearly knew the island well and visited often. He also took a tour of Europe between June and November 1845, accompanying his friend and sponsor Benjamin Moccatta, who may also have been a student in Edinburgh.⁴ Halley joined the Celtic Lodge of Edinburgh & Leith in 1844 and was also a member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, both Freemason societies then popular with the professional middle classes.⁵

While studying in Edinburgh, Halley became friends with fellow medical student William Harland through whom he met his wife, William’s sister Emily. The Harlands were a large and wealthy medical and engineering family from north Yorkshire. Emily’s father, like brother William, was an Edinburgh-trained medical man who later in life served as mayor of Scarborough. Another brother, Edward Harland, also educated in Edinburgh, was co-founder of the

celebrated Belfast ship-building firm of Harland & Wolff, makers of the ill-fated Titanic. He was knighted and served as both mayor and MP for Belfast.⁶ Dr Alexander Halley's first significant medical post was in Leeds, where he was appointed physician to the local dispensary in 1846 and from where he courted Emily Harland.⁷ With limited finances, their engagement was long, but his prospects improved with his father's death in 1847 and they married a few years later. The marriage, which took place in Scarborough, was announced in the *Caledonian Mercury*.⁸ Yet despite an inheritance and his medical income, the Halley family finances were always strained, and Emily's wealthy father was often approached for assistance.⁹ By 1848, Dr Halley was in London, living in Wimpole Street, his 'Scottishness' apparent when he appeared as witness at the Central Criminal Court in a case against a jeweller charged with fraudulent hallmarking. The jeweller, called Robert Gordon, possibly also a Scot, had made Halley 'a portion of a Highland purse, called a "sporrel", which he required to be made in silver.'¹⁰ Gordon was found guilty. The same year Halley was the dedicatee of a manuscript collection of Gaelic songs penned by Donald MacPherson, a military man from Badenoch who in later life owned a bookshop in Pimlico, London. He gifted other volumes of his poetry and prose to the Highland Society of London, which were in Halley's keeping by the 1870s.¹¹

Scots in London

Though the details of Dr Alexander Halley's medical practice are little known, his involvement in Scottish organisations in London was considerable and well recorded. In 1864, for instance, he was listed in the press as one of a number of representatives from the Highland Society of London, the Caledonian Society of London, the London Scottish Rifle Volunteers, the Scottish Hospital and the Caledonian Asylum who had met in the Scottish Hospital to form themselves into a committee with the aim of building a 'Scottish hall' in London 'for the business purposes of the various Scottish societies in London and for other national objects.'¹² In August 1870, Dr Halley took the chair at the quarterly meeting of the Edinburgh University Club in London, held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. The event comprised a dinner, speeches and toasts. Mainly attended by fellow medics, Dr Halley urged the members to exert themselves to bring in new recruits from other backgrounds.¹³ He was a prominent figure at the 1870 St Andrew's Day celebrations held by the Scottish Corporation, a long-established charity for support of the Scottish poor in the capital city, of which he was a director. Held in the Freemasons Tavern with the duke of Argyll the guest of honour and all those present wearing Highland dress, the hall was decked out with 'numerous clan badges and tartan emblazonments.'¹⁴ Though the dinner was a male-only affair with 460 tickets sold, the 'ladies' gallery was graced by an unusually large gathering of fair occupants.' The music was provided by the band of the London Scottish Rifle Volunteers and the Queen's piper, and speeches were made in support of the

royal family, the military establishment and all matters Scottish, including the Scottish Corporation. A lengthy list of charitable donations to the latter was appended to the newspaper report. Dr Halley's role in the Gaelic Society of London was also prominent and according to contemporary report, he 'was believed to possess the most complete library of Gaelic literature in London.'¹⁵ He was also, with Lord Elcho, one of the founders of the London Scottish Rifles Volunteer Corps in the late 1850s.¹⁶ He acted as treasurer to a subcommittee for raising money in London for the completion of the Wallace Monument near Stirling in 1869.¹⁷ Dr Halley's all-embracing interest in Highland culture extended to the bagpipes and his studies of pipe music were published.¹⁸ Indeed, it is fair to say that there was not a society or a committee or cultural occasion in London with Scottish and particularly Highland associations of which he was not a member or supporter, a fact noted in an obituary in the *London and Scottish Review* that marked his sudden death aged just fifty-one in February 1875.¹⁹ In another obituary in the *Morning Post*, it was recorded that just prior to his death, 'Dr Halley attended a general court of the Highland Society on Saturday, at which he advocated with earnest zeal a contribution towards the institution of a chair for the Celtic languages in the University of Edinburgh.'²⁰

Dr Halley's years in London marked a high point in the number of Scots travelling to the British capital in search of careers and opportunities.²¹ Scots in London no longer faced the discrimination they experienced a century before and were well integrated at all levels of society.²² Indeed, the medical profession was dominated by those educated in Scotland, including many English practitioners, arising from the pre-eminence of Scotland's medical schools in Europe. Scottish culture and material culture were fashionable in Britain and beyond, reflected in popular literature and song and in the Highlands as a favoured holiday destination, inspired by the royal family at Balmoral and made possible by cheap railway travel. *The London Scotsman: A Review and Newspaper for Scotsmen at Home and Abroad*, a weekly priced 4d, was first published in 1867 and included news, reviews and longer articles, such as a 'Portrait Gallery of Eminent Scotsmen', designed with the interests of expatriate Scots in mind. The flavour of this newspaper was distinctly masculine, reflecting the many male Scots who had long gravitated to London, particularly those associated with the professions and commerce.

1875: The Year of the Diary

Emily Halley, our diarist, had no idea how much her life would change in 1875 as she wrote the New Year's Day entry detailing ordinary family activity and with a passing mention of 'Papa's bad cough.' The year was not particularly remarkable. Disraeli was in his second term as Prime Minister and Queen Victoria was thirty-five years into her reign, still living in secluded widowhood following the death of Prince Albert from typhoid fever in 1861. The mid

1870s marked a highpoint of anti-monarchy republican feeling in Britain, though this was not in evidence amongst the Halley circle of family and friends. The following year, the Royal Titles Act officially recognised Victoria as the 'Empress of India', heralding the start of Britain's apogee of empire-building and jingoistic nationalism. There was massive colonial expansion in Africa and the Far East from the 1870s to 1914, aided by the new technologies of railway and telegraph. Britain was rich and flourishing, with improving real wages for the working population and a revolution in consumerism, marked by the popularity of new branded goods and a modernising retail sector dominated by spectacular West End department stores catering for middle-class women like Emily and her mother.²³ The Public Health Act of 1875 marked a major step forward in the further improvement of water supply and urban sewage systems, a necessity underlined in the diary where we read on 22 June of Emily's little goddaughter having died of cholera. Other legislation the same year allowed for the better regulation of working-class housing and slum clearance. But though there were changes for the better, metropolitan political corruption and business fraud were widespread, as reported almost daily in the press and reflected in one of the great novels of the year, Anthony Trollop's *The Way We Live Now*.²⁴

In the Halley family, 'the way we live now' as recorded by eldest daughter Emily at the start of the year, comprised a comfortable round of family visits, the older brothers coming and going from work, trips to the pantomime with the younger children to see 'Cinderella' and 'Babes in the Wood' and Sunday services at the nearby Anglican St Peters Church or the Portman Chapel, which was episcopalian and where she also taught at the Sunday school. There were tea parties and dinners, lectures and concerts, walks and train rides to see nearby friends and, of course, shopping, the latter recorded in Emily's cash accounts and dominated by personal items of dress and small gifts. Though the Halley men all pursued careers, none of the Halley women ever worked for a living, unlike most women at the time. They were part of a small and privileged minority – no more than 12 per cent of the population – that lived lives of leisure and sociability, focussed on family and the cultivation of certain forms of feminised middle-class domestic culture that proclaimed the family's status.²⁵ Elite women's lives were changing, of course. In 1868 the first women were admitted to study at the University of London, just a few years after Elizabeth Garret Anderson became the first woman to qualify as a physician and surgeon. The Married Women's Property Act of 1870 marked a revolution in women's financial rights in Britain and though women's right to vote in national elections was still many decades ahead, the women's suffrage movement was gathering pace in America and from 1870 in Britain women were permitted to stand as candidates for local authority school boards, marking their first entry to public office holding. None of this registered in Emily Halley's diary, though it is notable how much freedom of movement she enjoyed as a single young

lady, much more than her mother when she was unmarried, going to galleries alone, travelling by train unaccompanied and visiting her numerous friends.²⁶

In early February 1875, the Halley family were fully occupied in preparing for one of the winter season's social highlights – the Gaelic Society Ball held in the middle of the month. Her father and brothers were stewards for the event and everyone in the family practiced their Scotch reels in advance. The weather was dreadful, and they all had colds, bad enough to keep Emily from church two Sundays in a row, but nothing was going to spoil this family treat, which saw dancing from 9.40pm through to the early hours of the morning, with Dr Halley as the chairman overseeing the whole and giving the votes of thanks. The Halley family party was made up of Scottish and English friends, including Mr and Mrs Eggar from Hampshire and their son Samuel, who Emily eventually married. Just a fortnight later, on 25 February, the Halley family's world fell apart when 'dear Papa' was taken ill with apoplexy (probably a stroke) and died that evening. The funeral on 2 March was attended by representatives from his many clubs and societies in addition to many fellow London Scots and medical professionals.

For all widowed families, even the privileged like this one, the death of the male head of household and breadwinner was dramatic in its implications, though happily for Mrs Halley her prosperous elderly father and siblings as well as friends quickly rallied in support. There were immediate legal processes to undergo, including an inventory of Dr Halley's property, with Nursey and a Mrs Flint going through the house on 9 March to value the furniture for 'probate day'. The Harley Street house was rented, as was usual amongst all classes in the nineteenth century, and too expensive for their changed circumstances, so Emily and her mother swiftly set about looking for somewhere cheaper but not so far away and had settled by 10 March on a property in Elgin Road in Notting Hill, about an hour's walk to the west, but still within easy reach of central London.²⁷ They had to break the lease on the Harley Street house and were relieved when a replacement medical tenant had been found by 27 March. After some remedial works in the new house, with Emily and Nursey overseeing the packing in Harley Street – including the packing of her father's Gaelic books for sale, along with his medical books and instruments – and the younger children sent off to friends to keep them out of the way, the family moved and were settling into their new home within six weeks of Dr Halley's unexpected death. It was a social come down for the family, but the house in Elgin Road, part of a terrace with a basement and three floors that was built in the 1860s, had some modern conveniences, including a proper bathroom, with Emily recording the pleasure of taking a 'bath' in her diary entry for 14 April. Westbourne Grove, the nearby main shopping street, was a fashionable thoroughfare and Brunel's Paddington Station, with its numerous suburban railway services, was nearby. The house suited the family so well that Mrs Halley, having received a life insurance pay out of £3,019

following the death of her husband, purchased it later that year and lived out the remainder of her long life in the property.

The family's financial circumstances are not apparent from the diary, but they did not live so well as they had before. The footman, an expensive servant probably connected with Dr Halley's public-facing medical practice, had to go and thereafter they managed with fewer staff, with Emily occasionally lending a hand in the kitchen, since she noted frequent jam, marmalade and cake making in her diary. Emily's pin money, as recorded in her accounts, was not so great as at the start of the year. Dr Halley's medical colleagues and 'special friends' raised a testimonial subscription of £700 for supporting the family, which was handed to them by 'dear Lady Burrows', wife of the president of the Royal College of Physicians, on 21 May. Testimonials of this sort were a common way of rewarding public service on retirement or death and the sum represented something in the order of six-months income from a good physician's practice.²⁸ A family friend, Mr Eggar, a surveyor by profession, and eldest son Alick Halley were appointed trustees for Mrs Halley in her widowhood to help her manage her income, as was conventional in this class, though whether the income was from investments or property rentals or both, as seems likely, is not revealed. Nor is it apparent if her wealth – for clearly, she was still a comfortably off woman by contemporary standards – was derived from her own family or generated by her husband. When she died many years later, she left a solid fortune.²⁹

The different members of the Halley family saw other changes to their life after Dr Halley's death. Their expatriate Scottish circle in London was much diminished as far as the women were concerned, since it mostly operated through male organisations and professional networks. This was less apparent for Emily's brothers, with both Alick and Ronald, who was learning to play the pipes, active in the London Scottish Rifle Volunteer regiment, though neither appeared to have inherited their father's interest in Gaelic literature and culture. The girls went often to view the London Scottish regimental ceremonials and parades, but Mrs Halley's social life now revolved around her family of birth and their friends. On 5 July, for example, she left London for a visit to Buxton, the genteel Derbyshire spa town, with her older sister Mary, who was unwell, and brother-in-law the Reverend William Metcalfe, along with their daughter Edith (Edie). From Buxton they all travelled to Everton in Liverpool where Metcalfe was the vicar – succeeded a few years later by eldest son William Harland Metcalfe. She returned to London on 19 July, 'looking better for the change' as recorded by Emily. A visit to the Hampshire seaside with the younger children and servants followed in August and in October Mrs Halley went to Henley by train to spend a few days visiting old friends Gustav Schwabe and his wife Helen at their country house Yewden Lodge. Schwabe was a German-Jewish shipowner and financier of great wealth. He was an art collector and patron and a major financial backer for Harland & Wolff, the

Belfast shipbuilding partnership between Edward Harland, Mrs Halley's brother, and Gustav Wolff, who was Schwabe's nephew.³⁰ Helen Schwabe came from a Liverpool mercantile background. The families had known one-another for decades.

Such frequent visiting relied considerably on the public transport network, for though the Halley family occasionally hired private coaches they did not own one of their own – even when Dr Halley was alive – for the expense in London was equal to the inconvenience when suburban sprawl called for faster modes of travel. Central London to Henley, for instance, a distance of forty miles, took just ninety minutes by train after the opening of the branch line in 1857. The journey by road took over four hours.³¹ The Metropolitan Underground Railway, which connected nearby Paddington with Euston and King's Cross, was opened in 1863, with numerous branch lines added over the following years linking the north and south suburbs of London. There was a station at Notting Hill by 1875, which the Halley family often used. On 21 July, Emily noted that she left Notting Hill Station at 9.30, changed trains at Addison Road (Kensington) and Clapham Junction (Battersea, south of the river) for the south-west main line and arrived at Bentley in Hampshire by mid-day, where she was going to visit the Eggar family – almost ninety miles covered by train during a morning. Before leaving home, she (like others of her class and age) will doubtless have consulted her copy of *Bradshaw's Railway Guide*, the regularly updated volume of timetables, or one of the competitor-publications.³² She made this complex journey alone, despite the moral panics of the day provoked by fears of the sexual dangers that many felt lurked in railway carriages for genteel young women out and about unaccompanied.³³ Once in rural Hampshire, however, with only limited public transport, she was taken around the county on visits and sightseeing trips by pony carriage, driven by Sam Eggar, with others in the Eggar family party travelling on a less comfortable waggonette, an open carriage with bench seats down each side to accommodate up to ten passengers.

Emily also travelled by steamboat during the year of her diary, making an extended visit to her uncle Edward Harland at his country house Eden Vale near Belfast, setting out from Euston Station on 9 September, changing trains at Preston for Fleetwood and taking the 8.00pm scheduled sailing arriving early the next morning. She was met by her cousin Edie in the Harland family brougham, a superior covered carriage with a coachman and footman behind. She remained in Ireland for a month, undertaking the expected round of sociable visits and walks, shopping trips and Sunday church services. There were frequent social encounters with Samuel Smiles and his wife, then resident nearby in Belfast while visiting their son William, a local rope manufacturer. This was the famous, Scottish-born journalist, author and political reformer known for his books *Self-Help, with Illustrations of Character and Conduct* (1859) and *Thrift* (1875), both best-sellers, which detailed the rags-to-riches

biographies of distinguished entrepreneurs, including Edward Harland (though he hardly started in ‘rags’) and his old friend Gustav Wolff. Smiles, who was medically trained in Edinburgh, had worked in Leeds in his early newspaper career, so may have known Dr Alexander Halley.³⁴ Emily visited the Harland & Wolff shipyards on 5 October, marvelling at the ships under construction and the machine shops, which together employed c.2,000 skilled men. Though the family connection prompted the occasion, this sort of industrial-site visiting was not unusual and formed a regular part of the nineteenth-century middle-class tourist’s itinerary. The ‘great exhibition’ movement, starting with Crystal Palace in 1851, reflected a parallel popular interest in the spectacle of industrial invention and techno-tourism.³⁵ Emily clearly enjoyed the day, though her own taste as reflected elsewhere in the diary was more towards art and picture gallery going than science and industry museums, though she did visit the South Kensington Museum in June, which was a forerunner of both the V&A and the nearby Science Museum and included industrial and patent office exhibits.

Emily returned to London after a month in Ireland via the same overnight paddle steamer crossing. She took the 7.00am Fleetwood to London train, stopping at Crewe for coffee (and, presumably, though this is not recorded, a ‘comfort break’ since trains did not have toilets until c.1900) and then went on to Euston, arriving late afternoon. Back home, she slotted into the usual family routines, with church the next day and Sunday school teaching. Samuel Eggar was an early visitor once she was back home. Other than her immediate family, he featured more often in the diary than any other male acquaintance and they eventually married. But this was not until she was in her early thirties, five years later, and it is possible that they had to wait until one of the younger sisters, Ellen, was of an age to take on the role of her widowed-mother’s companion.

Afterwards

Diary keeping was a common practice amongst Victorians, male and female.³⁶ It was encouraged as part of religious and moral discipline, so it is no surprise that Emily’s diary includes details of the church services and evangelical meetings she attended. It was part of a cultivated routine, designed to develop habits of virtuous reflection, though Emily committed little by way of ‘soul searching’ to paper – and served as an aide memoire of everyday things and events for sharing with family and friends. The diaries of the famous were often published – those of ordinary people like Emily Halley were normally lost with the passing generations. The survival of such a diary as this is a relatively rare phenomenon.

