

*The diary of James Dunlop*

*1884-1887 (Age 14-18)*



*Son of the Minister of  
United Presbyterian Church in Gartocharn.  
Lived at the Manse, just west of Village Shop*

James Dunlop  
Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1854.

# The Diary of James Dunlop

The following are copied of a scroll  
of rough jottings I made on a sheet  
of paper after I had finished my last  
Diary.

<sup>Saturday</sup> Monday, 21, April, 1884

Uncle Sarah and Andy left at four  
o'clock. Mr Browning the preacher  
arrived at six. I went with him up to  
the top of Duncrúine. I afterwards  
skinned a bullfinch that was given me  
to stuff. <sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. Mr Browning  
preached on Luke 9<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>. Hate our  
old cat was found at the back of one  
of the bedroom grates. We could not  
tell how she got there. But she was going  
about in the morning. <sup>Monday</sup> In the forenoon  
I walked up to the Scroggs with Mr Braun-  
-ing, and had some fencing practice with  
him. He left in the afternoon. Mr Boyd  
and Adam Wilson were in during the

afternoon and stayed to tea.

Wednesday, 23, April, 1884.

Tuesday

Dr Hally of Dumbarton came in after breakfast. He left after dinner. I went two miles down the road with him. I dug a part of my flower border in the forenoon and evening. The bantam hen was set with five eggs to-day.

Friday, 25, April, 1884.

Thursday

I was working in the garden all day, and finished my border. The new iron gate leading into the park was put up to-day. I got four barrowfuls of fine earth out of the holes dug for the posts.

Friday

I dug among my ferns. In the evening I walked up to Caldervan Station, for some cabbage plants, that were to come with the train. Poyras leg is a great deal better.

Saturday, 26, April, 1884.

In the forenoon I swept the court,  
and in the afternoon I planted four  
thumb seeds in my border. I got a mole  
in one of the traps this morning.

Wednesday, 30, April, 1884.

Sunday

I was at church. Papa preached on  
Peter 2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> vs (C'viah a preacher of  
righteousness) Mr <sup>Monday</sup> Wilson of Drymen  
called during the afternoon. Mrs McAdams  
and Miss McFoun also called and stayed  
to tea. The eggs of the Water Pipit (whose the  
proper name of which is Dipper or Water  
Ouzel) are out. I was shown the nest  
of a watty (properly yellow) wagtail,  
the eggs are five in number and of  
mottled brown in colour. <sup>Tuesday</sup> I am four-  
teen years old to-day. Mrs Richardson  
sent me a very nice pencil ~~in case~~.  
Mama gave me half a crown & Papa two shillings

I worked in the garden the most of the day. I got another mole <sup>wednesday</sup> It was wet <sup>during</sup> mood of today. I discovered three birds nests at the burn side, a jenny wrens, a blackbird, and a robins.

Friday, 2, May, 1884.

Thursday

I got a mole. I got a birds egg pure white with a few red ticks at one end. Arthur Mann dropped in and stayed to tea.

Saturday, 3, May, 1884.

I found a finches nest with four eggs in it. It is very cold and sleet showers are falling.

Wednesday, 7, May

I was at church, Papa lectured on Acts 4 <sup>Monday</sup> ch 13-22 I found a blackbirds nest <sup>Tuesday</sup> Papa left at eight o'clock for Edinburgh to attend the meeting of Synod. I found a ducks nest in the

glen with an egg in it. I gave the egg  
to Mrs Churduck to whom the ducks  
belong. I got a fine view of the  
Dippers. Wrote to papa. Got some barrow-  
fuls of fine road earth for the garden  
<sup>Wednesday</sup> It rained very heavily most of the day.

I got a mole, ~~and~~ wrote to papa

Saturday, 10, May, 1884.

Wrote to Papa on Thursday and Friday

<sup>Saturday</sup> I got a letter from papa. He came home  
in the forenoon, brought me a Graphic,  
and a birthday present from Mrs Whyte  
of £1"0"0"

Sunday Monday, 12, May, 1884.

Papa exchanged with Mr Wilson, who  
lectured on Genesis 47<sup>th</sup>. Papa left this  
morning for Edinburgh. I got a mole this  
morning, making altogether five.

<sup>Tuesday</sup> Wednesday, 14, May, 1884.

I worked in the garden during

evening. The cat had three kittens. We kept one. <sup>Wednesday</sup> I worked in the garden most of the day. Papa came home with the last train, he brought me this diary.

End of the ~~old~~ jottings

<sup>Thursday</sup> Saturday, 17, May, 1884.

I was sick in the morning. But got better through the day. I sowed some flower seeds in the garden. <sup>Friday</sup> ~~nothing~~ out of the way occurred. <sup>Saturday</sup> It was very wet

Monday, 18, May, 1884

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts 4 ch 23-31 <sup>chord</sup>. I got a letter from Jack McLean. Uncle Tom ~~from~~ Liverpool arrived at four o'clock. Maama is in bed with lumbago. It was very wet in the afternoon.

Thursday, 21, May, 1884

<sup>Tuesday</sup>

In the forenoon Uncle Tom and I



walked up to the Scroggs, in the evening  
we walked along to the mains and  
called on Mrs McDum. <sup>Wednesday</sup> I sowed some  
annual seeds. Mr Richardson, <sup>Miss and Miss</sup>  
B. arrived at 7 o'clock. <sup>Thursday</sup> I was down  
at the Pindrick with Mr Richardson fishing  
<sup>perch</sup> Mrs B. <sup>is</sup> caught 8 and I 3. Mr Richardson  
and Uncle Tom left after five

Monday, 26, May, 1884.

<sup>Friday</sup> Miss Corbet and a small boy five years old  
called L. Buchanan came in during the  
forenoon. Arthur Mann was along  
and stayed for a few hours. <sup>Saturday</sup> Miss  
Corbet and the small boy left in the fore-  
noon. Miss Richardson and I went up  
with them to Balcowan Station. I planted  
out. <sup>a boxful</sup> ~~me~~ <sup>off</sup> the canary plants. <sup>Sunday</sup> I was at  
church. Papa preached on Proverbs  
15 ch 3 v. <sup>Sunday</sup> Papa was at Dumbarton  
<sup>with Jamie & Bridie</sup>  
In the afternoon I was down at the loch,

Wednesday, 28, May, 1884

Tuesday

Jeannie, Bruce, and I were along at the mains to dinner and tea. We stayed all day. <sup>Dr. Hall, (Mon) was along in the evening</sup> Dr. Hall of Dumbarton has spent all the day with us. Adam Wilson called during the evening.

Thursday, 31, May, 1884.

Thursday

We went a walk up to the Berries in the evening. <sup>Friday</sup> Painted a picture

in the forenoon. <sup>Saturday</sup> Papa and I went down the road and met Mr McQueen of Minlgavie who is to preach <sup>here</sup> the sacrament. One of the cats brought in a small rabbit alive. I took it down to the glen and let it loose and it ran into a hole. I planted indian cress in the front garden. I was at church in the afternoon Mr McQueen preached on Romans 8:1-4 <sup>in the evening</sup> I went with our McQueen to the lock show.

Monday, 2, June, 1884.

<sup>Sunday</sup> It was the sacrament. I was out in the forenoon and evening. In the forenoon Papa, <sup>in the forenoon</sup> preached on Revelation VII<sup>th</sup> XIII-XIV<sup>th</sup>. Mr McQueen in the evening on 1 Peter II<sup>nd</sup> III<sup>rd</sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> Mr Lindsay of Balfron (who was to preach) arrived early in the forenoon. I was at church, Mr Lindsay preached on 1 Timothy VI<sup>th</sup> VI<sup>th</sup>. Mr Wilson of Drymen was down. Mr McQueen, Mr Lindsay, and Mr Wilson left after tea. I killed a lot of snails in the evening with salt, there ~~to~~ being a great number of them out on account of the rain after ten days drouth.

Wednesday, 4, June, 1884.

<sup>Tuesday</sup> I was down with Papa and <sup>Mr</sup> Evans at the marriage of <sup>Mr</sup> William McFarlane to Miss Isabella McKeen of the Deans. Papa married them. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Mrs Macadam of

The Mains sent us along a number of jaraniams, stocks, and asters. We were very busy putting them into the ground.

Friday, 6, June, 1884.

