

Diary of Thomas George Wilson 1867, "Clifton", Port Macquarie

FEBRUARY

7 THURSDAY (38-327)

2d Month 1867

Close & muggy all the morning – rain in afternoon – George Scott and Henry¹ left for the plains accompanied by the girls as far as Blackman's Point.

1867 2d Month

8 FRIDAY (39-326)

FEBRUARY

Half Quarter Day

Began this Diary today - Cloudy and close. Wrote to Forster about getting grant from Govt. for Dist. Hospl. sent in application to Treasury for £7.2.6 for same Institution - in equivalent for that amt. voluntarily subscribd. from July to Dec. 1866. Wrote also about portable stills to Sydney - went into town in Buggy and took in Henry's Boots to go by postman tomorrow to Rollands plains. No Sydney mail today.

FEBRUARY

9 SATURDAY (40-325)

2d Month 1867

Went to bed with pains - slept ill - and felt heavy and stupid all morn. dozed away all the forenoon in den. Mrs. W². and Totty³ washed the Buggy Roger⁴ not having ret'd. from Mr. Boyle's. Dr. Parsons here to dinner - Young Mr. Nield & Mr. Boyle came in afternoon and all went down to Hamilton to see Janet⁵, who had just arrived in a passing steamer from Sydney to Queensland looking very well after an absence of 4 mos. Marie and she came in the evg. to see us and ret'd. to their own home.

Did not read any today - but thought the noon-day fine tho cloudy & no rain -

Robinson began at the fence of the vineyard - tho' without any orders from me to that effect.

1867 2d Mo.

10 SUNDAY - 5 aft Epiph (41-324)

FEBRUARY

Day fair - tho' cloudy at times - Did my work & had time to read in the morn. before breakfast - all of us went to Church but Missie⁶ who was not well - had prayers as usual in the afternoon.

Read Barnes' Expositions on Isiah 59 ch. first lesson for morn. and was much benefited by it, many things rendered much clearer by his explanations. All went to bed early to prepare for washing day tomorrow-

¹ Henry, also called Harry is Henry Charles Wilson (child 5). ggw

² Mrs W. or Mrs. Wilson refers (mainly) to his wife Ellen Vaughan Thompson daughter of Dr John Vaughan Thompson. ggw

³ Totty or Tottie is Cathcart Martha Wilson (child 7). ggw

⁴ Roger Williamson Wilson (child 4). ggw

⁵ Janet McIver (married to Reginald Edward Halloran). ggw

⁶ Missie is Eliza Jane Wilson (child 2). ggw

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FEBRUARY

11 MONDAY (42-323)

2d Month 1867

Cool morn. heavy dew - washing done by breakfast. Margaret & Sarah MacIntyre here all day. Went in with the girls in afternoon to town.

Tired out with chopping wood had a rest & nap before dinner - too tired to read - Sent Johnny⁷ into town for mail - Roger in with cart, to get empty Bottles & potatoes (1 cwt) from Jack Thompson - wrote to Sands' to sent me up Wilkinson's proper names in the "Bible".

Miss Young accompanied Ellie⁸ from town on a visit to Clifton for a few days. Roger accompanied Mr. Boyle to his place - & took the Cart to bring in some shingles.

Read in Evening - Paul's Ep. to Timothy by Barnes.

Got 2 newspapers only & no letters by post - 1 mail short cannot account for it.

Revd. Mr. Kemp & Mrs. Kemp & children drove out in aftn. Mr. Aug. Kemp also called in on his way to town, had seen nothing of George Scott & Harry. We had a note from Harry all well. Robinson working away at putting up palings round vineyard - slow coach!

1867 2d Month

12 TUESDAY (43-322)

FEBRUARY

Heavy dew - slight rains during the evg. before and in the night, fine morn. Therm. getting lower every morn. Washing & ironing got thro' in morn. Johnny & I washing up Bottles - did enough to bottle off 18 dozen - too tired to run off the wine - so laid down after dressing & took a nap after dinner & got up refreshed. Ellie & Miss Y. out for a ride - first time to mount a horse for the latter - rather timid - Roger returned with Mr. B. & the cart bringing a very acceptable present of some peaches - Missie at Hamilton on a visit there - went for her day - a poor place to ask a friend to stay in!

Read in morn. before breakfast & in afternoon one of "Goulburn's Lectures on Communion" - like them very much tho' don't agree with him in everything he says - his lectures on the Doctrine of the Eucharist are very good and give me a clearer view of the Sacrament than I had.

Steamer "Grafton" left the port yesterday with several passengers & a fair cargo of wool &c. from here.

⁷ Johnny or Jonny is John Vaughan Wilson (child 8). ggw

⁸ Ellie is Ellen Emily Wilson (child 3). ggw

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FEBRUARY

13 WEDNESDAY (44-321)

2d Month 1867

Fine morning - tho' inclined to be cloudy - put back my watch & clock ½ hour - found them too fast by Town time -

Bottled off 18 gallons of "Isabella" 1865, ready now for sale - a very nice palatable wine - as like claret as one can be to another. Very tired & wearied in stooping over the wine, but could not get any nap as usual, in consequence of the fact Mrs. Ormiston's paying us a visit - very vulgar woman.

Read a little from Gibbon's 5 vol only: "Life of Mahomet" but could not get thro' much, too many interruptions -

Roger into Town for corks - came back just in time to see us finish bottling, put in nails to back of slip panel.

1867 2d Month

**14 THURSDAY (45-320)
St. Valentine**

FEBRUARY

Very close & muggy - Therm. high, betokening thunder storm.

Wrote my English letter to my Mother & one to Harry⁹ - and also one to Mr. Hazard in Victoria.

Roger & Tommy¹⁰ getting in wood cut by Widdieson & Melville about a fortnight ago. "Nobbler" ran away with cart & load of wood - capsized Roger on his head behind - but did no damage to either himself or Roger - got in 2 loads.

Read in morg. sub. Elisha the prophet of the Shunammite, representing the great faith in the God of the Hebrews -

George & Henry came in about 3 P.M. they brought cattle down for the Butcher - Heavy thunder storm in Evg. & Plenty of rain - heavier towards the Lake than about here.

Mr. Boyle staid till near 12 at night waiting for it to clear up to go home.

⁹ Mother: Eliza Gibson wife of the late Major General Roger Williamson Wilson living in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England & Harry: Brother, Henry Roger Wilson probably still living in India at this time. ggw

¹⁰ Tommy is Thomas Davenport Wilson (child 6). ggw

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15 FRIDAY (46-319)

2d Month 1867

Very close & heavy in morg. Therm. about 76° at 10 a.m. - Henry getting in some wood & gravel for fowl house. I & Roger cleaned out fowl house - whitewashed with lime & gravelled floor &c. -The Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Kemp here in afternoon & went out with all the party riding -

Went in to Town for the mail - finding it had not arrived by 4 P.M. took Mrs. Rudder out for a drive in Buggy met the Manning River mailman about 6 P.M. with a very heavy mail coming in - got 6 or 7 newspapers and a letter from Treasury tho' -

The Mclvers passed thro' on their way to the Lake & picked up Roger to drive them - staid late & came back just at 12 - every body staying up but self & Totty. Henry went with Mr. Boyle and staid with him all night.

1867 2d Month

16 SATURDAY (47-318)

FEBRUARY

Very warm again -Therm. at 9 a.m. standing at 81° in the shade. In the sun 112°. Too hot to do any work today, so read my newspapers. Roger & Henry returned about 11 a.m. and went out to the Lake to help Mr. Nield with some cattle - George Scott, Arthur Kemp & the girls with Miss Young rode out in the afternoon to the Lake and all came back about 11 p.m. after leaving Miss Young in the town at her brothers.

Stopped Robinson at his work fencing as I could not afford it just now & he was not doing it strong enough - found out from him on enquiry that he was hard up again & must do something for him - can't let his family starve - thought the matter over and decided on allowing him 8/- a week (in charity) and when he worked for me 2/- a day extra.

Mr. & Mrs. Young out here on a visit & to Hamilton.

Dr. Parsons dined here as usual.

FEBRUARY

17 SUNDAY (48-317)

2d Mo 1867

Very hot again & close - tho' fine & no appearance of rain. Went all to church except Tommy - who staid at home. Capt. Sinclair called me out after church & gave me letter from Under Secr for Lands stating that the full amount £147 for repair of road from Port Macquarie to Camden Haven had been passed to credit of Branch of Maqr, in Bank of N.S. Wales. Capt S. wished to see, before it was made use of, what Jordan was going to do on the New England - as he had heard he had several contracts out.

Had prayers in afternoon - & afterwards saw Robinson & told him of my proposed arrangement - for which he seemed as grateful as his gruff nature wd. allow him. Mrs. Robinson up to prayers with little Jenny (?).

The McIver girls¹¹ here joined our party for a walk before tea - beautiful moonlight.

Therm. in the sun about 3 p.m. stood at 123°.

1867 2d Month

18 MONDAY (49-316)

FEBRUARY

Cloudy & muggy, looks like rain - Therm. at 9 a.m. 76°.

George Scott & Henry went away with Arthur & Frank Kemp - and Charley Watt. The latter going up to buy cattle from Scott.

Went into P. Macquarie for the mail in afternoon with Missie & Totty.

Cutting wood all the morg. Roger carting it in.

Eugene Rudder here visiting in morg. The girls Roger & Tommy down at Hamilton for the Evg. came home about 11 P.M.

Read the papers in the Evg. & went to bed tired & weary, no reading otherwise - tho' feeling that I should have done so. Warm night, but bright moonlight - full moon about now.

Robinson at work for half a day 1/- at gateway. In to the Town in the afternoon.

¹¹ This would be Marie Colquhoun (child 5); Helen (child 10) & Agnes Anna (child 12) McIver, the older two girls being already married. ggw

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19 TUESDAY (50-315)

2d Month 1867

Warm & close - Therm. 81° in morning.

After breakfast, drove down to Mr. Boyle's with Johnny & Totty for peaches - got a large box for selves & a cask for the Mclvers which left at Hamilton as we came home. Mr. Boyle took a seat in the Buggy with us - on his way to the Lake this afternoon - picking up his horse at Hamilton.

Robinson at work in the garden today 2/-.

The Mclver girls, Roger & Missie rode out to Thrumpster in afternoon - did not return till late in Evening. Mr. Mrs. Mclver¹² here in the afternoon and Eliza McIntyre staid all night. Very tired & weary - went to bed early - not doing my usual reading.

1867 2d Month

20 WEDNESDAY (51-314)

FEBRUARY

Rain during night & in the morning tho' light. Washing begun & finished before breakfast - looks cloudy & like more rain - Therm. wasn't read, lower.

Carted in with Roger 3 loads of wood - he afterwards went to Mr. Boyle's for the night. Robinson not working for me today - but in his own garden.

Copied music for Mrs. W. in the Evg. no reading again today - somehow or other am delayed in reading every day; miss it very much.

FEBRUARY

21 THURSDAY (52-313)

2d Month 1867

Rain during night - roused up about 2 a.m. by horses & cattle breaking into garden - Mrs. W. put them out & made herself ill by so doing - very foolish in her state.

Copied music all the morning and made a music manuscript book for myself. - Tommy in to Town for several things - reported "Hamish" in.

Roger returned & brought me Ayers Handbook of the Bible from Mr. Boyle - then went down to Hamilton to help Mclver with preparing his wine house -

Dr. Nield called here in afternoon & brought me a note from O'Dowd & Co. stating that they had sent back the 2 casks wine as unsaleable in Sydney - must give them to Mclver to put thro' his still or throw them away.

Drove into Town in afternoon for flour and returned just in time to escape a heavy shower of rain - I saw Mr. Henry Day in town - Janet & Marie here when we returned.

Hospital meeting today - went & found no one there but Dr. Parsons - patient discharged.

Showery all day - "Flying Fish" came in this afternoon.

¹² John Black McIver & wife, Cathcart Anderson Baird. ggw

1867 2d Month

22 FRIDAY (53-312)

FEBRUARY

Rain during night - had to go to bed early last Evg. from a pain in my back, think I strained myself - put a mustard plaster on which relieved it a good deal - slept pretty well.

Packed two cases of wine after breakfast and sent them into town by Roger - 1 case to Geo. Scott with 1 doz. small bottles Clifton for himself and 6 large Bottles Clifton & 6 large Bottles of Isabella for Henry Day, to go up to Denham's punt. The other case to Mr. Rudder - 3 gallons of Clifton.

Sent in Roger for the mail - got my English & Indian letters, but to my great disappointment no remittances. I cannot think what has caused them to neglect sending them - am very hard up - with nearly 3 quarters a/cs to pay - however patience is the only thing. Was in pain yesterday Evg. but read thro' the papers - too sleepy & pained to read in my room.

Paid Robinson 8/4 for 2½ days work and told him not to come up till I told him - he complained a good deal of rheumatism in his shoulder. Showery all day.

FEBRUARY

23 SATURDAY (54-311)

2d Month 1867

Heavy dew - rain cleared off, & Therm. lower. Was in a good deal of pain in my right side all night - took a pill before breakfast.

Did the mangling with Mrs. W. the girls ironing - Eliza McIntyre still here - lively girl! wish she was off home again -

The girls went down to Hamilton to have a bathe - Mr. Nield called & remained about ½ an hour - wants some more wine -

Mended the milk safe & meat safe, with fresh osnaburg¹³.

Was in pain with my side again this Evg. went to bed early.

¹³ What is Osnaburg? Its origins began in Osnabruck, Germany, date uncertain, for which the fabric was named. It was a coarse, strong, plain-weave tow linen often left in its natural color. Fabric might have been similar to or a type of canvas, dowlas or sackcloth, all coarse linens used for cloak bags and cases and clothing for lower classes in the 16th and 17th centuries. It was a coarse, strong, plain-weave tow linen often left in its natural color. Fabric might have been similar to or a type of canvas, dowlas or sackcloth, all coarse linens used for cloak bags and cases and clothing for lower classes in the 16th and 17th centuries. ggw

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24 Sexages SUNDAY (55-310)

FEBRUARY

Fine morg. tho' inclined to be very warm heavy dew. Therm. higher.

No service in our church today - Mr. Kemp being away at Kempsey. The girls & boys went to Mr. Holland's chapel. Mrs. W. & I remained at home -

It was so warm & close that after reading awhile I laid down on the bed and went to sleep with Mrs. W. and we never woke till they all came home from chapel.

Had our usual service in afternoon - Robinson up. Mrs. Widdieson absent. Christie¹⁴ very weak & low today - she can't last much longer -

Went to bed early, so as to get up early in the morg. for the washing, but could not sleep for a long time.

Read an excellent sermon on Fasting or preparation for Lent, and one portion of "Ecclesiastes" before bed time. Children reading and saying catechism to Roger who attended Sabbath School in the morning.

Ellie had to go to her bed & lie down after coming from church, has a sore throat & cold & does not feel well - am afraid she should not have bathed yesterday.

FEBRUARY

25 MONDAY (56-309)

2d Month 1867

Very heavy dew. Therm 58° fine morning for the washing - which was got over early & before breakfast - Ellie better this morning & up, but not washing - Christie still very weak.

Webber's bull let our weaners out of White's paddock - Roger & Johnny after them & found them in front of the paddock. The girls went in the Buggy to town for mail - got my letters & papers, read the latter during the Evg. The girls preparing for Hamilton vintage tomorrow - getting their hats &c. ready. Boys & I cutting up wood in morg. sent Roger in to town to see if anyone wd. contract to take grapes - but could find no purchaser. Went thro' the vineyard & found the grapes ripening very unevenly - am afraid I shall not make much wine.

¹⁴ Family nurse called Christy (or Christina Anderson) was Mrs Wilson helper for 36 years. ggw

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26 TUESDAY (57-308)

FEBRUARY

No reading again today - must go down to Hamilton to see how they are getting on - Bottled off about 5 gallons of "Clifton" - and gave 2 gallons to Mrs. W. to be planted in the cellar.

Vintage going on at Hamilton will not be so much wine as last year - very hot & sultry in aftn. - came on to rain about 8 P.M. and kept on with every prospect of a continuance -

Mrs. Boyle & young Nield returned with the girls from Hamilton about 9 P.M. Nield went home - pitch dark- Boyle remained here all night & occupied Henry's bed.

Had a letter yesterday from Under Secy. for Finance &c that the sum of £7.2.6 was placed to my credit in Union Bk on a/c of Port Macquarie District Hospital.

FEBRUARY

27 WEDNESDAY (58-307)

2d Month 1867

Heavy rain & strong S.E. wind all night, put a stop to Hamilton vintage for a while - fear it will do the grapes no good - House must be unpleasant to live in - Cartie & Caswell & the 2 children down as well as Janet, so that with a house full & that a dripping one - it wd. be anything but agreeable.

Shaved off my moustaches, found them very inconvenient, in the way - have had them from 10 Dec. & could stand them no longer.

Mr. Nield here again this morn. so got him & Boyle & Roger to cut up some more wood. Nield walked down to Hamilton afterward. Mrs. W. & I did the mangling. Every appearance of more rain - if it continues there will be no mail on Friday - sorted my newspapers & copied music

Read Dr. Guthrie's lecture on the blessedness of the Saints - an excellent discourse & encouraging to him who desires to follow in His Master's footsteps.

Wrote to Mr. Boyce to send me 400 labels for my "Clifton" & "Isabella" wine - 200 of each - one in red - the other in black ink.

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28 THURSDAY (59-306)

FEBRUARY

Rain off & on during the night - but inclined to clear up - Notice sent up from Hamilton that no picking of grapes will take place today.

Cooler this morn. Therm. much lower.

Kingsford sent back my vat. Copied music all the morn. feel disinclined to do anything else -

Roger returned from Mr. Boyle's - Tommy having holidays from school while the vintage is on.

Went in to town in aftn. in Buggy, with the girls - left Ellie at Mrs. Young's on a visit for a week. Saw the Doctor who had been ill & was not looking at all himself. Met McIver there & learnt from him that he wd. go on with the vintage if the weather permitted.

Attended the Hospital meeting, but found no one there - Mr. Kemp had been there & left. Dr. came in & we left together. No patient in. Mrs. Cheyne not well.

Copying more music in Evening - & making me too disinclined to go to my room to read before going to bed. God forgive me! but I feel as if I was not fit to study his word - tired & sleepy & weary as I am.

MARCH

1 FRIDAY (60-305)

3d Month 1867

Heavy rain during the night, but a strong wind from S.E. seemed inclined to keep the weather clearer - had one or two showers in the forenoon - & about noon it cleared off. The girls & boys from here went down to Hamilton to get on with the vintage - ground very wet put my office in order - swept &c. & nailed up the ceiling - went down to vineyard - and found grapes very backward - do not think I shall be ready for my vintage for a week or 10 days.

This day last (March 2/66) we had our vintage. Hamilton vintage was on the 14th Feby & 2 succeeding days, much later this year.

Christie very unwell this morn. & unable to get up & come in to prayers this morn. went in to her room & read to her there before - one verse.

Drove down to Hamilton in the afternoon & left Totty & Mamma there to help pick grapes - while. I went into town - I went & Mr. Boyle went with me - no Sydney mail in - posted 2 letters - and went back to Hamilton for Mrs. W. & Totty. The rest came home about 9 o' clock - very dark & raining.

Read introduction to Ep. to Titus before going to bed. Boyle remained here all night.

Saunders' children out for food, begging for something to eat, gave them a good dinner.

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1867 3d Month

2 SATURDAY (61-304)

MARCH

Raining a good deal in the night & in the morn. The girls & boys & Mr. Boyle went down aft. breakfast to Hamilton to finish vintage.

Killed 3 young cocks & found them improving in condition. Saunders the Gunner out here for a few shillings on a/c of the wood he has cut for me - gave him 5/- and an order on Madden for 50 lbs of flour. Cleared up about 10 a.m. as if rain was going off.

Dr. Parsons dined with us, only 4 of us at home - after dinner Dr. volunteered to run up "Dickie" for me to accompany him on to Hamilton - but did not succeed - nearly killed myself with laughing at him - he went home & I caught Gypsey & rode down to Hamilton to send boys home to drive strange cattle out of paddock, let in by Webber's bull - returned from Hamilton with Missie & Janet who is to stay with us for a day or two. Vintage there completed - raining off & on during day. All tired & went to bed early. Missing mails came in today - no letters only papers which can wait till tomorrow.

MARCH

3 Quinquages SUNDAY (62-303)

3d Mo 1867

Fine morn. very heavy dew - sign of hot day - rain cleared off, tho' cloudy. Went in for Roger's boots to clean - found Henry & George Scott in one bed - had come in about 12 o' clock & turned in there instead of getting beds properly made - considerate tho' foolish.

Went to church & were too late - getting in while Mr. Kemp was reading 2nd lesson, very warm in church. Mr. Boyle asked to dine by me - & came up. Notice of Sacrament to be given for Sunday next & services on Wednesday & Friday during Lent.

Henry drove Janet to Hamilton in afternoon - George & Missie accompanying & returning with him to tea. Read Barnes' notes on Titus till bed time.

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4 MONDAY (63-302)

MARCH

Very heavy dew. Therm. as usual - prospect of warm day.

Roger went with Cart to Mr. Boyles for peaches. Mr. Hughes came to speak with me about the road, went down & looked at it with him and arranged work with him - to begin with town road by Edwards' corner. Very close at noon Therm 80°.

Met Dr. Nield going into town. Henry drove Mrs. W. into town for some things for himself & to get the mail. Henry, a/c of clothes amts to £2.17.0 which he is to pay out of £30 a year allowed him by George Scott.

Got the papers - my pass Bk. a blank cheque book - and a letter from Perrott - Court to sit on 28 March.

George, Missie Henry & Tommy went to Lake tea with the Misses Fraser - returned home about 10 o'clock, did not get to bed till nearly 12 - talking & sitting up. George & Henry go away in the morning.

MARCH

5 Shrove TUESDAY (64-301)

3d Month 1867

Fine morn. heavy dew, sign of a warm day. George Scott & Henry getting ready to start as I left for the Court had 3 or 4 cases - of no great importance. Small debts Court day - one case - O'Neil v. Doherty took us some time - decided for plaintiff.

Dined with Dr. Parsons, and went on board the steamer Grafton with him. She came in this morn. on her way from Kempsey to Sydney - for wool & maize & passengers. I met young Dolly Cheers for the first time, a very vulgar mannered fellow to judge from appearances. Went up to the jail with Mr. Young to get a signature from Murphy a prisoner, who, after my reading a lease over to him, refused to sign - had my ride there for nothing. Rode out to Hamilton with Dr. P. and found McIver over his grog - had a bottle of wine with him McCarthy came in & joined - left Mcl. very drunk - I am sorry to say.

Mrs. & Missie doing the washing today.

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6 Ash WEDNESDAY (65-300)

MARCH

Heavy dew during the night - causing me much pain - I scarcely slept all night.

Mrs. W. Missie & Totty & I went to church and after church went to the Flagstaff to see Mrs. Halloran off by the steamer which came in close for her - shall not see her for some time I expect.

In the afternoon attended Captain Morton's funeral - about 40 accompanying. Ellie still away at Mrs. Young's - Mr. Young went down to Sydney by the "Grafton".

Roger not at all well - sleepy & heavy all day - effects of cleaning out Mclver's vat.

Very warm - Therm. high 80°.

Introduced to Mr. Storey - new Harbour clerk (?) who told me that the Court was to sit on 28 March.

MARCH

7 THURSDAY (66-299)

3d Month 1867

Fine morning & cooler.

Roger went to Mr. Boyles for change of air - not feeling well.

Ironing & mangling done this morn. Went to Robinson & paid him 12/- & 4/- before - making 16/- for 2 weeks from Feb. 23. Sat: to Sat: Mar. 9 for which he owes me 4 days work - 2 days work in each week for the 8/- I allow him.

Webber's bull very troublesome - letting down fences & bringing in strange cattle into paddock - boys had great work hunting them all out.

Went down to Widdieson to mend the fence & found him busy making wine, could not come - so must get Robinson to do it. My vintage will not be ready for 2 weeks yet.

Paid cheque to Widdieson £1.17.10 up to this date.

Robinson put up the broken fence - beginning at 4 p.m.

Went in to town - attended Hospl. meeting paid Mrs. Cheyne £1.11.2 and 7/8 to McD & Co. & £1.19. to Spence for rent due - nothing to do at meetings - Mr. Kemp & Dr. Parsons present. Spence absent but voted present - Mclvor too late.

Saw Misses Fraser - gave Miss Mary music for Louie Brown.