Yet the Halley family as a whole and their wider kin are well-served by personal archives, mainly held by the University of Dundee. This is down to the descendants of the youngest of Emily’s sisters, Annie (1865-1946). She married Alexander Graham Low, a wealthy businessman born in Mexico, and seems to have become the guardian of the Halley family records, as well as the

personal papers of the Harlands and several other connections by marriage spanning several generations.³⁷ A diarist and amateur artist, Annie travelled widely with her husband, who had business interests as far apart as Ceylon and South America. Her eldest son Alexander Halley Low was a geologist and mining engineer in Canada and Peru and his son, the photojournalist Alexander John Stewart Low, passed the family archive to the University of Dundee. Some of the personal papers of Emily's other sister, Ellen, who never married, have survived in the Dundee collection along with those of brother Alick, a bank clerk in 1875 whose activities as a young man are recorded in the diary.

Alick's life changed significantly when he entered the Canon's Theological School in Lincoln in 1878 and was ordained an Anglican priest in 1881, spending the rest of his career as a parish vicar in the southern counties of England.³⁸ Emily's life also changed when she married Samuel Eggar in 1881 after a long courtship. Their first home was just a short walk from Mrs Halley, at 35 Lansdowne Street in Notting Hill, and after several other London addresses, they lived out their retirement years in Sussex at The Firs, Epsom, a large villa in the fashionable 'Tudor-Bethan' style, built in 1885.³⁹ The couple had two sons and two daughters. Samuel Eggar had a successful commercial career and was one of the partners in the city firm of coal shippers and colliery agents, Cheney, Eggar & Forrester. Emily and Samuel's second son, John Eggar, was made a partner in the firm in 1909.⁴⁰ The eldest, William Halley Eggar, was a medical doctor in Hassocks, Sussex, for decades, continuing a long-established family tradition on the Halley/Harland side of the family.

Emily died in 1938 in great old age. Much was changed since 1875, but her wider family and their undertakings still flourished. Harland & Wolff remained a major player in international shipbuilding, having expanded into Govan in Glasgow as demand increased on the eve of the First World War. The various London Scottish societies with which her father was involved and, in some cases, helped to found, still existed, as they do today. Harley Street was and continues as a centre of the medical profession. And the Eggar family into which she married, remains to this day a prominent presence in the village of Bentley in Hampshire just as they were when Emily visited.

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NOTES

- ¹ Hannah Ford served the family from 1850 to 1900. University of Dundee, Halley Family Papers. MS 458/4/2/2/3 Testimonial of Thanks from the Halleys to Nurse Hannah Ford.
- ² University of Dundee, Halley Family Papers. MS 458/4/1/2 Alexander Halley Profession Papers, 1841-73.
- ³ University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh Medical School Thesis or Dissertation, MD Doctor of Medicine, 1844.
- ⁴ University of Dundee, Halley Family Papers. MS 458/4/1/1/4 Alexander Halley Personal Papers, 1836-75. A Benjamin Moccatta of Gloucester Square in London died in 1865 leaving a fortune of £60,000. *Cambria Daily Leader*, 12 March 1866.
- ⁵ University of Dundee, Halley Family Papers. MS 458/4/1/1/4 Alexander Halley Personal Papers, 1836-75.
- ⁶ Moss, M S. 'Harland, Sir Edward, baronet (1831-1895)', *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, Oxford, 2004. Harland left a probate fortune of £67,438.
- ⁷ *Leeds Intelligencer*, 24 October 1846.
- ⁸ *Caledonian Mercury*, 24 September 1849.
- ⁹ University of Dundee, Halley Family Papers. MS 458/4/1/1/4 Alexander Halley Personal Papers, 1836-75. MS 458/4/2 Emily Jane Halley nee Harland Personal Papers.
- ¹⁰ *Evening Mail*, 25 August 1828.
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- ¹² *London Evening Standard*, 28 December 1864.
- ¹³ *London Scotsman*, 6 August 1870.
- ¹⁴ *London Scotsman*, 3 December 1870.
- ¹⁵ *Elgin Courant and Morayshire Advertiser*, 23 December 1873.
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- ¹⁷ *London Scotsman*, 27 March 1867.
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THE DIARY OF EMILY HALLEY
1875

JANUARY

1 Friday

New Year's Day. May and I went to Croydon by the 11.20 train – she is to spend a few days at Addiscombe. Worked and chatted with Coz in the afternoon. Ronald arrived in time for dinner and Mr Johnson joined. Fanny did not get down before 8. Alick was so late at the Bank that he could not come and Papa's bad cough kept him and Mama at home. We had nice presents at dessert and took some to the Miss Feans. Played cards etc. in the evening.

2 Saturday

Last night it rained ice! This morning it is thawing and the roads are a sheet of ice. Ronald had a holiday and skated at the Crystal Palace until 1 o'clock when he joined Coz and me, we saw the Arab gymnasts etc. – had lunch and took our places for the Pantomime. It is "Cinderella" – very good indeed and the transformation scene most lovely.

3 Sunday

St Peters Church
I Thess. V, 16, 17, 18.
St Peters (evening)
Acts XXVI, 22.

4 Monday

Called on Mrs Wyatt etc. I left by the 1.50 train. Mamma met me at Victoria, and we called on Mrs Garrod and Mrs Hall Davis.

5 Tuesday

Painted in the morning. Helped at the rehearsal of "The king and the Troubador"^[1] a little play in which Willie is to take part at the Harleys. Went with Willie and Annie to a Xmas Tree party at Mrs Garrod's.^[2]

6 Wednesday

Nelly and Evie went to Haydon Hall to spend a few days with the Bakers. Mamma and I called on Mrs Shaw, Mrs Girdlestone and Mrs Grant and had a

¹ *The King and the Troubadour. A Play for Home Acting and Young Performers* by Julia Corner (1861).

² Parties were often held for children on Twelfth Night (5 January). After games and dancing, a special cake was served, and the Christmas tree and other decorations ceremonially taken down.

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cup of tea with Mrs Davidson. Mrs Mackay came in, in the evening. Willie and Annie went to a party at the Hurley.

7 Thursday

Mr Alexander Knight (Avignon) came to see us on his way to Belfast. Called on Mrs Charles (out) and Mrs W. Waring in the afternoon.

8 Friday

Dear Coz came at 12 o'clock to stay all night with us. Uncle Hugh and Mr Watson joined us at dinner and we had a nice evening together.

9 Saturday

Cozzie left after lunch and mamma and Annie went with her to Kensington to pay some calls. I had a bad cold so could not go out. Alick has been late every night this week.

10 Sunday

Portman Church^[3]
Luke II, 49.

Took Nelly's class at the Sunday School in the morning and afternoon.

11 Monday

Painted. Nellie and Evie came home at 11.

12 Tuesday

Stayed in all day. Painted etc. May returned from Addiscombe. Ronald, Nellie, Evie and I went to a dance at Mrs Lowe's at 9:30. Very good music and the Aulds were there. Home at 9 a.m.

13 Wednesday

Mamma took the younger ones to a party at Mrs Larkins. Ronald and I went to a musical party at the Hepburns – 2 Upper Bedford Place. Met Mr and Mrs Eggar, John and Tom Macdonald, Dr and Mrs Murray, Mrs and Miss Petrie etc. Had a pleasant evening.

³ Portman church (later known as St Paul's) was an episcopal chapel in Baker Street. It was described by one unsympathetic commentator as a shrine of 'fashionable evangelism' and 'as unecclesiastical looking an edifice as the veriest Puritan could desire' (Anon., *Orthodox London: or, Phases of Religious Life in the Church of England*, London, 1874, 167). See Figure 1.

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Figure 1. Portman church, late nineteenth century. Emily regularly attended Sunday services there when living in Harley Street.
(Turpin Library)

14 Thursday

The Aulds called in the afternoon. Alick gets home to dinner at 6:30 now.

15 Friday

Painted etc. Mr Layborn spent the evening with us.

16 Saturday

Went out for a short walk for the first time since Sunday. Mr Forbes came in in the evening.

17 Sunday

Rained a good deal, and could not go out on account of my cold. Mrs Mackay spent the evening with us.

18 Monday

Wrote to dear Aunt Rosa. Annie Wann died of Typhus fever on December 30th. Willie returned to Miss Woodman's^[4] and the girls began their lessons, and went to a party at Mrs Osborne's in the evening.

⁴ Perhaps the Miss Woodman who ran a preparatory school at 13 Somerset Street, Portman Square.

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19 Tuesday

Wrote to Mrs Nelson. Alick, Ronald, Nellie and Evie spent the evening with Mrs Greig. My cold prevented my going.

20 Wednesday

Called at the Aulds and had a short walk with Annie in the morning. Sam Eggar, Mr Douglas Petrie and Minnie and Katie spent the evening with us. They came to dinner at 6:30.

21 Thursday

Annie and I walked to see Mrs Davidson who is not well. Found Mrs Greig with her. Took Flora with us.

22 Friday

Went to see Maggie MacDonald in the morning – she and John are to leave for Scotland on Tuesday. Uncle Albert came up to attend a lecture at the Royal Institution and had dinner with us.

23 Saturday

A wet morning. Had our hour's work before lunch.

24 Sunday

Rained a good deal. I could not go out.

25 Monday

Took Annie for a short walk. Painted. Read "Woodstock"^[5] in the evening.

26 Tuesday

Alick and Ronald went to a dance at Mrs Hall Davis! I was not able to go. Mr Forbes spent the evening with us. Wrote to Annie Cowan.

27 Wednesday

Went for a walk with Fanny Auld. Mrs Waring and Mrs Chambers, Mrs Auld, Mrs and Miss Black, and Mrs Grant and Mrs Greig called.

28 Thursday

Went to the first work party this winter at Mrs White's. Spent nearly an hour with Kitty Eggar in the afternoon. Heard from Annie Hudson.

⁵ *Woodstock, or The Cavalier. A Tale of the Year Sixteen Hundred and Fifty-one*, a novel by Walter Scott first published in 1826.

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29 Friday

A very wet day in England. Fine in Scotland. John Macdonald and Miss Hamilton were married at Stonehouse near Glasgow. I went to Kitty Eggar's at 5:30 and saw baby. Alick joined me for dinner at 7 o'clock. Mr and Mrs J Petrie, Sam and Tom, Ranald and Reggie Macdonald were there. Spent a very happy evening.

30 Saturday

Went out to do some shopping. The girls and Ronald went to Mrs Girdlestons' in the afternoon.

31 Sunday

Portman Church.

Philippians IV.

Rev J. W. Reeve.

Went to the Sunday School with Nelly in the morning, and to the Bible Class in the afternoon.

FEBRUARY

1 Monday

Called at the Aulds and went to some shops. Mamma and I called on Mrs Hepburn, Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Murray and Mrs Carlill and Mrs Larkins in the afternoon. Heard from Aunt Rosa.

2 Tuesday

Went out in the afternoon. Mr Layborn spent the evening with us.

3 Wednesday

Tommy and Emily Chappell, Tommy, Mr Larew and Nelly Howlett came to tea and spend [*sic*] the evening. Papa and Ronald went to a meeting for the Stewarts^[6] of the Ball, and Mr Mackay came back with them.

4 Thursday

Nelly and I went for a walk and took Flora. Mrs Davidson came to lunch and stayed until nearly ten. Mamma had lunch with Mrs Weiss and Miss Cramp.

5 Friday

Went out in the morning. Sam Eggar came to dinner and spent the evening with us.

6 Saturday

Did some shopping in the morning. Missey and I went to the Pantomime at Covent Garden with all the younger ones.^[7] “Babes in the Wood” very pretty!

7 Sunday

Portman Church
Philippians IV 6.

Went to the Bible Class in the afternoon.

8 Monday

Went up to St John’s Wood in the afternoon to see Mrs Greig, Mrs Grant and Mrs Davidson.

9 Tuesday

Called on the Dugdales, Lows, Mrs Manly, Mrs Pike, Miss Ellis and Lady Burrows.

⁶ *i.e.* stewards. See entry for 16 February.

⁷ The pantomime was being performed at the Covent Garden Theatre. See Figure 2.

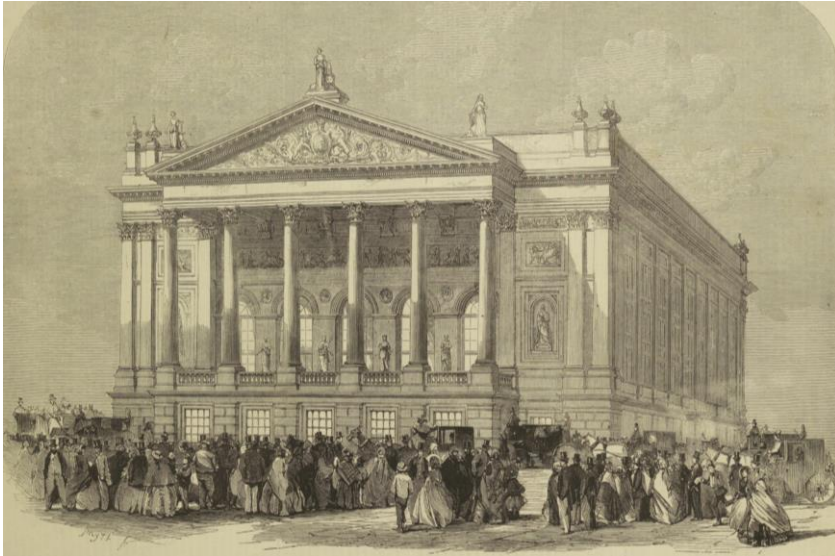


Figure 2. Covent Garden Theatre, 1858. This was the third theatre on the site, the previous two having burnt down. Emily attended a performance of *Babes in the Wood* there on 6 February. (*Illustrated London News*)

10 Wednesday

Called on the Aulds and had a walk with Fanny. Nelly Howlett brought tickets for a box at the Albert Hall, and Alick, Evie and I joined their party to hear “the Messiah”.^[8] The choruses were splendid and the sight of the well filled Hall and immense choir most striking. Mr Whitney, Mr Vernon Rigby, Mme Lemmens-Sherrington, Mme Patey and Miss Spiller sang the solos.

11 Thursday

Did some shopping etc. Mr Mackay and Mr Robertson spent the evening with us and we practised the “Caledonians”^[9] etc. in readiness for the Ball.

12 Friday

Mr and Mrs Greig, Mrs Grant, Mr Gregson, Mr Stewart and Mr and Mrs Eggar came to dinner at 6:30 and spent the evening with us. We had music etc. and a very pleasant time.

⁸ The Royal Albert Hall Choral Society was putting on a special performance of Handel’s *Messiah* for Ash Wednesday.

⁹ *i.e.* Scottish country dances.

13 Saturday

The children had some Valentines. I heard from Frau Passehl. Alick went to be inspected with the London Scottish.^[10] Ronald, Willie, May and I went to see the prizes given by Sir Garnet Wolsley.^[11] Mr Mackay, Mr Robertson and Dr Mathieson were there.

14 Sunday

Portman Church.
Genesis XIX.

Went to the Children's Lecture at Marylebone Church in the afternoon. Mr Watson brought his sister to have tea with us.

15 Monday

Did some shopping. Mr Mackay came in, in the evening. Ronald joined the "London Scottish" and had his first drill.

16 Tuesday

Mrs and Miss Hepburn called. Kenny came to dinner at 6 o'clock – then Papa and Alick and Ronald (all Stewards) dressed for the Gaelic Society's Ball.^[12] We followed them to Willis' Rooms^[13] soon after 9 o'clock and dancing commenced at 9:40. 262 People. The room very nicely decorated with stags' heads, plaids and evergreens. The floor was splendid and also the music. Louis Beck's London Scottish Band^[14] and John Mackenzie Piper to the Caledonian Asylum.^[15] Papa was Chairman, the speeches were short but warmly responded to. Dancing was kept up until 5:15 am and concluded by Auld Lang Syne.

¹⁰ The London Scottish Rifle Volunteers. Alexander Halley had played a leading role in its foundation in 1859 and was a member of its committee.

¹¹ Sir Garnet Wolseley was the Inspector-General of Auxiliary Forces.

¹² The Gaelic Society of London had been established in 1830 to preserve the language, literature and music of the Gael. Alexander Halley was its honorary president. He was also a life member of the Gaelic Society of Inverness.

¹³ Also known as Almack's, these assembly rooms in King Street were used for a variety of entertainments including balls, concerts and public meetings.

¹⁴ The London Scottish Pipes and Drums was established in 1860. Louis Beck was its musical director.

¹⁵ The Royal Caledonian Asylum had been founded in 1815 by members of the Highland Society of London to provide support and education for the children of Scottish soldiers and sailors killed or disabled in the service of their country and then more generally for needy children of Highland descent in London.



Figure 3. An advertisement for James Schoolbred & Co., one of several department stores Emily records visiting during 1875. (*The Langham Hotel Guide*)

17 Wednesday

Mr and Mrs Eggar, Sam, Mr Petrie, Mr and Mrs Greig, Mr Stewart, Kenny, Mr Gregson, Dr Haward, Mr Layborn and friend, Mr and Miss Watson, Mrs and two Miss Parkinsons and gentleman friend, Papa, Mamma, Alick, Ronald and I composed our party at the Ball. Went to the Haymarket in the afternoon.

18 Thursday

I met dear Cozzie at Schoolbred's in the morning,^[16] where she was shopping for India. She came home and spent an hour or two with us. Mr Mackay and Mr Watson called in the evening.

19 Friday

Mamma's birthday. We all gave her some little presents.

20 Saturday

Ronald went to drill. Dear Papa brought us some Devonshire cream for tea and we had a happy evening together.

¹⁶ James Schoolbred & Co. was a department store known particularly for its own range of high-quality furniture. See Figure 3.

21 Sunday

Portman Church.
II Timothy I, 12.