Thursday

It was very wet all day. Miss Weach (schoolhouse) was ~~in~~ <sup>Friday</sup> to sea. I got my Boy's Own Paper to-day. We were up at a dock in the evening, and in the afternoon we called on the newly married couple at Ferenc.

Tuesday, 10, June, 1884.

Saturday

We went out a walk and called a Tumpfoot and the Dam. I was a church. Papa lectured on Acts 17<sup>th</sup> 32-35<sup>th</sup>. <sup>Sunday</sup> Jeanie and <sup>Monday</sup> Bessy left for Edinburgh in the morning.

Mama accompanied them to Glasgow. In the evening I went up to Balceron Station and met ~~on~~ <sup>Tuesday</sup> Papa, <sup>was away</sup> <sup>station to meet him</sup> at the presbytery at Dambarton. I went half way to the

Tuesday, 19, ~~July~~<sup>June</sup>, 1884.

I got a book of instruction on the pianoforte from Jeanie Richardson, and two on the concertina from Brissy.

I wrote to Bally McLean on Wednesday. Papa and I started for Kilngavie ~~in~~ on Saturday morning. We got a drive to Balloch. We first went up to Glasgow and went out to Uncle John's (or). We went out to Kilngavie with Uncle John and got there at three o'clock. Papa preached in the evening but I did not go out. ~~After he came back~~ Uncle John, Papa and I walked out to the Buchanans of Dougalston.

<sup>I in day</sup>  
I was out both forenoon and evening. <sup>Sunday</sup>  
We were at supper at Mr Macquenn's. Papa and I went in to Glasgow with Uncle John. We took the train to Yilmarnock and saw Grandfather's.

~~and~~ We had dinner at Uncle George's, and  
left at four o'clock. we stayed all night  
at Uncle John's (as) and came home this  
afternoon. ~~It~~ Papa took me in ~~to~~ <sup>and showed me</sup>  
Glasgow Cathedral. It was very hot  
warm to-day

Friday, 20, June, 1884

wednesday

I sorted my rockery in the afternoon  
Thursday Nothing unusual occurred. ~~Friday~~  
From Jack O'Leary.

Saturday 21, June, 1884.

In the forenoon I hoed up some potatoes.  
In the afternoon cut the verges. In the  
evening walked with Papa up to  
Dunerine Farm

Wednesday, 23, June, 1884.

Sunday

I was at church. Papa preached on  
2 Samial XVII<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> Nothing ~~else~~ out of the  
way occurred. <sup>Tuesday</sup> In the evening Papa and  
I walked up to Blairquhinnan. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Walked in the

garden in the evening.

Thursday Friday, 27, June, 1884.

Lillie Mann and Hilda came in during the forenoon. We got some ferns out of the bridge. <sup>Friday</sup> It was very hot to-day.

Saturday, 28, June, 1884.

I went down to the Loch with Harry Mann, in the afternoon. It has been extremely warm to-day.

Sunday Tuesday, 1, July, 1884.

I was at church. Papa lectured on <sup>Monday</sup> Acts 17<sup>th</sup> 36-37<sup>th</sup> & 1-11<sup>th</sup>. Uncle John

<sup>came</sup> from Milngavie, ~~at~~ to see us having got a drive. He left at half past five. I was up at the Manns in the evening.

<sup>Tuesday</sup> Lillie and Betty were down in the afternoon and evening and stayed to tea.

Thursday, 3, July, 1884

<sup>Wednesday</sup> Worked in the garden during the

afternoon. Was up at the Mamma in  
the evening. <sup>of Sunday</sup> Papa left in the  
morning for Balfour, where he was  
to preach. Mama went with him. Worked  
in the garden during the day. Papa  
and Mama came home at about  
seven o'clock.

Saturday, 5, July, 1884.

Friday I was up at the Mamma in the  
evening. <sup>Saturday</sup> I was up at the Mamma in  
the forenoon and afternoon playing  
lawn tennis.

Tuesday, 8, July, 1884.

<sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. Papa preached  
on Genesis XLII<sup>ch</sup>. 36<sup>th</sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> Was very wet.

<sup>Tuesday</sup> I got a letter from Jack McLean. I was  
in the afternoon and evening, playing  
lawn tennis. I got my Boys Own Paper.  
Notes taken during a visit to Edinburgh.

~~Friday~~ Thursday, 10, July, 1884



Papa and I left for Edinburgh at 7:30. We arrived about twelve o'clock, and went out to the Richardsons. Papa left for home, in the afternoon. I went down in the evening to Mr White, and went with him to Mr Biggie's, where I played at quills and bagatelle.

Friday, 11, July, 1884.

I went into town with Miss and Miss L Richardson and saw the Loan Exhibition of Scottish National Portraits. Mrs Richardson joined us and we went to Mrs Bryden's, and returned in time for dinner at 5 o'clock. Played Lawn Tennis in the evening. I was at St John's Cathedral.

Saturday, 12, July, 1884.

Went with Miss and Miss L Richardson to the Antiquarian Museum, Statue, and National Gallery. In the afternoon

we saw the Reform Demonstration from  
a window. It took an hour to pass, Between  
20 and 30 thousand persons took part in it.  
In the evening we played at Lawn Tennis.

Monday, 14, July, 1884.

Sunday

I was at church twice. Mr Black lectured  
on Ephesians v<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> in the forenoon, and  
preached in the afternoon on John v<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>

Monday

We went down to Portobello, and spent  
~~the forenoon~~ forenoon and afternoon walking  
about on the sands. Played Lawn  
Tennis in the evening

Wednesday, 16, July, 1884.

Tuesday

I was down at the Botanical Gardens in  
the afternoon. I was <sup>on Wednesday</sup> in the museum and  
St Giles Cathedral, Was out at sea in the  
evening, with Miss and Miss Richardson

Saturday, 19, July, 1884.

Monday

Thursday

I was at an evening party with the  
Richardson. I was at Holyrood Palace

Saturday

and walked along the top of the Salisbury  
bags. Played Lawn Tennis.

<sup>Sunday</sup> Monday, 20, July, 1884.

Was at church. <sup>Monday</sup> I was at the Forestry  
Exhibition with Mrs Richardson. I  
liked it very much.

<sup>Tuesday</sup> Wednesday, 23, July, 1884

Played at Lawn Tennis. I was at the  
Forestry Exhibition with Mrs and Miss  
Richardson, seeing the grounds  
illuminated.

<sup>Thursday</sup> Saturday 26, July, 1884

I saw the boys of George Watson's College  
get their prizes. <sup>Friday</sup> I was at the Show of  
the Highland and Agricultural Society.  
<sup>Saturday</sup> Called on Mrs Finlayson with Mrs  
Richardson. <sup>Sunday</sup> Was at church. <sup>Monday</sup> <sup>Tuesday</sup> <sup>Wednesday</sup> Maria  
arrived. <sup>Thursday</sup> Played at Lawn Tennis. <sup>Friday</sup> Maria  
and I arrived at home on Friday night  
I enjoyed my visit very much.

Thursday, 7, August, 1884

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts  
V ch 17-32<sup>nd</sup>. <sup>Tuesday</sup> I was up at the Manns in the  
evening playing Lawn Tennis. <sup>Wednesday</sup> I was out a  
walk with Papa.

Thursday, 14, August, 1884.

<sup>Saturday</sup>

Mrs and Mrs Richardson arrived shortly  
before two o'clock. Mr Richardson left in  
the afternoon. I was up at the Manns in  
the evening, playing Lawn Tennis. <sup>Sunday</sup> I was at  
church. Papa preached on ~~2~~ 2 Corinthians  
XII ch 10<sup>th</sup> (When I am weak, then am I strong)

<sup>Monday</sup>

I was up at the Manns in the evening.

<sup>Tuesday</sup>

\* Papa was at Dumbarton attending a  
meeting of presbytery. We had a tremen-  
dous thunderstorm that lasted from  
nine o'clock in the morning till six at  
night. The Manns were all down to sea.

<sup>Wednesday</sup>

Nothing ~~unusual~~ particular occurred.  
<sup>Thursday</sup> Mrs McAdam and Miss McQueen were <sup>along</sup> ~~at~~ sea.

<sup>Friday</sup> Saturday, 16, August, 1884, <sup>Saturday</sup>  
Nothing particular occurred. Mr Jeffrie  
who was to assist at the sacrament,  
did not arrive in time to preach, so  
papa had to preach himself, which he did  
on 2 Kings V<sup>ch</sup> 12<sup>or</sup>. Mr Jeffrie arrived when  
we were in church. I was up at the stamms  
in the evening practicing jumping.