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8 FRIDAY (67-298)

MARCH

Cloudy & very like rain - but none fell. Therm. very high - night very warm.

Roger absent still at Mr. Boyles - After breakfast set to work with hoe & rake to clear pathway to fowlyard & in it - found it hard & hot work with blunt hoe - knocked myself up - had to leave off & dress again & lie down. Read one of Goulburn's Lectures on Communion Service to prepare myself for recvg. the sacrament on Sunday - found it a very good one. Tommy away at Hamilton helping Charley with cattle.

Missie & Johnny rode into town taking "Dickie" for Miss Mary Fraser & "Countess" for Hannah Holland - called here on their way to Hamilton and brought my mail - a letter from Sydney announcing the death of Jane Bird - in confinement, very sudden & unlooked for - but no further particulars, so healthy & in the prime of life - truly in the midst of life, we are in death!!

Rain came on during afternoon & continued till late. Mr. Boyle staid the night - Roger staid at home too - read one of Goulburn's Lectures on the Doctrine of the Eucharist - second time of reading - find them full of interest.

MARCH

9 SATURDAY (68-297)

3d Month 1867

Fine morn. clear - wind southerly -

Mr. Boyle went away before bfcst. Tommy to school - Roger and Johnny to Widdieson for unripe grapes &c.

Sent Mclvor yesterday 2 hogsheads, he had 4 or 5 others before - but I do not recollect the number - got 2 back - think he owes me yet 4 or 5.

Roger & I got in 2 loads of box wood cut up by Saunders the gunsmith & found it splendid burning wood - several loads more to bring in - paid him 10/- for it all.

George Scott came down with cattle for McKeown & Mallinson - Henry did not come as there was no occasion for his assistance on the road.

Mrs. Day wrote for Missie & Johnny to go up on a visit to Glenesk for a while - but they cannot go till next time¹⁵.

Got the labels from Boyce, Kempsey for the wine - & satisfied with them.

¹⁵ The Days reside at Glenesk but so does Henry Charles Wilson who seems to be working there for George Scott. Exact situation is unknown. ggw

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**10 Quadrages SUNDAY (69-296)
1 in Lent Ember Week**

MARCH

Fine morning -

All went to church, leaving Tommy at home to take charge - staid to partake of the sacrament. Saw Mr. Kemp after service - he applied to me to lend Mr. Eden some money, but I declined, as I had none to spare. Roger rode in "Rascal" to school - and after church while saddling him, he got away & gave George Scott, Mr. Boyle & Roger a good deal of trouble to catch him again. Mr. Nield & Mr. Boyle came during our afternoon service & stayed all the evening - Mr. Boyle went home - Nield staid all night so as to get away early in the morg. to receive cargo from "Grafton" steamer which came in with 41 Invalids for Benevolent Asylum.

MARCH

11 MONDAY (70-295)

3d Month 1867

Fine morg. tho' cloudy. Mr. Nield went away very early in morning - 4 a. m. before light. After breakfast Roger Johnny &. I went to work to split up wood - and then brought up one load of Widdieson's wood - and one load of Saunders' - latter with 2 horses. Roger away in afternoon with Charley McIver¹⁶ to shoot on North Shore. George Scott in to town to see his brother-in-law Cheers. Missed him while in at Mrs. Tozers. Steamer went away at 8 a.m. Arranged that it is to come in every month & to call off close every fortnight, for passengers. George Scott & girls out for a ride in afternoon. Mrs. W. not well - bad headache &c. Tingcombe called - but would not stay - as he was engaged at the parsonage. Mr. Eden called to request that Tommy shd. attend at the school at 9 tomorrow morg. to stand examination from Inspector McIntyre -

Got only 3 Heralds & 1 Chronicle & no letters - instd of 4 Heralds.

¹⁶ Charles McIver (child 11). ggw

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12 TUESDAY (71-294)

MARCH

Fine morg. cooler - Therm: 58° & cloudy.

George Scott went away before bkfast - on Dickie - leaving his horse Whisper (?) here for his intended to ride. When I got up this morning found about 20 strange cattle & Fred Webber's bull in the paddock - got George¹⁷ to hunt them out before he went with his dog, gave the bull a good dressing.

After bkfast. Roger & I got in 2 loads of Gunner's wood with 2 horses - rode "Rascal" backwards & forwards in company with Cart. Dr. Nield called & took away Johnny for a visit to the Lake -

Tingcombe called here with Mr. & Mrs. McIver on his way home. Tommy in at 9 o'clock this morg. to examination by Inspector of schools - sent in gig mare to be shod. Roger rode in to town after dinner for some things for washing - and then on to Mr. Boyle's to feed his cat. Mr. B ordered to remain in town by Dr. Nield to be seen tomorrow evng by him.

Read a/c of Jubilee Meeting of British & Foreign Bible Society's Sydney Mission & found it very interesting.

Robinson working in garden all day -

MARCH

13 WEDNESDAY (72-293)

3d Month 1867

Heavy shower during night - fine morg. tho' cloudy - and an occasional sprinkling of rain. Mrs. W. unwell during night, had to rise several times.

After bkfast tried to put a string in piano - but could not succeed - all snapping short, tho' warmed. Roger mended back of sofa - and then he & I got in 2 loads of wood (Saunders) last of the lot he cut for me.

After dinner labelled 172 bottles of wine with my printed labels. Mr. L. Rudder & his sister Melanie here during afternoon - walked out. Mr. Boyle dined here & remained all night, intending to go to church this Evg. with Roger & the girls - but looks too stormy to go out. Tommy not examined today. Insp: doing examination of Public School (Lobbans). Rode "Rascal" again today - very quiet - like him much.

No reading again today - interrupted when about to do so in afternoon. Robinson working in garden all day.

¹⁷ This is, I think the first reference to George John Wilson (child 1), the eldest son of the family, most other references seem to refer to George Scott. ggw

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14 THURSDAY (73-292)

MARCH

Fine morg. Therm: lower.

After brkfast. Mrs. W. & the girls went to the washing & Mr. Boyle went into town.

Robinson came up & borrowed Tom Thumb, to go into town for flour, did no work in garden today.

About 12. Dr. Nield called for me to go to the Lake with him - staid all night. After dinner took a walk thro' "Cathi" paddocks "Churchill" to see the sugar cane - some looks well & other but indifferently.

Mrs. Nield looking & feeling unwell - saw Johnny there - enjoying himself as he said - but I think he fancies it is a great bore to play with Frank.

MARCH

**15 FRIDAY(74-291)
Ember Day**

3d Month 1867

Beautiful morg. cool & pleasant. Enjoyed a very pleasant walk up & down the stone verandah at the Lake - reminding me of my old time there - staid till 1 o'clock lunched & came in with Dr. N. & walked up from the road - leaving Johnny there to ride "Rascal" tomorrow home - paid a pleasant visit to the Lake - they were very kind & hospitable - tho' I did not sleep much - owing to usual reasons.

Robinson not at work today - Billy being ill - & he unable to leave home.

Drove into town for the mail - got 3 papers and a letter from Mr. Foster M.P. replying to mine relative to Hospital grant. Paid a visit with Ellie to the Crummers & Capn. Sinclair - and Dr. Parsons, Mr. Boyle & Roger went out to Melford abt. 8 P.M. I went to bed early with pains. Evg. looking like rain - Southerly wind rising.

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**16 SATURDAY (75-290)
Ember Day**

MARCH

Rain during night, morg. cloudy -

Johnny returned from The Lake about 11 on "Rascal". Mangling & ironing going on this morg. Feel tired with my ride to Lake - read papers & saw death of Agnes Fletcher in Sydney.

Robinson not at work today - his children not well.

Tommy brought word when he came from school that Mrs. & Miss Holland were coming out to see us - staid in all the afternoon but they did not come - the weather being so changeable & showery. Dr. Parsons dined with us & went away early in afternoon - Tommy & Willie Holland out after horses - Tottie to Hamilton on a visit for the day - came back about 8 with Roger -

Read in Evg. Barnes notes of "St. Paul to Philemon".

Steamer "Grafton" outside - trying, the Doctor tells us, to come in - for passengers.

MARCH

**17 SUNDAY 2 in Lent (76-289)
St. Patrick's Day**

3d Mo 1867

Cloudy & showery in the morning - but cleared off about 8. Went to church leaving Jonny at home to take charge of house - Roger had a fall turning sharp over bridge at 3 water holes - & hurt his side & back - I heard the children read & found Tommy just as backward & stupid in reading as ever - Johnny better up in his catechism than either of the others.

Marie & Ellie & Aggie McIver¹⁸ walked up with Mr. Boyle from Hamilton to prayers - Mrs. Robinson & Mrs. Widdieson also attending

After prayers walked thro' vineyard & decided to have vintage this wk. don't think the grapes will get any riper, tho' they are far from being ripe as they ought to be for wine. The girls walked back with the McIvers towards Hamilton and got wet from a shower.

Read remdr. of "Philemon" & finished that volume.

¹⁸ Agnes Anna McIver (child 12). ggw

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1867 3d Month

18 MONDAY (77-288)

MARCH

Beautiful morn. fine & clear - Therm: 59° heavy dew.

Washing got on with & afterwards mopping out house - which wanted it - Roger Tommy & I cut up wood - and then washed out vat for wine. Tommy in to school. Wrote to Sands to get me some books by Steamer - and to Mr. Forster the Member for this Electorate, in answer to his note recd. by last post.

Wrote my English letters and after dinner went in to town with Mrs. W. & Tottie - leaving the latter at Mrs. Hollands for the night. Got my mail - and went down to Hamilton where we got some quinces for making preserves. Was in pain during Evg. could not go to bed as Mrs. W. had retired & Mr. Boyle was here - wished him anywhere else.

Robinson not working today - getting wood for himself.

Roger cleaning casks for wine. Girls out for a ride with Mr. Boyle in to town. Waited for Kempsey mail to come in for letters from Glenesk - got one from Henry.

MARCH

19 TUESDAY (78-287)

3d Month 1867

Had a wretched bad night - not five minutes sleep or cessation from twitching pains all night - got up morn. unrefreshed & tired - took a pill before bkfast & eat nothing.

Robinson up here cleaning out wine house - Roger cleaning casks. Too weary to do anything, read lecture from Goulburn & went to sleep before dinner - much better afterwards.

Mrs. Holland & all her young ones except Willie paid us a visit walking, bringing Tottie back with them - came on to rain before they had been here ½ hour - and cont. all Evg & all night. They could not go home so staid here, Hannah & Roger going back to tell Miss Holland where they were.

1867 3d Month

20 WEDNESDAY (79-286)

MARCH

Had a very good night & slept soundly & woke refreshed & free from pain.

Mrs. Holland & her family went away after bkfast - Roger coming back with a horse saddled for Mrs. H. about ¼ an hour after they had started the back way in the Cart. Went into town again with led horse & cloaks.

Mrs. W. & Girls making quince jam - got some from Hamilton & some few of our own - & splendid jam it turned out.

Roger & I racking off "Isabella" and preparing casks &c. for vintage - very tired in Evening - Began Barnes' Notes on Hebrews & only got thro' a portion of Introduction.

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MARCH

21 THURSDAY (80-285)

3d Month 1867

Beautiful cool morn. Therm. 50° signs of winter drawing on - clear & fine - decided on beginning vintage today.

Set Roger & Tommy to prepare wine house - roller &c. (?) Robinson in the garden in forenoon - vineyard in afternoon - Went in to town in Buggy and got 7 gallons of strong brandy, @ 27/6 per gallon - from McDonald Ewen & Co. Went to Police office and registered brand - & paid 15/- fee to Govt. and 5/- to Ormiston N.T. for drawing out application. He paid me for 2 doz. wine "Clifton" 24/- & ordered another dozen. Ironing got thro' in the morn. & after dinner all hands to work picking grapes. Picked about 1½ cart loads of grapes - and put them in to Press to be pressed tomorrow.

Very tired in Evng. and went to bed early. Mr. Boyle remained all night.

1867 3d Month

22 FRIDAY (81-284)

MARCH

Fine cool morn. Therm: 52°.

All hands picking grapes in vineyard except Tommy - Robinson & self in wine house - preparing grapes, about 3 cart loads - making the 227 gallon vat full to about 18 inches of the top. Mr. Boyle in to town before bkfast - returned & reported steamer in - The McQue. Crown prosecutor arrived by her. Perrott walked out to Clifton about dinner time.

Drove in in the aft. Missie, Marie & Perrott in the Buggy, got my mail 5 papers & 6 letters - remittance of £150 from H.R.W. a letter from my Mother but no remittance - expecting the death of Louisa Strother - late Melb. Letter from Jane Thompson also.

After tea enclosed Draft for £150 to Manager of Union Bank and sent it in to be registered by Tommy- to be sent in steamer mail - sent a few grapes in also for Brenan & the Judge - Perrott returned with us in the Buggy to stay here - got a bag of corn from Maynard.

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MARCH

23 SATURDAY (82-283)

3d Month 1867

Fine sharp morg. cool & bracing.

After bakfast - Mr. Boyle Roger Tommy & I set to work to rack off the wine from vat. filled one hogshead and put into it 7 gallons Brandy best @ 28/6 per gallon - and left the remdr. to ferment.

Read my papers & wrote a letter - too tired to do anything else.

Dr. Parsons came to dine with us, and went away shortly after dinner. The girls & the Hamilton girls went out towards the Punt to meet George & Henry. Rain came on with a thunder storm - and they all came back wet thro' Mr. Day with them. Roger & Boyle also staying here - a whole house full. Mr. Day made his return and his declaration before me.

Rain continued all the Evg. with every prospect of a continuance thro' the night.

Robinson not up here today.

1867 3d Mo

24 SUNDAY 3 in Lent (83-282)

MARCH

Rain during night, morg. cloudy and threatening - cleared up after bakfast over to let us go to church.

Perrott, the girls & myself in Buggy - the others riding - Mrs. W. & Totty staid at home. Read prayers in afternoon - Robinson & Mrs. Widdieson attending. Roger & Boyle went away in Evg. to Melford for the night. I heard the children read.

MARCH

**25 MONDAY (84-281)
Annunciation V. M. Lady Day**

3d Month 1867

Rain during night, looking cloudy and like a continuance of it.

George & Henry in to Town on their own business - gave Henry £1 cheque - George paying him £5 on a/c of salary thro' me - "Rascal's" price.

Tommy & I cutting wood by ourselves all the morg. Roger & Boyle away -

After dinner George - Missie - Henry & Johnny made a start for the Plains it looked very black out that way. Ellie, Tommy & Marie accompanied them to the punt and there met with Roger & Boyle. Perrott & I drove into town for the mail - got one newspaper - and just got home in time to escape very heavy rain. The girls got it - Marie was obliged to remain here all night & send for her dress. It rained heavily for some hours - Boyle remained here.

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26 TUESDAY (85-280)

MARCH

Morg. still threatening - and raining occasionally.

Washing commenced after bkfast - so Perrott & I went into town and dined with the Dr. and returned about sundown. Paid some of my A/cs overdue - McD. Swan & Co. £45 - Wilkins - Blair & Maddin - and brought home from the latter a Bag of 4½ sugar to put into my wine 70 lbs. Roger & Tommy helping washing for a while & Roger then cutting wood with Boyle while Tommy went to school - Boyle & Roger went away for the night to Melford.

Robinson borrowed ropes &c & got some tin to mend his roof - did not work for me.

MARCH

27 WEDNESDAY (86-279)

3d Month 1867

Beautifully fine morg. clear & very heavy dew -

After bkfast Tommy Mrs. W. & I put into a hogshead¹⁹ all the wine that was drawn off after making the "Clifton", and filled it up, putting in 70 lbs sugar - making about 100 gallons this season.

After dinner - drove in the Buggy with Perrott, Ellie & Tottie. Paid Young £30 on a/c of a/c rendered. Heard of the death of Mrs. Manning of Blackman's punt - of strangulated hernia after childbirth.

Roger & Boyle returned in afternoon. Roger took Cart in - and called for George Scott's lime - and took it to Young's stores - to be sent by first punt to Ballingarra - brought back with him the case of Bottles sent down by George - which when unpacked turned out 10 dozen sound & one doz. broken - paid Denham 2/6 for freight by punt.

¹⁹ A hogshead is a large cask of liquid, eventually standardised as 238.5 L (52.5 imp gal) of wine but varied in different locations and for different contents. ggw

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28 THURSDAY (87-278)

MARCH

Fine morn. good deal of fog & very heavy dew - all got up earlier than usual to be in time for Court after bkfast. Drove Perrott in to town & picked up Mclver on the road walking.

The Judge got thro' the criminal business before lunch - giving one man Platt six years with hard labour on roads or public works - and the boy Slater 12 months imprisonment in P.M. Jail - the other case remanded till next sessions. Lunched with the Doctor - in company with Mclver and Boyle & then went down to the Court again, where I was detained by rain. Agreed to be one of the Sheep Directors for the District of P.M. together with Dr. Nield - Douglas Scott, Tingcombe & Lachlan Lindsay of Huntingdon - paid Tingcombe 8/- for the 3 pronged hoe - Litchfield 3/7 & Denham 2/6.

Went to the Meeting at Hospital - quorum met - and sanctioned admittance of Simon Carman - spoke to Litchfield about Simon's paying 2/6 per day and was told to apply weekly and it would be paid. Attended Mrs. Manning's funeral at sundown - poor fellow! a sad house for him to go back to - without his wife.

MARCH

29 FRIDAY (88-277)

3d Month 1867

Fine morn. heavy dew & mist.

After bkfast cleared pathway in garden and contracted with Tommy for a new bridle to keep it always clear as well as the other one - Walked down to N. England road to see Hughes' party making the bridge. Drove into Town with Perrott & Ellie - to dine with Dr. Parsons & to hear Mr. Meyrick (?) play on the organ - went to the church where he was performing, but did not like the idea of making the church a concert room: the audience sitting in the pews talking on indifferent subjects - so left & went down to the Doctors & sat there - a large party assembled 17 or 18 and partook of a nice luncheon. Got my mail and left Ellie in Town to go to the entertainment this Evg. with Capt. Sinclair's party - Roger Tommy & Boyle went also - Perrott & I drove down to Hamilton to see Mr. & Mrs. Mclver & ret'd. to tea - paid Mclver cheque for £5 - loan - read papers and went to bed about 11 P.M. boys came home later - Boyle slept here.

Roger got in one load of wood from Gunner's.

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30 SATURDAY (89-276)

MARCH

Morg. cloudy & close inclined to rain - Therm: high.

Just Roger in after bkfast in Buggy to town for Ellie - Tommy went with him to school. Robinson up here today at work in the garden.

Roger took Buggy down to water hole and washed the Buggy before dinner - Taylor helping him as well as he could.

Mclver & Brenan came in to dinner according to invitation & Dr. Parsons a short time after. Came on to rain after dinner - Mclver went home with Tommy in his Buggy who was to bring it back to take Brenan home - but it rained too hard and we kept him (Brenan) here all night. Dr P. went home - very heavy rain all the afternoon & Evg. & some during the night. Brenan slept in my office.

Had a game of whist in Evg. & went to bed about 10 P.M.

MARCH

31 SUNDAY 4 in Lent (90-275)

3d Mo 1867

Morg. cloudy & very much inclined to rain - however it cleared off towards 10. And we went to church, Mrs. W. & Roger staying at home.

When church was over - it was pouring with rain - so had to get cloaks etc from Dr. Nield & Crummer. Brenan rode Jeny in before church but did not get off in steamer as he anticipated.

Read prayers in the afternoon & went to bed early.

Did not read any today - except the service - very heavy & sleepily inclined.

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1 MONDAY (91-274)

APRIL

April fools' day - children very busy at it - morg. cloudy - with glimpses of sun. Therm: 74° at 11 am -

Cut wood after bkfast with Boyle & Roger - Tommy cleaning a path in the garden to the little house. Robinson up cleaning out the vat and putting mash in a heap in the garden - only worked half the day and went into town in afternoon - paid him 8/- for last week.

Rode "Rascal" into town for mail with Perrott - Ellie & Boyle - Brenan not off yet, got 2 letters - one from Bank acknowledging recpt of £150. and sending up blank check book - other from Sands about books - returned in time to escape rain which set in again.

My pains troubling me in Evg. read my papers and went to bed early suffering considerably - left Perrott sitting up reading with his glass of wine.

Met Dr. Nield today - he asked Perrott to dine with them at the Lake tomorrow with Ellie - sent in his a/c agst. £5 for the bull - charging me £1.10. for Gypsey's being stinted to Entire & 15/- for fattening white cow pet. Sharp work! after all the accomodation he has had from me at different times.

APRIL

2 TUESDAY (92-273)

4th Month 1867

Passed a very bad & restless night - & got up in pain - unrefreshed & weary.

Cloudy - and raining at intervals in morg. set in heavily & steadily about noon and kept on all the afternoon. Put in after bkfast 2 rows of white stone & 2 rows of swede turnips in garden, and came in tired & wet with perspiration - laid down & had a nap before dinner. Perrott was to have gone out to "The Lake" to dinner but would not go for fear of getting wet. Tommy in to town early & got "Trim" Mrs. Tozers horse shod for Perrott's use while here -

Mrs. W. Roger & Ellie washing before bkfast. Tommy in to school. Robinson not up today.

Raining up to a late hour and looking like a continuance of it. Copied some music and went to bed early with pain in my foot troubling me.

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3 WEDNESDAY (93-272)

APRIL

Weather changed - beautiful morning, very heavy dew. Therm: however rather high 74° at 9 a.m.

After bakfast Roger took the Cart to Boyles for some pumpkins - Perrott went into town on Trim on his own business and Tommy & I washed Bottles and bottled off 2 dozen remt. in keg, left off for want of corks small enough for our bottles.

Robinson came up but told him be need not come today - as the ground was too wet to work in the garden -

Dr. Parsons & Brenan called in afternoon to make up a riding party for tomorrow. Perrott went out to The Lake with Dr. Nield & returned about tea time. Boyle remained all night.

Read one of Alford's sermons of the Love of God - and re-commenced reading Morheims Eccl: Hist: part 1. 2nd century: sat up late - kept by Perrott talking from going to bed as I wanted - Fine night stars shining -

APRIL

4 THURSDAY (94-271)

4th Month 1867

Fine morg. tho' inclined to be warm - Therm: 74° at 9 a.m. & 83° at noon.

Perrott went down after bakfast to Dreco's (?) Ck. to take a sketch of the town from that point and jibbed at going up the river to look at the view with Brokenbago in the background - rode down to Dreco's Ck with him - & left him there food for myriads of mosquitoes. Rode round by New England road & saw Hughe's party at the bridge, was delayed by his chattering for nearly an hour. Roger & Boyle went shooting by the beach. Thunder about noon. Ironing got over by Mrs. W. & Ellie - Robinson up today mowing down grass in front patch.

Ellie & Tottie and Ellie McIver²⁰ joined Mr. Brenen's riding party to Tacking Point and went nearly to the Lake turn off from the beach, came back about 8 p.m. Ellie with a sore throat. Boyle & Roger retd. about 9 - without any fish - could get no bait. Boyle remained here all night.

²⁰ This would be Helen McIver thought she was later called Nell. ggw

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**5 FRIDAY (95-270)
Dividends due at the Bank**

APRIL

Very heavy dew - the fence in the front could not be seen about 6 a.m. - cleared off about 9 - and turned out a very warm day. After bkfast Perrot & I & Boyle rode into town - having heard the steamer's gun fire early - Perrott found his horse had arrived by her & decided on leaving the horse - and taking the mare up with him - got her shod in hind feet - & found her very quiet. Did not go to ride on the beach toward Nobby - but remained in town till the Doctor's dinner hour 1 p.m. & Perrott & I dined with him.

Got 2 papers by the mail per steamer, no mail from the Manning - river up - Biddell had to swim them. Steamer went off about ½ past 5. Brenan & Lipscomb in her. We all returned home about dusk - Mr. Nield with us - he staid till 9 & went home.

Ellie not at all well - sore throat & cold. Mr. & Mrs. McIver in town looking out for a house - heard from Missie - by Douglas Scott - who came down for his wife - sent "Nobler" in for him in Evg.

Robinson working in the garden in the forenoon - only ½ day, he went into town with some of his own fowls for the steamer & sold 9 couple @ 2/6 per couple.

APRIL

**6 SATURDAY (96-269)
Old Lady Day**

4th Month 1867

Very heavy dew again - cleared off by 9 - and turned out very hot. Therm. 83° at 10.

Robinson working in garden - and clearing out grass from front patch.