Went to Mr Moore's Children's Service in the afternoon. Mr Walter Wilson (Belfast) had dinner with us. Dr Haward called. Mr Layborn spent the evening with us.

22 Monday

Painted in the morning.

23 Tuesday

Papa and Mamma dined with Mr and Mrs Wills. Nelly, Evie and I went to Mrs Howletts for work and reading. Ronald went to Mr Girdlestone's. Very cold. Uncle Albert came to town.

24 Wednesday

A very snowy morning. Mamma went to Harefield by the 10:15 train to see Auntie Loui and her baby. Dear Papa came in soon after six. We had dinner at 6:30. Ronald went to drill. We had 2 Rubbers.^[17] Nelly and Papa, Alick and I. Went to bed at 10:30.

25 Thursday^[18]

Dear Papa was taken ill about 4:30. Ronald and I went to him first – called Nurse – then Mr Lawson and Dr Garrod at 4:50 a.m. They could do nothing. It was Apoplexy. Alick went for poor Mamma by the 6:28 train and she was with us soon after 10. Ronald went for Sir George Burrows at 9 o'clock.^[19] We telegraphed to Cozzie and she was with us at 2. The doctors came at 1 and 3 – they stayed till 3:50 went [*i.e.* ?when] our own dear Father's spirit passed away in perfect peace.

26 Friday

Dear Cozzie had stayed all night and our Uncle Albert who came at 9 yesterday evening and stayed all night. Cousin Tom Small came at noon. Cozzie and Uncle Albert left in the afternoon. Mrs Auld and Mrs Buchan came and Minnie and Kate.

¹⁷ *i.e.* they played two rounds of bridge.

¹⁸ A Celtic cross has been drawn above the date (see Facsimile 3).

¹⁹ Sir George Burrows was an eminent doctor and president of the Royal College of Physicians.

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27 Saturday

Cousin Tom left. Our dear Father was placed in his coffin and Uncle Albert and Mrs Buchan had brought lovely flowers for us.

28 Sunday

Spent a very quiet day. The dear Aulds came in the afternoon.

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1 Monday

Heard from Uncle Edward. Had many cards and letters. Very cold – snow fell at night. Miss Boys sent a most lovely wreath of white flowers and ferns.

2 Tuesday

Cousin Tom and Uncle Edward came early in the morning. Then dear Cozzie, Uncle Hugh and Kenny – Uncle Albert and Mr Lawson. The funeral left at 11 o'clock. Mr Reeve met them at Highgate and read the beautiful service, which dear Cozzie did for us at home.^[20] A deputation from the E.U. Club^[21] and also one from the Gaelic Society attended – Mr McPhee, Dr Mathieson and Mr Mackay were Pall Bearers. Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Dugdale and others were there and Lord Coleridge and several patients sent their carriages.^[22]

3 Wednesday

Mrs Auld came to see Mamma. Cousin Tom left. Miss Alice Taylor sent a lovely wreath yesterday, Mrs Buchan a cross made by herself, and Dr Duckworth and Mrs Hudson beautiful white flowers which all the mourners scattered. Uncle Edward and Uncle Albert left in the morning.

4 Thursday

Dear Mamma is feeling very, very weak and keeps in my room. Willie returned to school.

5 Friday

Dear little Annie spent the afternoon with Effie Garrod and they took her for a drive.

6 Saturday

Wrote many letters and made enquiries about a new house etc.

7 Sunday

Portman Church.

If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me.

Psalm LXVI, 18.

²⁰ At this time, upper- and middle-class women generally did not attend funerals.

²¹ The Edinburgh University Club of London, of which Alexander Halley was a member.

²² People of a certain rank sometimes showed their respect for a dead acquaintance by sending their empty carriage to the funeral, rather than attend themselves.

MARCH

8 Monday

Alick and Ronald returned regularly to their work. Alick writes every evening and is making up the books etc. with great care. Uncle Harry surprised us by coming in. He is staying at Harefield.

9 Tuesday

May returned from Mrs Auld where she had been staying except for the first two nights when she was with Mrs Howlett. Nursey has been 2 days going through the house with Mrs Flint to value furniture etc., for probate day.

10 Wednesday

The girls recommenced their lessons. Nursey and I spent the afternoon in looking over houses at Notting Hill, but did not see any that we liked.

11 Thursday

We have had visits from Mrs Buchan, Mrs Grant and Mrs Greig, Mrs Wills, Mr Chapman, Mr Steer and many other old friends. Mamma has received over 100 letters and nearly 200 cards. Letters from the Highland and Gaelic Societies, the London Scottish and E.U.C.

12 Friday

A very wet, cold day. Mrs Walter Hood came up from Eastbourne on purpose to see Mamma. Mrs Schwabe came in the evening.

13 Saturday

Mamma and I met Alick at Mr Stacey (the Solicitor's) in the morning – Cozzie came up to see us. Nurse and I went house-hunting in the afternoon saw one we liked very much, in Elgin Road, Newington Park.

14 Sunday

Portman Church.

~~Isiah~~ Nehemiah IX last part 17th v.

Children's Lecture (afternoon).

Portman Church.

I Corinthians VI, II.

Rev J. W. Reeve.

Mr Watson came to see us in the evening.

15 Monday

The Aulds kindly lent mamma their carriage to drive to Elgin Road – she was very much pleased with No7 and telegraphed to Cousin Tom to come up

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about it. Fanny Auld, May, Annie and I walked to the Haymarket Stores.^[23]

16 Tuesday

Cousin Tom was here at 12:30 and went with Mama to see the house. He had dinner with us. Uncle Albert and Uncle Harry came up. We only saw them for a few minutes. I was very busy making marmalade.

17 Wednesday

Mamma and Cousin Tom signed an agreement to take the house in Elgin Road. Alick and Ronald saw it on Sunday and were much pleased. Mr Chapman, Mr Steer and Miss Woodman called in the afternoon. Saw Mr Fred Burrows about this house.

18 Thursday

Cousin Tom left went to the Solicitors in the morning and then returned to Lowestoft. I took Flora to the Aulds and Minnie drove Mamma and me to Elgin Road after lunch. Found Uncle Hudson here when we came back. Dr Mathieson called in the evening.

19 Friday

Uncle Hudson called in the morning. Mamma went to see old Mr Bushill our Landlord's Agent and he came to look over the house. I did some shopping and called on Lady Burrows. Uncle Harry just wished us goodbye before returning to London. Sent poor Flora to Lowestoft to Cousin Tom. Ronald took her to the station.

20 Saturday

Uncle Hudson called at 9:30 to take our dear little Annie to Oakwood to be Maggie's companion until we are settled in the new house. Ronald went to Wimbledon for his first shooting.^[24] Dear Cozzie spent two or three ~~days~~ hours with us, and Mrs Davidson called. Mrs Shaw called.

21 Sunday

Portman Church.

Exodus IX, 20, 21.

Brunswick Chapel (evening).

Isaiah XXVII, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

²³ The Haymarket Stores was the name given to the shop of the Civil Service Co-operative Society. Members of the medical profession (and their widows, sons and daughters) were admitted as members.

²⁴ The National Rifle Association's ranges on Wimbledon Common were used by the London Scottish Rifle Volunteers for target practice.

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Figure 4. The Maundy bounties being distributed at the Chapel Royal, 1867. Emily would have witnessed a similar scene when she went to the chapel on 25 February 1875.
(*Illustrated London News*)

22 Monday

Mrs Wills drove Mamma and me to the new house to see about papers etc. I went to see Mr Dugdale in the morning and he kindly went to speak to the House Agent (Swain) about pipes etc. and saw that the workmen were doing well in Elgin Road.

23 Tuesday

Mrs Abernethy, Mrs Manby, Mrs Wills and Mr Chapman called. Mr Layborn came in the evening. Have heard from dear little Annie, Aunt and Annie Hudson, also Uncle Edward and Aunt Rosa.

24 Wednesday

Went to the morning service at Portman Chapel. Mr Reeve preached from the words "who also liveth to make intercession for us". Willie has gained 3 cards of merit and missed the prize by one ticket. Nursey and I went to Elgin Road in the afternoon. Wrote to Mrs Nelson in the evening.

25 Thursday

Saw Willie off to Eastbourne by the 10 A.M. train. He is to spend a week with Mrs W Hood and then return to the Miss Woodmans for another term. Saw Katie Auld. Mamma saw Mr Bushill, and after a great deal of worry and anxiety

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about this house, we hope Mr Stewart will take it. Nursey and I went to the Chapel Royal, Whitehall to see the Maundy bounties given away by the Dean of Windsor (Wellesley).^[25] There were 56 old men and 56 old women. The Princess of Wales, Prince Albert Victor and Prince George were present. Service from 3 to 4. Alick went to Croydon to stay until Monday. He came to the house on Saturday.

26 Friday

Good Friday.

Portman Church.

Galatians VI, 14.

Rev J. W. Reeve.

Nursey, Nelly and I went to Highgate cemetery in the afternoon to see the grave. Ronald went for a walk with Mr Watson and Mr Layborn.

27 Saturday

Mr Bushill called and told Mamma that Mr Stewart had agreed to take her house (16 Harley Street). She is to be entirely free from responsibility and receive 65£, but nothing for fixtures. Wrote to Alick and went to see Mrs Macdonald in the afternoon.

28 Sunday

Easter Sunday.

Portman Church.

He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Psalm CVII, 7.

Rev. J.W. Reeve.

29 Monday

Ronald had to go ~~for~~ to the City for a short time. Alick returned from Croydon in the evening.

30 Tuesday

The girls went on with their lessons, as they will have a holiday when we move.

31 Wednesday

Saw the Aulds. I wrote to Annie etc. Mr Mackay came in the evening and helped Alick and me to pack the Gaelic Books.

²⁵ On Royal Maundy, money is distributed to pensioners either by or on behalf of the monarch in a service which commemorates Jesus washing the feet of the Apostles at the Last Supper. During Queen Victoria's reign, the task was usually performed by the Lord High Almoner, in this instance Gerald Wellesley, dean of Windsor.

APRIL

1 Thursday

Willie returned from Eastbourne looking very well. I took May to Mr Holford the Dentist's. Mr Mackay helped us again as we were making a list of the names etc.

2 Friday

Went to the house in Elgin Road. Mr Dugdale had been very kind helping us and going to see it several times. Alick was late in the evening but he, and Mr Forbes who came in to see us, and I finished the Gaelic books.

3 Saturday

Ronald went to drill. Mr Forbes returned with him and we took down all the books from the library, dusted and separated them.^[26] May went to Croydon to stay with Mrs C Whealler for a few days.

4 Sunday

Portman Church.

Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, I Cor XV, 57.

Rev J.W. Reeve.

5 Monday

Went to see the Aulds. Mr Chapman called. Wrote to Cousin Tom. Made arrangements about the moving. Our carpets were taken up. The mirrors have to be taken to be regilded and the piano to be renovated.

6 Tuesday

I went to Elgin Road with Nursey that she might see about the carpets etc. Went round to several tradespeople to settle accounts in the afternoon. Packed the shells in the cabinet in the afternoon.

7 Wednesday

Mr Collins, 1 Beaumont Street, and his men came at 6 A.M. The china and books were packed yesterday, and they very quickly made a great clearance. Nursey and Nelly went to Elgin Road in the morning – I joined them in the afternoon. Nelly and Evie went to Mrs Howlett's and Mamma, Ronald, Willie and I had tea and slept at Mrs Lawson's – they are all away. The servants and Alick were still at the old house.

²⁶ A portion of Alexander Halley's library was put up for auction the following month.

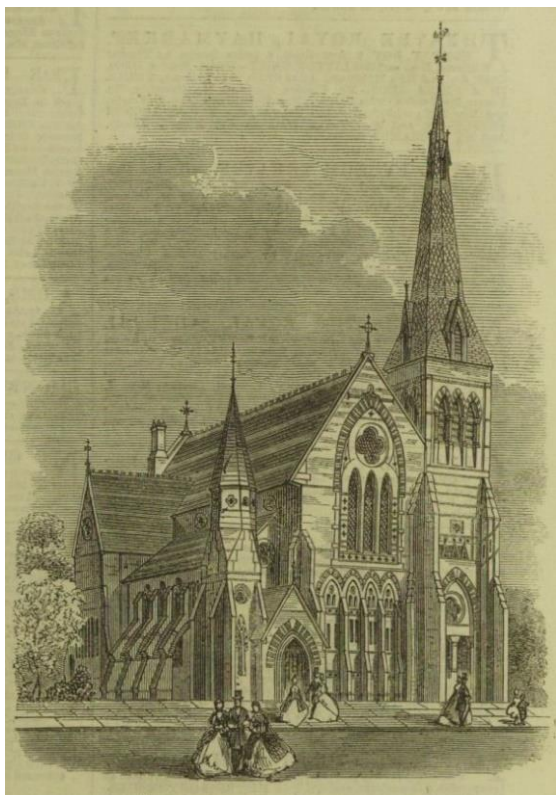


Figure 5. St Mark's, Notting Hill. Built on a greenfield site in 1863 to serve the district's growing population, it was one of several churches Emily attended after the family moved to Elgin Road. (*Illustrated London News*)

8 Thursday

Nursey and I went to Elgin Road early and were busy directing the men and placing furniture etc. all day. Mamma and I and the boys slept at Mrs Lawson's again – Ronald and our servants in Elgin Road. Sent out “return thanks” with our new address.

9 Friday

I went to Elgin Road directly after breakfast – was busy with the servants unpacking all day. Mamma, Willie, Alick and Ronald, came in time for meat tea. Mrs Tucker who has been looking after the house – left.

10 Saturday

Wrote to Annie. Rained in the morning. Busy arranging things, and getting fairly straight. Went to some shops in the afternoon. We have sent away many medical and other books, also some instruments, an immense number of bottles etc.

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11 Sunday

St Marks, Notting Hill.
Number XIV, 40 to end.
Rev E. Kendall.
Trinity Church (evening).
St John III, 5,11 Prysbyterian [*sic*].
Mr Denham Smith.

12 Monday

Russell was in the house in Harley Street – we sent there for letters etc. I went to pay bills etc. Nelly and Evie came home from Mrs Howlett's after lunch. Mr Dugdale called.

13 Tuesday

Went to meet May at Victoria at 11 o'clock. The girls all worked hard to get the little garden tidy. Colonel and Mrs Nelson arrived at their lodgings in Ladbrooke Grove in the afternoon. I went round to see them and they came to see Mamma for a few minutes.

14 Wednesday

Did some shopping and writing in the morning. Went out with Colonel Nelson in the afternoon and had tea with them [*sic*]. Enjoyed a bath in our bathroom. Mamma has quite given up the house in Harley Street.

15 Thursday

Took May to the Dentist's and to call on Mrs Millet in the morning. Found dear Coz here. She is better now but has been quite ill and is still weak. She stayed till 4 P.M. Mrs Nelson came in.

16 Friday

Went to Whiteley's with Mrs Nelson and Mamma in the morning.^[27] Our book shelves were finished and we put in most of the books in the evening.

17 Saturday

Went to see the Nelsons. Did some shopping. They came to have a meat tea with us at 5:30. Ronald went to drill. We put up the pictures and curtains in the Dining room.

18 Sunday

St John's Church.
Notting Hill.

²⁷ William Whiteley's was a department store in Westbourne Grove.

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Psalm CILV, 10

Rev. Gill.

St Stephen's, Paddington, evening.

Ephesians II, 14

“He is our peace who hath made both one”

Rev C. Rowsell.

Mr Forbes came in time to join the others and hear Mr Sapphir at the Presbyterian Church^[28] – he returned and had supper with us.

19 Monday

Went to see the Nelsons, had a short walk with them and went to Whiteley's. Colonel Nelson went to Yorkshire in the afternoon. Mrs Greig and little Aggie, and the three dear Aulds came to see us in the afternoon. I spent an hour or two with Mrs Nelson in the evening. Mr Watson came to see us.

20 Tuesday

Mrs Nelson kindly took Mamma and me to see Sir George and Lady Burrows, get letters at the old house and call at several places. We had a brougham in the morning. I went to see Lily Davidson in the afternoon – she is still in Ireland, but I saw Mr Davidson and Miss McKean. Wrote to Annie.

21 Wednesday

Went to see Mrs Nelson and to some shops in the morning. Busy all day washing glass and china in the drawing room. Mr Dugdale and Priscilla Jesseman called. Mrs Nelson and Mr Murdoch of Inverness spent the evening with us.

22 Thursday

Wet nearly all day. Wrote to Uncle Albert etc. Dr Lieviking called. Mrs Nelson came in the afternoon.

23 Friday

Took May to the Dentist's at 11 o'clock. He kept us until 1. Then left her at Mrs Millet's and called for Nelly Howlett to spend the day with us. Went to have lunch with Mrs Nelson as the 3 Miss Burrells were spending the day with her. All went to the S.K. Museum^[29] in the afternoon. Mrs N and I were home at 5. Went to a Confirmation Lecture at St Stephen's Church.

²⁸ Adolph Sapphir was the minister of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Notting Hill.

²⁹ The South Kensington Museum, known since 1899 as the Victoria and Albert Museum.



Figure 6. The American evangelist Dwight L. Moody preaching at Her Majesty's Opera House, Haymarket. Emily heard him speak at the same venue on 30 April and 25 May.
(*Dwight L. Moody*)

24 Saturday

Did some shopping and went to see Mrs Nelson in the morning. She took Mamma for a drive in the afternoon and kindly drove me to Victoria in time for the 3:20 train to South Croydon. Dear Coz met me. Alick and Ronald went for a march out. Ron looks so nice in his uniform.

25 Sunday

St Peter's Church.
Sermon for St Mark's Day.
Evening.

26 Monday

Went out in the morning. Coz went to the last Mother's Meeting and I had a walk to Cromehurst with Mr Johnston and Lottie. Met Coz and we had tea with Mrs Ogilvie. Commenced reading "Derry" by Charlotte Elizabeth.^[30] Wrote to dear Mamma.