<sup>Sunday</sup> Wednesday, 20, August, 1884  
I was at church. Papa preached on  
Amos IV<sup>ch</sup> 12<sup>or</sup> (Prepare to meet thy God, O  
Israel) in the forenoon, and Mr Jeffrie  
in the evening on Acts VI<sup>ch</sup> 15<sup>or</sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> Mr  
Jeffrie and Mrs Richardson left in the  
morning. I was up at the stamms in the  
evening. <sup>Tuesday</sup> I was up at the stamms in the evening  
playing Lawn Tennis. <sup>Wednesday</sup> I was down at the  
loch in the afternoon ~~and~~ with Lue,  
Hitty and Belda. They were down in  
the evening.

Friday, 22, August, 1884.

Thursday

I was down at the lock in the afternoon with the Manns. <sup>Sunday</sup> I was up at brookfoot with papa in the afternoon.

Saturday, 23, August, 1884.

We got ~~three~~ <sup>three</sup> waggons of hay in, during the forenoon. I walked over to Drymen and back. Luie and Fitty Mann were down in the afternoon. I played Lawn Tennis in the evening.

Wednesday, 17, September, 1884.

The following are written from memory, and odd notes taken during my holidays.

Monday, 25, August, 1884.

Grandmama was exceptionally well all day. But after retiring to her room ~~she~~ <sup>she</sup> had a shock, and got <sup>rapidly</sup> worse, and died at 5 o'clock. Granny was always very kind to me. We all went up to

Glasgow to see Uncle John. He took me  
out to Milngavie with him. | When I  
stayed till Thursday morning. and then  
went into town with Uncle, I then met  
papa and we went on board the steamer  
"Claymore"

Steamer "Claymore". Thursday, 28, August, 1884

Started from Glasgow at 2:30. River  
more like ink than water. We arrived  
at Greenock at 5 o'clock. Had a short  
walk. Came aboard and had tea.

Started at six. The wind got very  
cold. We are off the south end of  
Arron just now. The "Claymore"  
is a very fine steamer, and can  
~~take~~ <sup>carry</sup> between four and five hundred  
passengers.

Friday, 29, August, 1884.

It was rather rough at the Mull  
of Cantyre. We arrived at Oban

at 5 o'clock. Had a turn in the town.  
Reached Tobermory at 11:30. Had a  
short walk. Started again. Balled at  
the Island of Egg, Glenelg, and various  
other places. It was good fun watching  
the ferry boats being loaded. Every-  
body in a great hurry, and shouting  
out directions. Arrived at Portree at  
nine o'clock, and had a walk through  
the town. I saw great variety of scenery.

Saturday, 30, August, 1884.

We arrived at Lochinver at 9 in  
the morning, and met Mrs Smith at  
the hotel. My was away fishing. Papa met  
an old friend of his a Mrs Logan with his  
wife. Went a walk.

Wednesday, 31, September, 1884.

Sunday

Monday

Went at the Free Church, two miles away  
Mrs & Mrs Smith, Mr & Mrs Logan, Papa and  
I went to a Loch Beonnich five miles



away. Very lonely place, no house in sight.  
We got ~~for~~ about forty small trout. <sup>Thursday</sup> Papa  
and I went a walk five miles into the country.  
<sup>Wednesday</sup>  
We fished a small loch called Houlay. Papa  
caught three small trout. <sup>Thursday</sup>

Thursday, 4, September, 1884.

I was out sea fishing with Mr & Mrs Smith  
and Mr & Mrs Logan. Mrs Smith caught  
a 13 lb cod. I caught a flounder and two  
cod. We got thirty lb weight in all.

Saturday, 6, September, 1884.

<sup>Friday</sup>  
Mr & Mrs Smith and Mr & Mrs Logan were away  
fishing at Loch Beannich. Papa and I  
walked over and saw how they were  
getting on. They got 6 trout. <sup>Saturday</sup> We went a  
walk through the Houlay grounds in the  
afternoon.

Tuesday, 9, September, 1884.

<sup>Sunday</sup>  
We were at the Free church. Mr Logan preached.  
<sup>Monday</sup>  
Papa and I were up at Loch Houlay. Mr Logan

caught a trout weighing  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lbs, in Loch  
Beannoch. <sup>Tuesday</sup> Papa & I were fishing on Loch Houlag.  
I started for home in the steamer "Blansman" on  
Wednesday night.

Loch Inver is an arm of the sea running  
two or three miles inland. The country is  
wild and rocky, and covered by luxuriant  
heather. A number of trees ~~has~~ <sup>have</sup> been planted,  
which greatly improves the appearance of  
the district. Two rivers run into the  
sea, the Inver and the Houlag. A large  
number of lochs of various sizes are  
scattered over the surface of the parish.

Saturday, 13, September, 1884.

<sup>Tuesday</sup> Had a walk through Stornoway in the  
morning. Saw the herring fleet coming in.  
Called at Harris and Portree. <sup>Friday</sup> Had a walk  
through Oban, passed the Mull of Gairloch  
in daylight. Sea very smooth. <sup>Saturday</sup> We arrived  
at Glasgow in the morning. Then went up

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to Uncle <sup>John's</sup> (D's). ~~Met~~ <sup>met</sup> mama ~~in~~ at station, and  
we all went out to Milngavie with Uncle John.  
<sup>Sunday</sup> Was at church. <sup>Monday</sup> We went into Glasgow in  
the morning. Papa and mama went out to  
Kilmarnock to see Grandfather. I went  
out to Uncle John's (D's), where papa and  
mama joined me in the afternoon, and we  
all went home together, arriving at the  
manse at eight o'clock.

Wednesday, 17, September, 1884.  
<sup>Tuesday</sup> Aunt Sarah and a cousin of hers a Miss  
Winchell arrived in the evening. They  
~~came~~ left the steamer at Balmaha  
and came over in a small boat to the  
other. I went down <sup>and met them at</sup> the shore ~~to meet~~  
them. <sup>Wednesday</sup> I was up at the manse in the evening.

End of stray notes.

Friday, 19, September, 1884.  
<sup>Thursday</sup> Aunt Sarah, Miss Winchell, Mamma  
and I went out a row in our boat to

Inchaber and along the shore. <sup>Friday</sup> Aunt Sarah and Mrs Heicheltritt left in the afternoon.

Monday, 22, September, 1884.

<sup>Saturday</sup>

Papa left in the forenoon for Dumbarton where he is to preach. Mrs B. Leith called with <sup>and Mr. & Mrs. Heming</sup> a small kitten ~~for~~. Which we named Henry Box. Mr Paton the preacher arrived in the evening. <sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. Mr Paton lectured on Genesis XII. 1<sup>st</sup> and preached on 2<sup>d</sup> Corinthians 4<sup>th</sup> ch 7<sup>th</sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> Mr Paton left in the morning. Papa returned in the afternoon.

Wednesday, 24, September, 1884.

<sup>Tuesday</sup>

Nothing particular occurred. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Went a walk with papa 1 1/2 miles along the road. <sup>Wed day</sup>

Saturday, 27, September, 1884.

<sup>Thursday</sup>

I was up at the charms in the afternoon. Went along the road a walk <sup>with papa</sup> two miles along the road. <sup>Friday</sup> Nothing particular occurred. <sup>Saturday</sup> Picked the apples in the afternoon.

Was up at the Manns in the evening.

<sup>Sunday</sup> Monday, 29, September, 1884.

I was at church. Papa preached on Luke xvi<sup>ch</sup> 31<sup>or</sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> Went a walk in the evening with papa and was up at the Manns.

Wednesday, 1, October, 1884.

<sup>Tuesday</sup> Papa was down at Dumbarton in the forenoon. Mama and I were up at the Manns at tea. <sup>Wednesday</sup> I was out a short walk with papa in the evening.

Friday, 3, October, 1884.

<sup>Thursday</sup> Lady Ruth called in the afternoon. <sup>Friday</sup> Rather showery.

Monday, 6, October, 1884.

<sup>Saturday</sup> I was up at the Manns in the evening. <sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts vi<sup>ch</sup> 1-6<sup>or</sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> In the afternoon papa, mama, and I walked up to Blairquhinnan. We returned after tea. We have had very fine weather for the past few days.