After dinner went in the Buggy into town with Perrott & Ellie & Tottie - got a can of kerosene oil & a lamp chimney at Youngs - ordered 2 Bags of Corn @ 2/6 a bushl. and 1 cwt of seed & 1 cwt of seeding potatoes from Maynard.

Perrott trying his mare in the morning to see if she were quiet enough for him to take up -

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7 SUNDAY - 5 in Lent (97-268)

APRIL

Fine morn. but warm -

Went to church after bfast, Tommy staying at home - Perrott riding "Jenny". Mr. Allnutt preached and read a very good sermon.

On coming down the hill into Horton Street from the Church - the McIvers met with an accident. The horse tripped and fell broke the shafts and rolled over - no accident to the ladies. Drove Mrs. McIver & Ellie home - Marie went to Clifton with Ellie and staid to dinner. Ellie McI. & Aggy & Boyle came up to afternoon service. Robinson & Mrs. Widdieson also attdg. Read Barnes in the Evg. Hebrews. Tried the "Clifton" of this vintage 1867, found it very sweet & no flavour of the brandy - but no fermentation. Perrott ordered 10 gallons to be saved for him.

APRIL

8 MONDAY (98-267)

4th Month 1867

Fine morn. heavy dew.

After bfast Perrott started with Naylor's horse riding - and leading the mare packed - she went very quietly. Rode out with him as far as Mahers where young Nield was waiting for him to go as far as Henry's²¹ (?) - came back and helped the boys cut up wood.

Roger & Tommy had a great hunting after Webber's bull which got in last night -

Paid old George on a/c of Mr. O'Reilly £1 due 1st March - and Robinson yesterday 8/- for week ending Satd. 6th Apl. and Thompson 6/6 for potatoes.

Went into town in the Buggy with Mrs. W. & Ellie - the latter to get her tooth extracted - but it was too cold & damp.

Saw old Simon in the Hospital - found him very weak & I think dying - ordered mosquito curtains for him to be made at once. Came on very wet while we were in town & we all got thoroughly drenched before we got home - Marie with us shared the same fate and remained at Clifton.

Got 4 papers and 2 letters - bought a new pair of spectacles which proved too high a power for me, and made my head ache - must exchange them.

Had letter from Henry & Johnny who talk of returning soon. Robinson not up here today - Maynard brought 3 bags Corn @ 2/6 per bushel and 2 cwt of potatoes - gave him a bottle of "Clifton" to try.

²¹ Probably at Long Flat - "Travellers' Rest". [This comment & question mark were in the original (typed) transcript, meaning is unclear. ggw]

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**9 TUESDAY (99-266)
Fire Insurance ceases²²**

APRIL

Rain off & on all night again - and every appearance in the morg. of a continuance.

After bkfast cut up wood with Roger & Tommy - making a good heap which will last a fortnight or more. Could not go to Court in consequence of the rain - case Naylor v. Cooper for threatening language. Boyle remained all night - came in last Evg. wet through - Marie storm bound - staid here & likely to be so.

Robinson not up here today - rain contd. all day and evening Boyle remained tonight also - his clothes being wet he had to be made up as well as we could manage with him - Roger went in to town for some stuff for Ellie - who is suffering from toothache.

APRIL

10 WEDNESDAY (100-265)

4th Month 1867

Rain all night again - pouring - morg. looking like a continuance of it - for it has scarcely left off for a minute up to 12 o'clock - wind strong in puffs from S & S.E. Boyle slept here last night.

After bkfast went to cut up wood again - Boyle helping us - have got a good heap now.

Rain pouring all day - read and dozed thro' the afternoon.

Roger & Tommy got 2 horses & bareback without shoes or stockings - went to Hamilton & Melford - to see if Mr. Boyle's things were wet - report that the punt road was or had been 4 feet under water. Everything all right at Melford - river rising. Ellie's toothache better.

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11 THURSDAY (101-264)

APRIL

Rain again almost all night. Morg. also very wet. Therm: remd. nearly all at 60° scarcely varying 3 degra after bkfast - Boyle Roger Tommy & I cut up wood for an hour - raining nearly all the time.

Roger went into town - for some salt - exchanged my spectacles for others - which are also too strong & must be ret'd. He got 2 packages of magic photographs to amuse themselves with in the Evg. Read 2 sermons (excellent ones) by Alford on the death sacrifice & resurrection of Christ. Had a slight attack of my pains - went to bed early.

Evg. wet with every appearance of continuance of it - the wind changed however now to the E. & N.E. which may bring better weather.

Roger reports that neither Mr. Kemp nor Mr. Nield have returned.

²² I thought this might have been a personal note but other diaries for this year show this comment on the same date. ggw

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APRIL

**12 FRIDAY(102-263)
Cambridge Term ends**

4th Month 1867

Fine morn. clear & beautiful - Therm. at 59° very wet under foot. Mrs. W., Ellie & the boys commenced washing after bkfast. and I put out the Buggy, harness &c. in the sun to dry. Boyle still here - too wet for him to go home last night.

Boyle & Roger went to Hamilton & then on to Melford - found the road very much under water - had to take off their boots to keep their feet dry even on horseback - got wet from a shower before they got in.

Ellie & I drove down to Hamilton with Marie and left her there - and went on into town for bread &c. - clouds gathering to westward made us quicker in our movements, but we got a little rain before we get home. Rain came again heavily for the night - and looked as bad as ever.

1867 4th Month

**13 SATURDAY (103-262)
Oxford Term ends**

APRIL

Fine morn. heavy dew. Therm: lower looks like clearing up.

After bkfast got Buggy & harness out again to dry and then worked in garden - put in 2 rows of rhubarb and 2 rows of cabbage & broccoli. Came in tired & hot - and laid down but was soon disturbed by the old Doctor coming to dinner. After dinner he bothered me till I consented to go down to Hamilton with him - found McIver pretty groggy - staid about an hour and came back. Met Revd Mr. Kemp who had just come in from the plains - the river & Bunker's Ck very high - Johnny left behind at Glenesk and Missie at Willesbro'. will be some time before they get back I expect.

Mrs. Young & all her young ones walked!! out to see us - such roads to walk on. Mrs. W. & Tottie went back half way into town - and had to go nearly up to their knees in water by short cut. Mr. Boyle & Roger returned, the former remaining here all night.

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APRIL

14 Palm SUNDAY (104-261)

4th Mo 1867

Fine morg. heavy dew.

Mr. Boyle here last night - seems to have taken up his residence here.

After bkfast, went to church leaving Mrs. W at home - were too late coming in just as they were in the psalms - dislike very much this late entrance with church. When service was ended it was just coming on to rain - hurried down to Mr. Youngs for cloaks etc. and drove home - got a little wet on our way - took home Melanie Rudder. Boyle dined here & went home immediately after afternoon service - looking out anxiously for George & Missie - but were disappointed. Fine moonlight night & promising fine weather

Mclver not in church nor up here. Mrs. Widdieson & Robinson attended afternoon service at Clifton. Mosquitoes very troublesome in Evg. drove me to bed earlier than usual.

1867 4th Month

15 MONDAY (105-260)

APRIL

Beautiful morg. bright & clear - got up earlier for going to bed early 6 o'clock - fed the fowls, had my coffee & sat down to read before dressing - got bkfast over by ½ past 8 in order to allow Tommy to change his hour of schooling to 9 instead of 2 o'clock.

After bkfast - Roger & I began to pick the corn seed - got & cleaned 3 bags of cob-corn which we laid out in Barn - Mrs. W. & Ellie ironing & teaching Tottie her lessons. Robinson up here working in garden putting in potatoes bought from Maynard.

Drove into town in afternoon with (about 2 George, Missie & Johnny returned from the plains) George, Missie & Ellie - no post - while we were in the town - Henry arrived for Dr. Parsons to go to Mr. Day at Glenesk who was dangerously ill of dysentery - Dr. P. went away about 6 p.m. with Henry - wd. not get up till midnight. Paid Robinson 8/- for last week.

APRIL

16 TUESDAY (106-259)

4th Month 1867

Fine morg. clear & bright.

George went into town after bkfast and retd to dinner - Boyle came about 12 to go to the plains with George - they started about 2 p.m.

Robinson up working in the garden today - self writing & making up my Book for Hospital a/c audit tomorrow.

After dinner the girls rode to Hamilton & into town to ask some of the young ladies here tomorrow Evg. to join in a dance on Henry's birthday - Mrs. W. & I drove down to Hamilton & took in Ellie Mclver to town with us. No mail in. Returned by sunset after taking Ellie home - Tommy at school all day. Johnny & Roger in Watt's paddock looking for Nellie Holland's pony - Dr. Parsons had not returned when we left town.

1867 4th Month

17 WEDNESDAY (107-258)

APRIL

Fine morg. Henry's birthday²³ - 16 today.

Robinson up working in garden. Wrote to my Mother & made up a/cs. Went to town by myself in the Buggy to get the young ladies & attend the quarterly meeting at Hospital. Found no one there but Mr. Mclver & Spence, waited for some time & adjourned till next Wednesday. Mr. Kemp forgot all about it - Dr. Parsons returned about 5, called to see him & found him looking tired & anxious - said Mr. Day was a little better but by no means out of danger. Met George & Henry driving in the cattle sold to McKeown & Mallinson, accompanied by Boyle - Roger - Tommy & Johnny - quite an army of stockmen. Told Henry we were to have a party - at which he seemed highly delighted. Picked up on my way home Miss Young, Hannah Holland & Melanie Rudder kept it up till 12 o'clock dancing & Henry drove them all home. I went to bed about 10 - cold and in pain. They all seemed to enjoy it very much & had a beautiful moonlight night to go home in.

APRIL

18 THURSDAY (108-257)

4th Month 1867

Fine morg. Therm: 54° heavy dew & rather cool.

George & Boyle in to town after bkfast. Henry & Roger after McIntyre's bull which got out in the night. Johnny & I cutting wings of fowls & putting in more in Cock Yard - 25 in it now.

Robinson up here working in garden - putting in potatoes. George's Bull was found in Mclvers paddock by Charley - they went out and put him into Webber's paddock.

Henry & Roger went about 4 to the plains, but too late to overtake the Doctor who went about 2. Roger is to return with him tomorrow George & Boyle remaining here - Tommy out with Willie Holland for horses & Johnny in to town for 2 snuffers - from Wilkins.

Writing English letter which must go tomorrow.

²³ Actually NO, in his Baptism Entry Henry Charles was born on the 15 April 1851 at Aberbaldie and baptized in The Parish of St. Peters, New England District by Minister H. Tingcombe. The Family Bible does say 17th ggw?

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19 Good FRIDAY (109-256)

APRIL

Morg. cloudy. Therm: rather higher.

All went to Church after bkfast - Tottie remaining at home - "Flying Fish" in the harbour - come in for McCarthy's wine.

Very much inclined to rain - drizzling slightly on our way home from church.

Robinson not up today.

Drove in again in the afternoon with Ellie & Tottie for the mail - got 6 or 7 letters and 9 papers - 1 Herald missing. Town looking very dull - everybody out walking or enjoying themselves quietly. Got my parcel from the "Flying Fish" - book from Sands - "Wilkinson on names of the Bible" - Boyle & George here all day & remained the Evg. Posted my English letters & one to O'Dowd & Co. Shops all shut up. Got a letter from Perrott who had been stuck up by the rain & flood at Henry's for 10 days. Also one from Mr. Foster M.L.C. enclosing one to him from Under Secy. refusing aid to Hospital.

APRIL

**20 SATURDAY (110-255)
Hol at Com Pleas & Law Offices**

4th Month 1867

Morg. fine but cloudy.

Boyle went home after bkfast.

Boys took Buggy down to the Lagoon with "Gypsey" and washed it clean - self reading newspapers - George idling about & flirting with the girls & getting information as to purchasing furniture &c.

Drove into town after dinner with George & the girls for sugar & coffee - and to get Ellie's and Missie's teeth drawn - but Maddin was too ill & nervous to do it. - so deferred till Monday. Posted letter to McDonnell in Sydney for 3 pairs of spectacles. Robinson not up today.

1867 4th Month

21 Easter SUNDAY (111-254)

APRIL

Morg. fine - heavy dew -

Went to church after bkfast - George & Johnny riding - staid Communion and rode home "Rascal" George drove home Buggy -

Boyle & Roger went to Plains at 4 - McIver & Robinson up to service in afternoon.

Read first chapter of Wilkinson's Personal Names of the Bible - am disappointed with the Book - it is not the thing I wanted: must write to Revd. A.B. Davis Hebrew Rabbi in Sydney for information & must go on with my Hebrew studies.

Christie ill today - could not come in to prayers this morg.

APRIL

**22 Easter MONDAY (112-253)
Hol at Chan, Com Pleas & Law Offices**

4th Month 1867

Morning cloudy - drizzling at times - and inclined for more.

Easter Holidays commencing today - only Tommy & Johnny at home.

Webber's bull in at White's paddock - broke down 2 panels of fencing.

Drove in to town with Mrs. W. & girls to get mail &c - got 4 papers. Mr. Maddin tried to take out Ellie's tooth - but it was too fast in & he was afraid of breaking it - so desisted - Missie was afraid & wd not have hers extracted. Saw Dr. Parsons. Mr. Eden walked out in the morg. for his Bill - paid him £1.10.0 and agreed that Johnny & Tommy shd. go to his school for £1.10.0 a quarter. Easter holidays commenced today & last for a week. Mr. Eden & his two daughters going to the plains afraid that they will have a wet time of it.

Robinson not up today.

1867 4th Month

**23 Easter TUESDAY (113-252)
Hol at Chan, Com Pleas, & Law Offices.
St. George**

APRIL

Rain almost all night & in the morg. The 48th anniversary of my birthday²⁴ and 22nd of my wedding day - made a present of a pair of gloves - a comb & a belt to Mrs. W. Went in to a Hard (?) vestry meeting to appoint churchwardens & to pass a/cs - myself for the Trustee - Mr. Brown for minister & Mr. Crummer for the pewholders were elected - Mr. Spence going out - Mr. McIntyre present besides Mr. Kemp just making a quorum of 5, the requisite number. Dined afterwards with Mr. Kemp at the parsonage and left about 4 p.m.

Got 2 papers from the mail by the steamer which came in and went out again in afternoon.

Rain all day. Dr. P. heard from Mrs. Day - that Mr. Day was much the same - & left it to himself whether to go up or not. Dr. very undecided, afraid of floods.

James McIntyre out here in afternoon - left his bull here in the paddock - stops very quietly. Rec'd £10. from church wardens to pay Mr. Mclver on a/c of debt due to him. Robinson not up today. Sent Mclver a blank full cheque bk on Union Bank - to be ret'd. to me.

²⁴ NO, not according to the "East India Register and Directory/ India Register", 1820 2nd Edition; Bengal Army - Births "June 30, 1819 The Lady of Lieut. R.W.Wilson of a son", he did get the wedding right though. ggw

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APRIL

24 WEDNESDAY (114-251)
Oxford Term begins

4th Month 1867

Rain, rain again all night off & on miserable work for those out in it & those in leaky houses - McIvers not able to move in yet & this weather will be against it.

After bkfast Tommy Johnny & I cut up some wood for about an hour but did not split it - left that for Tommy to do in the morg.

Rain, rain all day - Mrs. W. & the girls at work at the sewing machine, self reading & writing - and after dinner - mended the wood tressle for sawing on -

Douglas Scott called on his way home - & brought back "Nobbler" would not stay - it was raining hard - & he was afraid it wd get too dark for him to cross Bunker's Creek - brought down word that Mr. Day was better. Could not attend the Quarterly Hospital meeting - which has already been adjourned 2 weeks.

1867 4th Month

25 THURSDAY (115-250)
St Mark

APRIL

Heavy rain & wind Easterly all night - there will be some awful floods after this - rain pouring down & in all directions - the paddock seemed swamped - it was coming down in my study - and obliged me to take down my maps. House pretty dry - but this driving wind will be sure to drift in under the shingles.

Tommy split up the wood we cut yesterday, Johnny milked - Poor McIvers - I pity them - neither house nor kitchen dry !!

Tommy went into town for flour & then to Hamilton to see how they were getting on in the wet. Marie was away at Nellingowan. During last night the chimney between Drawing room & Mrs. McIver's bedroom fell in with a portion of the wall - without any further damage than to a few pictures &c - but I fear it is but a forerunner of the downfall of the House - lucky they have taken the house in town. Rain discontinued during afternoon - and looks like clearing up - tho' night has set in very dark.

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APRIL

26 FRIDAY (116-249)
Cambridge Term begins

4th Month 1867

No rain during night - morg. fine tho' cloudy & looks as if it were going to clear up.

Washing commenced & got over by bfast time which was at ½ past 10, but it is a good job over -

Sharpened the saw - and cut up wood with the Boys for an hour - lit fires in all the fireplaces to dry the rooms.

Mclvers began to move in this morg. but did not send us notice to bring our cart - Boyle came here about 1 p.m.

Went down to Hamilton in afternoon. Saw Mrs. Mclver & the girls except Marie who was up at Nellingowan. Mr. Mclver in town - found Hamilton in a wretched state - it is nearly time they moved up. Met Mclver returning from to town after taking in one load -

Sanderson little girl out here for a blanket - sent her into kitchen for something to eat & forgot her blanket - God forgive me for my neglect - must try & send it tomorrow. Rain came on slightly during afternoon - looking cloudy towards night. Boyle here all night.

1867 4th Month

27 SATURDAY (117-248)

APRIL

Came on to rain again during the night and kept it up as heavy as ever - lucky they got the clothes dry yesterday. Maynard sent Maria Haywood out about 9 - with 9 lbs pork & for his a/c - sent him a cheque for £5.14.6. The old rascal ought to be ashamed to get the poor girl out here in such weather.

Cut wood with Boyle & the Boys till 12, came in and laid down - pain troubling me - rain rain still on at 12 noon.

Sent Tommy to the Gunners with 2 Blankets & an order for some flour, meat, tea & sugar - this weather must be sadly uncomfortable for them - God help them! for if we in more prosperous circumstances feel discomfort - what must they feel who know not where to get a meal - nor clothing to cover them from the wet & cold.

Rain, rain until late at night - went to bed early with pains.

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APRIL

28 Low SUNDAY (118-247)

4th Month 1867

Rain again about all night - and this morn. set in with every appearance of more. In pain and could not get up till just before bkrfast. Could not read prayers in the forenoon but was obliged to lie down & read almost all the morn. under blankets. Read prayers in afternoon in drawing room - had fires in all the fire-places in the house - to get things as dry as we could. Showery by intervals during the afternoon - tho' very cloudy.

Turned out all the horses into bush for shelter - and cows - too cold & bleak in this paddock for them -

1867 4th Month

29 MONDAY (119-246)

APRIL

Morning finer - tho' still cloudy - and showery - Therm 69° at 9.

McIver going to move in today I think²⁵ - Mehan's Cart having gone by - Tommy went down with ours.

All the horses came home this morn. but Rascal & Boyle's two - he & Johnny going after them - pains troubling me this morn shall have to rest today from work. Horses found close by the Race Course.

McIvers moved in - and left the old gentleman in his glory alone in the kitchen at Hamilton. Mr. Boyle & Johnny down to Punt road to see if it was passable - found too much water on it to cross - & high water - so they returned. Tommy not at school today - as he was assisting the McIvers in with their things. James McIntyre here to see after his Bull - cannot cross him yet - so must leave him in the paddock.

Read "Prairie" nearly thro' - years since I last read it. Boyle & Johnny went in to town in afternoon to see the flooded river - found lots of driftwood &c on the beach & heard reports of a wreck somewhere off Point Plumer. Rain still on during the Evg. tho' only at intervals.

²⁵ From this time on the McIvers seem to live in town (named later as "Beach House") and work at Hamilton though either Mr. McIver or Charlie seem to be at Hamilton at any one time. ggw

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APRIL

30 TUESDAY (120-245)

4th Month 1867

Morg. looking clearer - tho' showery.

Mrs. W. made up her mind to wash - and got thro' with it before dinner. After bkfast Boyle & I rode down the punt road to Melford to see how his things were getting on - found all right - water had been high - but not up to his house - road in a dreadful mess - water a foot over nearly all of it - except on highest parts of it. Went to Hamilton on our way back - and Dr. Parsons there having a glass of wine with Mclver. Went to Clifton for dinner - Dr. with us. After dinner - drove the Buggy in to town with Boyle - taking in about 3 barrow loads of wood for the Mclvers at Beach House - found them comfortably fixed there.

Paid Robinson £1 for 2½ weeks and brought out some flour & sugar for him - poor things! I expect they are nearly starving! and I have the two families of Robinson & Sanderson to provide for - God help me to do my best for them - for they are sorely in want of help this weather - when no work can be had. Boyle returned & staid at Clifton tonight. Tommy & Johnny went to school today together from 9 to 4.

1867 5th Month

1 WEDNESDAY (121-244)
Holiday at Bank Transfer Offices.
St. Philip and St. James

MAY

Fine morg. - clear & bright & cool - Boyle after bkfast took the Horse & Cart to Hamilton to take in to Beach House the dining room table - self split up wood - with borrowed axe of Boyles. Had my hair cut & then laid down to rest before dinner - After dinner, got up Rascal - and rode out to see the Gunner - and to order some more wood when he could cut it. Saw him & found him better - but not able for hard work yet.

Met Boyle with the Cart returning from the town - got him to go & get a load of wood from the scrub - Gunner's cutting - he brought 18 logs - which we found too much for Nobbler and threw off 6 of them in the paddock.

Robinson brought up some clothes prop sticks.

MAY

2 THURSDAY (122-243)

5th Month 1867

Very foggy & misty this morg. - tho' evidently clearing up. Had pains all night - and my finger very painful - where I had had a splinter. Did not get up till just before bkfast - and laid down afterwards again needed the blankets. Dr. Parsons here wanting me to go & dine with him & Mclver - could not go felt too unwell - & he would not stay.

Gunner's little girl here with a bag, gave her something to eat - poor little girl! a cup of cold water in Christ's name will meet with its reward -

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3 FRIDAY (123-242)

MAY

Fine morn. clear & cooler. Did not feel at all well - took a pill last night - which griped me a good deal. After bakfast rode down to Mclver's to see him & to give him £10 on a/c of his loan to the Church - he said he would prefer to let it run on till it could all be paid at once - so brought it back.

Went in to dine with Dr. Parsons & get my mail - only one paper. Ellie & Tottie drove in the Buggy in the afternoon. I sent back my horse by Boyle to Clifton & drove Mclver home to Hamilton. Kempsey mail came in late.

MAY

4 SATURDAY (124-241)

5th Month 1867

Morn. clear - but still not quite inclined to clear up.

Boys not at school today - being the usual weekly holiday. They went down to Hamilton to help Charlie Mclver look for a black heifer - could not find her - they staid then to dinner and helped him to cut up wood.

I went down with Robinson to the road opposite Gaul's and cleared away a wider space for the Buggy the road being still dangerous.

Dr. Parsons out here to dinner & went away about 4 p.m.

No letters from the plains - but expect to see some of them tomorrow.

1867 5th Mo

**5 SUNDAY - 2 aft Easter (125-240)
Mohammedan Era 1284 begins**

MAY

Morn. set in pretty fine tho' it came on cloudy & drizzling after bakfast.

Went to church - Missie staid at home. Dr. Neild's Buggy broke down in the front spring - had to get the loan of MacDonald's Dogcart to take them home. Mr. Kemp away at Kempsey - Mr. Allnutt reading the service.

Had service in the afternoon - Mrs. Widdieson & Robinson attending.

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MAY

6 MONDAY (126-239)

5th Month 1867

Morg. drizzling & cloudy - tho' clearer. Boys went to school after they got their bkfast.

Webber's Bull put down fence in 3 diffn. places - and let out Perrott's horse & Paddy - which joined a mob of horses outside - tried to run them in on foot but could not - got James McIntyre to go after them - & after a long chase he got them in - must speak to Fred Webber about his Bull. McIntyres took away their Bull with some of Farrell's cattle & crossed them all over to Goolwah.

Missie & Ellie in the Buggy and Boyle on horseback went into town to see Mr. & Mrs. Day who came down on Saturday - he was better - tho' still very weak. Boys came out from school in Buggy. No mail from Sydney - only one from Tinonee (?)

Boyle stayed here all night.

1867 5th Month

7 TUESDAY (127-238)

MAY

Rain rain all night - the heaviest I have heard for a long time - there surely will be another flood in consequence. Morg. set in cloudy drizzling and misty - clearing up a little towards noon.