27 Tuesday

Went out in the morning. Took Mrs Ogilvie and little Helen for a drive in an open carriage in the afternoon. Drove through Beddington and Carshalton and home by Mitcham Common.

³⁰ *Derry, a Tale of the Revolution*, a novel by Charlotte Elizabeth first published in 1833.

APRIL

28 Wednesday

Went out. Read and worked. Uncle Hugh and Cozzie dined out and Marion and Emily Smith spent the evening with Kenny and me. Had meat tea then games etc. Wrote to Mamma and Annie.

29 Thursday

I sketched in the morning whilst Coz wrote to Annie. Went out in the afternoon. Mrs Ogilvie and Lottie spent the evening with us. Annie Hudson and Miss Trikle had lunch with Mamma. Mary Dugdale and Mr Fenwick were married.

30 Friday

Cozzie, Lottie and I went to London by 9:30 train. I left them at Peter Robinson's^[31] and went on to the Aulds, as I had had a note from dear Katie telling me of her engagement to Rowland Hill Martin 21st Hussars. Found Mrs Auld and the three girls at home, and had a nice talk for half an hour. Cozzie and I had lunch, then walked down Regents Street and sat in St James' Park for a short time. Were at the Opera House at 1:40 – great crowd – doors open at 2. Had good places, and the building was crammed for Moody and Sankey's Service.^[32] Were very much pleased. Spent a little time with Mrs Howlett and had tea. Home in time for dinner at 7.

³¹ Peter Robinson's was a department store in Oxford Street.

³² The American evangelists Dwight L. Moody and Ira Sankey held a series of meetings at Her Majesty's Opera House in the Haymarket towards the end of their tour of Britain and Ireland. The afternoon meetings were devoted to Bible readings and attracted capacity audiences. Admission was by ticket only, ensuring a less crowded and noisy experience than that offered by the evening meetings, which were largely unticketed. Emily later attended one of their daily prayer meetings (see entry for 25 May), which were unticketed.

MAY

1 Saturday

Wrote to Mamma. Went out in the morning. Sketched from the Billiard room window. Cozzie and I went to the Crystal Palace in time for the Tonic Sol-Fa Children's Concert at 3 o'clock.^[33] 4000 children – the effect very pretty. Went in to Mr Johnston's in the evening.

2 Sunday

St Peter's Church.
Morning and evening.

Uncle Sandy came from Sydenham for dinner.

3 Monday

Went into the town and to Waldronhurst.^[34] I went to Victoria with Coz and Uncle Hugh. Home a little before 8. Uncle Albert stayed all night with us, he has come up for the meetings.

4 Tuesday

Went to see Mrs Nelson and to do some shopping in the morning. Wrote to Mrs Stewart and Mrs H Hudson and Cozzie. The Nelsons spent the evening with us.

5 Wednesday

Wrote to Aunt Mary. Went to St John's Wood to see Mrs Greig and Mrs Girdlestone in the afternoon. Came home in time for tea with the boys. Mamma was with Mrs Nelson and Nelly and Evie at Mrs Drury's. Uncle Albert was with us at night.

6 Thursday

Ascension Day. Nelly, Evie, May and I walked through the Park to Berkley Street to hear Mr Moore and back. Mr Watson and Mr Turnbull (Hackness) called in the evening. Mr Layborn came in to ask me to go back with him to Mrs Nelson's for an hour or two. We had a rubber.

³³ Tonic sol-fa is a technique for teaching sight-singing. Admission to the 'Juvenile Choral Festival' of the Tonic Sol-Fa Association at Crystal Palace in 1875 was half a crown. The programme was divided into four themed parts: Sabbath songs, school songs, holiday songs and home songs. The children were also put to a sight-singing test to prove the efficacy of the system.

³⁴ *i.e.* Waldronhurst, Croydon.

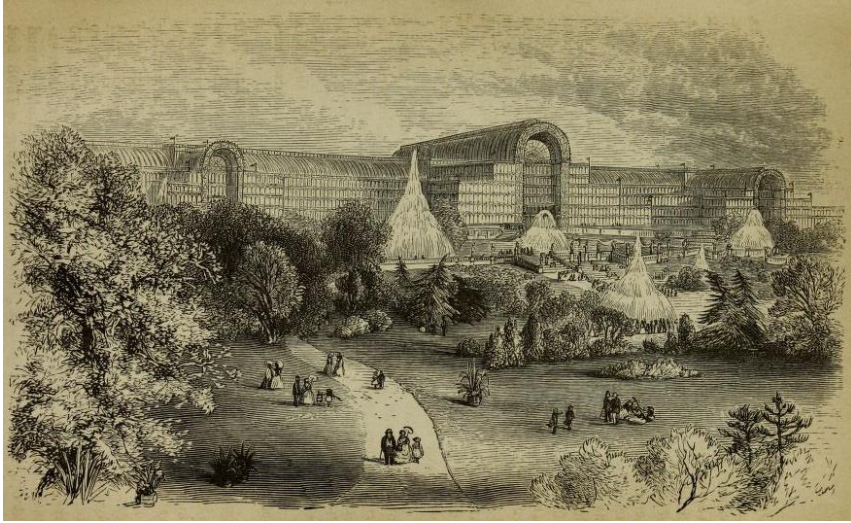


Figure 7. The Crystal Palace, 1863. Originally built in Hyde Park to house the Great Exhibition of 1851, it was subsequently moved to Sydenham and enlarged to include a 4,000-seat concert hall. Emily attended a 'Juvenile Choral Festival' there on 1 May. (*Black's Guide to London and its Environs*)

7 Friday

Rained nearly all day. Heard from dear Coz who is at Dover. I called for Nelly Howlett and we met Nursey and May at Marylebone Church. Dear Nelly and Evie were confirmed by the Bishop of London (Jackson) – Mamma drove with them. There were nearly 500 Candidates. Wrote to Aunt Loui. Saw Mrs Nelson.

8 Saturday

Rained in the morning. Paid bills etc. Colonel and Mrs Nelson and her niece Miss Davy who is in Mrs Penniefather's^[35] Home had tea with us. Miss Davy left at 6 o'clock. Kitty and Mr Eggar came about 7 and they and the Nelsons stayed until past ten. Mr Eggar will be dear mother's Trustee with Alick. Mr Stewart and Mr Greig called. Ronald went to Wimbledon with the London Scottish.

9 Sunday

St Stephen's Talbot Road.

Acts I. 9. "And a cloud received him out of their sight".

Rev C Rousell.

³⁵ Probably Catherine Pennefather. A home mission worker in London and president of the Association of Female Workers, she ran a training home for women missionaries.

MAY

St James, Westbourne Terrace.
I Peter IV, 12, 13, 14
Rev Moorehouse

I had tea with the Nelsons and went to church with them in the evening. Robert Grant came to tea at our house, and Mr Stewart came about 7. They stayed until past 10 o'clock.

10 Monday

Mrs Nelson, Mamma and I did some shopping in Westbourne Grove. I went out with Colonel Nelson in the afternoon and they spent the evening with us. Alick went to Harefield on Saturday and returned in time for the Bank this morning.

11 Tuesday

Went to the Dugdales in the morning. Stayed for more than an hour, hearing all about Mary's Wedding from Mrs Dugdale and Clare. Said goodbye to Colonel and Mrs Nelson. They left for Yorkshire at 3 o'clock. Mrs Salter and Katie had lunch with us. I left Westbourne Park at 4 o'clock for Uxbridge. Met Annie Hudson at West Drayton. Uncle Albert was at the station. Aunt Loui, Annie and I had a walk by the Church after tea.

12 Wednesday

Walked to Northwood in the morning – saw Mr and Mrs Sands and the Church. Uncle, Annie and I drove to Chorley Wood in the afternoon, called on the Miss Grooms, and they took us to see the Church – then drove on to the Chenies. Played with the children and read in the evening. Wrote to Mamma and Cozzie.

13 Thursday

Worked and read in the morning. Drove to Uxbridge in the afternoon. Sat in a field in the evening.

14 Friday

Sat in the garden and read and worked in the morning. Uncle, Annie and I started for a walk about 5 o'clock. Went to Colonel Goodlake's – saw him and Mrs Goodlake and had a row in their boat on the Colne.

15 Saturday

Heard from Nelly and wrote to her. Drove to Uxbridge in the afternoon. Annie and I had a walk after tea. The moonlight and nightingales are most lovely in the evenings.

16 Sunday

Harefield Church.

Romans VIII, last part of 9th verse.

Rev A. A. Harland

Cottage Service, Harefield Lane, evening.

Galatians V, 22, 23.

17 Monday

Uncle, Aunt, Nurse and the 4 youngest left at 8 A.M. for Sheffield. Uncle is going from there to Everton and Scotland with Mr Dixon. Annie and I walked across the fields nearly to Rickmansworth in the morning and home partly by the Canal. Read etc. in the afternoon. Had raspberry jam and cream for tea! Whit Monday Bank holiday. Alick and Ronald went to Panshanger Park with the London Scottish.^[36]

18 Tuesday

Packed – gathered flowers etc. A fly^[37] came at 3 o'clock and we left Uxbridge by the 3:45 train. Were home about 5. Found Mamma and all looking better. Had a walk in the evening. May went to stay with Miss Saunderson on Friday and evening [*sic*] joined her on Monday. Nelly and Evie received their first Communion at Mr Reeve's on Sunday evening.

19 Wednesday

Wrote two or three letters. Had an early lunch then Annie and I went to see the riding in the Row^[38] – from there to the Water Colour Exhibition,^[39] Burlington Arcade and Regent Street. Were home in time for tea. Mr Watson came in the evening to wish us goodbye before going to the Canary Islands.

20 Thursday

A wet day. Mr Edward Hudson called at 1:30 and kindly drove Annie, Nelly and me, first to George Street where we left Nelly to go to Teddington with Mrs Howlett and Nelly for a few days, then to the Royal Academy where Annie and I spent the afternoon, returning just in time for tea.

³⁶ The 7th Earl Cowper had provided a practice ground for volunteer regiments on his estate of Panshanger Park, Hertfordshire.

³⁷ *i.e.* a light, horse-drawn carriage.

³⁸ Rotten Row, a broad track running along the south side of Hyde Park, was a fashionable place for upper-class Londoners to be seen horse riding.

³⁹ The 48th Exhibition of the Society of Painters in Water Colours was being held at their gallery in Pall Mall.

21 Friday

Miss Brown called to see Annie and had lunch with us. We afterwards went to the Row. Dear Lady Burrows has brought Mamma nearly 700£ given as a Testimonial by special friends.^[40]

22 Saturday

Annie, Willie and I went to the drive at 5 o'clock – met Mr Oliphant (a friend of Annie's and nephew of T.O.) there – about 6:30, saw the Grey battalion^[41] drill – London Scottish – Westminster – and Artists – Alick and Ronald went. Met Sam Eggar – he and Mr Oliphant returned and had supper with us. Uncle Edward and Aunt Rosa came to see us in the morning – they arrived at the Great Western Hotel from Everton yesterday.

23 Sunday

St Stephen's, Paddington.

Hosea VI, 1st part of 3rd verse.

St Stephen's (evening)

St Matthew III, 16, 17.

Rev Herbert Rousell

Uncle Edward, Aunt Rosa and Lizzie Hausy had tea and spent the evening with us.

24 Monday

Did a little shopping in the morning. Evie and May returned from Chalfont. Annie and I went to the French Gallery in Pall Mall,^[42] then to the Burlington Arcade and home through the Park. Annie went to the Opera with Uncle, and Aunt Rosa.

25 Tuesday

Evie and I went to Moody and Sankey's noon Prayer Meeting at the Opera house, Haymarket – enjoyed it very much. Got back at 1:45 – I went to Kings Cross with Annie Hudson – Mr Oliphant was there – saw her off by the 3 o'clock train. Returned by Metropolitan and went to see Mrs Dugdale and Mary Fenwick.

⁴⁰ To put this figure in context, in the 1870s £700 would have paid the wages of a skilled tradesman for about nine years or purchased around forty-five horses. In 2022, it would be worth approximately £60,000.

⁴¹ *i.e.* the Grey Brigade. In the early years of the rifle volunteers, regiments in London were brigaded according to the colour of their uniforms.

⁴² The gallery was holding the 22nd Annual Exhibition of Pictures, the contribution of Artists of the Continental School.



Figure 8. King's Cross Metropolitan Station, 1863. The Metropolitan Railway had been opened in 1863 to connect the expanding suburbs of north-west London with the city centre. The Halley family made frequent use of it once they moved to Elgin Road.
(Science Museum Group)

26 Wednesday

Wrote to Aunt Mary etc. Directly after lunch went to Portland Place and saw Mrs Auld and Minnie and Katie who had just returned from visiting General and Mrs Martin. Then went to Schoolbred's and on to Kitty Eggar's. Alick came to tea. Mr Eggar had to go to a meeting but Sam went with us to the Station.

27 Thursday

Mamma saw Uncle Edward and Aunt Rosa. She and I went to King's Cross to meet our darling Annie at 6:5. She travelled with Mrs Robert Hudson and Mr and Mrs Appleton and is looking so well. She is delighted with her new home. The piano came back from Collard's^[43] and looks and is so nice.

28 Friday

Annie commenced her lessons with me. I went to lunch with Mrs Tindall and her daughters in Cambridge Terrace. Saw Priscilla there. All except P. returned home with me about 5 o'clock and spent the evening with us. Had Music and bagatelle.^[44] Evie bought two little white mice.

⁴³ Collard & Collard was a long-established London firm of piano makers.

⁴⁴ Bagatelle was a fashionable game in Victorian Britain. It was played on a table similar to that of a billiards table except that one end was rounded and instead of pockets, there were

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29 Saturday

A dull, cold day. We had a long walk in the afternoon through the fields and round by Kensal Green Cemetary [*sic*]. Mrs Robert Hudson came to see Mamma. Nelly came home from Teddington at 10:45 P.M. She enjoyed her visit immensely.

30 Sunday

St John's Church Notting Hill.

Galatians V.1.

St Stephen's, Evening.

Psalm C

Arctic Expedition.^[45] Rev C. Rousell.

Psalm CXLVII, 16.

31 Monday

I went to have lunch and spend the afternoon with Aunt Rosa as Uncle was at Dover and Lizzie with Clara Wolff. We went to the park in the afternoon and Aunt Rosa had tea with us and then returned to the Hotel. The girls commenced music lessons nearly every day with Mme. Wragg de Winton.^[46]

nine numbered holes at the rounded end. Balls were struck with a cue with the aim of getting them in one of the holes. Emily noted down the rules of the game at the back of her diary (see Appendix B).

⁴⁵ The British Arctic Expedition of 1875–1876 had been sent by the British Admiralty to attempt to reach the North Pole via Smith Sound.

⁴⁶ Mary Winton, who styled herself Marie Wragg de Winton after her marriage to James Wragg, tutored children in a range of subjects. She was described as a 'scholastic professor' in the Census of 1881.

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1 Tuesday

The Aulds called for me in the afternoon and as I was just starting with Nelly and Evie to wish goodbye to the Tindalls, the[y] picked me up in Cambridge Terrace. Mr Rowland Martin came at 6 o'clock, we had dinner at 7:30 – he looked very handsome in his uniform as he was going to a ball. Alick came for me in the evening.

2 Wednesday

Wrote to Annie Hudson. Finished off Rhubarb Jam! Went for a walk and to do some shopping with Evie in the afternoon. Uncle Edward, Aunt Rosa, and Lizzie came after tea to wish us good-bye. They stayed until 10:30. Uncle is truly generous and kind. They are going to Brighton and the S. Coast for a few days. Maggie Macdonald call[ed]. Wrote to Annie H.

3 Thursday

Annie Pierson called. Went to see Miss Johnson in the afternoon and for a walk in the fields with the rest after tea. Heard from Mrs Nelson. Heard Mr Sapphir's Lecture on St John in the morning.

4 Friday

Went to Kensington Gardens with the girls in the morning and to see Lily Davidson in the afternoon. Mr and Mrs William Cadman (Roundhay) came to see us in the evening. Mr Krohn, Mina and Freddy called – they are in town for a few weeks on their way to Germany.

5 Saturday

Went to Whiteley's in the morning to choose a croquet set – a present from Mrs Nembhard – our grass is not much fit for it yet! Mrs Buchan and Eva paid us a long call. Amy and Harry Auld came to spend the afternoon and evening and George Watson came too and stayed until past 10 P.M. Alick and Ronald had a "March out" with the London Scottish.

6 Sunday

St Paul's Presbyterian Church.

Westbourne Grove.

Psalm, XL. 1, 2, 3, 4.

~~Rev Dr Morrison~~

St Luke's Paddington (evening)

Judges VII, last part 18th Verse

Mr Kirkpatrick called in the afternoon.

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7 Monday

Painted for an hour in the morning. Mrs Grant and Mrs Greig came at 3 and stayed until 5:30. Mr and Mrs Chalbis called and were most kind. Had a lovely walk to Camden Hill and home by the “lovers walk” after tea. Mr Eggar came in the evening. He and Alick are to be Mamma’s trustees.

8 Tuesday

Went for a walk in the morning. Russell and her two little ones came to spend the day. Mamma and I went to see Miss Herbert in Elgin Road – St Peters Park. Went to Mme. Wragg’s with the girls in the evening to hear the musical practise with Herr Liddle, our girls did well for the 1st time.

9 Wednesday

Mina Krohn and little Emmie came to have lunch and spend the afternoon with us. Miss Augser, Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Fairfax Rhodes, Mrs Wylde and Mrs Harry Wylde called.

10 Thursday

Went to Mr Sapphir’s lecture in the morning, and to some shops in the afternoon. A very showery day.

11 Friday

Took the girls out in the morning. Were caught in a heavy shower. Mr Forbes spent the evening with us.