Wednesday, 8, October, 1884.

Tuesday

Papa, Mama, and I started for Bragganah half past seven. We walked ~~down~~ to Balloch took the train to the pier, went on board the steamer, and arrived at Garbet at 10<sup>h</sup> 30. It was so ~~for~~ misty we could not see any of the hills. We walked to Arrochar, two miles, and drove <sup>to Bragganah</sup> other four in a dogcart. We found all the Braggan folks at home. I was through all the out houses and garden before I had been an hour there. We had dinner, and cousin Benny drove us to Garbet where we got the steamer at five o'clock. We got to "Baldarvan" station at seven <sup>and</sup> arrived home shortly after eight. <sup>on Wednesday</sup> It was wet in the forenoon, nothing unusual occurred.

Friday, 10, October, 1884.

Thursday

I was up at the Channys in the evening. <sup>Friday</sup> I went a walk with Papa, two miles down the Balloch road.

Monday, 13, October, 1884.

<sup>Saturday</sup>

Went up the Baldarvan road a mile with papa.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church. Papa preached on Matthew VI<sup>th</sup>

<sup>Monday</sup>

33<sup>rd</sup>. It was very wet all day, I was up at the charms in the evening.

Wednesday, 15, October, 1884.

<sup>Tuesday</sup>

Papa was away at the presbytery at Dumbarton. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Uncle Tom from Liverpool arrived at six o'clock.

Saturday, 18, October, 1884.

<sup>Friday</sup>

I went out a walk with Uncle Tom in the afternoon.

<sup>Friday</sup>

Mrs Mann and Arthur were at tea in the evening.

<sup>Saturday</sup>

Papa left in the forenoon for Johnstown. Uncle and I convoyed him a mile down the road. Mr Hardie arrived in the evening.

got a letter from Bally McLean.

Monday, 20, October, 1884.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church. Uncle preached on a harvest sermon on Psalms XXIV<sup>th</sup> (The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof;) Mr Hardie pleaded the

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cause of the Jamaica mission. Uncle and Mr Hardie left in the morning. The most of our potatoes were dug to-day. Papa returned in the evening.

Tuesday, 21, October, 1884.

In the afternoon papa and I walked up to Grogfoot. Mama and I were up at the Manns in the evening. If to-morrow is fine mama and I purpose going to visit Aunt Sarah at Kilm.

Friday, 24, October, 1884.

Wednesday

Mama and I started with the 10.50 train from Balloch, changed at Dumbarton, got the steamer at Craigendoran and reached Kilm at about twelve. Aunt Sarah met us at the quay.

Thursday

in the afternoon

Went a walk through Dunoon, with Aunt and Mama. Papa arrived in the forenoon and we went and saw, Mr & Mrs Clerk and an Uncle of papa's. We left in the afternoon, and reached home safely at six o'clock. Was up at the Manns in the evening.

Friday



Saturday, 25, October, 1884.

Luie, Kitty, and Hilola were down in the forenoon and afternoon. We played in the barn.

It was very wet ~~to-day~~.

Monday, 27, October, 1884.

<sup>Sunday</sup>  
I was at church. Papa preached on Proverbs III<sup>ch</sup> 9-10<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>Monday</sup>  
Papa left in the morning to attend a conference at Glasgow, I went a mile down the road with him. The channs left <sup>to-day</sup> for the season.

Thursday, 30, October, 1884

<sup>Tuesday</sup>  
Papa returned in the evening. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Very wet.

<sup>Thursday</sup>  
Got a paper from Arthur Chann containing an account of the football match between Queens Park & Ballyfield. He being goalkeeper for the latter.

Saturday, 1, November, 1884

<sup>Friday</sup>  
It was very wet all day. I wrote a letter to Arthur in the evening. Papa went down to Dumbarton in the forenoon, he returned in the afternoon. It has been raining almost constantly for four days.

Tuesday, 4, November, 1884

Sunday

I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts vi<sup>61</sup>  
7-15<sup>7</sup>. I went <sup>Monday</sup> a short walk with Papa in the after-  
noon. I lifted some jaranums for the winter.

Thursday, 6, November, 1884

Wednesday

Papa was ~~at~~ away attending a meeting of  
presbytery at Dumbarton. I began a map of Australia.

Saturday, 8, November, 1884.

Friday

I got all the jaranums lifted. <sup>Saturday</sup> Aunt Sarah  
arrived in the evening. It has been very  
stormy for the last few days.

Monday, 10, November, 1884.

I was at church. Papa preached on Psalms  
CXIX<sup>ch 9<sup>7</sup></sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> Mrs. Macadam and Miss McFoun of the  
clians called in the afternoon and stayed to  
tea. I made some progress with my map of Australia.

Wednesday, 12, November, 1884.

Tuesday

I went a short walk with Papa in the  
afternoon. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Aunt Sarah left in the afternoon.  
It has been very wet all day.

Friday, 14, November, 1884.

<sup>Thursday</sup> I went a short walk with Papa, ~~and the~~ Lady Smith <sup>in the afternoon</sup> called in the afternoon. <sup>Friday</sup> Mama and I walked over to the chains and called on Mrs. Macadam and Miss McLean. We stayed to tea. It was hard frost during the night.

Monday, 17, November, 1884.

<sup>Saturday</sup> Nothing particular occurred. <sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. <sup>Monday</sup> Papa lectured on Acts VII<sup>th</sup> 1-8<sup>th</sup>. I went a walk with papa two miles down the Balloch road.

Wednesday, 19, November, 1884.

<sup>Tuesday</sup> I walked with papa up to Lochend in the afternoon. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Mama and I walked down to the Ross Priory to see a shew of Bazaar goods. We were invited and stayed to luncheon. I bought a tobacco pouch for papa, worked at my map of Australia.

Friday, 21, November, 1884.

<sup>Thursday</sup> Papa was away at Glasgow. He returned in the afternoon. ~~to~~ <sup>we</sup> cleared my borders of rubbish. <sup>Friday</sup> I went a short walk with papa in the afternoon.

Saturday, 22, November, 1884

I went with mama up to Ardoch. drew <sup>at my map</sup> of Australia. Began a letter ~~from~~ <sup>to</sup> Balley <sup>I saw a large owl</sup> all <sup>the</sup> <sup>way</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>end</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>line</sup>

Monday, 24, November, 1884,

Sunday

I was at church. Papa preached on Ephesians

IV<sup>th</sup> 4-6<sup>th</sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> Miss Blair from Alexandria arrived in

the forenoon she left in the evening. mama and I went two miles down the road with her.

Thursday, 27, November, 1884.

Tuesday

I went out a short walk with papa in the afternoon

Wednesday

Papa and I walked up to Baldarvan Station and took the train to Jamertown. I got my hair cut and

we called on etant Blair. We got home at 7-40.

Thursday

I walked up to the station to get a parcel But it had not come. Very busy with my letter to Balley.

Saturday, 29, November, 1884.

Friday

Sunday

Nothing particular occurred. I walked down the road two miles to and met Mr. Mackenzie (who is to assist at the sacrament) I was at church. Mr. ~~Blair~~ <sup>Indy</sup> preached on John XII<sup>th</sup> 32<sup>nd</sup>.

Monday, 1, December, 1884.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church three times. Papa preached in the forenoon on Ephesians 1<sup>st</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. In the ~~evening~~ <sup>afternoon</sup> Mr McIntyre preached on Psalms ~~90~~ <sup>90</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> Mr Bell of Rendon preached on Luke XII<sup>th</sup> 32<sup>nd</sup>. Mr McIntyre and Mr Bell left in the afternoon.

Wednesday, 3, December, 1884.

<sup>Tuesday</sup>

Papa and I walked up to Auchanearich in the afternoon. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Nothing particular occurred.

Saturday, 6, December, 1884.

<sup>Thursday</sup>

I went a short walk with papa. <sup>Friday</sup> I walked with papa up to Ordoch. <sup>Saturday</sup> I am busy with my map of Australia.

Tuesday, 9, December, 1884.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church. Papa lectured on edes VII<sup>th</sup> 9-16<sup>th</sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> I painted the flour barrel brown.

<sup>Thursday</sup>

Papa was at the presbytery of Dumbarton. I have got the cold.

Thursday, 11, December, 1884.

Nothing particular occurred these two days.

Saturday, December, 13<sup>th</sup> 1884.