Cut up wood with Boyle & boys after bkfast. for an hour - Tom & Johnny put in two rails in slip panel at the back - saplings adzed down - to keep Webber's bull out if possible -

Pains troubling me all night tho' not seriously - yet suff. to keep me restless.

After dinner Mrs. W. the girls & I drove in to town to visit Mrs. Day & Mr. Day - whom we found much better - paid a visit also to Mrs. Young - who is looking very large again. Got home again just in time to escape a shower. Rain during Evg. at intervals - Boys not at school today - too wet.

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MAY

**8 WEDNESDAY (128-237)
Half Quarter Day**

5th Month 1867

Rain again during the night off & on. Morg. drizzling. They were going to wash- but the unsettled state of the weather made them put it off. Boys not at school again today.

After bkfast cleared up - washing taken in hand - to get it over before Mrs. Day comes here to stay till she can get a way home - Mr. Day going to Maitland on the Steamer which is expected daily.

Told Widdieson to defer getting stuff for stable till I think over it - got no money to spare just now - and I don't like to build on another man's ground more than I can help. Tommy & I put in 4 or 5 panes of glass in the dining room - instead of whiting putty - we used bits of cork. Part of the House washed out in afternoon - had tea in the drawing room. Boyle here all night, slept in my office.

Maynard sent up 14 lbs pork as ordered with some trotters etc.

1867 5th Month

9 THURSDAY (129-236)

MAY

Morg. broke fine - & looked as if it were going to clear up - but rain came on at intervals during the day.

Boys went to school today. About ½ past 11 drove to town for Mr. & Mrs. Day - who came out to dine. Caught a shower going in - and another coming out: Dr. Parsons joined us at dinner. Mr. Day better today - tho' still looking very ill.

I could not attend Hospital meeting today, told the Dr. to make my excuses, pains troubling me.

Ellie & Missie drove Mr. & Mrs. Day in to town about 5 p.m. and landed there safely at Watt's. Mr. Edwin Naylor & Mr. Crummer here in afternoon - to ask Mrs. Wilson to perform at the Concert on Queen's birthday - in aid of the Church funds.

Clearer in Evg. no rain - tho' still very cloudy - went to bed a little after 7 with pains in my leg prognosticating a bad nights rest. Tommy after school went down to Hamilton and remained there all night to keep company with Charley as Mr. Mclver was in town.

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MAY

10 FRIDAY (130-235)

5th Month 1867

Bad nights rest from pains - did not get up till just before bkfast. pains still troubling me all the morn.

Boys went to school - and Mrs. W. & girls set to ironing - self lighted a fire in drawing room & read there, as my office is too cold & damp after this rain.

Rode in to town with the girls in afternoon - to get any mail if arrived. At dinner Tommy brought me out 2 Heralds by the steamer Grafton which came in about 11 a.m. and is to go out again tomorrow about the same time. No Manning mail today - Kempsey mail in late so that we did not wait for it.

Mr. Boyle here for Cart & Nobby went with Tommy to cut & bring in some Canes for the Steamer. Called & Paid a visit at the Rudders - to see old Mr. Rudder - he was out with Mrs. L. Rudder.

1867 5th Month

11 SATURDAY (131-234)

MAY

Morning finer - but still cloudy - pains troubling me slightly this morn.

After bkfast drove in to town with Missie for Mrs. Day - Mr. Day went away in the Steamer to Sydney - called for Melanie Rudder. Drizzling off & on all the morn. but came on pretty heavy after we got home.

Got a copy of Christopher Cockle's Experiences²⁶ from Dr. Neild 6/6 to pay - paid Mrs. Cheyne £1.12. up to next Monday - May 20th. Got ½ cwt of potatoes from Madden.

Old Mr. Rudder paid us a visit in the afternoon - and about sundown George Henry & Roger came in with a mob of 27 horses from Glenesk to take to Maitland for sale - Boyle went away but retd. with them all wet thro' - had to provide things for him.

Ellie & Tottie drove in Miss Rudder to town for coffee &c - caught the shower - and got wet. Had a house full - and enough to do to find sleeping room for all. Roger not looking well - paid him his 5/- for his birthday which had forgotten to give him before.

²⁶ The Book "Australian capers, or, Christopher Cockle's colonial experience By Old Boomerang" is available for download from Google Books. cac

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MAY

12 SUNDAY - 3 aft East (132-233)

5th Mo 1867

Rain during the night - and this morn. George up at daybreak & round the paddock to see if his horses were right & found it so - put them all into White's paddock.

Roger went to Sunday School - but there were no children & only 5 people in church.

Rain rain off and on all the morn. - heard the children read & say their catechism - did not have prayers in the morn.

Read service in the afternoon - & in the Evening had a dreadful thunder storm - lightning & rain - went to bed early with pain in my left side - & not feeling well - read in my room before going to bed.

1867 5th Month

**13 MONDAY (133-232)
Old May Day. Easter Term ends**

MAY

Morn. set in fine & clear - and looking as if inclined to clear up - George & Henry busy early shoeing their horses.

After b'kfast I went down & bled a mare belong. to the Grange man - took 2 quarts of blood. Roger & Mrs. Day went away home to Glenesk - Mr. Boyle accompanying them as far as the punt.

Tommy & Johnny at school - after school brought back mail 13 papers and my spectacles from McDonnell - one glass broken to pieces - must send it back. The Minute Book & Acts of Sheep Diseases set of 18 bks sent to me. Rain seems to have cleared off - a shower or so in the morn. but none after 12.

After dinner Missie & Ellie drove into town - George, Henry & Boyle riding. Did not come till after dark - George made up his mind not to go tomorrow.

Had a cup of coffee & some bread & went to bed. Night fine & clear.

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MAY

14 TUESDAY (134-231)

5th Month 1867

Morg. clear & fine - had a very bad night. About 12 had a severe griping fit & was obliged to take 10 drops of laudanum which quite finished my sleeping backed up by considerable pain - got up in morg. unrefreshed & in pain - and took a pill to carry off ill effects.

Dr. Parsons rode out while we were at bakfast to see the horses - was pleased with them - went away & carne back to dinner. Henry & Boyle in to town - Boyle got spilt - and his horse stuck in the drain. Henry & Johnny in to town again in afternoon - late when they returned. Got thro' some more of my papers - and had a sleep which refreshed me a little before dinner.

Mr. Hughes out here and kept me talking with him for more than an hour. Great consultation in drawing room in Evg. about white kid gloves &c &c. Robinson up working in Mrs. W's. garden paid him 12/- up to end of this week.

Manning mail came in late - but Henry could not get the mail as the postmaster was not there. Maynard brought me out a Bag - 5 lbs of maize.

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15 WEDNESDAY (135-230)

MAY

Morg. cloudy - but no rain - Boyle went into town before bakfast & got the mail that came in yesterday - one paper Herald for me -

About 11 George & his party started with the horses - Boyle & Tommy going with them as far as Camden Haven River - & Johnny as far as Palmers. Horses got away very quietly - Johnny retd. about ½ past 1 & reports they were all right. A slight shower about noon - but not heavy - got thro' all my papers.

Robinson up here working in Mrs. W's. garden.

Roger returned from Glenesk abt. sundown - left Mrs. Day all right at home -

Began to read "Christopher Cockle" to the ladies this Evg. found it a very amusing book. Johnny sent into town for sugar & a bar of soap for Robinson - brought me out a Church Chronicle which came yesterday.

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MAY

16 THURSDAY (136-229)

5th Month 1867

Morg. fine tho' cloudy - & drizzling at times. Washing commenced before bkfast - got that about ½ past 10. Johnny went to school after milking the cows - Bessie, Mclver's black heifer -

After bkfast wrote to my Brother & Niece, for the English mail -

Tommy & Boyle retd. about 2 o'clock with report that they had made the Camden Haven River the day before 22 miles - and camped out in the paddock - crossed the horses over the river at Middlemas' ford, found it about half way up the saddle flaps.

After dinner drove in Mrs. W. & Ellie & Tottie – Tottie remd. at Mclvers - I went to the Meeting at Hospital - Mclver, Kemp and Dr. there - elected me to act as secty in place of Spence resigned - did not audit the a/cs. Roads very heavy - did not get home till dusk. Mclver staid in town - Tommy went down to Hamilton to stay with Charlie. Read Christopher Cockle in Evg. This reading out aloud interferes a good deal with my own reading. Must leave off at ½ past 8.

Robinson at work today in garden.

1867 5th Month

17 FRIDAY (137-228)

MAY

Morg. cloudy & drizzling - Missie's birthday²⁷ - 20 years old today - and out of her teens. Gave her Birthday gift of 5/- and wished her many happy returns of the day. Tommy went to school from Hamilton & Johnny from this: Boyle & Roger cutting up wood - self settling away newspapers & writing to my Mother.

Robinson up in garden today but did not work after dinner as it was wet - so it counts only as ½ a day.

Roger & Boyle in to town after dinner to see if the Steamer & mail had come in but neither had arrived - Roger brought back my letters for home foolishly - fear they will miss this mail. Rain came again pretty heavy & constant with strong N.E. wind towards Evg.

Read Chr: Cockle again last night. Sat in the drawing room for Evg. as the fire smoked in the dining room with the N.E. wind. Missie heard from George - they had got safely as far as Holey flat.

Christie very ill today - does not expect to live over the day - but that she says so often that we are not now alarmed at the symptoms.

²⁷ Not according to the Newspaper references from the time, Eliza Jane Wilson was born "On the 10th May, at Aberbaldie, New England, Mrs. T. G. Wilson, of a daughter." [The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser 2 June 1847]. The Family Bible does say 17th. ggw?

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MAY

18 SATURDAY (138-227)

5th Month 1867

Rain almost all night - morg. clearer but still cloudy. No school today - Boys cutting up wood in wood-house for ironing - girls ironing - do not feel well this morg. - so shall get to no work - Christie better today - up to prayers in morg.

Robinson not up today.

Shelled about 2 Bushels of corn for fowls - and picked the remainder out of the patch -

After dinner about 4. Mrs. W. & the girls & Roger drove into town to attend rehearsal of concert at Mr. Naylor's and did not come home till 11 o'clock. Tommy, Johnny & I remained at home - doing the dishes - had a good quiet read and went to bed about 9 o'clock.

Night set in very fine - foggy & clear.

1867 5th Mo

19 SUNDAY - 4 aft East (139-226)

MAY

Morg. fine & clear - looks like fine weather. Roger went to Sunday School and all went to church but Johnny who staid at home - Mrs. W. & Ellie drove in Buggy. Missie Tommy & I rode.

Tottie returned in Buggy from her visit to Mrs. McIvers.

Read prayers in afternoon - no one up but ourselves. Mrs. Robinson had a return of her fits on Satdy. Evg. & Suny. still unable to walk or use her legs. Mrs. Widdieson not present - am afraid that they are tapping their casks -

Read Barnes' Hebrews - and went to bed about 9 o'clock. Fine night & moonlight, clear & cold.

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MAY

20 MONDAY (140-225)

5th Month 1867

Beautiful morn. - not a cloud to be seen - & Therm. 50°.

Writing delayed till after bkfast. Boys gone to school – gave "Rascal" to Roger - in place of "Whitefoot". Robinson up at work in garden. Mrs. R. better & Janey much the same as usual - paid Robinson 8/- for the week endg. Satd. 25th.

After dinner Missie & Ellie rode into town to get the mail & to post the letters. No mail from Sydney - the Manning mail in, but brought no letters George & Henry - heard that they had crossed the Manning at Tinonee - but had to swim the horses.

Mr. Naylor & Crummer who were to have come out this Evg. to practice for the concert did not come - but sent an excuse – read C. Cockle till 9 o'clock. Evg. looking cloudy - and moon obscured. Tommy went to Hamilton to stay with Charlie: Mclver remaining in the town.

James McIntyre & Roger went up the Hastings for some horses & will not be back for a day or two.

1867 5th Month

21 TUESDAY (141-224)

MAY

Morning cloudy & inclined again to rain. Mrs. W. & Johnny up before daybreak to try & catch the postman on his way to the Manning with a letter to George from Missie - did not see him. Johnny to school. Copied God Save the Queen for Mrs. Mclver - & sang it. Tommy in to school from Hamilton.

Mrs. W. & Ellie in to town after dinner on horseback – for practice for the concert on the 24th inst. the Queen's birthday - did not come home till 10 o'clock - and then kept me awake talking about it - I wish it was all over - don't like the idea of going to see a lot of men make fools of themselves - but suppose I must go to take charge of my party. Missie staid at home - and sat up for them - I went to bed - after having 2 hours reading on Barnes' Hebrews. Tommy remained in town to escort his Mother & sister out. Johnny came home to tea.

Christy very cranky this Evg. after going to bed, declaring she was devoured with her "Ailment" God help her!

Robinson up here at Mrs. W's. garden.

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MAY

22 WEDNESDAY (142-223)

5th Month 1867

Morning set in with drizzling rain and every appearance of more.

Girls got thro' the ironing after bkfast - Boys could not go to school in consequence of the wet, so we cut up some wood.

Robinson not up today - too wet.

The steamer came in this morg. Sent in Tommy for mail - he brought back 1 newspaper - & word that Marie had returned. Drizzling all day off & on - very unpleasant.

Read C. Cockle in the Evg. - & had good laughs. About midnight heard a great thumping with a stick at the back door, and found it was Christy in one of her cranky fits - declaring she wd. never go to bed again and that we had put the dog & cat into her room to torment her. They went in themselves when the door was open.

Tommy staid at Hamilton with Charlie.

1867 5th Month

23 THURSDAY (143-222)

MAY

Morg. clear - and fine - Christy better and quieter this morg. but still excited - I had but little sleep last night - what with pain in my finger - & Christy's tantrums. Got up unrefreshed & listless. Johnny went to school - Tommy from Hamilton.

Ned Naylor & Mr. Webster out here just as we were sitting down to dinner to practice with Mrs. Wilson. They had had dinner so they waited in drawing room till we had done.

I put on a lock to Christy's door, and afterwards found that she cd. not open nor shut it - so had to take off the catch and put on a button - her room was thoroughly cleaned out - bed changed - & a hole knocked in the ceiling to let off the foul air.

Mrs. W. & Ellie & Missie went into town to have a final rehearsal - bother the concert! it has quite upset her. Mr. Aug: Kemp & Dr. Parsons out here in afternoon - the latter staid & took tea with us - & went away about 7. The party from town retd. about 12. I went to bed in pain about ½ past 7 & took a pill and had a good sleep before they retd.

Robinson not up today -

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MAY

24 FRIDAY (144-221)

5th Month 1867

**Queen b. 1819. Hol on app Day at C Pleas,
Law, & In Rev Offs. Camb Tm div noon**

Morg. fine clear & cold - Therm. 50° Queen's birthday - 48 - and holiday. Wish her many happy returns of the day. Mrs. W. got up excited & unrefreshed, and not at all well. Roger & James McIntyre returned yesterday. A meeting held in town this morg. at 11 - but I shall not be able to attend.

After dinner Mrs. W. & Tommy went in to prepare for the concert. Tommy ret'd. with news that a heavy mail had arrived - but wd. not be deliv. till 5 o'clock. Got ready to go in to concert - tho' I wd. much rather remain at home. Ellie, Tottie & Roger & Johnnie & I rode in on horseback and got our mail - 9 papers & four or five letters. Took tea with Mrs. Mclver - and went up with them to the concert - which went off pretty well - about 200 people were there. I was very tired of it before it was half over - and wd. have given double the entrance money to be at home. Was disappointed in not recg. a remittance from my Mother. Heard from my Brother. Returned home about 1 a.m. tired & weary & cold with the ride home.

Robinson working in front garden all day - & taking plenty of time to it too. Met Fred. King as we were going in to town. He was going out to the Lake with Dr. Neild - must call upon him on Monday.

Missie remained at Mrs. Mclvers for a few days - Marie returned on Wednesday.

1867 5th Month

25 SATURDAY (145-220)

MAY

Morg. fine & clear - very tired & weary with last night's dissipation - and could do nothing all day but read the newspapers. Mrs. W. ill and remained in bed for some time - got up in afternoon. Webster out here but sent him on to Hamilton. Roger cut up some wood for parlour - and carted it in - and then after dinner rode in to town with Mr. Boyle to see the cricket match.

All went to bed early - no reading C. Cockle tonight, finished all the papers this Evg. ready for Mclver.

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MAY

26 Rogation SUNDAY (146-219)

5th Mo 1867

Morg. fine & cool & clear - winter setting in.

Went to church on horseback. The roads are too heavy for Buggy. Mrs. W. remained at home - not well. Read prayers as usual in afternoon - Mrs. Widdieson & Robinson up.

Went to bed early - as we had not recovered from the effects of last week. Last time I'll go there for it upsets us all.

Subscription taken at door of the Church this morg. for expenses of Synod meeting in Newcastle. Mr. Kemp preaching.

Missie at Mrs. Mclver's on a visit for a few days.

1867 5th Month

27 MONDAY (147-218)

MAY

Trinity Term begins

Morg. clear & fine - Therm: 54°

Tommy & Johnny walked to school. After bakfast. I rode down to Hamilton to take papers to Mclver - helped Roger to cut up wood for a while - then dressed & read for an hour before dinner.

After dinner rode in to town with Ellie - for the mail. Got 4 papers & a letter from Mrs. Wilson²⁸ in Sydney and one from George to Missie - they had arrived safely at Maitland & were to sell the horses next day. Called at Mrs. Mclvers & Dr. Parsons. Bought "Good Words for 1866" for 10/- at McDonnell McEwen & Co.

After tea wrote to Mrs. Wilson in reply to her letter - and sent in Tommy with it - and read C. Cockle till 9 p.m. after that read Barnes till 10 and went to bed.

Robinson up today at garden.

MAY

28 TUESDAY (148-217)

5th Month 1867

Morg. cloudy - but still fine & cold Therm: 48°

Prepared for washing before bakfast. set to it after - Roger & the boys putting the tackling on the colt. Boys to school at 9 o'clock.

Marie & Ellie Mclver passed thro' the paddock to go to Hamilton - taking their washing to do there - 6 week's clothes - enough to do for those two girls. Roger went away to Mr. Boyle's to stay the night with him.

Read C. Cockle in Evng. and after that - a quiet ½ hour's reading to myself, after they were all gone to bed.

²⁸ Is this Mrs. Wilson an unknown relative living in Sydney at this time? ggw

1867 5th Month

29 WEDNESDAY (149-216)

MAY

Morg. fine and cold - Therm: 44°. Boys to school by 9 a.m. Dug in the garden to prepare a bed for cabbage plants promised by Long Tom - transplanted about 25 young plants of our own - doubt whether they will come to anything.

James McIntyre here for his horse - could not find him in the paddock - took "Whitefoot" to look for him. Missie & Ellie walked to Hamilton to help the Mclver girls with their heavy washing. Mamma & Tottie at home preparing the clothes for ironing tomorrow. Dr. Parsons dined here - & Jas. McIntyre - Tommy had taken his pony into town to school - the young scamp!

The girls all came up abt. sundown and Marie & Ellie slept here - Tommy went down to keep Charlie company & had Long Tom there all night.

Did not read C. Cockle tonight - I went to bed early - with pains troubling me. Robinson went into town with Cart & some fowls to sell - & took Janey to see the Doctor, who was here & saw her before he left. Robinson sold some of his fowls @ 1/3 each.

MAY

**30 THURSDAY(150-215)
Ascension. Holy Thursday**

5th Month 1867

Morg. fine & cold - 44° Therm: & registered lower.

Roger finished digging up the bed for the cabbage plants & went away to Boyles to fish. Boys in to school. Robinson up today in flower garden.

Did not feel at all well or inclined to go out or do anything - but having accepted the Doctor's invite to dinner had to go - no meeting took place at the Hospital - there being no quorum. Kemp returned with me to the Doctors & had a glass of wine - and then went home.

Divine service at 7 p.m. it being Ascension Day - could not go - as it is so dark & was not well.

Mclver girls went home with their washing - lucky to get it done without rain. Did not read C. Cockle - went to bed early - warm night and rain commenced about 9 p.m. Roger & Boyle out on the north shore fishing.

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31 FRIDAY (151-214)

MAY

Rain off & on all night again & every appearance of more - morg. set in with drizzling. Roger & Boyle came in about 8 o'clock - had camped out all night - and caught 14 or 15 fish. Boys could not go to school today - too wet - so we set to and cut up wood while Roger & Johnny cleaned the fish - troubled with pains this morg.

Robinson not up today - owes me yet ½ day for this week. After dinner Roger & Boyle went into town for mail - brought back 3 papers & a letter from George to Missie, saying the horses were not to be sold till the following week.

Read & finished C. Cockle this Evg. & after the rest had retired, read for an hour to myself in Drawing Room.

JUNE

1 SATURDAY (152-213)

6th Month 1867

Some of Letts's Diaries ready for Exp.

Morg. fine tho' cloudy - rain gone off. After bkfast had a drafting of the fowls - and caught 18 couple for sale to Atkinson who came for them about ½ past 11 & paid for them.

Roger & Boyle & Tommy rode out to Melford - Roger riding the young colt. Sent in C. Cockle to Marie by Atkinson & and a paper to Meares mis-sent to me by Spence. Robinson not up today.

After dinner Mrs. W. Missie & Johnny rode into town for some things - did not return till just dark. Dr. Parsons dined with us today - and went down to see Mclver after dinner.

1867 6th Mo

**2 SUNDAY (153-212)
aft Ascen**

JUNE

Morg. fine & clear - and cold.

Roger to Sunday School - we went to Church on horseback - roads being too heavy for a vehicle - Mrs. W. & Johnny staid at home. While in church a heavy shower of rain came on and wet all the saddles - & made them very uncomfortable & damp to ride home on. Changed when I got home - having a wholesome dread of its effects. Boyle dined with us.

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JUNE

3 MONDAY (154-211)

6th Month 1867

Heavy dew & cold. Therm: 48°.

Boys to school by 9 a.m. Robinson up working in front garden paid him 8/- for this week.

Mrs. .W. & I went into town about 11 to go over the water to see the McIntyres - the young men did not come for us till about 2 p.m. we called for a few minutes at Mrs. Parkers & then went on to see Mrs. McIntyre - retd. about sundown - had a cup of tea and got the mail & rode home with Tommy & Johnny - Tommy riding his young horse.

Girls did the washing in our absence. I called on the Doctor but did not stay long. Read the papers in the Evg. recvd. a letter from Perrott - Missie heard from George, who would probably be home tomorrow. Went to bed tired - Evg. looking cloudy & like rain.

Roger went to Melford with the Cart for some corn for fowls @ 1/- per bushel.

1867 6th Month

4 TUESDAY (155-210)

JUNE

Morg. fine & clear & cold. After bakfast - they set to work to mop the house out: and me to mend the stretcher broken by the boys. Roger returned about noon - and at the same time - George Henry and Dickinson Day - Tommy & Johnny at school.

Recd. a note from Capt. Sinclair asking me to act for him as visiting Justice to gaol during his absence in Sydney. Also a note from Revd. Mr. Kemp – notifying my appointment as one of the local Board of Denom: School - asked me to a meeting at his house on Thursday & to dine there.

Robinson at work in garden. I sent Mr. Kemp 5/- to take up my IOU. for my collection money at church.

Henry & Day & Tommy rode into town – and on their return Henry's horse - the colt McIntyre gave him - shied & snapped his leg in two - led him off the road & left him - & brought his saddle up.

Webster out here tuning the piano - and remained the whole night fiddling. Had a house full, but plenty thank God for all.

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JUNE

5 WEDNESDAY (156-209)

6th Month 1867

Morg. fine cold & clear. After bkfast George put into the Cart Mr. Day's horse "Jack" to try - and took him out for wood - went down also to where the pony had been left the night before and got him shot and hide taken off.

Webster tuning away this morg. Boyle came about noon. Robinson not here today - working at Frogmore for Watts.

Day and Henry went into town & staid for the Evg. at the Mclvers. Got in remainder of the wood cut up by Roger with George & Day. Webster here, tuning & fiddling away, but quite steady.

1867 6th Month

6 THURSDAY (157-208)

JUNE

Morg. clear & fine & cold. After bkfast Henry & Day started for the plains taking up Mr. Mclver's working bullocks to break in others with.

I went in to a meeting of local Board (at Parsonage) of Ch. of Engd. Den: Cert: School - met Mr. Kemp and Mr. Hayward - initiated proceedings and elected Mr. Kemp as Chairman and Secretary - and fixed on the 1st Thursday in every month to meet.