12 Saturday

Alick and Ronald went to the “Inspection” of the London Scottish. Nelly and Evie spent the afternoon at the Howletts. Mamma and I took the 2 little ones for a walk. Marshall Dugdale called about having our house surveyed – and Mamma and I went off after tea to consult Mr Eggar about it. Were not home until 10:30. Saw him and Kitty and Sam. Heard from Annie Hudson.

13 Sunday

St Luke’s Church.

“The law of kindness”.

Proverbs XXXI, 26.

St Thomas’ Church (evening)

14 Monday

Dr and Mrs Scott called. Annie and I went to see Mrs and Miss Usherwood in Argyll Road in the afternoon – found Mrs H Hudson and Maggie there.

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15 Tuesday

Went out in the morning. ~~Mrs Grant and Mrs Greig~~ Miss Mylne and several other people, including Mrs Low called.

16 Wednesday

I went to see Mrs Noble and called for Maggie Hudson but she did not come to our house until the afternoon when she had tea with Annie. Mrs Patterson called and Uncle and Aunt Hudson and Herbert – I went to have dinner with them at Mrs Usherwood's. Alick called for me.

17 Thursday

Rained a good deal. Wrote to Annie Hudson.

18 Friday

Mamma left for Croydon at 10:30. Maggie was to have come but was not quite well so took Annie with me – directly after dinner we called on the White's and I took her to Mrs Garrod's and left her with Effie until 6 o'clock. Called on Mrs Larkin's, Dr Murray, the Aulds and went to 2 or 3 shops. Rained very heavily for half an hour.

19 Saturday

(Mrs Husband called on us. Wrote to Mamma. Ron went to Croydon to stay until Monday. We had a nice long walk to the end of "Wormwood Scrubs."^[47]

20 Sunday

St Stephen's Church.

As for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.

I Samuel XII, 23.

Rev. C Rousell.

St Stephen's (evening).

I Peter V, 8, 9, 10.

Rev. Herbert Rousell

Herbert Hudson came in time for dinner and spent the rest of the day with us. Mr Mackay came to tea and spent the evening.

⁴⁷ Wormwood Scrubs is a large area of common land in west London. At the time Emily was writing, it was used for military exercises although members of the public had access at other times.



Figure 9. The palm house, Kew Gardens, c.1855. Emily spent a 'lovely afternoon' in the gardens on 26 June.
(Wikimedia Commons)

21 Monday

We went for Maggie in the morning and she stayed with us until Thursday evening. Herbert came in the afternoon and I went with him, Maggie and Annie to the South Kensington Museum. Ronald, Nelly and Evie went with him to Mme Taussaud's^[48] after tea. Sam Eggar called in the evening.

22 Tuesday

Heard of the death of my darling little godchild from cholera. Poor Annie has been dreadfully anxious about the other 2. Went to see Mina Krohn, and back after lunch for Mrs Grant to go with me to a concert given by the pupils of the vocal Academy (Mrs Sainton Dolby) in Willis' Rooms.^[49]

23 Wednesday

Herbert Hudson sailed for Australia. Wrote to Mamma and Coz. Called to enquire after Mrs Manly who is still at Eastbourne. Miss Herbert and Mrs Buchan and Eva called.

⁴⁸ The wax museum founded by Marie Tussaud in 1835.

⁴⁹ Charlotte Sainton-Dolby's vocal academy had been established in 1872, two years after she had retired from a distinguished career as a contralto. The concert at Willis' Rooms, King Street, St James', featured five of her students along with other singers and musicians. Reserved seats cost seven shillings, unreserved seats five shillings.

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24 Thursday

Dear Mamma and Coz were here at 1 o'clock. After dinner Cozzie and I went to see Bessie Johnson, to Miss Herbert's and Whiteley's. Uncle Hugh and Kenny joined us for tea-dinner. We saw them off to Victoria at 8:45.

25 Friday

Bernard, Mervin and Douglas Lawson came to dinner and spent the afternoon. They have a half holiday. Mrs and Miss Westall called. Went for a walk in the evening.

26 Saturday

Rained in the morning. Had dinner at 12:30 – and then all except Alick and Ronald went to Kew. There at 2:10. Went over the gardens – had tea in a cottage garden at 5:30, a walk by the river etc. A lovely afternoon. Home at 9:30. Uncle and Aunt Hudson came to see us.

27 Sunday

St Stephen's Church.

I Samuel, XVII, 50.

Evening

“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.”

Psalm CXXVII, 1.

28 Monday

Mr and Mrs Stewart called. They are staying at the “Great Western”^[50] for a few days. Maggie Hudson came to have tea and we took her to Argyl Road in the evening.

29 Tuesday

Started directly after lunch. Took Annie to Mrs Garrod's to spend the afternoon with Effie. Called on Mrs Howlett, and Cousin Lizzie (out), Mrs Weiss, Mrs Wordsworth etc. Went to the Bo Gardens^[51] for Tickets and to some shops. Mrs Wilson and Uncle Albert and Aunt Loui called. Went to Mme. Wragg's with the girls in the evening.

30 Wednesday

Went to see Bessie Johnson after dinner. Rained nearly all the afternoon. Took Annie to St John's Wood as Mrs Greig had a small children's party. Saw Mina there. Called on Mrs Shaw, she was out. Home soon after 9.

⁵⁰ *i.e.* the Great Western Hotel, Paddington.

⁵¹ Perhaps the botanical gardens at Kew.

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1 Thursday

Rained nearly all day. Wrote to Aunt Rosa and Mrs Nelson. Went out with Ronald after tea. Alick is very late this week. Wrote to dear Annie Ferguson.

2 Friday

Went out with Annie in the afternoon. Annie Ferguson had a little girl. Coz heard by telegraph – all well. Mamma had a letter from Aunt Mary begging her to join Uncle, Edith and herself at Buxton.

3 Saturday

Ronald and Willie went to Wimbledon, Nurse, Peters and Sarah^[52] to Kew and Mamma, Annie and May to Hamwell to see Mrs Buchan and Mrs Dickinson. Unfortunately it turned out a wet afternoon. Nelly, Evie and I went to a large room in King Street, Baker Street at 6 o'clock. We had had a kind invitation from Rev E. W. Moare – There were about 150 of his parish workers, Sunday classes etc. We first had tea – then addresses and hymns. It was very nice. Home about 10:15.

4 Sunday

St Matthew's Church Bayswater.
II Kings V, 12.
Evening, Hebrews III, 1.
Archdeacon Hunter.

Mr Layborn came to dinner and spent the day with us.

5 Monday

Went with Mamma to St Pancras Station. Saw her off to Buxton at 3. P.M. Then went to see Kitty Eggar, Maggie Macdonald, Mrs John Macdonald and the Aulds. Found Cousin Andrew and Cousin Lizzie had called – missed them again! Wrote to Mrs Husband.

6 Tuesday

Mrs Grant and Anieas [*sic*] came to dinner. I went with Mrs Grant to the Ladies Home in Ossington Street.^[53] Mrs Stewart called – I went with them all to Notting Hill Station at 5:30. Mr Forbes came in; in the evening after going to Mme Wragg's. Heard from Mr Wills that the Insurance claim is admitted.

⁵² Nurse, Peters and Sarah appear to have comprised the Halley's domestic staff. That they were known respectively by their office, surname and forename indicates their seniority.

⁵³ Prendergast's Home for Ladies, in Ossington Street, Bayswater, was an annuitants' home providing unfurnished rooms to ladies with an annual income of £30 and above.



Figure 10. St Pancras Midland Railway Station, 1870s. Opened in 1868 by the Midland Railway, it gave Londoners direct access to the company's extensive rail network. Emily saw her mother off to Buxton here on 5 July.
(Science Museum Group)

7 Wednesday

Went to Whiteley's with Nurse in the morning. Had a post card from Mamma and wrote to her. George Watson spent the evening with us. Went to see Mrs Waring directly after lunch and spent nearly an hour with her.

8 Thursday

Rained nearly all day. Had a little painting etc.

9 Friday

Rained a good deal. Did some shopping. Went out before tea. Wrote to Mamma and Mrs Nembhard.

10 Saturday

Called on Lady Burrows, Mrs Wills, Mr Chapman and Cousin Andrew and Cousin Lizzie in the morning. All at home. I drove to Holland Park with Cousin Andrew to see a house which they are thinking of taking. Cousin Tom Small called and saw Nelly and Evie for a few minutes. N and E went to the Howletts. Alick, Ronald and I had a walk to "Wormwood Scrubs" after tea. A letter came from Uncle Edward advising Mamma to buy our house.

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11 Sunday

St Matthew's, Bayswater.

II Thessalonians, I, 12.

Presbyterian Church (evening)

Ephesians III, 8.

Rev A. Sapphir.

Mr Mackay spent the evening with us. Wrote to Mamma.

12 Monday

Took Annie to see Westminster Abbey and Hall in the morning. Had a walk in the fields after tea.

13 Tuesday

Maggie Macdonald came to lunch and spent the afternoon with me. Willie and I went to Mme. Wragg's with the girls. It was the last musical evening before the holidays.

14 Wednesday

Annie had a note from Mamma. Rained.

15 Thursday

A very wet day. Heard from Mamma and wrote to her.

16 Friday

Rained nearly all day. Annie and I went to call on the Westall's in the afternoon. Alick and I went to see Kitty and Mr Eggar after tea to consult him once more about the house.^[54]

17 Saturday

Mamma, Aunt Mary, Uncle and Edie started yesterday and drove to Sheffield – they stayed all night in Sheffield with Mr E. Hudson and reached Everton in time for tea today. Nelly Howlett and Bertie came to dinner and Charley joined them in time for tea. Too damp to go out. We played bagatelle and squails.^[55] Alick went to Harefield to stay until Monday. Poor William, Uncle's coachman died suddenly on Wednesday.

⁵⁴ James Eggar was an auctioneer, estate agent and surveyor.

⁵⁵ Squails was a parlour game in which small, flat discs ("squails") were snapped from the edge of a table towards a mark or jack in the centre.

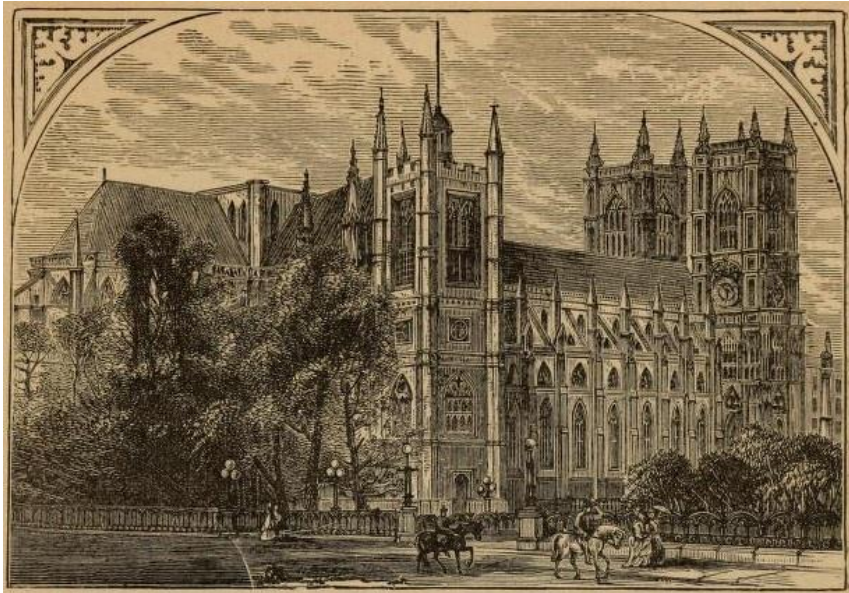


Figure 11. Westminster Abbey, 1884. Emily took her sister Annie to see the abbey and the hall on 12 July.
(Rambles Round London)

18 Sunday

St Matthew's Church.

St Stephen's (evening).

Psalm XC, 1st and 2nd verse.

Rev J. Rowsell.

19 Monday

I have had a kind note from Edie Eggar asking me to stay at Bentley and have written to say that I will go on Wednesday. Dear mother came home from Everton at 6 o'clock. She is looking better for the change and left Aunt Mary better – the weather has been very uncertain. The Aulds and Miss Usherwood called.

20 Tuesday

Took Annie with me to do some shopping. Packed in the evening.

21 Wednesday

Left Notting Hill Station at 9:3. Changed at Addison Road and Clapham Junction and reached Bentley about 12. Sam and Edie Eggar met me. Drove

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through Farnham to Aldershot in the afternoon. Saw the barracks and Pavilion. Rained nearly all day. Had some games in the evening.

22 Thursday

A fine morning. Sam, Edie, Robbie, Douglas and I drove to Beacon Hill (about 6 miles) on [*sic*] the car. Had some lovely extensive views. Lunched on the hill where there is plenty of heather. Two heavy showers as we drove home. Had a walk through the village after tea. Wrote to Mamma.

23 Friday

Played Croquet. Went to the station to meet Kitty and baby at 12 o'clock. I had a drive with Mr Eggar in the little pony carriage in the afternoon – went to Swanthorpe where Mr and Mrs Alfred Eggar live. Played Croquet after tea and went to see the Church and avenue leading to Berry Court. Mrs Alfred and her baby came.

24 Saturday

Kitty and Baby left at 9:15. We started soon after 10 to see the Review in the “Long Valley.”^[56] Sam, Douglas and I went in the pony carriage and I drove there and back. Edie and the other boys and groom in the waggonette. Drove over Beacon hill – saw Crooksbury, the Hog’s Back etc in the distance. Reached the Valley just after 11. The march past had just commenced, but we had splendid places close to the Royal Standard and saw the Duke of Cambridge^[57] and Duke of Connaught.^[58] There were 19,500 soldiers and it was a magnificent sight and perfect weather. The Review was over about 2. I saw the Aulds – we had dinner in Chestnut Copse and drove home through Crondall and another village. Walked through the Holt Forest in the evening.

25 Sunday

Bentley Church.

Isaiah XLIV, 22.

Rev C. Jackson.

(evening)

St Matt XIII, 18.

Walked to the top of West Hill after Service.

⁵⁶ The Long Valley is a military training area near Aldershot. The review held there on 24 July 1875 marked the end of the summer manoeuvres at Aldershot and attracted a large crowd of onlookers.

⁵⁷ Prince George, duke of Cambridge, was the cousin of Queen Victoria and the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces.

⁵⁸ Prince Arthur, duke of Connaught and Strathearn, was the third son of Queen Victoria.



Figure 12. Stella's Cottage, Moor Park, Farnham, 1858.
The cottage was named after a fatherless girl who had
been tutored by Jonathan Swift while he worked
for the owner of the estate. Emily admired it on
a visit to Moor Park on 31 July.
(Illustrated London News)

26 Monday

Wrote to Aunt Rosa and Annie. Mamma has arranged with the landlord for the purchase of our house. Played Croquet. Started at 1:30 in the car and drove through Holybourne and Alton (6 miles) to Chawton where there is a pretty church and house. We had good places to see the Athletic Sports, which went off[f] very well. Home about 7.

27 Tuesday

Drove to Isington and Binstead. Played Croquet and cricket in the afternoon. All went to Swanthorpe to spend the evening with Mr and Mrs Alfred. Had Croquet after tea. A Miss Kennerley is staying here. We see the two aunties (Miss Eggars) and Mrs John Eggar every day.

28 Wednesday

Miss Eggar, Edie and I went to Berry Court in the morning to gather flowers to send to London. Went with Sam and Richie to look out for Rooks after

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dinner – I fired the gun! Played Croquet and had a walk in the evening. Heard from Evie and wrote to her.

29 Thursday

I took a sketch of the house in the morning. Drove to Farnham in the afternoon and went over the Castle – Bishop of Winchester^[59] – saw the old Keep and gardens, and herd of deer in the park. Went to have tea with the Miss Eggars. Mr and Mrs Alfred were there. Played “Trap, bat and ball”,^[60] Catch the 3rd etc.

30 Friday

Wrote birthday letters to Willie and Annie. Played Croquet. Drove Edie and Miss Eggar to the School treat at Gravel Hill. Then Sam, Douglas and I went on in the pony carriage through the Holt Forrest, across the river Wey, past Pierepont, round Frensham pond and through Frensham village – went in to the church etc. A most lovely drive – home at 7. Played Croquet.

31 Saturday

Drove through Farnham to Waverley Abbey. Saw the ruins and “Stella’s Cottage” and the caves. A very pretty place. Heard from Mother that she and the rest hope to go to the sea-side. Wrote to Nelly. Mr Tom Eggar came down for the Bank holiday. Had a walk after tea.

⁵⁹ Farnham Castle was one of the residences of the bishop of Winchester.

⁶⁰ An outdoor game (more commonly known as ‘bat and trap’) involving a team of batters and a team of fielders. A ball is placed at one end of a see-saw mechanism contained in a wooden box (the ‘trap’). The batter releases the ball by hitting the opposite end of the lever and tries to strike it between a set of posts guarded by the fielders.

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1 Sunday

Bentley Church.

St Luke XIX, 41 Rev. Last.

Binstead Church (evening).

Sermon on the Pharisee and Publican. Sam and I went but were too late for the service as it began at 6. A lovely walk home.

2 Monday

Began a little sketch of the front of the house. Mr Eggar, all the boys, Edie and I started in the waggonette pony cart and car at 12 o'clock. Mr Tom, Sam and I went in the car. Drove 15 miles through Alton (where the hop grounds cease) to Tichborne Common. It is covered with grass – hawthorn trees etc. Mr Alfred and his sister in law, Mr John and the 2 Miss Eggars met us there. Had our dinner on the grass – then the Father, his 6 sons and brother had a cricket match. We then walked to see the famous Tichborne Park down a splendid beech avenue. Trees very fine. A house nothing particular. Saw the “Crawls” and heard the story.^[61] Refreshed ourselves with Champagne, phiz! and cake then started on home. Sam and I drove in Mr John's dog cart. Walked from his house home – 9 o'clock. Ronald spent the Bank holiday at Croydon, Alick at Harefield.