I have got rid of my cold, I have been busy with my map of China.

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1884.

Sunday

I was at church. Papa preached on Hebrews, XII<sup>th</sup> 1-2<sup>nd</sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> Papa was at Dumbarton.

Wednesday, 17, December, 1884.

Tuesday

Nothing particular occurred. We had frost during the night and some snow. <sup>Wednesday</sup>

Friday, 19, December, 1884.

Thursday

I went a walk with papa up to Duncrine Farm. It has been very stormy for the last few days.

Saturday, 20, December, 1884.

In the afternoon Papa and I walked up to Drymen. We stayed to tea at the Wilsons. and then walked home. I got some stamps from the Wilson boys.

Friday, 26, December, 1884.

Sunday

I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts<sup>ch</sup> 17-22<sup>nd</sup>.

(Monday)

I had a very <sup>Tuesday</sup> sore gum boil, which caused me a good deal of pain. Papa was ~~not~~ at Glasgow. He returned in the evening, and brought me a new knife and a book entitiled "Off to California." My boil broge in the evening and the pain ceased. I was <sup>Wednesday</sup> busy in the forenoon sending away Christmas cards. In the afternoon I assisted at the cutting up of a hind leg of pork. Christmas Day. I got 2 Xmas cards. We were at the Ross Xmas tree in the evening. Lady Leith gave me a beautiful little cabinet for keeping minnaes in. <sup>Thursday</sup> Papa and I washed down to the Rochar and I had half an hours skating. We have had <sup>Friday</sup> hard frost <sup>during</sup> for the last week. I got 9 Xmas cards. <sup>Saturday, the birth of a count</sup>

Saturday, 27, December, 1854.

I received an invitation to go over to Aunt Sarah's at Helenburgh on Tuesday, which I declined. In the afternoon Mama and I walked down to the Dan. & ceter. It has been thawing for two days. In the evening I parted in some of the stonys I got from the Wilsons.

Monday, 29, December, 1884

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church. Papa preached on Acts VII<sup>ch</sup> 18<sup>vs</sup>.

I got a New Year collecting card. <sup>Monday</sup> Papa was down at Alexandria.

Thursday, 1, January, 1885.

<sup>Tuesday</sup>

I went down to the curling pond and saw them curling in the afternoon. In the evening mama and I were at a wire and magic lantern performance in the school. <sup>Wednesday</sup> In the forenoon papa and I walked up to Loch End and had some skating. In the evening mama and I were at <sup>at a wire and</sup> Punch and Judy were performed. I never laughed so much in my life. <sup>of Thursday</sup> New Year's day. I was going about all day with my collecting card. I got £1.13.0. I have got 20 Xmas and New Year cards.

Saturday, 3, January, 1885.

<sup>Friday</sup>

I went out a short walk in the afternoon. <sup>Saturday</sup> I was down seeing the curling in the forenoon.

Monday, 5, January, 1885.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts VII<sup>ch</sup> 30-36<sup>vs</sup>.

<sup>Monday</sup>

Papa was at Dumbarton. He returned in the evening. I resumed my lessons to-day after two weeks holiday. Got 3/10<sup>for</sup> my card.



Thursday, 8, January, 1884.

<sup>Tuesday</sup> everything particular occurred. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Papa and I walked up to the chain and called on Mrs McAdam. We stayed to tea. <sup>Thursday</sup> Papa walked up to Ardoch.

Saturday, 10, January, 1884.

<sup>Friday</sup> Dr & Mrs McIntosh called in the afternoon. Papa and I went a short walk. <sup>Saturday</sup> I worked at my map of "China".

Monday, 12, January, 1884

<sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. Papa preached on Proverbs x<sup>ch</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> (first half). <sup>Monday</sup> In the afternoon papa and I walked two miles down the Balloch road.

Wednesday, 14, January, 1884

<sup>Tuesday</sup> Miss Barry & Miss G. Leith called in the afternoon and stayed to tea. Papa and I walked up to Ardoch. <sup>Wednesday</sup> In the afternoon papa and I went a long walk round by Blackford. Busy in the evening with my map <sup>blina</sup> of

Saturday, 17, January, 1884.

<sup>Thursday</sup> I was at the curling pond and saw a match between "Single" and "Charred". The single won by 22 shots. <sup>Friday</sup> Papa

and I walked up to Lochend and had an hours skating. I enjoyed it very much. Lady Keith called in the afternoon also Mrs McAdam and Miss a'goun who stayed to tea. <sup>Saturday</sup> I saw the first half of a match between Drymen and Kilmaronoch, three rinks a side. Kilmaronoch won by 51 shots. It has been thawing all day.

Monday, 19, January, 1886.

<sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts VII<sup>ch</sup> 37-41.  
<sup>Monday</sup> In the evening I worked at my map of "China".

Wednesday, 21, January, 1886.

<sup>Tuesday</sup> Papa and I walked three miles down the Balloch road.  
<sup>Wednesday</sup> In the afternoon Papa and I walked up to Lochend and I had half a hours skating.

Friday, 23, January, 1886.

<sup>Thursday</sup> I was at the pond seeing the curling. <sup>Friday</sup> In the afternoon Papa and I walked up to Lochend, I had an hours skating, and saw the end of a curling match between Kilmaronoch & Dumbarton for a medal (three rinks) Kilmaronoch won by 20 shots.

Saturday, 24, January, 1885.

In the afternoon I walked down to the pond and saw the curling. I worked at my map in the evening. A slight thaw set in to-day.

Monday, 26, January, 1885

Sunday

I was at church. Papa preached on *John v<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>* (Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee). I worked at my map. The thaw continues.

Wednesday, 28, January, 1885.

I have been kept in the house for the last two days by a slight cold.

Friday, 30, January, 1885.

Thursday

I worked at my map. In the afternoon papa and I walked two miles down the Balloch road.

Saturday, 31, January, 1885.

I was busy at my map all day. The barometer is at 29.5.

Monday, 2, February, 1885.

Sunday

I was at church. Papa lectured on *Acts vii<sup>th</sup>* 41-50. I cut some sticks in the afternoon.

Thursday, 5, February, 1885.

~~Thursday~~ Tuesday

In the afternoon papa and I cut ~~down~~ <sup>up</sup> a tree <sup>that had fallen</sup> in the glen.

~~Wednesday~~

Papa and I walked up to Croftfoot and home by Drumglass.

~~Thursday~~

I cut up a tree in the glen.

~~Friday~~ <sup>Saturday</sup> Saturday, 7, February, 1885.

~~Friday~~

Had up some sticks. Worked at my maps. <sup>Saturday</sup> Had up some sticks.

Sunday, 9, February, 1885.

~~Sunday~~

Aunt Jeanie dropped in in the morning. She had driven down with the MacGillivray, where she had spent the <sup>previous</sup> night. I was at church. Papa preached on James V<sup>ch</sup> 19-20.

~~Monday~~

Papa was at Dumbarton in the forenoon. In the afternoon Aunt Chama, and I walked over to the Cains and called on Mrs Macadam & family.

Wednesday, 11, February, 1885.

~~Tuesday~~

~~Wednesday~~

Papa was at the presbytery of Dumbarton. Aunt left in the afternoon. We convoyed her up to Kaldarroon Station. <sup>I got the 6<sup>th</sup> number of the Boys Own Paper. In the board.</sup>

Saturday, 14, February, 1885.

~~Thursday~~

Papa left in the morning for Edinburgh. Chama ~~dis-~~ <sup>found</sup> covered a curious old map of Dumbarton, published in 1818 & c.

~~Friday~~

~~Saturday~~

It rained all day. Papa returned in the evening. The

brought me an Illustrated London News, and the Childrens  
missionary Magazine bound.

Monday, 16, February, 1885.

Sunday

Papa exchanged with Mr Wilson of Drymen. Mr Wilson  
preached on Psalms XXXI. <sup>ch</sup> 23-24<sup>th</sup>. Papa walked home in the  
afternoon accompanied by Andrew Wilson. Mr Wilson & Andrew  
left after tea. <sup>Monday</sup> Papa and I hauled down a large broken  
branch of oak tree, that had stuck in the branches.

Wednesday, 18, February, 1885.

Tuesday

Nothing particular occurred. We got a truck of  
coal. We have had <sup>a inch</sup> frost for the last two or three days.

Wednesday

Friday, 20, February, 1885.