Dined at the parsonage - and after dinner went down to the Doctors and Mclvers - where I found the Doctor had been dining. Went to the Hosp. Meeting - began my acting as Secy. Betty Button an aboriginal admitted as patient for consumption of right lung & dropsy in the lower extremities.

George drove the girls in the Buggy to town. I rode "Rascal". Evg. fine - not reading this Evg. as we are not by ourselves.

Webster went away this morg. after being here 2 days & nights. Roger brought back a cart load of corn in the cob purchased from Lowe for 5/-. Robinson not here today.

JUNE

7 FRIDAY (158-207)

6th Month 1867

Oxford Term ends

Morg. cloudy tho' fine & cold. Roger & Mr. Webster rode to Thrumpster to tune Mrs. Palmer's piano. Girls doing the ironing.

Hughes out here, paid him £27.19.19 for road a/c -.he sat talking for some time.

After an early dinner the girls & George rode out to the Lake - and Mrs. W. & I drove into town - & paid the Crummers a visit & also the Mclvers - gave Capt. S. my spectacles to get mended in Sydney. Bought a cheese from Lahey - 5/4 - and also one for the Mclvers 6/8. Paid George 10/- for getting my watch mended - got the mail 3 papers and no letters.

Fine Evg. the girls came home to tea - & Webster staid all night again.

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**8 SATURDAY (159- 206)
Oxford Term begins**

JUNE

Morg. cloudy -. tho' fine –

About 10 - heard the Steamer's gun - and drove into town with Missie & George. Got my parcel from the Steamer & drove back by 12 - bringing back Miss Waugh & Mr. Henry Day - who are going up this Evg. to the plains.

Roger took the Cart in for George's things - got a newspaper and 2 letters from Sydney per Steamer. Mr. Day & Miss Waugh started off for Glenesk about 2 p.m. Tommy out at the Lake with Mr. Webster to tune their pianoforte.

Roger went into town about sundown with letter for Mrs. Du Faur to get Missie's things for her wedding, brought back horse Webster rode on.

JUNE

**9 Whit SUNDAY (160-205)
Pentecost. Ember Week**

6th Mo 1867

Morg. cloudy & drizzling showers now & then - had been raining during night.

Mrs. W. & Tottie remained at home while I, Missie & Ellie George & Tommy went to church - Roger at the Sunday School. Mr. Allnutt preaching. Rain cleared off and day turned out fine. Saw Vivian & Horace & Miss Tozer -

Read prayers in afternoon - George rode in to town after dinner to see Miss Tozer, but she was out & did not see him. Webster out here & told to be here at 9 tomorrow morg. to go up to the plains with George.

Roger had younger children read & say collects & catechism & went to bed early

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**10 Whit MONDAY (161-204)
Hol at Inland Revenue Offices**

JUNE

Morg. fine Therm: 44° sharp & pleasant.

George up before sunrise, lit the fire & preparing his traps for a start. After bkfast loaded his cart, and as Webster did not come - started at ½ past 9 - Roger going with him to the punt to see him safe over.

Cut up some wood with Ellie & hilled up some potatoes in the garden - changed my clothes & laid down for a rest. Webster came about ½ past 11. Kept him here till Roger came home & then started them both off on horseback as far as the punt with directions to Roger to put Webster across the punt and let him overtake George on foot - if he could.

Boys did not go to school this afternoon - Mr. Eden going away by the steamer - made over the school to Miss Eden. Tommy went in & brought out my mail - & then retd. to play at cricket. Got 2 papers & no letters - read them in evening.

JUNE

**11 Whit TUESDAY (162-203)
Hol at In Rev Offices. St. Barnabas**

6th Month 1867

Morg. fine & clear -

Washing begun after bkfast. Boys in to school - having Miss Eden as Teacher.

Drove in to Court and found Mr. Freeman there - had one case Crown agst. Hawes for cattle stealing - he made no defence - so we committed him to take his trial at the next Court of Q.S. on 30 Sept. Dined with the Doctor and went to Beach House & had cup of coffee - and came home.

Douglas Scott & Day invited here all night. Came home quite knocked up - and wearied - cold & pained - but was all right again before I went to bed. Got an invitation to go in and dine at Mclvers - roast goose & trimmings.

Posted Diseases in Sheep act for 1866 for Lindsay & Palmer.

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12 WEDNESDAY (163-202)
Ember Day

JUNE

Morg. fine & clear tho' not so cold. Douglas & Dick Day off before bakfast, after taking a cup of coffee. Boys in to school.

Made out a list, of contributors to the Hospl. for a collector whom I must find today if I can - Took the list in to town and gave it to Mr. Kemp to ask Miss Hayward to collect. Dined at Mclvers with the Doctor - and came home in a hurry as it was raining in Evg. Douglas & Day called in afternoon on their way home & took my large spirit lamp and all the meth: sp.: of wine I had.

Marie & Ellie up here to stay all night - and Tommy at Hamilton to keep Charlie company. Went to bed tired early - no reading - got a bushel of corn and a Bag of potatoes from Maynard.

JUNE

13 THURSDAY (164-201)

6th Month 1867

Drizzling thro' the night and in the morg. & cloudy.

Boys not at school today - excused to go with Charlie to look for a cow. Wrote a note to Mr. Ormiston & Mr. Kemp to excuse my going in to Court & Meeting - as I was not well. Took a pill this morg. & must stay at home to work off the effects. Sent Mrs. Cheyne £1 by Mr. Kemp for wages paid up to next Monday - 17 inst., paid Robinson 8/- for this wk by an order on Mr. Young. Put on a lock to pantry door and a latch to Christie's.

Dr. Neild called and asked for Tommy to go and help his son tomorrow to bring a bullock from Kingussie - promised to send him. The girls drove in with Roger to see Miss Tozer - and take the Mclvers in - came out late. Made a nosebag for my mare - & did not read in Evg. as I was busy at it.

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**14 FRIDAY (165-200)
Ember Day**

JUNE

Morg. cloudy and drizzling occasionally.

After bakfast. set to work with Roger and bottled off 11 gallons of "Clifton". Tommy gone with Mr. Neild and Johnny to school.

The girls & Mrs. W. very busy all day with sewing machine making up things for Missie's trousseau. The girls suffering a good deal from toothache or faceache.

Johnny came home to dinner & went to Hamilton to milk their cows & take the milk to Beach House - Charlie being away with Crummer & Ormiston: got my mail - 4 papers and a receipt from Sands for £1 sent a short time ago.

Sat in Drawing room this Evg. & began "The Doctor's Wife" - no time allowed me to read my papers. Dr. Neild called this afternoon to know if he might keep Tommy all night - said yes.

JUNE

**15 SATURDAY (166-199)
Ember Day**

6th Month 1867

Cloudy morg. & drizzling - with a most beautiful & perfect rainbow to Westward.

Sewing machine busy again all day - Missie not at all well & lying down almost all day. Cut up wood with Roger - Tommy home about ½ past 11 - set him to work.

Dr. Parsons here to dinner - went away soon after. Roger & Tommy cleaned the Buggy for tomorrow Thunder storm to Westwd. but none here - weather looking unsettled. Read my papers and laid down tired with my morning's work.

Read "The Doctor's Wife" aloud in the Evg. and find it more interesting as we get on.

1867 6th Mo

16 Trinity SUNDAY (167-198)

JUNE

Morg. fine & cool - Roger to Sunday School - had to read the opening prayers in the absence of Mr. Eden & Mr. Kemp. Johnny remained at home - all the rest of us went to church - roads fit for driving on now. Sacrament Sunday - home later than usual.

Boyle dined with us - and Mr. Neild. Did not have service in afternoon but in the evening - like it better at that time these short days - except that it is not so handy for Mrs. Widdieson & Robinson to come up in the dark.

Boyle staid all night - bother him - I wish he would give us a little less of his company - he takes Roger away too much from his work.

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JUNE

17 MONDAY (168-197)
Trinity Term ends

6th Month 1867

Morg. cloudy but cold –

Bkfst not over till past 10 - wont do - these short days - Boys to school - wrote my English letters in the forenoon. Roger splitting up wood which he should have done on Saturday.

Robinson beginning to prune vines today @ £1. per week or 3/- per day.

Drove into town in afternoon with Mrs. W. for the mail: got 2 papers & no letters - one mail short - for why I cannot tell. The girls rode in & waited for Kempsey mail, but got no letters from the plains - they staid in to tea at Miss Frazers - Roger & Boyle went to North Shore to fish & returned about 9. Read my papers - pains came on abt. 8 and drove me to bed - and obliged me abt. 9 o'clock to take morphine which relieved the pain - but I dread the after effects -

Wedding cake ordered from Cunnings for £2 to weigh 16 lbs.

1867 6th Month

18 TUESDAY (169-196)
Cambridge commencement

JUNE

Rain during the night and more this morg. Boys not allowed to go to school - Tommy helping washing. Boyle remd. all night & morg. this forenoon. Morphine troubling me this morg. Headache - sickness & sleepiness - did not get up till nearly 3 - and took my arrowroot - which I could scarcely keep down.

Washing got thro' today. Tommy went into town & got "Never flinch" shod. Roger hilling potatoes. I went to bed immediately after prayers - very sick in the stomach - & not at all well otherwise - tho' in no pain except from the effects of the morphine -

Robinson at work in vineyard I suppose - shall pay him only by the day's work 3/- per day - at the rate of £1 per week.

JUNE

19 WEDNESDAY (170-195)

6th Month 1867

Rain off & on all night - and. more this morg. with every appearance of continuance. Had a better night's rest - but pains came on again this morg. Got up to bkfast & felt better for being up. Boys not to school. Roger & Tommy cutting up wood. I making up my Diary which I had not done for 3 days - Rain pouring away at 10.

M. the girls & Roger & Tommy went into town in the Buggy to a small party at McIver's, to act Tableaux - drizzling when they went and every appearance of more. Read in the Evg. to Mrs. W. from "Good Words" & went to bed early with pains. Missie & Boys came home about 12 Ellie having staid behind. Most tempestuous night blowing a perfect gale & heaviest rain I have heard for a long time all night.

Took one of Mrs. W's. pills this Evg. as I had none of my own. Robinson not at work today - too wet. In the middle of the night Mrs. W. got up about midnight and in a perfect gale of wind with Totty took in all the clothes on the line - and well she did so for they were blown about in all directions.

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20 THURSDAY(171-194)

JUNE

**Access 1837 Hol at Cm Pleas & Law Offs
Corpus Christi**

Rain again this morg - cloudy & dirty. Did not get up till about 2 - as I had a bad night of it - and was in much pain. Tommy went into town for more things & pills for me from the Doctor's but forgot them. Went to bed early 7 p.m. tired & in pain. Did not read this Evg. Turned all the horses & cows out of the paddock tonight - no shelter for them here.

Robinson not at work today.

JUNE

21 FRIDAY (172-193)

6th Month 1867

Proclamation. Cambridge Term ends

After another most tempestuous night of wind & rain - the morg. cleared up and sun came out, showing the damage done last night by wind.

Fowlyard fence blown down in places - slabs out of wine house & wood house & saddle sheets of both buildings - wet poured down in the Kitchen & boys' room - making everything miserable cold & damp - fires scarsely to be lit this morg. I got up to bkfast better - but still in pain & feeling none the better of the shaking I have had for the last few days. Boys doing up repairs to the fowlyard fence &c. Boys not at school today- too late when we got bkfast over.

Boyle & Roger returned from town - Ellie remaining till tomorrow to come home with Charlie. No mails either from Kempsey or Manning. Did not feel at all well in Evg. pains returned - went to bed after taking a pill - which Roger & Boyle went back into town for after tea - did not read this Evg. Evg. fine & clear.

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22 SATURDAY (173-192)

JUNE

Morg. clear - Therm. 52°. Spent a very bad night - what with pill & pains - had not much sleep - rose to bkfast - better - tho' not by any means all right. Ellie & Charlie returned after bkfast. Took a walk down the paddock & saw Gaul & Robinson mending dividing fence between myself & Gaul. Robinson has been working for one day on my a/c.

Dr. Parsons here to dinner - Saunders little girl here to ask for an order to admit Saunters into Hospital - could not give it - as I had already given one for this year - spoke to Dr. Parsons about him & sent Roger to tell them that I wd. see about it - but that if they wanted medicine to go to Dr. P. Boyle went home after dinner.

Read "The Doctor's Wife" in Evg. & in my own room for an hour before bed, felt much better today.

Drew here in Evg. for payment of his a/c for ringing the Bell & digging grave of Billy Button who died in the Hospital yesterday - 13/6. Paid him by order on Mr. Young.

JUNE

23 SUNDAY -1 aft Trin (174-191)

6th Month 1867

Morg. fine - clear & cold. Therm. 49°.

Had severe pain during morg. about & before day bk. otherwise slept well during night.

Went to Church in Buggy - leaving Johnny at home. Found roads very heavy again - must not take it again till roads are better. Ladies walked ½ way home. Read service in afternoon - neither Robinson nor Mrs. Widdieson were up. The girls went down to see Janey & found her much the same.

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24 MONDAY (175-190)
St. John Baptist. Midsummer Day

JUNE

Morg. fine clear & cold. Therm: 46°.

Boys to school. Paid Robinson 18/- being 8/- for week before but already paid - but denied by him - rather than make a fuss I pay him again this time. The other 10/- for 3 days work last week. Walked down to Vineyard to see whether he was working.

Mrs. W. & the girls drove into town & spent the day there shopping &c. I rode in and visited the jail - had only one case before us - which was easily settled. Dined at Beach house - had waited till nearly 5 o'clock for the Sydney mail - & then went home - met the Manning mailman on my way home- he had only one from Tinonee²⁹ & none from Sydney - it is very vexatious - so many waiting for their mails & English letters. Got a letter from Henry & one from George - replied to Henry's & Missie to her intended - and sent Tommy in with them. Met Revd. Mr. Kemp going to see the Gunner who is dying. Read "The Doctor's Wife" aloud this Evg. and did not go to bed till 11.

Got 2 dozen eggs from Robinson and in payment for it got him 6 lbs of 4gd. sugar from Youngs.

JUNE

25 TUESDAY (176-189)

6th Month 1867

Morg. clear cold & fine. Washing taken in hand this morg. Mclver called early on his way home to Hamilton to say the Gunner was dead - and that there was some difficulty about the funds to pay for his burial - he gave me 5/- as a subscription - and I promised to go in after bkfast & see about it. Went first straight to Revd. Kemp - who agreed with me that the Hospital could not bury him - and we went & spoke to Wilkins & Crummer who were in the church - and it appeared from them that application would be made to the Asylum authorities to bury him - and if they wouldn't do it a subscription wd. be raised to pay for it - about 30/-.

Dined with Mr. Kemp - went to Dr. P. & to Mclvers - & rode home about sundown. Read "The Doctor's Wife" in the Evg. and went to bed in pain.

Bought some garden seeds from Young to put in tomorrow. Robinson I suppose at work in vineyard.

²⁹ Located near Taree, NSW ggw

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26 WEDNESDAY (177-188)

JUNE

Morg. cold 41° Therm. & beautifully clear & fine. Boys in to school. Roger & I went gardening after bkfast - & put in cabbage, carrot, parsnip, turnips (White Stone) - and radish - ground rather wet but in good order.

After dinner Mrs. Wilson & girls went down to Hamilton - Missie & Roger to mangle. Mrs. W. Ellie & Tottie into town to get the things from "Grafton" Steamer which came in in the morg. All the things for Missie's wedding came - & were opened in Evg. Marie & Ellie up here all night. Roger to Mr. Boyles & Tommy to Hamilton to keep company with Charlie. Did not read in Evg. Got up by steamer from Sands "The Koran & the Bible" which I was pleased to see, as I had not expected it.

Mr. Eden retd. by the steamer - but not Mrs. Du Faur or Theresa Crummer.

Robinson at work in vineyard.

JUNE

27 THURSDAY (178-187)

6th Month 1867

Cold clear morg. Therm. 41°. The girls ironing this morning - & as all the boys are away I had to cut up the wood.

Robinson at work in vineyard. Roger not home yet. Mrs. Wilson & I drove Marie & Ellie to Hamilton and left them there - got our own mangled clothes & came back. After dinner, Mrs. W. Missie & I drove into town. I went to Hospital Meeting & had a quorum - did not get home till after dark. Mr. Holland here paying Christie a visit. Maynard sent a bag of corn 3/-.

Very tired & not feeling very well this Evg. Read "The Doctor's Wife" till 9 and went to bed at 10 - did not do any reading for self.

Hughes out here with papers & a/cs - paid him 2 cheques £3 & £10.1. which closes the a/c £73.10. for 1st moiety of the grant for 1867.

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28 FRIDAY (179-186)

JUNE

Coronation. Hol at Inland Rev Offs

Morg. clear & cold & fine. Roger came home about ½ past 7. Boys to school - Roger sowing prairie grass seed.

Hughes here again this morg. with receipts of a/cs for road. Made them up & wrote to U.S. for R & T. to pay £73.10. the 2nd moiety to my credit into Bank of N.S.Wales as soon as practicable. Robinson at work in vineyard.

After dinner Ellie & I & Tottie drove into town for mail. After waiting till nearly 5 - got 12 papers and some letters. One from my dear Mother enclosing draft for £202. and a Telegram from George saying that he could not come to Missie's wedding. Ellie had a letter from Tottie Croker & Mrs. W. from Martha - saying that George had obtained a situation as overseer or Super on a station near where they were and was getting £100 a year - of which I am very glad & thankful for. Boyle staid here all night. Read "Doctor's Wife" in the Evg. and nearly finished it. Got a paper from Mr. Mackenzie in Scotland. The Misses Fraser walked out in the afternoon & paid a visit to Clifton.

JUNE

29 SATURDAY (180-185)

6th Month 1867

St. Peter

Morg. beautifully fine & clear -

No school today - Boys & I cutting up wood after bakfast & Willie Holland helping us. The boys away after Henry's heifer in Watt's paddock.

After dinner walked down to Vineyard to see Robinson - and met George on the road coming from the plains with the Cart - retd. with him. Henry & Dick Day remd. behind to help Douglas in with his cattle. They all staid here during the night, Douglas coming in from town about 9 p.m. Did not read in the Evg. paid Robinson £1 for his weeks work.

1867 6th Mo

30 SUNDAY - 2 aft Trin (181-184)

JUNE

Morg. fine & cold. Therm. 42° -

Douglas & Dickinson went away before bakfast. Went to Mr. Holland's chapel this morg. as Mr. Kemp was away - Mrs. W. & Johnny remd. at home - Henry went away with Mr. Boyle to dine with him. Had afternoon service - Robinson up - Roger heard children read in evg.

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JULY

**1 MONDAY (182-183)
Quarter Sessions begin.**

7th Month 1867

Morg. foggy & cold. Therm. 40°.

Henry & Tommy went to the plains after bkfast with 6 calves & 1 cow. George & Roger into town with cart - writing letters to Sydney & elsewhere. Drove into town before dinner with Mrs. W. & girls leaving Tottie at home. Went to jail but Mr. Gates being absent, could do nothing - promised to go tomorrow - I saw Mr. Gates in town. Dined with Dr. P. in company with George & Roger - the rest of our party having gone to Mclvers. Mrs. W. making purchases for wedding. Bought a warm coat for myself 20/- and a cwt of hay @ 7/6 for my mare.

Did not read in the Evg. aloud - but the papers to myself. Mrs. W. writing invitations to people at McLeay & plains to wedding. Sent some off by post - George & Roger went into town after tea to post them. Went in pain to bed about 11 - read in my room - but find my mind too much running after the excitement of this event - shall be glad when it is over. Got my mare shod by blacksmith.

1867 7th Month

**2 TUESDAY (183-182)
Oxford Act**

JULY

Morg. cloudy & warmer - George off before bkfast to the plains - wrote out a cheque for old George £1 - and one for Mr. Young for silver had from him yesterday. Went into town on horseback early and attended the jail - looked thro' the wards - and heard Cavanagh's case - sentenced him to 7 days in the cells for insubordination & improper language - don't like the work at all - must find means to shirk it for the future. Called on the Kemps - and gave him my written consent to Missie's marriage - was asked to stay & dine but declined - called on the Mclvers also - staid there a few minutes and saddled my horse & came home - found they had not dined. Sharpened the X cut saw for tomorrow - read "The Doctor's Wife" in Evg. & finished all but 1½ chapters which Mrs. W & Ellie read before they went to bed. Missie had heard the end of it from Roger - read in my own room for half an hour but found it very cold.

JULY

3 WEDNESDAY (184-181)

7th Month 1867

Letts's Diaries for 1868 ready for Export

Morg. very cold. Therm: 40° bright & clear. Mrs. W not at all well during the night - had to get up & take a pill. Got up very early & made the wash house ready for Mrs. Widdieson who was to do the washing today. Roger & Johnny after killing a pair of fowls for dinner - went down with me to where Tommy was cutting wood & helped to cross cut with him till dinner - Roger went after dinner & helped him to split it up - Johnny into town with Charlie to cricket.

Mrs. & Mrs. Mclver & Dr. Parsons dined here today - had wine of this year's "Clifton" & found it very nice. No reading this Evg. I finished "The Doctor's Wife" by myself - Mrs. W & girls busy working at the dresses. Read in my room before going to bed - paid 2/6 to Mrs. Widdieson for a day's washing. Wrote 20 invitations to wedding - and sat up till 10 o'clock doing it.

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4 THURSDAY (185-180)

JULY

Morg. very cold Therm. 39°, clear & bright. After bkfast rode Tom Thumb in to town to a meeting of Certd. (?) Den'l. Local Board - found three there with Mr. Eden - dined with Mr. Kemp. Dr. Nield also dining there - delivered invitations to wedding to Kemps, Tozers, Brennans, Naylor's, Mclvers, Frasers, Crummers & Hollands - paid Mr. Young's a/c £54.15.7 & Mrs. Tozer £3.7.6 for 3 quarters Herald up to 30 June - paid George Kilion £1. Took a glass of wine with Dr. P. and went to Hospital Meeting at 4 p.m. no quorum. Dr. reported patient in Hospital progressing favourably. Did not get home till just dusk - & felt very tired - liked Tom Thumb much better than I did. Did not read this Evg. The girls went down to Hamilton to mangle the clothes and then went over to McIntyres & Parkers for a visit - returned with Margaret McIntyre who stayed here all night.

JULY

5 FRIDAY (186-179)

7th Month 1867

Dividends due at the Bank

Morg. cold & clear 39° Therm. After bkfast Roger & I dug up a piece of the garden and put in 4 rows of peas & 3 rows of beans. Came in very tired & laid down before dinner to rest. Boyle came here to borrow the Cart & horse - steamer "Grafton" came in about 7 am - & brought his brother - and went on to the Clarence - with loading.

After dinner the girls & Margaret McIntyre drove into town - for the mail - got 5 papers - and Chisholm's a/c - & 2 or 3 answers to Invitations - read my papers in Evg. Boyle brought back the Cart after sundown. Read "Ruth Thornbury" to Mrs. W. for an hour or so - she was not at all well. Went down into Vineyard to see how Robinson was getting on - he has nearly finished the first lot and has been 14 days about it. Rec'd from Chisholm & Co. a pair of black cloth trousers & a Marseilles waistcoat for the wedding.

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**6 SATURDAY (187-178)
Old Midsummer Day, Oxford Tm ends**

JULY

Morg. cold - Therm 39° - clear & fine. Girls ironing after bkfast. Mrs. W. Tottie & I drove into town to see the Doctor & get some medicine for Mrs. W. and some things from the stores. Roger & Johnny cutting wood - Robinson brought up 2 dozen eggs - paid him 2/6, owes me 6 more. Paid Platt a/c £2.3.6 - came home to dinner. Did not read aloud this Evg. Margaret McIntyre being here. Went to bed early - Mrs. W. not at all well.

JULY

**7 SUNDAY – 3 aft Trin (188-177)
Thomas a Becket**

7th Mo 1867

Morg. fine & clear & cold.

Mrs. W. Tottie & Johnny rem'd at home. The girls, self & Tommy went to church & Margaret McIntyre. Mr. Allnut read prayers - looking very ill - could scarcely get thro' them - did not have prayers in afternoon. Mrs. Mclver called in on her way to Hamilton to see Mrs. W., had service in Evg. Mrs. Widdieson & her husband present.

Cloudy towards Evg. & some rain about 9 p.m. which cont'd for nearly two hours.