3 Tuesday

Mr Tom and Sam left at 8:15. Edie and I went to say goodbye to the Miss Eggars and called on old Mrs Eggar (Aunt Emily) who is blind. I left by the 1:20 train. Nurse and Annie met me at Notting Hill. Mrs Auld, Minnie, Katie and Florry had afternoon tea with us. All exclaimed at the black eye which I gained last Tuesday!

4 Wednesday

Nurse, Mamma and all of us started for Richmond at 11 to keep the 3 birthdays. Reached the park by 12. Went towards the ponds and had our lunch in a very pretty place. Saw several herds of deer. Had a long walk through the beautiful park. Went down to the river and had a row for an hour to Twickenham. Home about 7:30. Had tea.

⁶¹ The story being that in the twelfth century the aged lady of the manor crawled around a large area of her husband's land in order to secure it for charitable purposes. The field was thereafter known as the 'Crawls'.

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5 Thursday

Had a telegram from Alverstoke to say that Mamma can have a cottage 4 Paget Road – close to Mrs Chambres where Nelly and Evie are to sleep. Mina Krohn and her children came directly after dinner to spend the rest of the day with us. Mr Krohn came for her. Mrs and Miss Scott called. Mr Eggar came in the evening.

6 Friday

Mamma, Nursey and the rest were busy packing and preparing for going away. I wrote to Aunt Rosa, Mrs Chambres etc. Mr Layborn called to say goodbye before going to Yorkshire. Ronald has just commenced learning to play the pipes and had a lesson this evening.

7 Saturday

All left for Alverstoke at 11:30. I had a little painting. After dinner called on Miss Usherwood and spent an hour with her. Alick did not get home till 7. Played chess in the evening. Ronald went to a picnic at Bushey Park with Mr Fletcher. He joined the party at his house at Carshalton and enjoyed it very much.

8 Sunday

Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Hebrews IX, 1 to 16.

St Stephen's Church (evening)

Exodus X, 11.

Rev H. Rousell.

9 Monday

Heard of Mamma's safe arrival and that the cottage and servant are very nice. I worked, practised etc. in the morning. Peters went home for a holiday. Left at 4 o'clock, called at Macdonald and Field's,^[62] enquired after Miss Miles, Mrs Garrod etc. and went to Mrs Howlett's at 5:30. Dear Coz and Mrs Osborne were there. Alick joined us for dinner and Kenny came at 8. Ron was late home. Wrote to Annie Hudson and Mamma.

10 Tuesday

Went to Miss Jamieson's in the morning. Read "A Princess of Thule"^[63] in the afternoon.

⁶² Macdonald, Field & Co., granite workers, Aberdeen. They supplied polished blue, grey and red granites for monuments, buildings and other purposes. It is possible that Emily was visiting their London office to arrange a gravestone for her father.

⁶³ A romantic novel by the Scottish author William Black, first published in 1873.



Figure 13. The Horticultural Garden, South Kensington, c.1871. The garden was created by the Royal Horticultural Society and opened in 1861 by its president, Prince Albert. With its floral displays, arcade, conservatory and tearoom, it proved a popular resort for fashionable Londoners.

Emily visited on 12 August.
(Victoria and Albert Museum)

11 Wednesday

Wrote to Mamma etc. Went to have lunch with Mina Krohn. Stayed until 5 o'clock. Walked home. Mr Mackay called in the evening.

12 Thursday

Made Gooseberry Jam in the morning. Met Miss Morley and Mary Wilkinson at the S.K. Museum in the afternoon, 3 o'clock. Spent 2 hours there. Went through the Horticultural Gardens, saw the Albert Memorial and walked home. Found Uncle Harry – he stayed all night after tea – Mr Watson came in – Alick and I went with the girls to the station and on our return found Sam Eggar. Ron was late.

13 Friday

Did some shopping in the morning. Heard from Annie Hudson. Wrote to Mamma, Edie Eggar etc. Went to see Bessie Johnson in the afternoon. Uncle Harry came back to tea, and he, Alick and Ronald went to Mr Watson's in the evening.

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14 Saturday

Uncle Harry left with Ronald. I started at 12, called to enquire after the Wheelers – Mr Wheeler died last Sunday. Then went to the Howlett's and had lunch with Mrs Howlett and Nelly. Called on Mrs Scott (out) and then saw Mrs Auld, Katie, Amy and Florry – all going away on Monday. Ron came home about 6 – packed, had tea and was off to Dunkeld by 8 P.M. train. Alick and I painted and played chess.

15 Sunday

St Matthews Church.

Acts XVI, 30.

Rev. Lovely.

St Stephen's Church.

Exodus XIV, 30.

16 Monday

Heard from Ron and Mamma. Painted, worked, practised etc. Called on Miss Herbert (out). The hottest day we have had this summer! Wrote to Coz.

17 Tuesday

Practised etc. in the morning and did some shopping. Wrote to Mamma. Made a cake and painted in the afternoon. Mrs Davidson came at 5 o'clock and spent the evening with us. Saw her to the station and she left her cap behind her!

18 Wednesday

Wrote to Nurse and Evie. Went to Eton Terrace, St John's Wood to see Mrs Davidson and walked home. Read, painted, made a pie etc. in the afternoon. Played chess with Alick in the evening.

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19 Thursday

Did some shopping. A very oppressive day. Wrote to Ron. Went to see Bessie Johnson. Started at 4:30 and went to Mrs Carlill's. Had dinner with her, her two sons and Dr and Mrs Murray. Two Miss Jays, a Mr Hill and Arnold Hepburn came at 8 o'clock and we had some music. Alick had tea with T and S Eggar and called for me at 10 o'clock. Rained (very heavily in the afternoon and evening).

20 Friday

Answered letters from Mrs Grant, Mrs Schwabe and Mrs Small. Went to say goodbye to Mina Krohn and had lunch with her – they leave England next Wednesday. Alick had a walk with Mr Watson and he came in with him and stayed until 10:30.

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21 Saturday

Did some shopping in the morning – made pastry, worked etc. Alick came home at 5:30. Nice letters from Mamma and Evie whilst at tea. All well and happy. May went to Petworth yesterday. Sam Eggar came about 7 and stayed till nearly 11. Played whist with Dummy^[64] etc. The Trio were very happy. One of Willie's guinea-pig [*sic*] and Evie's white mouse have died, so we have been rather unfortunate with the pets.

22 Sunday

St Matthew's Church.

St John XV, 1, 2.

St Marylebone, Presbyterian Church (evening).

1 John III, 1.

Wrote to Mamma.

23 Monday

Wrote to Mamma and May. Made greengage jam. Painted and worked. Had a walk with Alick after tea and two games at chess. Heard from Aunt Rosa.

24 Tuesday

Started about 11 o'clock. Went to several shops and called on Miss Scott, Mrs and Miss Grierson to enquire after Frau Passehl, saw Mrs Howlett etc. Wrote to Mrs Stewart.

25 Wednesday

Called to see Miss Frood (Mamma's Landlady) and arranged that they should stay until next Tuesday. Wrote to Nelly etc. Went out after tea. Played chess. Called on Mme Wragg.

26 Thursday

Took Mme Wragg's little girl for a walk in the morning. Painted etc. Mrs Davidson came about 4 o'clock to spend the evening with us. Mr Watson called about 8 to have a walk with Alick – they were back about 9:30 and we all saw her to the omnibus at the Royal Oak. She and I played bezique.^[65]

27 Friday

Wrote to Mamma. Worked, cleaned the Drawing room ornaments. Went to see Bessie Johnson etc. in the afternoon.

⁶⁴ Dummy whist is a version of the game for three players.

⁶⁵ A melding and trick-taking card game for two players.

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28 Saturday

Made Plum Jam, pies etc. Rained in the afternoon. Played chess. Heard from Mamma.

29 Sunday

St Matthew's Church.

Isaiah VI, to 9th verse.

Kensington Presbyterian Church.

Revelation XXII, 20.

30 Monday

Busy all day getting the house ready, working etc. Made a cake. Went out ~~in the evening~~ at 4:30. Met Alick in the National Gallery and we went to Putney by the 6 o'clock train to see Mrs Small. She and Patty are staying with her sister Mrs Lane. Home about 11.

31 Tuesday

Went to some shops in the morning. Nurse, Nelly, Evie and Willie were home at 5:50. Mamma and Annie had gone round by Petworth to bring May and they did not arrive until 7 o'clock. Had a nice evening together. All are looking very sunburnt and well. Mamma is not quite well.

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1 Wednesday

Went to Whiteley's and some other shops. Mamma has caught cold and has been suffering very much from toothache. She is not very strong. I am giving Annie two hours lessons every day until I go to Ireland. Ronald arrived from Dunkeld at 10 o'clock, looking very well and bringing a beautiful Stag's head which he won in a raffle.

2 Thursday

Nelly, Evie, May, Annie and I had a walk in Kensington Gardens and did some shopping. Mrs Howlett and Nelly came about 4 o'clock. Mrs Howlett spent an hour and Nelly stayed the evening with us.

3 Friday

I went to Charing Cross with Nelly, Evie and Willie – met Mr Henry Waring there and he took them down by the 3.28 train to spend a week at Buckland Court – his house a few miles from Redhill. I called at one or two shops and went with Mamma to Westbourne Grove. Mr Eggar came in the evening. Mamma signed the deeds etc the house No 7 Elgin Road is really our own. He and Alick (Mamma's Trustees) have been able to invest the 3019£ from the Insurance Office most satisfactorily too. Wrote to Aunt Rosa.

4 Saturday

Sarah went away for ten days holiday, so I helped Nursey over the cooking. Wrote to Annie Hudson. Took May and Annie for a walk. Heard from Nelly. They like the Warings very much. There are 5 girls and 1 boy.

5 Sunday

St Matthew's Church.

St Luke XXII, 19.

“This do in remembrance of me”.

St Stephen's Church (evening).

Exodus XVII, 1.

Rev. Herbert Rousell.

Cousin Tom and Mrs Small came to dinner and stayed until about 8 o'clock.

6 Monday

Did some shopping in the afternoon. Mr Forbes and Sam Eggar spent the evening with us. Played bagatelle etc. Sam brought us some nice fruit from Bentley. Mamma is much better.



Figure 14. The great hall of Euston Railway Station, c.1850. The hall was part of the redevelopment of the station in the late 1840s. Emily started her journey to Ireland from Euston on 9 September.
(Wikimedia Commons)

7 Tuesday

Dear Coz came at 12 o'clock and stayed with us until nearly 4. We saw her to the station and then I took May and Annie to Miss Usherwood to go to Mme Taussaud's with Edgar Hudson and Miss and Master Bolton. Cousin Lizzie called. I think they will ~~ha~~ take a house in Holland Park.

8 Wednesday

Went to Westbourne Grove in the morning. Packed in the afternoon. Went to see Bessie Johnson.

9 Thursday

Mamma saw me off from Euston Station at 10 o'clock. Had a pleasant travelling companion (a Miss Hutton) as far as Preston. Had the compartment to ourselves. Walked down Fishergate the principal street in Preston and saw the new Town Hall. Reached Fleetwood at 5. Secured a berth – then had tea at the Crown Hotel. Sailed at 8. Stayed on deck until 10. We had one or two showers but a lovely day on the whole – starlight and moonlight at night. Wrote to Mamma from Fleetwood.

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10 Friday

A very calm quick passage. Reached Belfast at 5 o'clock (Irish time).^[66] A thick morning, and we had a heavy shower. Edith met me at 7.30 in the brougham. It cleared up and was a lovely day. Amanda Wann, Edith Harland and Susie Purcell are staying at Eden Vale. Went down to the shore in the morning – and Aunt Rosa and I walked to the Knock Station after lunch and were weighed! She is 9 st 6 lbs, and I am 8 st nearly 10 lbs.

11 Saturday

Edith, Polly and I walked to Mr Valentine's Glen in the morning. A lovely day. Dined at 4.30. Uncle played croquet with us after dinner, we had two capital games. Dr Hartree and Mr Walkington came for Billiards.

12 Sunday

Dundela Church.
Luke XIX, 41.

Edith, Polly, Susie and I went for a 2 hour walk along the Hollywood Road and up by Mr Black's and the back of Mr Valentine's. A lovely day. We read in the garden and went out with Uncle.

13 Monday

Aunt Rosa is not very well and has to keep quiet. Amanda and I drove to town to do the shopping and called at Wilmont Terrace to see Mrs Wann and Lizzie. Just saw Mr Sam Smiles. Edith and I went to Mrs Smith's and one or two other places in the afternoon. Played Croquet. Commenced reading "My Novel".^[67]

14 Tuesday

Heard from the Mother [*sic*] and Mrs Nelson. Edith and I took almost the same walk as on Sunday, distributing Hospital books for Aunt Rosa! Lizzie came out for a short time. Played Croquet. James Wann came to dinner. He has been shooting with Mr Wolff.^[68] Had some music in the evening.

⁶⁶ Ireland and Britain were in different time zones until October 1916. After 1880, Ireland followed Dublin Mean Time, which was around twenty minutes and twenty-one seconds behind Greenwich Mean Time. Before then, various local time zones were followed.

⁶⁷ *My Novel, or Varieties in English Life* by Edward Bulwer-Lytton (1853).

⁶⁸ The German-born British shipbuilder and politician Gustav Wolff. He entered a partnership with Emily's uncle Edward Harland in 1860, forming the Belfast shipbuilding firm Harland and Wolff.

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15 Wednesday

Uncle and Dr Hartree went off to fish. I wrote to Ronald, Willie, Coz and Minnie. Played Croquet. Amanda and James Wann left at 4. Distributed some books at Sydenham and called at the Dew to see Rose. Mrs Hartree called. Edith, Polly, Susie and I were up soon after 6 and walked to the Knock before breakfast.

16 Thursday

Heard from Nelly and Mrs Nembhard. Edith and I took another little round – saw Mrs Hartree and her boys and went down by the shore. Practised, played Croquet etc. Mr and Mrs Sam Smiles^[69] came up in the evening and we had some music. She is very small, with pretty features.

17 Friday

Collected more subscriptions in the morning. Aunt Rosa, Susey and I went down to the shore after lunch, and sat on the rocks reading about an hour.

18 Saturday

I drove to town after breakfast and did the shopping. Saw Mrs Wann and Lizzie. Ought to have met Uncle and Dr Hartree but went to the wrong station. Rained in the afternoon. Wrote to Mamma. Waited dinner an hour for Uncle. He came about 5, and left for Queenstown at 9. Mr Wolff and Mr Thompson came to tea and Mr and Mrs Walkington and Mr Jaffey in the evening. Dear Nursey went home to her sister's near Bath.

19 Sunday

Dundela Church.
II Corinthians IX, 6.
Evening I Peter IV, 10.
Rev. Hamilton.

Mr Wolff and Mr Thompson came to dinner and stayed until 9 P.M. Edith and I had a walk to the shore before tea.

20 Monday

Heard from Ron. Went out in the morning. Mr William Wann came and stayed all night. Called on Mrs Smiles and Mrs Hartree, Mrs Combe and one or two others with Aunt Rosa in the afternoon.

⁶⁹ Samuel Smiles (1812-1904), Scottish-born journalist, author and political reformer. See Introduction for comment.

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21 Tuesday

Went to town with Aunt Rosa for shopping and to see Mrs Wann and Lizzie. Miss Benn came at 3 o'clock and stayed all night. I heard from dear Coz and Annie Ferguson. Annie Cowan was married to Mr Scougall. I had a walk and collected in the afternoon. Saw Mrs Smiles in town.

22 Wednesday

Heard from Willie. Called with Aunt Rosa on several people over Holywood. Walked to the Knock with Miss Benn and she left us. Uncle returned from Liverpool and was home in time for dinner.

23 Thursday

Wrote to Mrs Nelson and Nelly. Edith and I went to see Miss Henderson's marriage at the Presbyterian Church. Drove to town with Aunt Rosa – shopped – paid two calls on the Lisburn Road and met Fanny Wann at the station about 4. Had some music in the evening. Heard from Annie Hudson.

24 Friday

Has been stormy all night. A wet morning. Wrote to Mrs Dugdale. Played Billiards. Mr and Mrs Wann and Lizzie spent the day at Eden Vale. Mr Wolff came in the evening. Had music.

25 Saturday

A lovely morning but cold wind. Edith and I had a long walk – along the High Road, past Mrs Black's – collected for the Hospital. Came down into the Holywood Road and called on Mrs Smiles (out). Went to see Rose. Edith and I played Croquet in the afternoon with Miss Jaffy and afterwards in the garden at Eden Vale. Mr W Smiles, Mr Wolff, Mr Walkington, Dr Hartree and Mr Macilwaine came for Billiards. We went up for half an hour to see them play. Willie has commenced lessons 3 times a week with a Tutor – Miss Vernon is to come to dinner and teach English in the afternoon and the girls are to go to Mme Wragg's for Music, French and German.

26 Sunday

Dundela Church.
Galatians V. 6. Rev. Hamilton.

A very wet stormy day – we have had fires two or three times.

27 Monday

Heard from dear Mother. Nurse's sister's husband was taken ill the evening she arrived and died last Wednesday. She is to stay with her sister until next

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Wednesday. Wrote to Alick and Mamma. Played Billiards in the afternoon. Edith and I called on the Hynes and Mrs W Smiles.

28 Tuesday

Uncle went to Randalstown to fish. We had a walk in the morning. Showery day. Wrote to Mrs Dugdale and Annie Ferguson. Aunt Rosa and I drove to Lisburn in the afternoon to pay some calls. 21 miles there and back. A very pretty road at the foot of the hills. Lovely sunset. Home at 6 o'clock. Found a note waiting from Mrs Hartree asking me to go to the theatre. She and Mrs Sam called for me at 7 o'clock. Mr and Mrs Willie Smiles, Mr Wolff and Mr Thompson were there too. An amusing little farce "Man is not perfect"^[70] first – then the Burlesque Bluebeard"^[71]. We had the London Company – it was very amusing, especially the heathen Chinee!