Thursday

Papa was at Dumbarton. We have had a drainer for two  
days opening a burst drain in the park.

Saturday, 21, February, 1885.

I worked at my map in the evening. It is snowing at  
present.

Monday, 23, February, 1885.

Sunday

I was at Church. Papa lectured on Acts VII <sup>or</sup> 51-53. Mrs M<sup>r</sup> <sup>Monday</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>dam</sup>  
of the Dam and a sister of hers, <sup>was</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>sea</sup>, were at sea.

Wednesday, 25, February, 1885.

Tuesday

It was very wet all day. We got two mice in the trap I had set.

Friday, 27, February, 1885

Thursday

Nothing particular occurred. I took a lot of earth off the court and scattered it on the field.

Saturday, 28, February, 1885.

In the forenoon I walked over to Drymen, and asked the Wilson boys to come to the soiree, that is to be held on Monday. Mr Drummond of Dundee, who is to assist at the sacrament arrived. Church went in at two o'clock. Mr Drummond preached on II Corinthians, v<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>. I worked at my Chinese map in the evening. This has been a beautiful day.

Wednesday, 4, March, 1885.

I was at church. Papa preached in the forenoon on II Corinthians, VIII<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>. The communion was celebrated in the afternoon. In the evening Mr Drummond preached on Ecclesiastes VII<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>. In the forenoon I assisted to cut down a tree. I went up to Caldorvan Station

to meet Charles and James Wilson. Arthur Mann arrived shortly  
after six. The soiree commenced at half past seven. Mr  
Wilson's speech took the form of a journey to Egypt. After  
sailing down the Mediterranean he touched at Alexandria  
thence sailed to Port Said through the Suez Canal (Mr Wilson  
then spoke of the ancient canal, The greater part (comely)  
of which was excavated by human hands) Took the  
train to Cairo, visited the pyramids and finally took  
a sail up the river Nile. Visiting, Thebes &c. Mr Drummond  
and spoke about propriety in church, and various  
other things. He said the Kilmaronoch people were  
the most striking congregation he ever saw (bits of  
bread and sweets were being thrown about). A choir  
from the Vale of Leven gave selections of music during  
the evening. In the afternoon Mr Drummond, papa,  
and I left for Dumbarton. Mr Drummond  
waited at Balloch for the next train. Papa and  
I went on to Alexandria. I got my hair  
cut and went in and saw Aunt Blair and Grace.  
We then <sup>got the five pence</sup> joined Mr Drummond ~~at~~ in it and

went into Dumbarton, and walked to Dr Halley.  
The jubilee soiree commenced at 6-30. Mr Gardiner  
was in the chair. After tea. Dr Halley was presented  
with congratulatory addresses from The presbytery  
of Dumbarton. The presbytery of Paisley. The presbytery  
of Greenock. The session of Bridgend church.  
The session of Markinch, and <sup>the High altar</sup> the congregation.

He was also presented with £1000 0 0. and fire screen  
easy chair, and devenport, for chrs Halley. Addresses  
were delivered by Drs James Brown, James Brown,  
Andrew Gardner. Rev J. B. Smith. & Alton Denney Esq.  
A choir gave selections of music. We got the  
late train and arrived home at half past one.  
<sup>wednesday</sup> Nothing particular occurred.

Thursday  
Nothing particular occurred. I dragged up some branches.  
Friday  
from the glen. Aunt Sarah arrived in the evening.  
Saturday

Monday, 9, March, 1885.  
I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts. vii<sup>ch</sup> 54-60.  
I was busy cleaning out a stone drain in the court.



Wednesday, 11, March, 1885.

<sup>Tuesday</sup> I took two barrows of earth of the court. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Aunt Sarah left in the afternoon. I wheeled some gravel up from the burn, to cover the drain we had opened.

Saturday, 14, March, 1885.

<sup>Thursday</sup> We had a <sup>small</sup> bonfire in the garden. <sup>Friday</sup> I sorted part of the <sup>court</sup> ~~close~~. I was busy at the <sup>Saturday</sup> ~~close~~ in the afternoon, and at a map in the evening.

Tuesday, 17, March, 1885.

<sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. Papa preached on Isaiah 1<sup>st</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>. <sup>Tuesday</sup> Papa and I pulled down the greater part of the stock fence down, <sup>the</sup> side of the wood. Uncle John from Milngavie arrived at eight o'clock. <sup>Tuesday</sup> Uncle left at 11:30 this forenoon. It rained most of the day.

Friday, 20, March, 1885.

<sup>Wednesday</sup> I wrote to Jack McLean. <sup>Thursday</sup> We got a cartful of stobs for the new paling. <sup>Friday</sup> I got three mice in the traps that I set last night. It was very stormy all day.

Saturday, 21, March, 1885.

It was cold and frosty this morning. I got two mice in the trap. Worked at a map in the evening.

Tuesday, 24, March, 1885.

~~Sunday~~

I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts VIII<sup>ch</sup> 1-8<sup>or Monday</sup>. In the afternoon I dragged together a ~~new~~ lot of thorns. Mrs McDum and Miss McFoun called and stayed to tea.

~~Tuesday~~

Papa was out visiting to-day.

Thursday, 26, March, 1885.

~~Wednesday~~

Papa was at Dumbarton. He returned in the evening. ~~Thursday~~ It rained nearly all day.

Saturday, 28, March, 1885

~~Thursday~~ ~~Friday~~

~~Saturday~~

Nothing particular occurred. Papa and I walked down the Balloch road two miles. We are getting a new fence put down the side of the wood.

Tuesday, 31, March, 1885

~~Sunday~~

I was at church. Papa preached on

Mark. VI<sup>ch</sup> 22-26<sup>no?</sup> <sup>Monday</sup> The annual missionary meeting was held in the evening. Papa gave a short discourse on "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. The money raised for missions was <sup>if</sup> more than that of the previous year. <sup>Tuesday</sup> I got a letter from Jack McLean. Papa was out visiting during the most of the day. I was busy in the forenoon helping John Kusland to fix the wires on the new fence. It was very cold and windy to-day.

Thursday, 2, April, 1885.

<sup>Wednesday</sup> I was busy nearly the whole day helping John to finish the wire fence. Mr & Mrs McIndoe of the Merhins called and had tea. <sup>Thursday</sup> I have been reading "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and I don't wonder that it roused a storm of indignation against ~~the~~ slavery. The ground was covered with snow this morning.

Saturday, 4, April, 1885.

<sup>Friday</sup>

The new fence was finished. <sup>Saturday</sup> We had a big bonfire in the evening.

Saturday, 18, April, 1885

I was laid up with a bad cold nearly all last week. John Barland was at the garden all week. I got a dipper's nest on <sup>Wednesday</sup> <sup>Thursday</sup> Papa & Mama were at Edinburgh at the marriage of Miss Caroline second daughter of Sir George & Lady Leith Buchanan of Ross Priory & Drygrange to <sup>and brought me them a map of Afghanistan and a propeller</sup> Mr. Horn. Papa & Mama arrived home at 10<sup>30</sup>. <sup>Friday</sup> A bonfire was lit and fireworks, set off on the Scroggs in honour of the marriage. <sup>Saturday</sup> I got some birds nests.

Monday, 20, April, 1885.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts VIII<sup>ch</sup> 18-24<sup>or</sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> I found a hedge sparrows nest.

Wednesday, 22, April, 1885.

I have found a number of nests during the last <sup>three</sup> ~~few~~ days. I saw a swallow <sup>to-day</sup> for

the first time this year. Excitement on account of prospect of war with Russia.

Friday, 24, April, 1885

Thursday

I began to dig my garden, and rooted out one of the two thorns in it. <sup>Friday</sup> It was very wet all day. I planted my canary creeper seed. The Russian question still in suspense. It is my (small) opinion that war is certain unless our government are so foolish as to yield. Russia has never withdrawn ~~from~~ except when compelled to. It is a meeting of two empires who have conquered nearly half the world between them and if it comes to a struggle one <sup>of them</sup> will fall from the position of a first class power.

Saturday, 25, April, 1885

I painted the cows gate, and picked up the ~~front~~ gravel in the front. The Russian affair remains unchanged, but the strong action taken by the French government

~~on the~~ on account of the suppression of  
the Bosphore newspaper points to a secret under-  
standing between France and Russia. But  
I do not think the french would go to war

Tuesday, 28, April, 1885.

<sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. <sup>Tuesday</sup> I helped to riddle the gravel  
in the front garden. <sup>Wednesday</sup> I got a letter from Uncle John  
Dapa left in the afternoon for Alexandria  
to take part in the ordination of Mr McCully  
to a church in South Australia. Mr Gladstone  
proposed the vote of credit for £11,000,000 last  
night. His speech is the best I have ever read.  
~~The speech~~, it was peaceful but firm. The unani-  
mous and enthusiastic assent of the House  
of Commons to the vote of credit, will show  
Russia that she will be met by Britain as  
a nation. Scarcely any hopes of peace are  
now entertained, and preparations for war  
are being rapidly pushed forward. The French-  
Egyptian affair seems quite settled.

Thursday, 30, April, 1855

<sup>wednesday</sup>

Mama and I went up to Glasgow, with the 12<sup>00</sup> 50<sup>min</sup>

We saw Uncle John at the bank. I got measured for a new suit of clothes, ~~and~~ got my hair cut, and a new hat. We came home in the evening. <sup>Thursday</sup> I worked in the garden all day. It was stated last night yesterday in parliament, that a telegraph had been received from Sir Peter Lumsden stating that the Russians had occupied ~~Chernobyl~~ <sup>Chernobyl</sup>. This makes war nearly certain. The Russians are apparently determined not to yield, and are only trifling with us to gain time. But they will find that it is a valuable to us as to them.

Saturday 2, May, 1855

<sup>Friday</sup>

Mr Richardson arrived from Edinburgh at six o'clock. <sup>Saturday</sup> Mr Richardson and I walked down to the loch. It came on hail and rain and we got ~~wet~~ through. The budget costs 2<sup>d</sup> on the incense tax, 4 on the gallon of whiskey, 1 on 26<sup>d</sup> of beer

The suspension of the sinking fund. &c. The situation remains unchanged.

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup>, May, 1885.

Sunday

I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts

YIII<sup>ch</sup> 26-31<sup>rs</sup>. <sup>Monday</sup> Mr Richardson, Papa, and I

left with the 8:15 train from Baldarvan. Mr Richardson went on to Edinburgh. Papa and I went into Glasgow. I got my new clothes fitted on. We then went out to Uncle John's (11, 11)

We had dinner there, and I left with the 3:50 train. Papa went on to Edinburgh to attend the synod.

I got to Baldarvan all right, and Mr M<sup>r</sup> Genji gave me a card to his lodge. So I had not far to walk. Uncle John said that what we ~~thought~~ <sup>the</sup> was a bad cold they thought I had, was measles. <sup>Tuesday</sup> I finished the digging of my garden.

Some malicious person had cut a strip of bark off one of the fine oaks at the side of the road, in such a way as to kill the tree. The police were looking at it. I got <sup>Wednesday</sup> some



some thumb Indian cross sown in my garden to-  
day. Mamma got a letter from Papa this  
morning. The wind has been very cold for  
two days. ~~Oh~~ Oh. Oh!!! can it be possible!!

Attitude of established church at present.

It was stated in parliament that Russia  
had agreed to refer the "Pensjeh Incident"  
to arbitration. This question will thus be  
settled peacefully. It is merely an affair  
of honour. But the frontier question remains  
it is to be settled in London. I am afraid  
the government may yield too much. If  
it does the country will speak with ~~an~~  
uncertain voice. War may be deferred  
for a few years, but it will come sooner  
or later, unless Russia goes to pieces in the  
meantime. Afghanistan will be swallowed  
up by one or other of the two. We have got  
a short breathing time, Russia is afraid  
for the present. Arm and be prepared  
your empire is in danger

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>, May, 1885.

Thursday

I got a letter from papa. <sup>Friday</sup> We had a bonfire in the afternoon. We got an addition to the establishment this morning. Namely, a splendid quey calf. I got a letter from Sandy Denton

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup>, May, 1885.

Papa came home in the afternoon. It has been wet nearly all day. No change in the Russian question. ~~Soldiers~~ seems to be increasing among the troops in the Soudan.

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>, May, 1885.

Sunday

Papa exchanged with Mr Wilson of Drymen. I was not at church, being threatened with cold. <sup>Monday</sup> Papa left for Edinburgh in the forenoon. My new clothes arrived this morning. We got the annuals sown in the afternoon.

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup>, May, 1885.

Tuesday

We build up a rockery at the end of the house. ~~Papa~~ <sup>Wednesday</sup> Tommy the black cat brought in a horn crane (Landrail). I never

saw one before though I had after heard them.  
<sup>Wednesday</sup> Papa came home in the evening. He brought  
me a graphic. <sup>Thursday</sup> I stuffed the cornerate and got  
a letter from Uncle John. <sup>Friday</sup> I saw a ~~theron~~ in  
the glen. <sup>Saturday</sup> Mama and I planted ferns in  
the new rockery. Four chickens came out  
today, after being 24 days under the  
hen. Three days more than usual. We set  
another hen with eight eggs today. The  
calf and the kitten are thriving.

Tuesday, 19, May, 1885

<sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. Papa ~~to~~ preached on "the  
Feather of light". <sup>Monday</sup> Nothing particular occurred.  
<sup>Tuesday</sup> I worked in the garden.

Thursday, 21, May, 1885.

<sup>Wednesday</sup> It rained all day. I wrote to Arthur Manna.  
<sup>Thursday</sup> I worked at a picture frame. Intelligence <sup>has arrived</sup>  
from South Africa to the effect that a power-  
ful chief whose territories stretch north  
to the Gambia. <sup>to the country. and set out the district</sup> It will be a great advantage <sup>Germany</sup>

Saturday, 23, May, 1885.

<sup>Friday</sup> I got a sheet of glass put in my frame, and a portrait of <sup>the late</sup> General Gordon. I wrote to <sup>Saturday</sup> Mr. McLean. I saw a family of young tom-tits out for an <sup>airing</sup>.

Monday, 25, May, 1885.

<sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church, Papa ~~preache~~ lectured on Acts VIII <sup>or</sup> ch 32-35. Papa was at Alexandria. He brought me home some thin paper for writing abroad.

Wednesday, 27, May, 1885

~~Wednesday~~ <sup>Tuesday</sup> Was a very wet day. I cleared the grass and weeds from the footpath in front of the house. I sent off a letter to Malcolm McLean.

Saturday, 30, May, 1885.

<sup>Thursday</sup> Mr. Galbraith of Bladnochside called and stayed to tea. <sup>Friday</sup> Mrs. Galbraith of Tounfoot and a Miss Tomson called and stayed to tea. I planted out my canary breeders. I have got an invitation to a marriage on <sup>Saturday</sup> Tuesday at Lochend.

Wednesday, 3, June, 1885.

<sup>Sunday</sup>  
I was at church. Papa preached on Mark  
IV<sup>ch</sup> 26-29<sup>vs</sup>, <sup>concerning</sup> Nothing particular occurred  
<sup>of interest</sup>  
Papa was up at Glasgow marrying Miss Dundie  
to Mr Murray. We were at the marriage of  
Miss Mary Graham to Mr Wilson. The marriage  
took place at Lochend. Mr Pirrie of Glasgow  
married them <sup>and</sup> <sup>(who came from Glasgow)</sup> Papa assisted. After the dinner  
Mr & Mrs Wilson left amid showers of rice  
We left shortly afterwards. <sup>The day was showery & rather disagreeable</sup> I worked in  
the garden.

Saturday, 6, June, 1885

<sup>Thursday</sup>  
Nothing particular occurred. <sup>Friday</sup> I got  
<sup>later on</sup>  
a lot of old postage stamps given me. I was  
at church Papa preached on Isaiah LIII<sup>ch</sup>  
9<sup>vs</sup> "Neither was any deceit in his mouth.  
Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him". Dr  
Scott who is to assist papa at the  
sacrament. arrived in the after-  
-noon.

Wednesday, 10, June, 1885

<sup>Sunday</sup> Papa preached in the forenoon and Dr Scott in the afternoon. <sup>Monday</sup> Dr Brown of Paisley preached at Mr Morton of Greenock. Dr Brown, Mr Hishop of Helensburgh, and Mr Paul of Dumbarton, came as <sup>delegates</sup> from the Home mission board, and the presbytery of Dumbarton to the congregation. They all left in the afternoon. <sup>Tuesday</sup> <sup>Wednesday</sup> cabbage plants put in. Mrs Mann & Arthur called in the evening.