1867 7th Month

8 MONDAY (189-176)

JULY

Morg. very cold & bleak. Mrs. W. not at all well - had a bad night with cont'd pains - made her remain in bed till I went into town. After bkfast rode Tom Thumb into town to visit jail - no complaints to be heard. Attended sale of land at Court House - Roman Catholic chapel & ground not put up for sale but reserved by Govt. as a chapel for the Roman Catholics. Went to Beach House, had a glass of wine with Mclver - & walked down to see the Doctor - who ret'd with us - and we all dined at Beach House. Mrs. Mclver & Marie, out at Clifton to see Mrs. W. Got my mail - one paper & McDonald Ewan & Co. a/c. Got Young to send for a chaff cutter for me to Sydney.

Did not read this Evg. aloud - only got thro' my newspaper & other mail (?). Mrs. W. better this Evg. – drizzling with rain this Evg. about 9 p.m. Roger got in two loads of wood today Johnny cutting up for me.

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JULY

**9 TUESDAY (190-175)
Fire Insurance Ceases**

7th Month 1867

Morg. cold & sharp - Mrs. W. better - tho' not up early. Roger & I with the 2 horses in Cart brought in 2 loads of wood - & cut up for house & kitchen use for an hour before dinner. Barked my shin with a heavy log & Roger hurt his finger - logs very heavy - told Henry to split them smaller. Boys to school. Rode over to see Henry at work after dinner & saw Dr. Nield - who gave a good character of Harriet Sutton, an old Asylum woman who came looking for work - gave her 1/6 and her dinner - and promised to make enquiries about her from Mrs. Armstrong tomorrow - previous to engaging her.

Very tired and in pain during Evg. did not read. Went to bed early. Mclver called & left 8 large bottles of champagne - 10 small ones of Moselle for wedding bkefast. Paid Robinson £1 cheque for last week, gave it to Mrs. Robinson. Gave cheque to Johnny Watt for payment of butcher's a/c £5.3.9.

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10 WEDNESDAY (191-174)

JULY

Morg. cold & fine - not at all well during night - did not sleep well and laid in bed till time to dress for bkefast. Boys to school - with 3 invitations, to Mr. & Mrs. Ormiston, & Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Ormiston & Mr. & Mrs. Rudder to wedding. Roger into town with Cart for some things - self making up book for Hospital.

Went into town with Missie after dinner. Engaged Harriet Sutton @ 6/- per week from tomorrow for one month on trial - after hearing satisfactory a/cs of her from Mrs. Armstrong Matron of the Asylum. Went to the Hospital Meeting - & as usual, no one there!! except the Doctor. Mclver came ½ hour after we had left & Mr. Gates long after him. Mr. Kemp about on duty. This very plain that the institution must be shut up for want of support. Paid Mrs. Cheyne 15/- up to 8th inst. wages as Matron - and made a balance in hand of £2.8.4.

Came home late - found Marie & Ellie Mclver here - who staid all night - no reading - went to bed at 9 o'clock.

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JULY

11 THURSDAY (192-173)

7th Month 1867

Morg. cold - but cloudy.

Marie & Ellie & Ellie W. went down to Hamilton to mangle. Roger Tommy Johnny & I went to cut up wood near Francis - Tommy took in the Buggy to Blair to mend harness &c. - brought in one load before dinner. Harriet Sutton came - Looked out some books for Missie to take up with her to Glenesk - gave her "Good Words" for 1866. Roger & Tommy brought in 2 more loads of wood after dinner - and greased the Cart. Johnny took "Nobbler" to town to get shod but did not get it done, the blacksmith promising to do it early in the morg. Missie busy packing up her things. Marie here to stay I believe tonight. Did not go in to the Hospital meeting today - as there was nothing particular to do. Read in my room in Evg. from Vulgate - and went to bed about ½ past 9 - the girls & women making out lists for wedding.

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12 FRIDAY (193-172)

JULY

Windy night - from N.E. cloudy & not cold. Tommy took in Nobbler to be shod early - but ret'd without getting it done. The blacksmith was away. Roger & Johnny started with the Cart cont'g Missie's things about 9 a.m. Sent Douglas up 2 doz. small bottles "Isabella" and George 1 doz. do of "Clifton". Went down with Tommy to see Henry working at wood cutting for me - saw Robinson in vineyard - getting on slowly but apparently well.

After dinner rode in with Tommy to town for mail - got 3 letters & 3 papers - & a parcel of spectacles from McDonnell & Co. Called at Beach House - paid my pew rent to Mr. Brown - Madden's a/c and Webber's a/c in the morg. by Tommy. Got the Buggy from Blair repaired in leather work & harness cleaned & polished - looks better than it has done for some time. Read my papers in Evg. & in my room a chapter of Vulgate.

JULY

13 SATURDAY (194-171)

7th Month 1867

Morg. fine & cold - Tommy & I cutting up wood from 10 to 12. Changed my clothes & laid down to read my papers. Ladies busy at their work. Got a pair of boots from Reynolds yesterday. Dr. Nield called and stopped Missie's tooth. After dinner Mr. & Mrs. Mclver called for Marie. Ellie, Tottie & I drove into town for flour &c. Met Augustus Kemp going into town, gave him a verbal invitation to the Wedding. Paid Mr. Brown my pew rent £1 for quarter endg. June 1 -

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14 SUNDAY - 4 aft Trin (195-170)

JULY

Morg. cold & fine - Missie staid at home - with face-ache & having sent all her dresses away to Glenesk. All the rest of us went to church.

"Grafton" steamer came in this morning - bringing Mr. & Mrs. Du Faur & Theresa Crummer. Mrs. Du Faur was so weak & ill that she had to be carried from her bed to the Buggy.

Mr. Kemp preached - and a very good attendance. Did not read prayers in afternoon - but in the evening - took a walk to see what wood Melville had cut up in Bush - found 3 heaps - about 540 pieces. Evg. set in cold & very much inclined to frost.

JULY

**15 MONDAY (196-169)
St. Swithin**

7th Month 1867

Morning very cold and sharp. Therm 55°

Early after bkfast. Mrs. W. & I drove into town. I went to the gaol found all quiet there - went to Steamer. Got the watch ordered from Sydney & a case of wine kindly sent up by Capt. Sinclair for the Wedding. Got some matting for church and did other work - and came back to dinner. Dr. Nield had been at Clifton & had extracted Missie's tooth.

After dinner Ellie, Tottie & I went in again for flour, sugar & other things - paid a visit to the Crummers- did not see Mr. Du Faur - but left my card & an invite to the Wedding. Got my mail and a/c for the watch £10.7.0. Read my papers in Evg. and did not go to bed till 11 o'clock. Gave Robinson £1 cheque for last week, was at work mending road by gate. Tommy getting wood with Long Tom's Cart.

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16 TUESDAY (197-168)

JULY

Morg. fine & cool - Robinson up before breakfast killing 2 turkeys, 2 ducks & 6 fowls - after breakfast he came up and cleaned up garden by offices. Mamma & Ellie & Tottie busy with cooking preparations. Packed a case of wine for McDonald 5 gallons and sent it in by Tommy in Cart.

Henry Crummer & Theresa & Annie Gall & Augustus Kemp came in the afternoon. George Henry Roger & Johnny came in from Glenesk about 4 - left the Cart & horse behind - could not bring it on account of road. Henry & Roger took Buggy into town for bread &c. Everybody very busy - Robinson up - tidying the garden. Mrs W. & Ellie up till ½ past 12 cooking - came to bed worn out & tired.

JULY

17 WEDNESDAY (198-167)

7th Month 1867

Morg. very cold & fine. Henry went down before bfcfast to Hamilton for boards - & after bfcfast into town for tressles & forms. George Roger & Tommy cutting up wood - Johnny to Mr. Boyle with an invitation for James Boyle. House cleaning & cooking going on at no end of a rate. George & I fixing tressles & moving them in to make up the tables. The Mclvers came here & left Marie to help in laying the tables. By evening everything was done & the breakfast laid out & looked very pretty. Robinson up here cleaning flower beds & rubbish about to make all things look tidy for tomorrow.

Went to bed late - tired & weary. George & Henry went away about ½ past 8 after Missie had made George a present of a watch &c. for which he seemed very thankful & pleased.

1867 7th Month

18 THURSDAY (199-166)

JULY

Morning set in beautifully fine & cold. All hands up early - boys getting in the horses and brushing them down

Got away to church by ½ past 9 and arrived there in good time to have the bride & bridesmaids got ready. A great many people in the Church & after the ceremony³⁰ they all rode & drove out to Clifton to breakfast. 50 sat down to the table and everything went off very pleasantly & happily. Everybody seemed pleased and said it was the finest turnout that had been seen in Port Macquarie for many years. About ½ past 2 the young couple mounted and with a shower of old boots & shoes got away in good time for their ride home³¹. The guests went away gradually & by 5 p.m. we were left again to ourselves with our dear Missie absent. God bless her & her husband - & make them happy in each other's love. I went to bed very early - very tired & weary. Mrs. Moss. & the Robinsons helped to wash up and put things away.

³⁰ Wedding of Eliza Jane Wilson to George Irvine Scott. ggw

³¹ Home being Glenesk. ggw

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JULY

19 FRIDAY (200-165)

7th Month 1867

Morg. fine & cold again - got up a little later – tho' not much refreshed by the nights rest, the excitement not having worn off yet. Boys carting forms and crockery back into town. I was writing letters to my Mother, brother & other friends all day. Drove into town after dinner for mail & got English letters which I had time to acknowledge by return of the mail: came back to tea & set to work writing again till 9 o'clock - then sent Tommy in to town with letters for post.

Mrs. McIver called on her way to Hamilton. We all miss our dear girl very much, the house seems so lonely without her - tho' the others are still in it. - Douglas Scott called on his way home - took a Box for Mrs. G. Scott. Paid him £3.2.3 for – (?) &c.

Took a piece of Bride's cake to Louie Brown and Theresa - Mrs. Du Faur much about the same since her confinement. Did not get to bed till past 10, my shoulder aching with so much writing.

1867 7th Month

20 SATURDAY (201-164)

JULY

Beautiful morg. fine & clear.

Dickenson Day started off before breakfast to the Manning. Boys cutting up wood after breakfast - self reading papers - & moving tables. Mrs. W. & Ellie clearing away glasses & settling the dining room again. Tommy got in with Cart with some things borrowed for the wedding. Paid Robinson £1 for this week.

Began "Koran & the Bible" by Arnold. All tired & weary - went to bed early.

Mrs. McIver & Marie called on their way to Hamilton. Henry & Ellie rode into town to take a ride with Miss Tozer – Roger went to Melford & Tommy to Hamilton to play with Charlie.

JULY

21 SUNDAY - 5 aft Trin (202-163)

7th Month 1867

Splendid morning fine & cold.

All went to church - which we can now do, as we leave the servant in charge of the house & Christy. Mr. Kemp preached & gave notice that a subscription would be called for in aid of Flood Relief fund. Drove in again in afternoon with Ellie & Tottie to see Revd. Mr. Holland about the best means to collect and it was decided on to call a meeting at which a committee could be organised to make collections. Read prayers in the evening and went to bed early. Evg. looking very dark. & cloudy & like rain.

Turned the horses & cows into vineyard - they got down to Robinson's garden - he turned them again into paddock - & set to fencing his garden in with poles &c did not come up in Evg. to prayers.

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22 MONDAY (203-162)

JULY

Morg. fine & cold. Boys to school this morning. Henry in to town before starting for the Plains. I went in to visit the jail & do other work in the Town.

Wrote out 2 notices calling for a meeting on Wednesday 24 Inst. at 12 at Court House. After visit to jail where there were no complaints & c I went to the Court House & there McDonald & I had a case of larceny from the person to try – Ryding v. Park - Defendant convicted of stealing £1 from Plaintiff & sentenced to pay fine of 20/-. Dined with Mclver - and waited for the post, got 3 papers and a parcel for Robinson of seeds.

Robinson all day fencing in his garden to keep off cows & horses. Paid Reynolds a/c for boots and rode home. Met Ellie & Tottie flying in to town in the Buggy - to get flour & bread. Douglas & Fred. Briggs down with cattle – the latter called at Clifton on his way out and left word that dear Missie was quite well. Tommy went in with Mr. Boyle after tea to town with letters I wrote to MacDonnell & Co. enclosing 2 cheques £2.5.2. & £10.7.0 and a note to Sands for some books to come up by next Steamer. Mr. Boyle remained here till his brother returned from town and went away about ½ past 9. Got a letter from Missie - she was quite well & got up all safe.

JULY

23 TUESDAY (204-161)

7th Month 1867

Morg. cold but cloudy - gathering for rain. Boys to school. Roger and I put in the horses & cattle to vineyard – the grass there up to their knees & none in the paddock - Robinson pruning in vineyard.

Miss & Johnny Tozer called in afternoon & brought word that Mrs. Du Faur died this morning.

Read "Koran & Bible" & find it very interesting.

Roger dug up all the arrowroot and filled 4 barrows load with them - to be made into the edible preparation.

Cloudy in Evg. and slightly drizzling towards night.

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24 WEDNESDAY (205-160)

JULY

Morg. cloudy & drizzling at times. Boys into school.

Roger & I cutting up wood till 11. Then got ready to go in to town to attend meeting and Mrs. Du Faur's funeral. Drove into town with Roger and put up the Buggy at Beach House and went to the Court House to attend the Meeting - found only Young, Dr. Neild, Ormiston & Mr. Davis - after waiting a while adjourned it till tomorrow at ½ past 4 after the funeral. Got a note from Mr. Gates asking me to go to jail. Drove up and had brought before me Ned. Ashton - for disobedience of orders - gave him 24 hours additional confinement to that already inflicted on him by the gaoler(?). Dined with Dr. Parsons and got home about 4 p.m. Mrs. Du Faur to be buried at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Read "Koran & Bible" and feel much interested in it, & finished the Evg. with a chapter of the Vulgate. Got a note from dear Missie by Mr. Briggs they were quite well. Douglas Scott was at the Blacksmith's - he promised to lend his gig horse to Henry to send down our Cart on Friday.

JULY

**25 THURSDAY (206-159)
St. James**

7th Month 1867

Splendid morg. Therm 44°. Boys to school – Roger digging ground & putting in arrowroot plants in office patch: self hilling up cabbage plants & cleaning potato rows – Robinson not at work today - his wife in fits

After dinner drove into town with Ellie, Roger & Johnny to attend the Funeral of Mrs. Du Faur & Meeting. I was asked to be one of the Pall bearers - and followed her to her last long home - her little baby's coffin was taken up & buried in the same grave with its Mother.

After the Funeral attended the Meeting in the Court House - about 16 or 17 were there - was voted into the chair and a Committee was appointed to collect subscriptions, Treasurer & Secretary - myself the former & Mr. Ormiston the latter. Passed a very sad & sorrowful Evg. thinking of poor Augusta & her afflicted family. The two Boyles remd. to tea and went home about 8 - with Roger.

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26 FRIDAY (207-158)

JULY

Morg. cold & fine. Therm. 44°

Boys to school. Roger not at home to milk – only 4 of us sat down to breakfast. Went down to vineyd and found Robinson working in his garden - not at work for me - Mrs. Robinson still ill with effects of the fit.

After dinner drove into town with Ellie & Tottie for the mail. Took a bunch of flowers to Mrs. Simpson. Got 3 papers & a letter from Under Secty. Halloran to McDonald & I to hold an enquiry into & report on the charges made by Mr. Gates on Revd. C. Coghlan - wrote to the priest & told him that we would meet on Wednesday next 31 - at 11 o'clock at the gaol & requested his attendance. Called at Beach House & Mr. Holland's. Read my paper in Evg. and a chapter in the New Testament & went to bed tired. Mrs. Young & Miss Young walked out & paid a visit.

Henry not down - Roger came home in afternoon.

JULY

27 SATURDAY (208-157)

7th Month 1867

Fine morg. Therm: 44°.

Roger Tommy & Ellie went down early after bakfast to mangle at Hamilton. Read a paper and got ready to go in to town to meeting of Committee for Flood Relief fund – Steamer came in to the port about 7 a.m.

Attended Flood Relief committee meeting – collectors named & more names added to list of committee. Met Dr. Neild there & promised to meet him at Clifton to see Ellie's tooth extracted but could not get out in time - dined with Mclvers - and driving out with Johnny met Hannah Holland & Mr. & Mrs. Holland going to pay a visit to Clifton. Took up Hannah in the Buggy & went & got the arrowroot making machine. Met our Cart on our way home with Henry Roger & Tommy in it - going in to town to deliver hides (?) to Mr. Young. Got a letter from Missie who was quite well.

1867 7th Mo

28 SUNDAY - 6 aft Trin (209-156)

JULY

Fine morg. clear & cold. Decided on letting Ellie return with Henry to see Missie for a fortnight. They went away as we went to church. On our return from church Emily Palmer came with us to stay with Tottie for a few days. Got a sharp attack of my pains during church, had to lie down when I got home under blankets & kept there all day - did not read prayers all day.

Children went to Hamilton for a walk in afternoon. In the Evg. began to rain - and kept up steadily tho' not heavily for some hours.

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JULY

29 MONDAY (210-155)

7th Month 1867

Morg. cloudy & cold & looking like rain. Did not get up until just bfcst time. Read prayers to Christie in her room. After bfcst Roger & I cut up wood - rain began about 9 o'clock steadily but not heavily - took off my wet boots & sat down to read by the fire. Roger putting in 2 panes of glass in drawing room windows.

Mr Boyle came here in afternoon – gave him an order to get papers – he bought me 2 Heralds & 1 Church Chronicle. Mr & Mrs. Palmer called & bought some clothes for Emily – and present for Missie. Raining on & off all day - & a very cold wind from Westward. Read my papers in Evg.

1867 7th Month

30 TUESDAY (211-154)

JULY

Morg. fine - tho' still cloudy & very cold wind. Boys did not go to school today. Drove into town with Tommy & went to jail - no complaints - paid Mr. Brown, Palmer's cheque £1.10. for Pew rent. Bought a zinc & wooden can for making arrowroot in from Madden for 3/6 & brought it home in Buggy. Made some collections for flood relief fund - 5/- from Rigby - 3/6 from Murphy, 5/- from Francis, & 4/- from Widderson.

When I got home, prepared the box with Roger, & ground a good many roots. Marie & Ellie here all night. Day cleared up and turned out fine but very cold - read Parker speech in the Herald about School Acts.

JULY

31 WEDNESDAY(212-153)

7th Month 1867

Morg. very cold &. westerly wind

Marie & Ellie away by 7 to wash at Hamilton. Charlie came up with Buggy - but after they had started. Boys kept from school to help making the arrowroot. Went in on "Tom Thumb" to have the enquiry at gaol with McDonald relative to charges agst. Revd. Father Coghlan - took evidence on oath. Dined with Mclvers and came home during afternoon - very cold & not feeling well - went to bed early - rode down to Gauls & Webbers for subs. to Flood Relief fund - got 2/6 from Gaul – Webber had promised his to Boyle. Did not read any tonight - Ellie & Marie here tonight.

Dr. & Miss Neild called to pay a visit but I was in town and did not see them.

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1867 8th Month

**1 THURSDAY (213-152)
Lammas Day**

AUGUST

Morg. very cold & windy. Boys did not go to school - as they were wanted to stay & get in wood. Marie & Ellie went down to Hamilton after bkfast to mangle &c. I drove in to town with Mrs. W. & Emily Palmer - they returned with flour &c - I went to local Board Meeting of school - examd. the school & did very little but talk. Mr. Kemp went away to marry Rigby - & I sat down to copy list of subscribers to Hospital - & receive £76.2.0 from Mrs. Kemp. Dined there - rec'd £5 from Mr. Kemp as from the Newc. Ch: Socty. for Port Macq. Church - which I gave to Brown. Went down to get McIver & Dr. Parsons to the Meeting at Hospl. where we had a quorum: reported recpt. of money collected by Mrs. Kemp & proposed thanks thro' Mr. Kemp to Mrs. K. for her kindness & trouble. Paid Dr. Parsons £11.18.9 and Mrs. Cheyne £1 - walked home in Evg. met Hughes who kept me yarning on the road till late. Read ch. Chronicles in Evg. & a chapter in Vulgate and went to bed rather tired. Boys went to Boyles in afternoon - and returned about ½ past 8 p.m. Got in 3 loads of wood in morg.

AUGUST

2 Friday (214-151)

8th Month 1867

Morg. cold & fine Therm: 29°.

Boys at home getting in wood. Self wrote to Under Secty. for Fin. & Roads for payment of 2nd moiety of road grant for this year - and enclosed to Prine (?): Und. Secty. - return of voluntary contri. to Hospl. Wrote also in my own & McDonald's name to Col: Secty. reporting on charge Gates v. Coghlan - kept a copy. Drove in town in afternoon for mail - got 3 Sydney papers & one Melbourne & 1 for Robinson.

Had a letter from Ellie by Mrs. Brown all well - Tommy went in for Kempsey mail - but no letters. Read papers in Evening. Bought a small kerosene lamp for Mrs. W's sewing machine table.

1867 8th Month

3 SATURDAY (215-150)

AUGUST

Morg. very cold - Therm: 35° clear & bright.

Roger made a start for Glenesk about 10 a.m. - on "Dobbin" Douglas' horse - to stay for a week & return with Ellie. Tommy getting in remdr. of wood cut by Henry - got in now altogether about 17 loads and about 5 or 6 more to get in. Paid Robinson £1.6.8 for 8 days work during the last fortnight. Douglas & Henry came out in Evg. and remd. all night - brought down cattle for Farrell.

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AUGUST

4 SUNDAY 7 aft Trin (216-149)

8th Mo 1867

Rain almost all night - thunder & lightning - too wet to go to church. Douglas & Henry started about 8 and must have caught a heavy shower about the punt. Heard the younger ones read say their catechism - and had prayers in afternoon. Mrs. Widdieson up. All went to bed early, very cold wintry westerly wind blowing all day - with occasional scuds of rain.

1867 8th Month

5 MONDAY (217-148)

AUGUST

Morg. fine & very cold. Therm: 42°.

Boys to school early - wrote to Father Coghlan by this post to acknowledge recpt. of his letter - but to say that we had held the enquiry and sent in our report. Wrote also to the Bank for another stamped cheque book - went down vineyard to pay Robinson - but he was in town pruning at Mrs. Tozers - gave the cheque to his wife.

About 12 drove out with Mrs. W. Emily Palmer & Tottie to Thrumpster, found the road so bad that we had to walk the mare there and back - got back about ½ past 4. The Mclvers called in afternoon and the two Boyles. Mr. Boyle gave me in his collections £2.18.0. They staid to tea & went away about 8 o'clock. Boys brought out mail - 3 papers and a note from McDonnell & Co. with a receipt for cheques.

AUGUST

6 TUESDAY (218-147)

8th Month 1867

Morg. very cold. Therm low & cold and wind from westward.

Boys did not go to school today as I had to get in wood. Cut up some wood with Tommy - Willm. Boyle came to help get in wood with Tommy - got in 4 good heavy loads - all in now from back.

Self rode T.T. in to town - too late for the Court, but went to jail, reprimanded Slater, and signed warrant for Elizabeth Campbell sent down as a lunatic and some requisitions.

Dined at Beach House - ordered a pair of riding boots at Reynolds and bought a pair of riding pants at Youngs - to go to Plains next week - please God - made up my collections for Flood Relief Fund & put it by £5.17.0. Miss the girls very much. Old woman washing. Mrs. W. in kitchen puddling about making candles &c.

Mr. Day called on his way to town & left a letter for us from Mrs. Scott - all well at Glenesk - promised to call tomorrow for a letter - read debate on Robertson's motion of censure - Boyle staid all night.

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7 WEDNESDAY (219-146)

AUGUST

Morg. fine & cold - wrote a letter to Missie to be sent by Mr. Day. Boys to school - Boyle - Tottie & I brought up 2 loads of light wood. Mr. Day called about 1 and took Missie's letter. Boyle went away after dinner. Laid down & read all the afternoon - as I felt tired & weary, could not read much in Evg. Tommy took Mrs. W's saddle to Blairs & brought back mine mended. Evening fine & cold - starry & bright moon.

AUGUST

8 THURSDAY (220-145)

8th Month 1867

Fine morg. Therm: 45°.

Boys to school - took a pill wh: made me feel very sick & not inclined for breakfast. Anne's time up today - the month @ 6/- a week I engaged her for on trial - agreed with her to remain & promised to give her 7/- per week.

Could not do any work all day - Boys cut up some wood when they came home at 4 p.m.

Read Arnold "Koran & Bible" all the Evg. and finished with a chapter of St. Mark.