29 Wednesday

Edith and I walked to Holywood in the morning – very windy and fine and I had a walk with Fanny in the afternoon. Mr Willie Telford came from Dublin in time for tea. We had music in the evening – he plays very well and he acted "The Washerwoman".⁷²

30 Thursday

Lizzie came out to spend the day and we had a walk in the afternoon. Wrote to Annie Hudson. Had more music in the evening.

⁷⁰ *Man is Not Perfect, Nor Woman Neither*, a one-act comedy by Benjamin Webster (1873).

⁷¹ *Blue Beard, a Grand Musical, Comi-Tragical, Melo-Dramatic, Burlesque Burletta*, a one-act extravaganza by James Robinson Planché and Charles Dance (1839).

⁷² Perhaps *The Irish Washerwoman*, a dramatic dialogue intended for home theatricals. There was also a popular fiddle tune of the same name.

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1 Friday

Wrote to Nursey and Evie. Mr Telford went for a walk with us through Mr Valentine's Glen. I went with him and Susie to the Station after an early dinner and then did the shopping. Mr Wolff came up in the evening.

2 Saturday

Very windy. I went down to the shore in the morning to take a little sketch of the Cave Hill. Had a walk and played Croquet in the afternoon. Uncle Edward came home at 7.30. Mr and Mrs Smiles, Mr Walkington and Dr Hartree came up in the evening.

3 Sunday

Dundela Church.
Ephesians IV, 15, 16.
Rev. Hamilton.

A wet and stormy day. Heard from Minnie.

4 Monday

My birthday. Heard from dear Mother, Evie, May, Mrs Dugdale and Annie Hudson. Received my precious hair bracelet from dear Mother and the rest of the dear ones – photos of the girls, pocket handkerchiefs from Aunt Rosa, a jet chain from dear Nursey, books from Edith Harland etc. Had a walk in the morning and went to town with Aunt Rosa in the afternoon. Wrote to dear Mother.

5 Tuesday

Went for a walk with Aunt Rosa in the morning. Fanny, Edith and I walked across the People's Park to the Works^[73] in the afternoon. Uncle sent Mr Cooper to take us over. Went on board the "Connaught Ranger" over 420 ft long and quite ready for sea.^[74] Admired her figurehead! A very windy day and it was rather difficult to get on board. Saw the iron and wood cutting machines, boring, planing [*sic*] etc. – the Fiji^[75] is almost ready – there are 7 or 8 ships in the yard alto-gether [*sic*]. Had a cup of coffee in Uncle's office. Home at 5. Uncle E, Aunt and I dined at Mr Wolff's at 6.30 to meet Mr and Mrs

⁷³ The yards of Harland and Wolff were on Queen's Island, to the immediate west of People's Park (now known as Victoria Park).

⁷⁴ *Connaught Ranger* was a sailing ship. It had been launched in August 1875 and was soon to be handed over to its owner. Emily overestimated its length, which was only 218 ft.

⁷⁵ *Fiji* was a sailing ship. It was completed on 29 October.

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Huppeden, Mr and Mrs W. Smiles, Dr and Mrs Hartree – a very pleasant evening. Heard from Coz.

6 Wednesday

Went out in the morning. Uncle and Dr Hartree went off to fish – to stay until Saturday. Aunt R and I drove down past Craigavad and called on Mrs Paterson and Miss Benn. Home ½ an hour late for dinner and Mr Wann was out and spent the evening with us. Read “Old Kensington”.^[76] Mr Wolff came up in the evening.

7 Thursday

Wrote to Mamma, May, Evie and Annie Hudson. Lizzie came out to spend the day, we had a walk in the afternoon.

8 Friday

Drove to town with Fan in the morning – shopped and called at Wilmont. Had a walk after lunch – packed. Mr Wolff called – had tea and Edith drove down to the steamer with me. Sailed at 8 in the “Princess of Wales”^[77] – had a nice berth in a state cabin. Drizzling rain so only stayed on deck till 9. Not very rough – I was all right!

9 Saturday

Up at 6 – had breakfast on board and caught the 7 o’clock train to London. Cold and wet within a few miles of home. Had a cup of coffee at Crewe. Train very full. Mamma met me at Euston at 3.45. Found all well. Ronald at Croydon until Monday. Lilian, Annie and Isabel d’Almeida and their brother spent the evening with us.

10 Sunday

St Matt, Church.

Psalm XCII, 4.

Archdeacon Hunter.

St Matthew’s Church / evening.

Hebrews X, 38 (1st part).

Nelly and Evie commenced teaching in the Sunday School morning and afternoon.

⁷⁶ A novel by Anne Thackeray, first published in 1873.

⁷⁷ See Figure 15.



Figure 15. The paddle steamer *Princess of Wales*. Built in 1869 for the London and North Western Railway and the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, it served the Fleetwood to Belfast crossing. On her return journey, Emily ‘had a nice berth in a state cabin’.
(Belfast Harbour Commissioners)

11 Monday

Commenced lessons with Annie. Took her and May for a walk and did some shopping. Mr Mussolini who is in the Bank with Alick came to tea and spent the evening with us. We had music and the micrisopes [*sic*].^[78] Heard from Aunt Rosa and wrote to her. ~~Play~~

12 Tuesday

Did some shopping. Uncle Albert, Aunt, Mary and Jessie came in the morning. Mamma went out with them – they returned about 4 had tea and Nelly, Evie and I saw them off from Westbourne Park at 6 o’clock. Played chess with Annie in the evening – the rest were all busy and when Mamma came into the Dining room she said in such a funny way “You have your Alpha and Omega wits zul now Mummy.

13 Wednesday

Mamma went to have lunch with Mrs Stewart. I helped her to dust and look over glass. Annie and I walked to Princes Gate to take a parcel for Aunt Rosa. A lovely day. Alick and R[onald] went to the Gaelic Society’s Meeting. Sam Eggar came in the evening. We had a game at chess.

⁷⁸ Alexander Halley had been a member of the Quekett Microscopical Club, a learned society founded in 1865 to promote microscopy.

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14 Thursday

A wet day. Made Blackberry jam in the morning. Looked over linen. Had an absurd letter from Belfast addressed "Miss Halley, London. Visiting at Sydenham, Belfast"! Sarah's sister came in the evening – she is to be our housemaid. Peters is at Mrs Schwabe's. Called on Miss Smith – Superintendent of the Sunday School and a great friend of cousin Lizzie's.

15 Friday

I went to Miss Owen's, Mrs Garrod's, the Aulds (saw Fanny and Amy, they were all home) Kitty Eggar's (out) etc. Went with the girls to Mme Wragg's 2 Colville Terrace, in the evening. They have improved in their Music very much. Alick joins the School of Art Drawing Class in Portland Road on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening.

16 Saturday

Nelly and Evie went to the Howlett's in the afternoon, I called on Mrs McLean and did some shopping in the morning. Mrs Stewart, F[?] and Eleanor came at 4 and spent the evening. They are in London for a few weeks but Mr S is in Scotland at present. Alick went to Harefield until tomorrow evening.

17 Sunday

St Matt. Church.
II Peter I, 4.
Archdeacon Hunter.
Evening. Ephesians III, 4.

Mr Robertson and Mr Mackay came to tea and spent the evening with us. We went to church a party of ten.

18 Monday

Annie went with Donald in the morning to spend the day with Effie Garrod to keep her Birthday. I went out to some shops and painted in the morning. Wrote to Mrs Schwabe and Mrs Dugdale. Mamma and I called on Miss Usherwood in the afternoon.

19 Tuesday

Wrote to Aunt Mary. Called on Mrs McLean and did some shopping.

20 Wednesday

A very wet day. Painted etc.

OCTOBER

21 Thursday

Poor Alick was obliged to return from the Bank with a very stiff neck and shoulder. I had lunch and stayed until 5 o'clock with Mrs Stewart in Eaton Place. Cousin Andrew and Cousin Lizzie called.

22 Friday

Heard from Edith Harland. Alick was at home all day. I played chess with him in the evening.

23 Saturday

Alick was able to return to work. Evie's birthday (16th). A wet day. Nelly and Charley Howlett came to tea and Mr Watson came in, in the evening. We had music and games. Annie and Nursey have had their photos taken and we think them very good.

24 Sunday

Had such a bad cold that I could not go to Church. Cousin Andrew came after tea and went with Mamma to hear Mr Sapphir. The Miss Murrays called after walking home from the Sunday School with Nelly and Evie.

25 Monday

Mamma went to Henley by the 10.30 train to spend a few days at Yewden with Mrs Schwabe. I wrote to Mrs Nelson and Mr Eggar. A lovely day. Annie and I did some shopping and call [*sic*] on the d'Almeidas (out). Mr Layborn spent the evening with us, and we had a long fight at chess. Ronald was home late and Alick was well enough to return to the Bank and keep his last drill in the evening. Mr John Richardson.

26 Tuesday

Painted. Wrote to Mamma and to Aunt Rosa and Edith Harland and Mrs Howlett in the evening. Did some shopping. Played chess with Alick. Read Sir Henry Holland's 'Recollections of past life'.

27 Wednesday

A dull wet day. The d'Almeidas and Josephine Souper called. Read etc in the evening. Minnie and Katie called for a few minutes in the morning.

28 Thursday

A raw, damp day. Went to some shops and for a walk in the morning. Attended Mr Sapphir's lecture on St John. Mr and Mrs Haddo and Miss Murray called.

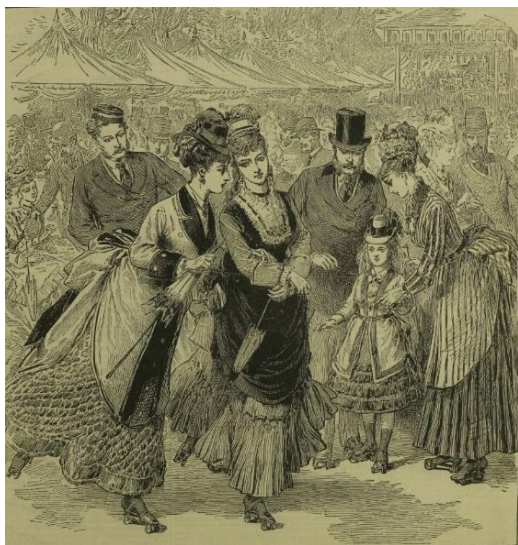


Figure 16. Roller-skating, Brompton, 1874. The rising popularity of roller-skating resulted in several temporary and permanent rinks being established in London and elsewhere. Emily went roller-skating at the newly opened Belgravia Rink on 30 October. (*Illustrated London News*)

29 Friday

Did some shopping and went to see Bessie Johnson in the afternoon. Went with the girls to Mme Wragg's in the evening.

30 Saturday

Alick went to Croydon to stay until tomorrow evening. A cold wintry day, Nelly, May, Willie and I went by Metropolitan to Victoria and were at the Belgravian Skating Rink⁷⁹ in Ebury Street at 3 o'clock. Ronald joined us very soon and Nelly and Charley Howlett stayed till 5.15 – had great fun. Return to G[eorge] Street to dine and spend the evening – Evie had a cold so unfortunately could not go.

31 Sunday

St Matthew's Church.

"Heavy Laden" St Matt XI, 28.

Archdeacon Hunter.

Children's Lecture (afternoon).

II Timothy II, 8.

Rev J Haddo.

Alick brought my little hand ring as a birthday present from dear Coz.

⁷⁹ Opened in August 1875, the Belgravia Skating Rink was the first public roller-skating rink in Britain.

NOVEMBER

1 Monday

Went to Westbourne Park Station to meet Mamma at 1 o'clock. A foggy afternoon. We went to some shops and called on Cousin Lizzie.

2 Tuesday

Saw dear Coz for a few minutes with Cousin Lizzie. Rosa Williamson has arrived in England – her husband is very ill.

3 Wednesday

Paid some calls in the afternoon.

4 Thursday

Went for a walk with the girls in the morning.

5 Friday

Rained nearly all day.

6 Saturday

Thirza and Florence Husband came about 2 o'clock and Mrs Husband called for them at 4.30.

7 Sunday

St Matthew's Church.

St John VI, 34.

Archdeacon Hunter.

Trinity Presbyterian Church.

On the Christian's hope – Rev A. Sapphir.

Charley Howlett, Mr Krohn and Robert Grant called.

8 Monday

Paid some calls etc.

9 Tuesday

I called on Mrs d'Almeida and saw Josephine and Annie and Rosa's 2 little girls. Mr Layborn spent the evening with us.

10 Wednesday

Wrote to Aunt Rosa. Rained.

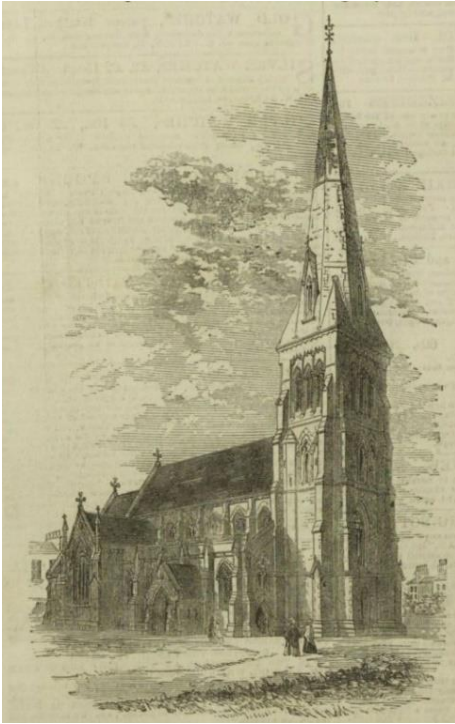


Figure 17. St Stephen's, Paddington, 1856. Built in 1847 to serve the newly built suburb of Westbourne Park, it was one of the churches that Emily attended after the family's move to Elgin Road. (*Illustrated London News*)

11 Thursday

Mr Forbes spent the evening with us.

12 Friday

Colonel and Mrs Baines, Miss Murray and Mrs Howlett and Nelly called. Mamma and I called on the Westalls and Mrs Davidson. Went to Mme Wragg's in the evening.

13 Saturday

A dreadfully wet, dark and foggy day. Accounts of floods all over the world are dreadful.

14 Sunday

St Matthew's Church.

1 Cor, XV, 34.

Evening

St John's IV, 10.

Willie Auld called – Robert has passed the Staff College Exam. Charley Howlett had tea and spent the evening with us.

NOVEMBER

15 Monday

Called on Mr Chapman, Mrs Wills and Kitty Eggar in the morning. Mrs Auld, Minnie, Katie and Fanny came a little before 6 and spent the evening with us. Heard from Annie Hudson and wrote to Edith Harland.

16 Tuesday

Called on Mrs Huth. Went to a prayer meeting for Sunday School teachers at St Matthew's School. Wrote to Annie Hudson.

17 Wednesday

Mamma and I went to 62 Holland Park – saw Mrs Grylls who arrived on Monday, and Mr and Mrs Knight. I went all over the house. A wet afternoon. Mamma had tea in Oakley Square to have a business chat with Mr E.

18 Thursday

A fine, cold day. Annie and I walked to Mrs Stewart's Lodgings after dinner and saw her and Mr Stewart.

19 Friday

Had a walk with Nurse and the girls in the morning. Wet and windy in the afternoon. Nelly Howlett and Margaret Jopling came to tea – we all went to the musical practise in the evening and Charley Howlett came for Nelly. Ronald goes to the London Scottish Head Quarters every Friday to learn piping and has got his own set of Pipes today.^[80]

20 Saturday

Willie walked with me to N. Hill Gate Station and I came down to Croydon by the 11.20 train from Vic. Went out for Coz in the afternoon – worked etc. Alick came in time for dinner, to stay until Sunday evening.

21 Sunday

St Peter's Church.

St Matt, XVI, 16.

Rev Reed.

Went to the afternoon Service and heard the children catechised.

Uncle Sandy came to dinner. Alick and Kenny went to Epsom by train and walked back. A left at 8.30.

⁸⁰ Ronald Halley was evidently a good student as in 1885 he was appointed pipe major of the London Scottish Pipes and Drums.

NOVEMBER

22 Monday

Called on Mrs Ogilvie and on 2 “Mothers” – one a long way down the Brighton Road in the morning. Lottie came to lunch and she and Coz went to the Mother’s Meeting. I read etc. Went to Mrs Johnston’s in the evening.

23 Tuesday

Cozzie and I came to town by 9.30 train. Went to Army and Navy Stores. Coz had lunch with us. I went with her to Cousin Andrews at 2.30. Maggie Macdonald came at 3.30. Sam Eggar came with Ronald and Raneld [*sic*] joined us afterwards.

24 Wednesday

Cousin Lizzie called – we walked with her to Inverness Terrace – then Mamma and I called on Mrs Richardson.

25 Thursday

Painted etc. Edith Garrod and little Effie spent the afternoon with us. Mrs Garrod came for them.

26 Friday

Mamma and I went to Russell Square to have lunch with Mrs Macdonald and Maggie. Called on Mrs John and old Mrs Grey. Home at 6. Went to Mme Wragg’s. Mr Forbes was there.

27 Saturday

Nurse has been with us 25 years today. Nelly, Evie, Willie, May, Annie and I went to the Kilbirm [*sic*] Skating Rink at 3 o’clock. Nelly and Charley Howlett joined us there. Rained ice for about an hour but enjoyed it. About 200 people there, lamps all round when dark – Mrs Howlett came to tea and they all stayed until 10.30. Alick went to Lowestoft in the afternoon to spend his holiday with Cousin Tom. Very cold weather!

28 Sunday

St Matthew’s Church.

Genesis, XLIX, 10.

Children’s Service.

Revelation XX, 11, 12.

Evening

“He must increase John III, 30.

Mr Forbes had tea with us.

NOVEMBER

29 Monday

Annie and I went to see Lily Davidson in the morning. Wrote to Aunt Rosa. Mr and Mrs Stewart called to say goodbye before going to Cheltenham.

30 Tuesday

Mamma and I went to the Mission Service at St Matthew's. Lady Burrows called. Small snow fell! Mr Watson spent the evening with us.

DECEMBER

1 Wednesday

Called on Mrs Grylls and Miss Usherwood. Wrote to Alick. Heard that Arthur McKean has a son born Nov 5th.

2 Thursday

Snowed nearly all day. Mr Robert Turnbull spent the evening with us. Lady Burrows called. Heard from Aunt Rosa. Lady Burrows called.

3 Friday

Snowed in the morning. I went to have lunch with the Aulds – saw some of Katie's things. Mr Martin and Robert were there. Mr Mackay came in the evening.

4 Saturday

Snowed a great part of the day. Dense fog about 2 o'clock – lasted an hour. Made toffee in the afternoon. Sir William and Lieutenant Hall called.

5 Sunday

St Matthew's Church.

Romans III, 1, 2.

Archdeacon Hunter.

“Love is the Evening, fulfilling of the law”.

Ronald had taken a severe chill. Dr Coch came to see him.

6 Monday

Very frosty, snow lying thick. Mamma and I walked to Warwick Road to see Mrs Rowe about Edith Harland. Wrote to Aunt Rosa. Had a game at chess with Ronald.

7 Tuesday

Took May and Annie for a walk. Wrote to Arthur McKean.

8 Wednesday

A very cold day. Did not go out.

9 Thursday

May, Annie and I had a long walk across the fields by Wood Lane and Shepherd's Bush. Cousin Lizzie called for Mamma and me at 4 o'clock and we spent the evening quietly with them. Their house 62 Holland Park is extremely nice.

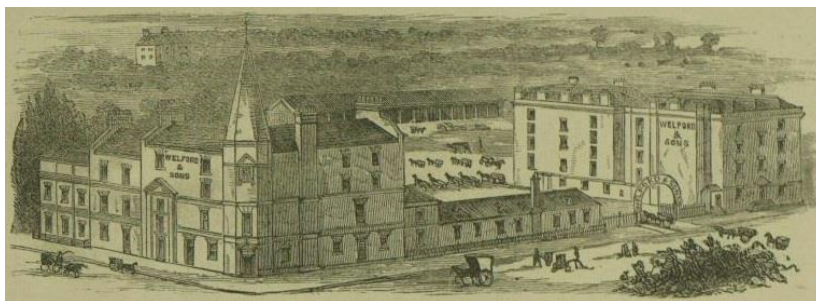


Figure 18. The background to this sketch of a dairy in Elgin Road, 1882, shows the semi-rural setting of the Halley's new home.

A 'walk across the fields' was still possible in 1875, but the surrounding countryside would soon be swallowed up by a rapidly expanding London.

(Illustrated London News)

10 Friday

Took May and Annie for a walk. Mrs Greig, Miss A Greig and Archdeacon Hunter called. Wrote to Mrs Grant. A very cold night.

11 Saturday

Ronald returned to the City. Alick came home from Lowestoft.

12 Sunday

St Matthew's Church.

For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Acts XX, 27.

Presbyterian Church (evening).

Isaiah LIV, 13. Rev. Brooke.

Mr Forbes came in the evening.

13 Monday

Took May and Annie for a walk in the morning. Mamma had lunch with the Aulds.

14 Tuesday

Cousin Lizzie took us to call on Lady Burrows – and on the J Wheelers, Mrs Duckworth and Mrs Wyld – all out. Ronald had taken fresh cold and Dr Coch came to see him.

15 Wednesday

Did some shopping in the morning.

DECEMBER

16 Thursday

Shopping etc. Wrote to Mrs Stewart. Bella Ferguson called and I went with her to call on Cousin Lizzie. Saw John and Willie Watson.

17 Friday

Went to Mme Wraggs in the evening. Mr Hildes gave Willie his last lesson. Wrote to Aunt Loui.

18 Saturday

Willie was at Soho Square from 11 to 4 going through his Exam (papers) for the Epsom College.^[81] Dr Scott called to see Ronald. He has been at home all the week but is getting stronger. Annie and I had lunch with the Garrods. Edith was in bed with a bad headache.

19 Sunday

St Matthew's Church.

"He will subdue our iniquities."

Micah VII, 19.

(Afternoon) John XIV, 27.

Rev. L. Hadow.

St Stephen's Church (evening).

Revelations IV, 1st Verse.

Rev J. Rowsell.

20 Monday

A wet morning. Willie Watson called. I went to see Bessie Johnson. Alick, Willie and I went to Mme Wragg's Soiree Musicale. Nelly, Evie and May were amongst the Performers. It went off very well. There were 50 visitors. We left at the end of the music.

21 Tuesday

Lily Pyke had lunch with us. I called on Rosa Williamson and Josephine Souper. Miss Jopling had tea with us. Mr Watson came in the evening.

22 Wednesday

Went to the Soho Bazaar and some shops. Called on Mrs Macdonald and Maggie and Mrs Wills. Lady Burrows called. Wrote to Annie Hudson, Edith Harland and Miss Boys in the evening.

⁸¹ Epsom College was founded in 1853 as The Royal Medical Benevolent College. One of its aims was to provide one hundred sons of medical men with a liberal education. By the time Emily's brother attended the college, it had expanded and was no longer exclusive to the sons of medical parents.

DECEMBER

23 Thursday

The Belfast hamper arrived – we had had a box from the Jacks. Sent a good many Xmas Cards etc. By last post had good news that Willie has passed his Exam and will enter Epsom as an Exhibitioner.^[82]

24 Friday

Did a good deal of shopping. Received and sent cards – wrote letters. Saw May off to Chalfont. Minnie and Mrs John Richardson called.

25 Saturday

Xmas day. Received and gave presents etc. Went to Church. Text Matt XI, 3. All enjoyed our early dinner. Turkey from Belfast and capital plum pudding. Mrs Almeida and John and Willie Watson called. Alick went to Croydon in the afternoon to stay until Monday night. Ron had a short walk. Nursey had tea with us. The others were out. Wrote to Mrs Wills and Annie Jack.

26 Sunday

Trinity Presbyterian Church.
Sermon on Prayer.
Rev. A. Sapphir.

27 Monday

Nelly and Evie went to Mrs Howlett's to stay until Saturday morning. Cousin Lizzie and the Miss Wheelers called.

28 Tuesday

Painted. Wrote to Mrs Hood, Aunt Rosa, Cousin Mary and Coz. Went to the Aulds after dinner to help them to make the wedding favours. Saw them all – and the beautiful presents and cake. Willie went to Eastbourne.

29 Wednesday

Painted. Went to Miss Jamieson's. Called on the Miss Richardsons and saw Mr John's pictures. Mamma and Annie went to Mrs Greig's in the afternoon. Ronald and I had tea with "Old Soul". Alick was rather late.

30 Thursday

Aunt Loui, little Mary and Uncle Harry came up in the morning and stayed all night and Uncle Albert came in time for tea. Mrs Manby called. We had some music and plenty of talk in the evening.

⁸² An 'exhibition' is a scholarship or bursary offered by a school, college or university, usually based on the result of a competitive examination – students who hold one are called 'exhibitioners'.

DECEMBER

31 Friday

Mrs Dugdale and Clara called. Uncle Albert left about 9 A.M. and Aunt Loui by the 4 o'clock train. Uncle Harry, the boys, Mamma and I had a quiet evening together. Wrote to Lizzie Wann, May etc.

APPENDIX A

The diary used by Emily Halley included a cash account. In the following transcript, the pre-printed material is given in black, the entries and lines added by Emily (which were all written in pencil) in grey. There were no entries for March.

Cash Account – January 1875							
		Received.			Paid.		
		£	s	d	£	s	d
	On hand January 1 st	21	19	8			
1 st	Stamps				-	1	-
-	Present Cozzie				-	4	6
-	Servants (Croydon)				-	6	-
-	Gardener				-	1	-
-	Offertory				-	-	6
-	Postage				-	1	6
-	Bow (hair)				-	2	6
-	Xmas presents				-	4	6
-	Cleaning Gloves				-	1	6
-	Pew opener ^[1]				-	1	3
-	Gum				-	-	3
-	Making Jacket				-	14	-
-	Present Ronald				-	3	6
-	Dress for Braiding				-	1	11
-	Infant School Treat				-	1	-
-	Deposit Saving's Bank				-	10	-
-	Present Alick				-	2	-
-	L[?] Club				-	-	2
-	Boots				1	-	-
-	Ditto lases [<i>i.e.</i> laces]				-	-	2
-	Cab				-	1	-
-	programme				-	-	2
-					3	18	5

Cash Account – February 1875

		Received.			Paid.		
		£	s	d	£	s	d
	<u>Balance on hand</u>	18	1	3	-	-	-
1 st	Cloth for Jacket				1	10	-
-	Making silk dress				1	11	3
7 th	Offertory				-	1	-
-	Missionary Box				-	-	3
-	Grenadine				-	-	6
-	Bill (Miss Owen				3	13	-
-	Gloves				-	2	11
-	Cuffs				-	-	10
-	Present, Mamma				-	1	6
-	Groceries				-	1	-
-	Sundries				-	-	8
					7	2	11
-	Lent				10	-	-
					17	2	11
-	Balance on hand eighteen s. four d				-	18	4

Cash Account – March 1875

		Received.			Paid.		

Cash Account – April 1875

		Received.			Paid.		
					£	s	d
	Cash				-	18	4
	Offertory				-	1	-
	Metlakatlah ^[2]				-	1	-
	Mending Bracelet				-	1	-
-	<u>Eggs</u>				-	-	6
20	Book Miss Reynold				-	1	6
-	Gloves				-	2	6
24 th	Boots				-	5	6
-	Lases etc				-	1	4
-	Flowers				-	-	2 ¹ / ₂
-	Offertory				-	-	6
					-	15	4 ¹ / ₂
	Balance				-	3	-

Cash Account – May 1875

		Received.			Paid.		
					£		
	<u>Cash</u>				1	3	-
-	Cab				-	1	-
-	Photo Frames				-	4	-
19 th	Ices				-	1	-
-	Watch Glass				-	-	6
-	French Gallery Admission and Catalogue				-	1	6
-	Buns and Porter				-	-	5
-	Hat				-	12	6
-	Catalogue				-	-	6
-	Sundries elastic etc				-	-	6
					1	2	-
	Balance				-	1	-
					1	3	-

Cash Account – June 1875

		Received.			Paid.		
					£	s	d
	<u>Amount on hand</u>				2	1	-
	Watch glasses				-	1	-
-	Cake				-	2	-
-	Collection				-	-	6
18 th	Missionary Sub				-	2	6
-	Map				-	1	-
19 th	Strawberries				-	1	-
-	Frilling				-	-	6
27 th	Offertory				-	-	6
29 th	Postcards				-	-	7
-	India Rubber				-	-	2
31 st	Watch (Cleaning etc				-	13	-
					1	2	9

Cash Account – July 1875

		Received.			Paid.		
					£	s	d
	<u>Amount on hand</u>				6	18	6
7 th	Crepe				-	10	6
-	Grenadine				-	19	4
-	Lining				-	-	10 ¹ / ₂
9 th	Boots				1	-	-
19 th	Ribbon, Gloves and Stockings				-	7	2 ³ / ₄
-	Paper and blotter				-	2	2 ¹ / ₄
-	Crinoline				-	1	¹ / ₂
-	Frilling				-	-	11
-	Ices				-	-	4
-	Frilling B[?] Aunt Loui Stamps				-	-	5 ¹ / ₂
-	Repairing boots				-	-	9
-	Offertory				-	2	-
-	Birthday Presents				-	4	3
-	Calico				-	3	7 ¹ / ₂
					3	13	6

Cash Account – August 1875

		Received.			Paid.		
		£	s	d	£	s	d
	<u>Cash on hand</u>				3	15	8 ¹ / ₂
	Miss Jamieson making 2 dresses				1	13	3
-	Repairing boots				-	1	-
-	Gloves				-	4	3
-	Repairing boots				-	-	10
-	Extract of mint				-	1	6
4 th	Boots				-	5	9
-	Gloves				-	3	3
-	Flowers				-	-	3
-	Elastic etc				-	-	7 ¹ / ₂
-	Offertory				-	1	-
-	Frilling				-	2	9 ³ / ₄
-	Buttons				-	-	6 ³ / ₄
-	Elastic etc				-	-	7 ³ / ₄
-	Wool				-	7	5 ¹ / ₂
					3	2	2 ¹ / ₄
	Handkerchiefs				-	6	3
		£	s	d	3	8	5 ¹ / ₄
	In Purse	1	3	3			

Cash Account – September 1875

		Received.			Paid.	
	Collection				1	-
	Neckties				3	3
-	Jug				4	-
-	Bog Oak ^[3]				2	6
-	Soap				-	6
					11	3

Cash Account – October 1875

		Received.			Paid.		
					£		
	Two pounds seven on hand				2	7	-
18 th	Frilling				-	-	7
23	Present Evie				-	3	-
27 th	Toilet Set				-	2	6
-	Lining and Wadding				-	2	-
-	Skating Rink				-	1	6
-	Black Paper				-	-	3
					-	9	10
	Balance				1	17	2

Cash Account – November 1875

		Received.			Paid.		
	<u>On Hand</u>	-	-	-	1	17	2
6 th	Wool				-	10	10
7 th	Offertory				-	-	6
-	Pictures				-	-	5
-	Collection				-	-	6
-	Pincushions				-	1	6
-	Necktie				-	1	3 ¹ / ₂
-	Repairing Boots				-	-	9
19 th	Gloves, Frilling etc				-	4	2 ¹ / ₂
-	Braid and Wool				-	1	5
-	Cotton				-	-	1
-	Studs and Frilling				-	1	9
27 th	Muff, Nursey				-	-	9
-	Skating Rink				-	-	6
-	Offertory				-	-	6
						12	70

Cash Account – December 1875

		Received.			Paid.		
					£	s	d
	<u>On Hand</u>				1	14	7
	Buns				-	-	1
-	Collection				-	-	6
-	Umbrella [?Mama]				-	2	9
-	Toilet Set R.A.				-	5	-
-	Extras				-	-	6
-	Xmas Cards				-	2	-
-	Crumpets				-	-	6
-	Neck-ties A and R ^[4]				-	3	-
-	Almanack				-	-	10
-	Diary				-	2	-
-	Brooch etc				-	3	6
-	Prayer Book May				-	1	-
-	Scissors				-	2	-
-	Russell				-	8	-
-	Nurse				-	1	4
					1	13	-
	Collections and Cards				-	1	-
					1	14	-

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- ¹ More well-to-do families often rented a pew in their parish church for their own exclusive use. These rented pews were often locked to prevent others sitting in them. It was the job of the pew opener to know which pew belonged to which parishioner and unlock them on their entry into the church. The role was usually filled by an elderly woman, who although generally paid from the church funds, especially when her duties extended to cleaning the church, was also widely tipped by parishioners.
 - ² Metlakatla was a Christina community of Tsimshian established in British Columbia in 1862 by the Anglican lay minister William Duncan.
 - ³ Bog oak was a popular material for crafting a range of jewellery and ornaments from buttons and brooches to paper knives and candlesticks.
 - ⁴ Probably her brothers Alick and Ronald.

APPENDIX B

The following material was written by Emily Halley on the blank pages at the back of the diary.

Petites filles Modèles Les Vacances by La Comtesse de Ségur, Hachette^[1]

Macdonald and Field.^[2]

Miss Morley,
364 Cold Harbour Lane,
Brixton

Bagatelle, W.C.W.

Players divide into two parties – red and white. One from each side play together. Red commences – must hit black and if red ball goes into a hole – the number is counted and it is played again until it misses when a white ball is played. If an opponent is sent into a hole it counts for his side. When all the balls have been played without being returned – the next couple take their turn.^[3]

Mrs Wehli
Hotel Cavour
Bagni di Lucca
Italy

Marche des Troubadors [*sic*] by Henri Roubier^[4]

Miss Key Hair-dressers
15 Sheldon Street
Westbourne Terrace.

Miss Harland,
The Tower House,
Bridgenorth.

Good plain buns
Mrs Beeton.^[5]

Silvery Waves,
Wyman.^[6]

	s	d
	14	10 ^½
	15	4 ^½
For Servants	9	-

Miss Angel

Miss Thackeray.^[7]

Motley's History of the Netherlands.^[8]

¹ *Les Petites filles Modèles Les Vacances* (1858) is a children's novel by Sophie Rostopchine, countess of Ségur.

² See diary footnote no. 62.

³ Emily recorded playing bagatelle on 28 May, 17 July and 6 September.

⁴ Henri Roubier's piano compositions, including his 'Marche des Troubadours' (1860), were popular with so-called 'drawing-room pianists' due to their lack of technical difficulty.

⁵ A recipe for 'good plain buns' was among those published in *Beeton's Book of Household Management*, first published in 1861.

⁶ Addison P. Wyman was the composer of various popular pieces for the piano, including 'Silvery Waves' (1869).

⁷ *Miss Angel* (1875) is a novel by Anne Thackeray, otherwise known as Miss Thackeray.

⁸ The four-volume *History of the United Netherlands* by John Motley, published in 1860-67.

FURTHER READING

The original diary is held by the Centre for Research Collections, University of Edinburgh, Coll-1843. It forms part of a small collection of material relating to the Halley family including an account book and correspondence. A much larger collection of family papers can be found in Dundee University Archives, MS 458/4.

Contemporary guide books provide a picture of London as Emily Halley would have known it. Those published in 1875 include: *Black's Guide to London and its Environs*; *Routledge's Popular Guide to London and its Suburbs*; and *London. A Complete Guide to the Places of Amusement, Objects of Interest etc.*

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