Christie up for an hour or so this afternoon - and came in to prayers in evening.

Wrote to my Brother & Davenport to go by overland mail - must write to my Mother in a day or two.

1867 8th Month

9 FRIDAY (221-144)

AUGUST

Morg. fine & cold tho' cloudy - Boys to school - put in about 80 cabbage plants where I had sowed peas & beans which did not come up.

Mrs. W. & I went down in Buggy to Hamilton to mangle. After dinner Tottie & I drove in to town for mail - got a letter from Col-Secretary in re Gates v. Coghlan & 3 papers. Gave Mrs. Freeman a drive to Clifton & back again. Mr. & Mrs. Kemp called at Clifton while we were away. Met Mr. Du Faur & Theresa riding. While at tea Mr. & Mrs. G. Scott & Ellie & Roger came in - Missie looking very well & stout - so glad to see them. Could only get thro' one paper too much talking to do more.

AUGUST

10 SATURDAY (222-143)

8th Month 1867

Morg. fine & bright, but perceptibly warmer. Got a notice to attend court on a case of cattle stealing agst. Paddy Donohue - his son & Barraby. After sitting in court from 11 a.m. till ½ past 5 p.m. committed all three to take their trial at the next Quarter Sessions on 30 Sept. no bail allowed - Mr. Garvan objecting. Very cold & hungry in Court. Got a feed at Beach House and rode home with George who had gone in with me in morg. and had sat it out. Boys seeing the show.

Paid Dr. Neild (thro' W. Neild who staid to tea) 6/6 for Christopher Cockle and £5 to Missie on account of £10 - balance due to her. Marie & Ellie walked out this afternoon to see Missie and Roger drove them into town after tea - bright moonlight & clear to drive by.

1867 8th Mo

**11 SUNDAY - 8 aft Trin (223-142)
Half Quarter Day**

AUGUST

Morg. drizzling & cloudy - looking like more rain.

All went to church. Mr. Kemp preaching. All the young people went out walking in afternoon - & met the Mclver girls in churchyard - & heard that Robert Crummer had died in Sydney on the 5th of dysentery - real havoc in that family. Read prayers in the Evg. Mrs. Widderson present. Evg. fine & bright but warm.

AUGUST

12 MONDAY (224-141)

8th Month 1867

Had a bad night - disturbed by Mrs. W. hunting fleas in the bed all night - did not wake & get up so early in consequence as usual. Boys to school - tho' slightly drizzling before bkfast. Came on more heavily & set in steadily about 10. George Roger & I cutting up wood. Could not go in today to jail nor to dinner to Youngs as I promised, nor to Flood R.F. Com. meeting at 12 - slight pains troubling me.

George & his wife Ellie & Roger drove in to spend the Evg. with the Mclvers - & returned about 2 in the morg. Read the papers and finished them all ready for Mclver. Went to bed about 10 with pains troubling me.

A drunken man Ed. McDonald came in the Evg. wanting to stay all night - sent him down to Widdersons - could not accomodate him. Evg. turned out fine heavy dew & no rain.

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13 TUESDAY (225-140)

AUGUST

Morg. very fine - clear & bright - & not so cold as lately. Boys to school. George & Eliza went away. I drove in to town with Tottie to go to jail &c. - went my rounds there - Barraby wanted to get out on Bail - admitted him to bail & James Donohue - if they can procure it. Got my new riding boots stretched - and will answer now - dined with the Mclvers - went to Ormiston's & signed papers in committal of Donohue son & arranged to have a meeting of Flood Rel. Fund on Thursday aft. at 3.

Drove out Marie & Ellie to Hamilton via Clifton. Ellie & Roger to Thrumster for a ride & visit. Paid Robinson 16/8 for 5 days work of last week - & 2/6 for eggs - 30 - Marie & Ellie staid here all night.

AUGUST

14 WEDNESDAY (226-139)

8th Month 1867

Morg. fine & clear. Boys to school. Tommy drove Marie & Ellie down to Hamilton by ½ past 7. Roger & I burning off corn stalks in patch previous to ploughing.

Mrs. W. drove into town with boys when they came back from school - to spend the afternoon with Mrs. Mclver - came back, about 6 o'clock just as Marie & Ellie returned walking from Hamilton - they staid here tonight.

Roger & I rode out to find an old road diverging from Sandy flat road - found it to come in again on New England road. Mr. & Mrs. Rudder & Alfred Rudder called - and staid about half an hour. Read Arnold's "Koran & Bible" for an hour - but could not get on with it - too much talking round me.

1867 8th Month

15 THURSDAY (227-138)

AUGUST

Beautiful morg. clear & cold.

Roger drove Marie & Ellie Mclver to Hamilton to help them mangle their clothes. Boys to school. Mr. Mclver walked up with some blank cheques for me - had a glass of wine & went back. Mrs. W. gardening. I went to see Robinson at vineyard - working from this week @ 8/- per week giving me 2 days in each week.

Drove in after dinner with Ellie & Marie & Ellie Mclver - and was just in time to be caught for a case of rape Christie Doyle versus Mrs. Cameron - It came on before Messrs. Freeman - McDonald & myself and the case for the prosecution was over by 5 p.m. Bail was allowed to Doyle in £100 for self & 2 sureties Dodds & Blair for £50 each - for his appearance on Friday 23rd Inst. - case remanded till then. Had no meeting either at Hospital or Rel. Fund Commte. Too tired to read much - went to bed early.

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AUGUST

16 FRIDAY (228-137)

8th Month 1867

Beautiful morg. fine & clear. Boys to school. Steamer came in this morg. Drove in after bkfast to see about parcel &c. Got a parcel (Koran) from Sands - and arranged to receive money for relief flood fund from Ormiston at 3 p.m., rec'd from Mr. Young £18.18.9.

Brought Marie back with me to go a ride with Ellie: came home to write letters. Boyle here to plough with Roger in barley patch.

Got 2 papers - 2 letters from my Mother & brother & one from Under Col. Secty. respecting Hospital money.

Drove into town again with Mrs. W. called on Mr. & Mrs Ormiston, got the collection from him and sent it all £45.3.3 in registered letter to W. R. Piddington Esq. Hony. Treasurer to Genl. Flood Relief Fund.

Called also on the Russells - and found them pleasant people - got my stirrups from Blairs - and mail by overland - read my papers in Evg. Wm. Boyle staid all night - Tommy went home with Mr. Boyle.

1867 8th Month

17 SATURDAY (229-136)

AUGUST

Had rain during night, fine morg. Boyle & Roger up very early to get on with ploughing. Mr. Palmer's man came for the fowls - Mrs. W. gave the white hen to Emily. Tommy & I cutting up wood - Johnny helping.

After dinner Boyle & I drove in to town - he for his Osage orange plants & I for my chaffcutter. He staid here till moon rose & went home on "Paddy" his own horse having got into the paddock.

Finished all my papers but one and read a chapter in Luke before going to bed. Paid Robinson 8/- for this week by Mrs. Robinson.

AUGUST

18 SUNDAY - 9 aft Trin (230-135)

8th Mo 1867

Fine morg. clear but warmer. Gave my mare a feed of cut up hay & corn - which she seemed to like & eat it all. Roger to Sunday School. All went to church - collection Sunday for lighting the church - held the plate at W. door - got abt. £2.10.0. Did not have service in afternoon - children taking a walk with McIvers. Read Evg. service after tea - Mrs. Widderson present & Christie went to bed early.

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19 MONDAY (231-134)

AUGUST

Fine morg. Therm. 41° clear.

Boys to school - took in Whitefoot to get shod for Mrs. W. to ride to plains on. Rode Tom Thumb in - went to gaol - Invited and dined with Dr. Parsons & waited for my mail. Got one letter from Col. Secretary on the subject Coghlan & Gates, & one paper. Mr. W. & Ellie drove in the Buggy, paid a visit or two. Gave Johnny the pony to ride home on - & drove the ladies home. Got 125 lbs or rather 1 cwt. & 25 lbs of hay from McDonald Ewen & Co. to cut up for mare in chaffcutter. Read my papers in Evg.

AUGUST

20 TUESDAY (232-133)

8th Month 1867

Fine morg. clear & beautiful. Therm. 44°. Boys to school. Roger digging off in bed for arrowroots. I hilled & cleaned up the cabbages till I was tired - then went in & wrote. Sent in papers to McIver by boys. Got a letter from Missie by yesterday's mail - all right.

After dinner Mrs. W. I & Tottie drove out to Lake - and saw Dr. & Mrs. & Miss Neild - spent a pleasant hour & left just at sundown - had to push on to get home before dusk - and was just in time. Roger went to Boyle's and returned about 9 p.m.

Wrote after tea in office till 9 - and read a chapter & went to bed. Sent a letter to Mr. Gates with a copy of Coghlan's memo charging him with cruelty & violence & requesting his report on same as early as possible.

1867 8th Month

21 WEDNESDAY (233-132)

AUGUST

Fine day & milder. Boys to school. Cloudy & drizzling about 9 - and set in fairly with a steady wind about 10.

Roger & I cut up some hay - and I then went to office & finished writing in case Coghlan & Gates - set Roger to read it all through to give him an idea of how such an enquiry should be investigated.

Mrs. W. & I put up ceiling in my den that has been blown down - and afterwards I copied out some music. Boys came home drenched from school. Rain off & on all day - Evg. looking clearer tho' still cloudy to Eastward.

Read & finished "Koran & Bible" in evening. Tommy brought me a note from Mr. Gates asking me to go to gaol to see a man whom he had confined for insolence - cannot go today - too wet.

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AUGUST

22 THURSDAY (234-131)

8th Month 1867

Morg. fine & clear - all signs of rain passed over. Boys not to school today. Tommy digging in garden - I cleaning cabbages &c. Roger planting Osage orange plants & other things.

In afternoon rode Whitefoot into town - went to gaol - had one man Connors before me & reprimanded him - got Gate's report on charge of violence & cruelty preferred agst. him by Father Coghlan.

Had a glass of wine with Mr. Young & Mr. Mclver & drank the health of his last born, a daughter, Mclver very screwy. I went to Hospital meeting paid Mrs. Cheyne £1 up to 2 - Sept. her a/c passed. Only Dr. - President & Treasurer present. Got a bookmark from L.B. Saw Capt. Sinclair who had just arrived - looking very much sunburnt. Read Gate's report in Evg. & copied it - till I was tired of writing - gave it to Roger to read. Saw Mr. Du Faur & Theresa - the former expecting to get off by tomorrow's steamer.

1867 8th Month

23 FRIDAY (235-130)

AUGUST

Fine Morg. Boys to school - sent a note to McDonald to say I could not attend Court this morg. as I had too much writing to get thro'. Roger & Ellie down to Hamilton to mangle. I finished my dispatches to Col. Secty. by noon. Mr. Boyle called for Nobbler & Cart.

After dinner Mrs. W. Ellie & I rode into town for mail. Got a letter from Treasury saying £16.2. had been placed to my credit in Union Bk on a.c of Hospital - & 3 papers - & a letter for Roger from Mclver.

Paid a short visit to Beach House - and then paid a long one to old Mr. & Mrs. Ormiston - found them a very pleasant couple. C. Doyle bailed out £600 for self & 2 sureties - Blair & Dodds in £300 each - to take his trial at Maitland assizes on 25th Oct. Read my papers in Evg. & went to bed rather tired with my ride.

AUGUST

**24 SATURDAY (236-129)
St. Bartholomew**

8th Month 1867

Fine morg. Tommy digging in garden. Roger cutting up wood. Self planting cabbages and digging till 11 - then dressed & laid down & read my papers. Got a bag corn, 26 lbs pork and --- potatoes from Maynard.

Ellie & I took ride into town & down on the beach by "Little Nobby" - rode gig mare - to try her for the journey - found her a little rough but she must do - tired at night went to bed after reading one paper.

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1867 8th Mo.

25 SUNDAY- 10 aft Trin (237-128)

AUGUST

Morg. fine - Roger to Sunday School. All of us to church after bkfast. Mr. Kemp preaching. The boys & girls took a walk in afternoon. Mrs. W. & I went down to see the vineyard - and I read prayers in Evg. - no one present but ourselves - went to bed early. The children all tired with their walk.

AUGUST

26 MONDAY (238-127)

8th Month 1867

Morg. fine & clear. Boys to school. Tommy took gig mare in to the Blacksmith to get her shoes moved. Getting our saddles stuffed and ready for tomorrow. Old George called to bid us good-bye - gave him cheque for £2. being payment on a/c of Mr. O'Reilly for Sept. & Decr. quarters next. Gave him also a carpet bag & "Gospel in Ezekiel" as a present. Paid Robinson yesterday by Mrs. R. 8/- for last week. Dr. Parsons called - paid him by a cheque as Treasurer of Hospl. £10.18.0. a/c rend. - up to July 31/67.

Drove into town with Mrs. W. Tottie & Ellie - called at Beach House - & on Mrs. Tozer - & on Mr. Davis & Rudder - got my mail - 1 letter from Mr. Piddington acknowledging receipt of £45.3.3 on a/c of Flood Relief fund. Got home late - read Manning papers - and prepared for a start tomorrow to the plains.

Note. - George was butler to Major Innes at Lake.

1867 8th Month

27 TUESDAY (239-126)

AUGUST

Fine morg. clear. Boys not to school want to see us off. Started for the plains about 10 a.m. Paid Robinson 8/- for this week - got up to Glenesk about 5 p.m. - very tired and weary - having ridden all the 30 miles without getting off once. George & Henry away at Yesabah³².

A Mr. Barrie came in the Evg. to see if George had any fat cattle for sale - but as I did not encourage him to stay - he went away and bought some elsewhere. Tired we went to bed early - after getting a bushel of corn for my horses from Argent - paid him 2/-.

³² Could be "Yessabah New South Wales, Australia" on Google Maps. ggw

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AUGUST

28 WEDNESDAY (240-125)

8th Month 1867

Fine morg. Got up refreshed, tho' we did not sleep much being wearied and in a strange bed.

Set to work after bakfast & planted out the cabbage plants and sowed a bed of cabbage seed & one of carrot, and a row of parsley. Mrs. W. had a bathe which I fancy she found rather cool. In the afternoon took a walk down to the other house & looked about it - George & Henry returned very unexpectedly about 8 p.m. and were very glad to see us. Read my papers - and soon went to bed as the boys were tired.

1867 8th month

29 THURSDAY (241-124)

AUGUST

**Partial Eclipse of Sun, visible in
South Africa and South America**

Fine morg. Great anxiety for rain as the grass does not look very flourishing. Did nothing particular this morg. but read my papers - and sent them when read to Rowsell - he sent me some Illustrated London News & some oranges. Mr. James Ducat called in the afternoon - and stayed for an hour - George & Henry out on the run all day.

AUGUST

30 FRIDAY (242-123)

8th Month 1867

Fine morg. Took a turn round the paddocks with George & Henry looking for some cattle that had got out. Went to old house - & got in - and walked off with the piano belong to Mrs. Day - George & Henry carrying it on a pole & I carrying the stool & gun.

Mr. & Mrs. Tingcombe called in afternoon - and invited us to dinner on the following Tuesday - which we accepted. George & Henry getting wood for house & kitchen on their backs.

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31 SATURDAY (243-122)

AUGUST

Letts's Rough & Cheap Diaries published

Fine day & warm - after bkfast George & his wife - Mrs. W. & I started off for Willesbro' - George wanted to grind some wheat and we went to see the mill at work and get our mail - turned our horses out at Willesbro' and waited lunch which Mary promised to get us.

Went & saw Mrs. Day & the children - found them all very unsettled in their habitat - and Mr. Day very dirty & untidy. Got 6 papers & a letter from George & Ellie & Marie all well at Clifton. Mrs. W. finished her letter and gave it to Mr. Day who was going down on Monday to Port Macquarie.

Got home to Glenesk about 6 p.m. rather tired with our day's excursion - George brought back "Dobbin" to take to take to Cumbertine Ck on Monday.

SEPTEMBER

1 SUNDAY - 11 aft Trin (244-121)

9th Mo 1867

Still fine & dry - tho' all up here longing for rain. Had no prayers (except before bkfast) all day till Evening when I read a sermon & a chapter with the usual prayer. Took a walk round the paddocks with George & Henry - saw the "White House" remains where Mr. Gray used to live in the old times.

1867 9th Month

2 MONDAY (245-120)

SEPTEMBER

Fine and clear. After an early bkfast George & Henry started for Cumbertine Ck. to help Douglas put up a stockyard - and not expecting to be back till Thursday.

Mamma began to build in the stove into the kitchen fireplace - which she accomplished to everybody's satisfaction - and felt very tired after it.

SEPTEMBER

3 TUESDAY (246-119)

9th Month 1867

Fine - dry still. After bkfast did what was necessary & then prepared to go to dinner with the Tingcombes - found them all well - they gave us a very nice comfortable dinner & we returned about 6 p.m.

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4 WEDNESDAY (247-118)

SEPTEMBER

After bkfast Mamma & I rode down to Willesbro' for the mail and for some cabbage plants & other things which Mr. Day had promised to bring up in the Cart. Found that he had not arrived - and left Mrs. W. at Mrs. Day's. I rode on to the post office for my letters and papers, but was disappointed in not getting any - heard on my way that Mr. Day had got to Port Macquarie all right - and loaded his cart by 10 the next morn. & at sundown was not in a fit state to get out of the town - so remained where he was.

Returned to Glenesk about ½ past 6 p.m. Mrs. Day promising to send her son with anything the next day - should Mr. Day return that day - which I heard afterwards he did about 10 p.m. George & Henry returned about 8 p.m. the former with a bad toothache & both very tired & knocked up.

SEPTEMBER

5 THURSDAY (248-117)

9th Month 1867

Fine tho' a little cloudy & looking like rain coming on. George & Henry working about shoeing horses &c. Just as we were sitting down to dinner Mrs. Stewart & Hector Stewart called - before leaving they asked us to go and see them tomorrow at 3 p.m. tho' they did not say to dine.

George & Henry out on the run in afternoon - Henry on a mare just broken in - one of the "Yesabah" lot - lately run in.

Had a bit of thunder storm in Evng. with a little rain, but not enough to do much good.

1867 9th Month

6 FRIDAY (249-116)

SEPTEMBER

Cloudy and looking like rain but none came.

George & Henry out on the run and drawing in wood for house use.

Missie & I went to Stewarts after dinner - got there about 4 - and found it was to dinner that they had invited us - made an effort to dine and after walking about & seeing pigs fowls - horses etc. we returned to Glenesk - just in time to cross the river by light.

Henry started about 3 p.m. for Port Macquarie to look for Mr. McIver's bullocks which had been seen at the Punt - he was to go to Clifton for the night & come back tomorrow.

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SEPTEMBER

7 SATURDAY (250-115)

9th Month 1867

Fine day & clear - started after breakfast for Port Macquarie - George remaining at home doing jobs here & there. Left Glenesk about 10 a.m. and got home to Clifton about ½ past 4 p.m and found all right, with the exception of colds on both Marie & Tottie. Sent Johnny in to town with Stewart's letter to Mr. Watt.

Roger had been out to Boyle's intending to meet me - but missed me. Did not feel so tired as expected - shall feel it more tomorrow I expect. Went to bed about 9 p.m. - looking very cloudy & dark towards night.

1867 9th Mo

8 SUNDAY - 12 aft Trin (251-114)

SEPTEMBER

Raining during night - but cleared up towards bkfast time.

After bkfast (Roger having gone in to his Sunday School) we made a start for Church, but had not got 200 yards before it came on - blowing quite a hurricane & very cold - so we turned back - and did not go to church all day - was tired & weary today - felt a good deal of pain in my hand & arm. Roger read a sermon & chapter & prayer in Evg. Marie played "Rownans Oram" for us to sing "Rock of Ages" to - but no regular service. Very boisterous & wet all day.

SEPTEMBER

9 MONDAY (252-113)

9th Month 1867

Still raining & very boisterous - rain falling apparently heavily at the plains. Tottie very much disappointed at not being able to go up to Glenesk today.

After bkfast boys & I cut up wood - and after dinner Roger drove Marie & Ellie in to town, leaving Marie at house & bringing my mail out. Boyle called here and staid to tea and till 9 p.m. Read my papers - and a chapter before going to bed.

1867 9th Month

10 TUESDAY (253-112)

SEPTEMBER

Fine morg. Tottie up very early getting everything in order for her journey. After bkfast Roger & she made a start for Glenesk about ¼ to 10 a.m. with every appearance of fine weather before them. Boys to school, leaving only Ellie & I at home.

After dinner the Mclvers called here on their way out from Hamilton - the old gentleman very unwell with rheumatism & bad cold. Boys to school in the afternoon. Tommy got a fall from Schweiger's pony bucking with him. Paid Robinson 8/- for last week.

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SEPTEMBER

11 WEDNESDAY(254-111)

9th Month 1867

Fine morg. rain cleared off tho' cloudy. Boys to school. Took a ride after bkfast to Webbers to ask about Manning's farm for Robinson. Read "Henry Coverdale" till dinner time.

After dinner walked into town & saw the Mclvers & the Doctor. Bought 2 photo albums - one for Mrs. W. & one for Ellie - and a knife for myself. Case before the Court this morg. Queen v Butler Hawe's son-in-law - remanded for 8 days. Ellie & Tommy drove in to spend the Evg. with the Tozers - leaving Johnny & I to do Bachelors for one Evg. They came home about 11 p.m. Read "Coverdale" & a chapter before going to bed. Thunder storm came on in Evg. with plenty of rain on & off all night.

1867 9th Month

12 THURSDAY (255-110)

SEPTEMBER

Morg. fine tho' cloudy & showery. Boys did not go to school - as it was threatening. Robinson came up with some fat in a bag left by Aldridge from Glenesk as he passed - with message that he would call for any thing going up by dinner time - packed up 16 bottles of wine - 2 bottles root (?) beer & a small bottle of vitriol & 2 ducks for Glenesk - and our churn for Mr. Day - and took them all in the Barrow to Robinsons.

After dinner Ellie & Boys drove out to the Punt to meet Mamma & Roger coming from Glenesk - & I walked into town to attend Hospital Meeting - met Mr. Mclver & Dr. Parsons there - Mr. Kemp absent. Entered minute of proceedings - & rec'd £3.17.0 from Mrs. Kemp on a/c of Hospital. Then went to Court & on application of Donahue's solicitor admitted him to Bail - himself in £300 & 3 sureties of £100 each - if they could be procured. Got home late and tired - found Mrs. W. & all the children at home.

SEPTEMBER

**13 FRIDAY (256-109)
Partial Eclipse of Moon**

9th Month 1867

Beautiful morg. fine & clear. Boys to school. Roger & I cut up wood - which was left for Roger to split up.

Capt. Sinclair - Theresa & Ellie passed on their way down from McLeay. Too tired to go into town. Roger & Ellie drove in and sent out mail by Johnny. They & Tommy went to the Hollands to a little party - and ret'd abt. 12 p.m. Read my papers in Evg. Splendid bright moon.

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1867 9th Month

14 SATURDAY (257-108)

SEPTEMBER

Fine morg. & clear. Boys washed the Buggy - and I made a little wicket gate into fowl yard & in the corner near house - for the convenience of Mrs. W. - very tired & a little pained - was obliged to change my clothes and lie down.

Dr. Parsons here to dinner. Ellie & Roger drove over to Mr. Ormiston's Senior for the arrowroot machine - saw Miss Fulloon - came back very early. Finished reading my papers - & in last article on " ? " for Dr. Neild.

Paid Robinson 8/- for this week. Felt very tired and did not read in Evg. and went to bed early.

SEPTEMBER

15 SUNDAY - 13 aft Trin (258-107)
Ember Week

9th Mo 1867

Fine morg. Roger to Sunday School - Mrs. W. & self, Ellie & Boys to church. Mr. Allnutt preaching - had to eject a drunken man from the church, lately released from gaol.

Had service in the afternoon - Christie attending - no one else except our own family.

1867 9th Month

16 MONDAY (259-106)

SEPTEMBER

Morg. fine - Therm. higher - wind NE. Boys to school - Roger & I put the Vat at Wash house to rights, cleaning it out and fixing it. I then went in & wrote a letter to my Mother & Brother. Dr. Neild called about the churn but did not stay for many minutes. Wind got up about noon & came very boisterous from westward.

Drove in to town after dinner for the mail & got 3 papers & posted my English letters. Paid a visit to Beach House - Mclver sworn in by Capt. Sinclair as a J.P. this morg. Went to Hospital and paid Mrs. Cheyne 10/- up to today - & gave them notice that the Hospital would be shut up at the end of the quarter. Read my papers in the Evg. - wind shifted round again to westward.

SEPTEMBER

17 TUESDAY (260-105)

9th Month 1867

Fine morn. Wind still high & temperature much lower. Boys not to school today as there is arrowroot grinding to do. Boys in the Cart to Mr. Holland's ground for it. I bottled off 6 small bottles of Clifton '67 and 6 small do of Isabella - '65 for Capt. Greer of the "Grafton" as a sample to taste, and one bottle of Clifton '67 for Mr. Ormiston as sample.

The Misses Fraser & Miss Fulloon called this afternoon & paid a visit. Boys away in afternoon to Punt to meet Douglas & Henry - came back about ½ past 7 with Henry, Douglas & young Snodgrass - a grandson of Col. Snodgrass. They staid here all night - as also did Marie & Ellie Mclver.

Boys brought a Cart load of arrowroot roots from Mr. Holland's ground to be made into arrowroot on halves.

1867 9th Month

18 WEDNESDAY (261-104)
Ember Day

SEPTEMBER

Fine morn. clear & bright. Up early & gave a cup of coffee to Marie & Ellie & let them get away to their washing at Hamilton. Douglas - Snodgrass & Henry had a slight breakfast and went away into town earlyish.

Ellie & I drove into town after bkfast to see if there was anything by steamer for me. Got my prairie grass seed - and two mangle wheels. Got my mare shod on hind foot and came home by 12. Paid Hughes £1 for 10 Bushels Corn @ 2/- and Munro 6/- for wood to Hospital.

Marie & Ellie Mclver here again tonight. Mr. Boyle staid to tea & till 9 O'clock - brought one paper and a letter from post per Steamer. Went to bed early in pain and tired.

SEPTEMBER

19 THURSDAY (262-103)

9th Month 1867

Fine morn. Boys not to school - all hands working away at the Arrowroot making. Ellie & the Mclvers & Roger went down to Hamilton to mangle. Did not feel at all well today - worked a little at the Arrowroot machine - but could not do much. Finished cutting up all the hay.

Rains came on in Evg. - obliged me to go to bed early. Marie & Ellie Mclver went home in afternoon. Did not attend Hospital Meeting today.

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**20 FRIDAY (263-102)
Ember day**

SEPTEMBER

Fine morg. clear & bright. Boys at work to finish off the arrowroot business. Pains troubling me slightly this morg.

Drove into town with Ellie in the afternoon to get mail &c. Got 2 letters from my Brother with a remittance of £150 - £100 for myself & £30 for Missie - a letter also from my Mother & one from Perrott. Went on board the Steamer - and called on the Dr.

Mrs. Mclver dined here & staid till Mr. Mclver called for her in the afternoon. Got 2 papers which I read in Evg. before going to bed. Thunder storm in the Evg. and a little rain but cleared off soon after.

SEPTEMBER

**21 SATURDAY (264-101)
St. Matthew. Ember Day**

9th Month 1867

Fine morg. - clear & bright & no signs of rain - pains troubling me all night and this morg.

Ellie & Johnny rode into town after bakfast to see the Steamer go out. Tommy in with the Cart to get some hay - Roger & I cut up some wood.

Mr. Eden called & asked for some money - paid him 30/- which will not be due till next month. Mrs. Ormiston paid a visit with Boy Naylor. Did not feel well all day, rain hanging about. Ellie & Johnny retd. about 5 p.m. Took a walk in vineyard - Robinson tying up vines, bursting nearly but I am afraid there will not be a very heavy crop.

1867 9th Mo

22 SUNDAY - 14 aft Trin (265-100)

SEPTEMBER

Morg. fine & warm - Roger & Johnny to Sunday School - Tommy in the Buggy with us. Read prayers in the Evg. Christie not able to come in - Mr. & Mrs. Widdieson present. Ellie & Boys went to meet the Mclvers after dinner but rain drove them back very soon. Threatening weather but very little rain. All early to bed - took a pill.

Sacrament Sunday - about 36 present.

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SEPTEMBER

23 MONDAY (266-99)

9th Month 1867

Morg. cloudy & warm. Boys to school - took my mare in to get shod - as she went a little lame yesterday. Roger & Long Tom putting up a post in corner of Barn. Wrote to Mr. Piddington & remitted him £14.2.0 for relief fund – and several other letters. Sent down £150 draft to Union Bk. Drove into town with Ellie in the rain and out again almost immediately - got 3 papers & posted my letters. Sent Mr. Hughes 14/6 by post office order for mangle wheels and 3/- to Govt. Printer for Govt. Gazette. Dr. Parsons dined here today off fore-quarter of mutton. Did not feel any the better for my wetting - raining during the Evg.

1867 9th Month

24 TUESDAY (267-98)

SEPTEMBER

Rain all night and very boisterous. Boys did not go to school. Roger heard their lessons till dinner time, and after dinner they went in to Bush and cut a block for Anne.

Did not feel at all well all day - had a bad pain in my chest and put on a mustard poultice which eased it somewhat - very unpleasant day throughout. Got a letter from Missie to say they were coming down on Sunday.

SEPTEMBER

25 WEDNESDAY (268-97)

9th Month 1867

Morg. very clear & bright & fine – rain all cleared off. Boys to school. Roger digging in garden. Paid Robinson 8/- for week ending last Saturday.

After dinner Mrs. Naylor & Mrs. Collard called and about 4 p.m. Perrott arrived. Gave him dinner and asked him to remain for the night but could not accomodate him further as Mr. & Mrs. G. Scott were coming down & the house would be full.

1867 9th Month

26 THURSDAY (269-96)

SEPTEMBER

Fine morg. - rain all cleared off. Boys to school. Took off grindstone to recut it - and cut up some wood with Roger.

In the afternoon Mrs. W. & Ellie Perrott & I drove into town - left him at Watts - and joined the Funeral of old Mrs. Morton, who died yesterday. No Hospital meeting. Saw Rogers who had come down to prosecute for the Crown. Revd. Mr. & Mrs. Davis called in the afternoon while we were all out, left no cards. Took in arrowroot for Mrs. Holland of which she returned half. Came home late & went to bed early.

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SEPTEMBER

27 FRIDAY (270-95)

9th Month 1867

Morg. Cloudy. Boys to school. Bottled off 12 bottles of Clifton 1867 for Ormiston & 2 bottles Vinegar - one for Mr. Young & one for Mrs. Ormiston - Roger preparing bed for White Beet. Recvd. a letter from Mr. Day asking for arrowroots.

Drove into town for mail - left the wine at Mr. Ormiston's & sent the vinegar to Mr. Young's. Got my mail from Post Office - came on to rain while in town - took refuge in Beach House - leaving Buggy under the shed at Watts. Saw Mr. Rogers who had come up to act as Circuit Crown Prosecutor in place of Brennan.

1867 9th Month

28 SATURDAY (271-94)

SEPTEMBER

Rain cleared off - turned out fine day - do not know what I did today. Judge Meynott arrived - and Perrott. Mr. Rogers & Mr. Wallace walked out to pay us a visit & walked back again, showed them the short cut thro' the bush.

Little Jimmy Crummer walked out in the morg. & spent the day here and night with Johnny - and went out riding in the afternoon.

SEPTEMBER

**29 SUNDAY 15 aft Trin (272-93)
St. Michael. Michaelmas Day**

9th Mo 1867

Fine day - Roger - little James Crummer & Johnny rode in to Sunday School - we followed at 11 o'clock in the Buggy. Mr. Allnutt preaching. Judge Meymott performing on the Organ - Perrott & his two friends in our pew. Did not read prayers in the afternoon.

Tommy went to dine with the Boyles - & in the afternoon Roger & Johnny rode out to the punt to meet our party from Glenesk - met them & Dr. & Mrs. Gabriel & young Rudder & his sister Flora. Eliza looking very well - George & Henry very tired with their ride & week's work camping out. Steamer "Grafton" came in on her way from McLeay to Kempsey - to stay till tomorrow.

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30 MONDAY (273-92)
Divs due on India Bonds.
Jewish Era 5628 begins

SEPTEMBER

Fine morg. high wind - from N.E.

Drove in the Buggy to attend Court. Eliza & Ellie with us to bring back the Buggy & horse.

Hawe's case for cattle stealing came on and lasted about 3 hours - verdict not guilty. In afternoon - cutting & maiming case from the McLeay - Queen v. O'Donnell - found guilty - 2 years imprisonment in Darlinghurst. In Court all day, except dining at McIvers. In the afternoon the Buggy came in with the girls & we drove home. Dr. Parsons asked me to go & spend tomorrow Evg. at his house to meet a few friends. Got one paper which I read in Evg. Steamer went away today to Sydney. Very tempestuous all day & quite a warm dry wind - blowing very hard in night - but no rain to speak of.

OCTOBER

1 TUESDAY (274-91)
All Letts's Diaries now published.
Cambridge Term begins

10th Month 1867

Morg. fine - tho' still windy.

After bkfast saddled Perrott's big bay horse - & Henry rode him in to town: George, Missie & Ellie & I driving in again - and they brought it out home. All day in Court again - very tiring work - Bathis (?) case for cattle stealing came - found guilty - got 5 years on roads at hard labour.

Donaghue & ors. came on next - and occupied the Court till dark - lights were brought in - Jury retired about 7 - and brought in their verdict of "Not guilty" about 8, to the surprise of Judge & everybody else.

Went to spend the Evg. with Dr. P. & met quite a party - did not get home till 2 o'clock - very tired & weary.

1867 10th Month

2 WEDNESDAY (275-90)

OCTOBER

Morg. fine - & warm. No school. Boys cutting up wood with saw. George & Henry breaking in black mare to draw in traces. Black mare that hurt herself yesterday leaping over stockyard died in the night - & was dragged away. Flora Rudder walked out & back again before dinner & wd. not stay. Ellie & Roger out riding with a party.

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OCTOBER

3 THURSDAY (276-89)

10th Month 1867

Morg. fine. Boys not at school.

Attended a meeting of Local Board of Den. School - which was adjourned till Monday at 11 - to hear complaints against the Teacher Mr. Eden, brought by Mr. Crummer & Mr. Hayward.

1867 10th Month

4 FRIDAY (277-88)

OCTOBER

Morg. fine - but cloudy. Boys not at school. Henry shoeing horses for the Boyles. Sent in Cart for flour, tea & sugar for George - and got "Gypsy" shod - for her journey to the Plains.

Drove in in the afternoon - for mail - & got more flour for George 200 lbs @ Maddens. Ellie & Roger rode out to the Lake and did not return till nearly 10 o'clock - fine moonlight night. Perrott came in here about noon and staid the rem'der of the day and the night.

OCTOBER

5 SATURDAY (278-87)

10th Month 1867

Morg. fine. Henry started ab't 7 o'clock with the Cart & 2 horses with flour, tea & sugar for George. Roger went with him & picked up the two Boyles at the punt.

Dr. Neild called about 10 a.m. and took out George's tooth with a piece of the jaw. Marie came out with Tommy to accompany George & Ella to Glenesk - they all started about 1 o'clock - with a very sharp wind blowing wh: would not do George's face much good.

Went into town in afternoon to inspect a sheep of Mr. Watts from Sydney for slaughter - gave him a permit to kill. Evening warm - Perrott started from here this morg. for New England.

1867 10th Mo

6 SUNDAY - 16 aft Trin (279-86)

OCTOBER

Warm morning - Johnny went to Sunday School early - the rest of us in the Buggy afterwards. Very warm in Church. Ellie was obliged to go out.

Read a sermon in the Evening and went to bed early.

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OCTOBER

7 MONDAY (280-85)

10th Month 1867

Morg. fine & clear. Boys not at school today.

I went in to Mr. Kemp's to attend a meeting of the Local Board of Cert. C. of E. Den: School to enquire into conduct of and hear charges against the Teacher Mr. Eden. After rather a stormy meeting - adjourned till Saturday at 11 a.m.

Dined with Mr. Kemp & family at the Parsonage - and after getting my mail - rode home - rec'd a book of "Alford's" by post.

Mrs. W. & Ellie walked in to town after I returned to see Mrs. Holland about taking Tottie at her school. Mr. Sutton called in morg. - left a horse here & went on to the Plains.

Therm: rather high today - tho' not as warm as yesterday.

1867 10th Month

8 TUESDAY (281-84)

OCTOBER

Fine morg. inclined to heat. Boys not at school today - helping me to cut up wood &c. Therm: at midday stood at 85°. Cut up more wood with boys with Robinson's saw - and sharpened my own for an hour or so.

Douglas & Snodgrass came here late in Evening. I went to bed tired - and did not see them. Mr. Neild called and dined here.

Day very warm - and heavy tho' a good strong breeze was blowing.

OCTOBER

9 WEDNESDAY (282-83)

10th Month 1867

Morg. fine tho' cloudy towards noon. Boys not to school. Getting grass in vineyard for garden and putting up frame over white beet bed. Self finished sharpening & fixing the saw - X cut.

In the afternoon drove into town with Ellie & Tottie - attended meeting at Hospital - when a quorum was formed - and after a stormy meeting - it was moved by Mr. Young & seconded by myself that the Hospital be closed at once. A/cs were audited and a balance found to credit of funds £4.18.7, with only one a/c outstanding - that of Dr. Parsons £13.12.6 - which can be paid only in part. He was very angry and withdrew in great dudgeon. Mrs. Cheyne & Mr. Spence paid up to today - and I was requested to see after the things till they were sold to pay the debt.

Came home late & went to bed early. Thunder & lightning and a slight sprinkling of rain towards night - but of no consequence. Douglas & Snodgrass started after breakfast.

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1867 10th Month

10 THURSDAY (283-82)

OCTOBER

Divs due at Bank. Oxford Term begins

Morg. fine - clouds all cleared off. Warm during night and Therm: stood at 80° at noon. Boys doing their lessons at home - self writing in office. Sent Mr. O'Reilly cheque for £11.10. rent for Clifton up to 1st Sept. & paid Chisholm & Co. bill £14.10.4. Wrote also to Mrs. Wilson in Sydney - & asked Uncle³³ to send me a Dog. Wrote also to Col: Secy. and sent in my resignation as J.P. tired of it & right glad to be rid of the office.

Read "Alfords" and made notes. Boys to Hamilton to look for trace chains - found them & brought them home. Evening cooler and more pleasant.

OCTOBER

11 FRIDAY (284-81)

10th Month 1867

Old Michaelmas Day

Morg. fine - warm - & pleasant. Boys washing the Buggy. Made up the papers and cheque &. Bank pass book into a parcel to send to Mr. Ormiston - & wrote to him to say that I had sent in my resignation as J.P.

Rode in on Tom Thumb for my mail and came back immediately leaving Ellie & Tommy in town till later in Evg. Mr. Boyle returned from Glenesk and staid here all night & borrowed "Rascal" to go back to Wallace's tomorrow for some working bullocks he had bought - said that Roger & his brother would be down tomorrow.

1867 10th Month

12 SATURDAY (285-80)

OCTOBER

Morg. drizzling - occasionally - & looking very dull & heavy.

Rode in after bakfast to attend a meeting of Local Board of Directors of the Cert: Den. C. of E. School & hear charges against Mr. Eden - Mr. Crummer attending with his witnesses. Mr. Eden was at the school house & declined to attend - because he had not been served with a copy of the charges. Case gone on in his absence - and Board decided upon suspending Mr. Eden - and writing by the following mail to that effect to the Council of Education Sydney.

Dined with Mr. Kemp - and went down for my pony at Beach House. Rain left off tho' still looking cloudy.

About 8 p.m. Roger arrived - having left James Boyle at the punt. Nobbler brought the Cart down all the way. All well at Glenesk.

³³ Is this a clue to a previously unknown Wilson link to Australia? Till now I have thought that TG Wilson was the first Wilson to Australia but this reference to Mrs Wilson in Sydney and Uncle makes me wonder if one of the Major General's brothers didn't come to Australia first. ggw?

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OCTOBER

13 SUNDAY - 17 aft Trin. (286-79)

10th Mo 1867

Rainy morg. - looking very dull.

Did not go to church this morg. Read prayers in afternoon. The two Boyles dined here & staid till after service. Cleared up about Evg. & got much cooler. Roger heard the younger children read & say their catechism. All went to bed early. Mr. Boyle brought letter from Glenesk - & "Whitefoot".

1867 10th Month

**14 MONDAY (287-78)
Fire Insurance ceases.
Quarter Sessions begin**

OCTOBER

Fine morg. rain cleared off.

Boys & Tottie to school - Roger & I drove in with them - he to help Mr. Kemp - & I to attend at Local Board - arrangements made to have a meeting at 3 p.m. Saw Dr. P. who was very cordial - Crummer & Palmer - drove home to dinner.

Had a meeting at which Mr. Kemp & Mr. Hayward were present, & Mr. Eden. Mr. Eden sent in his resignation of his office as teacher - and also signed a letter apologising for his conduct to Mr. Hayward - & acknowledging consideration of the Board in allowing him to resign instead of suspending him. Got my mail and came home at once.

Ellie & Roger remained in all night to spend the Evg. with Miss Fulloon - staid with Mclvers. Heavy shower in Evg. and raining during night. Christie very outrageous during the night - had some trouble with her.

OCTOBER

15 TUESDAY (288-77)

10th Month 1867

Morg. cloudy & looking like rain. Boys to school & Tottie went in in the Buggy. Roger & Ellie drove it out. I hilled up all the potatoes in the garden - and cut up wood with Roger till I knocked myself up. Mr. Sutton called here on his way to New England, left in a shower of rain which came on in a perfect hurricane an hour after from the Westward but soon cleared off.

Tottie to remain in all night to spend the Evg. at Miss Fraser's.

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16 WEDNESDAY (289-76)

OCTOBER

Morg. fine - but warm. Wind from N.E. during morg. changed to Westerly hot wind. Roger in to town to get lime from Bourne - and to see if Steamer was in - reported the "Comerang" in & a truss of hay for me.

Drove in after dinner in the Cart for it - Ellie & Roger going with me - he brought it home 420 lbs. Got our papers by Steamer & my a/cs from McDonald Ewan & Co. & Young. Tottie remained in all night. Boys to school. Evening came on much cooler - and Therm. falling. Walked home with Ellie & Tottie & went and saw Mr. Holland's mill on way home. Wrote my letters to my Mother & Brother for the out mail.

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17 THURSDAY (290-75)

10th Month 1867

Morg. fine - cool & clear - Therm 57°. Boys & Tottie to school - walking. Roger to Boyles to borrow horse & harness - to plough up barley patch again for prairie grass seed. Self looking over accounts & writing letters. Opened bale of hay - oaten - sweet & good.

Anne settled with - and went in to town walking to get some things - promising to be out again early - but I am afraid she will break her good resolutions. McIvers called in Buggy with Mrs. Russell - staid but a very short time.

1867 10th Month

**18 FRIDAY (291-74)
St. Luke**

OCTOBER

Morg. fine - but warm. Boys & Tottie to School. Roger & I ploughing up barley patch, - did it all in about 4 hours resting for dinner - very dirty work - and tiring.

Tottie brought out mail - 2 Heralds - 1 Austr. Churchman - & Ewan's a/c to Hospl. 9/3. Mr. McIver called yesterday. Anne still away - seen by the children in the town - all correct. Mrs. W. & Ellie complaining of headache all day - hot wind set in about noon & continued all afternoon - Evg. very warm - Therm. at 9 p.m. at 70°. A little rain now would crown the ground for the prairie grass seed.

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19 SATURDAY (292-73)

10th Month 1867

Morg. fine tho' cloudy - rain would do good. Johnny into town for little Crummer to spend the day here. Roger & Tommy harrowing the ground ploughed up yesterday - I sowed all the prairie grass seed 1 Bushel of 20 lbs in it. Anne still absent - paid Robinson £1.4. for 3 weeks work up to today. My foot very sore - not able to get about at all with ease.

Shower of rain in Evg. but it cleared off and turned out a fine night. Roger & the boys & little Crummer went in the Cart to Boyles to return the plough - came back in good time.

1867 10th Mo.

20 SUNDAY - 18 aft Trin (293-72)

OCTOBER

Morg. fine. Roger - little Crummer & Johnny in to Sunday School, Tommy rem'g at home to look after the house & dinner. All the rest of us to Church. Called after church at Dodds & finding that Anne had been drinking there, told him to tell her that she need not come back again - & that her things would be sent in tomorrow.

Girls & boys took a walk in afternoon and returned early. George Scott came after tea - no prayers beyond the usual ones this Evg. my toe very painful.

OCTOBER

21 MONDAY (294-71)

10th Month 1867

Morg. fine clear & dry - want rain badly after these drying winds.

Buggy in with Roger and the children to school - George rode in on "Tom Thumb". Mrs. W. & Ellie washing. George & Roger with Sandy Blair out looking in Watt's paddock for cattle Blair had to sell George - could not find them - came home after dinner. George drove in to town with Mrs. W. & Ellie. I staid at home to keep house - they brought home the post.

1867 10th Month

22 TUESDAY (295-70)

OCTOBER

Morg. fine - Johnny to school & Tottie walking - Tommy not to school today - as George asked for his assistance with cattle. Roger & I cutting up wood in morg. Blair brought about 8 head which George bought & started with them - Tommy helping.

About eleven Miss Tozer came and Ellie Roger & she started for the Plains - very warm day - gave permission to Tommy to stay till Saturday.

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23 WEDNESDAY (296-69)

10th Month 1867

Morg. fine. Drove children in to school - & returned early.

Mrs. W. ironing and doing all kinds of things in the cleaning up way after Anne. Johnny rode in "Sancho" & got him shod. Drove in in the afternoon for Tottie - too warm for her to walk in & out.

1867 10th Month

24 THURSDAY (297-68)

OCTOBER

Morg. very warm - everything looking parched up. Drove the children in to school & returned & mangled & cut up some wood.

In afternoon drove out with Johnny to the punt to meet Marie & Roger - but after staying an hour, left & went in to town for Tottie. Evening very warm - & Therm. high - but clear & fine.

OCTOBER

25 FRIDAY (298-67)

10th Month 1867

Morg. very warm - Therm. 80° at 8 a. m.

Drove in Tottie to school - Johnny rode in on Tom Thumb. Steamer in & brought mail, two papers & 1 letter. Cleaned the Buggy from dust - and read my papers - looking cloudy in Evg. and as if it was going to rain. No one down from the plains. Drove in to town for mail - got 1 paper - & took home Tottie - & Alice - who is to spend a few days at Clifton.

1867 10th Month

26 SATURDAY (299-66)

OCTOBER

Rain set in about 2 a. m. and continued steadily till 12 o'clock in the day - when it cleared - did a deal of good - tho' it did not soak very far into the ground.

In afternoon drove in to town and brought out Mr. Ormiston to look at Clifton as Agent for the Insurance Office in Sydney. Drove him back & took the girls in for a drive, roads not very muddy, afternoon cleared up quite fine. Tommy returned from plains about 5 o'clock with report that they were all well - & coming down tomorrow.

OCTOBER

27 SUNDAY - 19 aft Trin (300-65)

10th Mo 1867

Morg. fine & clear - rain all cleared off. Mrs. Wilson remained at home - all the rest went to church. Marie & Roger came in just about as we were leaving church. Read prayers in Evening - & in afternoon while the children were walking read to Christie.

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28 MONDAY (301-64)
St. Simon and St. Jude

OCTOBER

Morg. fine. Boys to school - & Tottie. Drove them in the Buggy and called at Mr. Brown's with a letter from Mr. Rowsell - got a photograph of Louie Browns. Went up to the Mill & all over it with McIver and ret'd home. Roger getting up wood with Cart afterwards. Went in for mail in afternoon - and brought out Tottie. Mrs. Wilson in with me calling on Mrs. King & at Beach House.

OCTOBER

29 TUESDAY (302-63)

10th Month 1867

Morg. fine & clear - tho' cloudy & lightning last night & a little rain. Went to bed early with slight pain - which increased till at 2 a.m. could bear it no longer - took 50 drops morphine - and was much eased - laid in bed till about 3 p.m. - when I got up for an hour or so - but went to bed again at 6 very ill and knocked up. Roger took the children to school & brought them out.

1867 10th Month

30 WEDNESDAY (303-62)

OCTOBER

Morg. fine & clear - rain cleared off. Took a pill this morg. and felt sick & unwell nearly all day. Roger took children to school. Mrs. W. washing the house & Tommy with a tooth-ache - did not go to school. Dr. Parsons called for about a half hour but would not stay.

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