Saturday, 13 June, 1885.

<sup>Thursday</sup> Mrs Mann, and Mr, and Mrs Mackenzie called in the afternoon. Mrs M'Adam, Mrs M'Gowan and two Misses Paterson, called and stayed to tea. Mrs M'Adam and a Mr Green presented me with two sets of studs. <sup>Friday</sup> I was up at the channs in the evening. <sup>Saturday</sup> John Fitz, & John Macin during the forenoon. I worked in the garden nearly all day. Mr

Gladstone stated in the House of Commons last night, that the Queen had accepted the resignation of the cabinet, and that Lord Salisbury had gone to Barmorell. The defeat of the government is the best thing that could happen. It will preserve the unity of the Liberal party, and will stir them up to greater exertions. Will give them the support of the ~~teetotal~~ temperance party, and will make the country tired of Tory rule.

Tuesday, 16, June, 1885.

Sunday

I was at church. Papa preached on Hebrews XIII<sup>ch</sup> 20-21<sup>or</sup>. I worked in the garden. I was up at the Mann's in the evening. <sup>the others</sup> We were busy making a rustic seat with John Busland's help. Mr and Mrs Lindsay of Balfron and a Mr Wilson drove over and stayed to tea. They left in the evening.

Thursday, 18, June, 1885.

<sup>Wednesday</sup>

I was up

<sup>Thursday</sup>

I hoed up some potatoes in the forenoon.

It was very wet nearly all day. We have got another calf to use up the spare milk.

Saturday, 20, June, 1885

<sup>Friday</sup>

It rained nearly all day. I was up at the drains in the evening. Lord Salisbury seems to be in difficulties. Some ham right!!!

Monday, 22, June, 1885.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts VIII<sup>ch</sup> 36-40. <sup>my</sup> <sup>Chonagay</sup> Arthur was down in the evening and we played at football.

Thursday, 25, June, 1885.

<sup>Tuesday</sup>

We began to make another rustic chair. <sup>Wednesday</sup> We finished the chair and afterwards walked over to the drains, we stayed to tea and walked home in the evening.



<sup>Thursday</sup>  
I hold up some of the potatoes. John Busland gave me a present of a skep of bees which I placed at the foot of the garden. Lord Salisbury has at length made up his cabinet. It is a good thing that Gladstone did not give him any distinct promise not to oppose any of his measures.

Saturday, 27, June, 1885.

<sup>Friday</sup> I was up at the Clanns in the evening.  
<sup>Saturday</sup> Kate Fletcher arrived. I was up at the Clanns and played at tennis. At 10 o'clock the preacher arrived. Papa left <sup>for Lurg</sup> on Sunday. An excursion passing a lunatic asylum led to a riot which could not make more din.

Friday, 17, July

<sup>Monday</sup> Papa came home in the afternoon from Lurg. <sup>Thursday</sup> Uncle John, Aunt Maggie, Dan and Willie, accompanied by a Miss Harne drove over from Milngavie and spent the day

with us. I ~~drove~~ <sup>by Strathkilly</sup> back with them in the evening. I enjoyed the drive very much. Most of the country we drove through was entirely new to me. The view down the valley of the Bndrick with Loch Lomond in the distance was extremely fine. We arrived at Milngavie at 9 o'clock ~~was~~ striking. <sup>Wednesday</sup> It was cold and foggy in the morning but cleared up a splendid day. I worked with Uncle in the garden. <sup>Thursday</sup> Uncle and I left at 9 o'clock and went into Glasgow. We then took the train to Greenock and embarked on board the Arrochar steamer. It was a splendid day and I enjoyed the ~~sack~~ very much. We disembarked at Murligan ferry and walked to Braggan 1/4 mile distant. Where we were warmly ~~welcomed~~. After dinner I went a drive to Tarbet with Bessie. It is a very beautiful drive the road running along the side of Loch

Long. It is lined with <sup>all varieties of</sup> trees and is very hilly. After tea we went out deep sea fishing and caught 18 Cod <sup>Friday</sup>. I had a "dip" in the sea before breakfast. Uncle John left in the afternoon, I afterwards ~~went~~ drive to Yarbets and back with Bessie. I saw eleven sheep being clipped, and ~~can~~ understand how the wool sticks together after being clipped off. I went <sup>Saturday</sup> down to Marligan with Bessie to meet Mr Hutchison who ~~was~~ <sup>came</sup> coming from Manchester. He had been traveling all night ~~and~~ was rather tired after his long journey. In the afternoon I went to the top of a hill at the back of the house. It ~~was~~ not very high, but rather steep and I thought I was at the top two or three times. It ~~is~~ not a very pleasant thing at first looking downwards, but I soon got accustomed to it. I would much rather go up a hill than down. <sup>no</sup>

In the evening we went out fishing and caught about a dozen fish. It came on rain before we were long out. <sup>Sunday</sup> Mr Hutcherson and <sup>Carry et al.</sup> Jeanie, Bob, and myself walked ~~to church and back~~ and attendid church. <sup>Monday</sup> In the forenoon I walked with Bob to Stone 2 1/2 miles along the road. In the afternoon I went with Bob to get the horses. We walked about 3 miles over the hills before we got them. Bob mounted me on one horse and himself on the other. We turned the shoulder of the hill and rode down a path half way up the side of the hill. On the one side the hill rose steeply to the top. Looking down on the other side it looked as if a stone ~~stair~~ rolled down would not stop till it reached the sea. It is not nearly so steep as it looked from the path. I managed to stick on all right though I never learned to ride and had neither bridle nor saddle.

We got to Braggan all right and had a bus  
went round the most of the farm. After  
tea Bob started for Tarbet to meet Mama  
We went out to fish but the rain came  
on before we had time to catch more than  
half-a-dozen fish. On getting back I  
found Mama at Braggan, also Jack  
& Elean from Helensburgh who had joi-  
ned then at Arrochar. <sup>Yesterday</sup> It rained all  
day, and I could not get out at all. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Bessie  
drove Mama and I to Tarbet in the  
afternoon. We took the steamer to Balloch  
and enjoyed the sale though it was rather  
blow. We reached home at 7.45 P.M. <sup>on Friday</sup>  
I enjoyed my visit to Braggan very  
much. <sup>Friday</sup> I helped papa to repair two of the  
garden seats. <sup>Saturday</sup> I was up at the O'Connors in the  
evening and had a splendid game of  
grounders. <sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. Papa lectured  
on Acts 18 <sup>Monday</sup> ch 32-43. Nothing particular

occurred. <sup>Tuesday</sup> Hitty and Hilda were down do tea.  
Mrs C<sup>o</sup> Adam & Miss C<sup>o</sup> Goun called in the evening.  
<sup>Wednesday</sup> I had a game at rounders with the Manns in the  
evening. <sup>Thursday</sup> Nothing remarkable happened.

Monday, 10, August, 1885

On ~~Wednesday~~, the 24 July, Aunt Sarah, Miss Hinckley, and  
Kate arrived. They stayed till the Monday  
following. Kate is a very funny little girl. She  
speaks as if she were grown up. On Tuesday Papa  
and I went to Dumbarton. I got my hair cut and  
we saw the new public park. <sup>Thursday</sup> Mama was in bed for  
two days with Bunbago. Mrs. and the two Misses Richard-  
-son arrived to pay a visit. On Monday we went  
out a row on the loch but it came on rain. On <sup>Friday</sup> ~~Thursday~~  
~~we~~ were up at tea at the Manns. <sup>Saturday</sup> Mama the ~~two~~ Misses Richard-  
-son and I walked up to the moor. We saw weaving  
done by a hand loom. It was very interesting. I enjoyed  
the picnic very much. <sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. Papa lectured  
on Acts x ch 17-33. <sup>Monday</sup> I was very wet all day.

Saturday, 16, August, 1885.

<sup>Tuesday</sup>

The cleaners were down to sea. <sup>Thursday</sup> The Richardson's left in the afternoon. <sup>Friday</sup> Played at football in the evening.

<sup>Saturday</sup> Berne McLean arrived in the afternoon. Played at football in the evening. We start for Arron on Monday.

Monday, 31, August, 1885.

<sup>Monday 1885</sup>

We walked up to Galdarvan Station in the forenoon. Went with the train to Balloch changed and went on to Glasgow. We met Uncle James and ad my cousin James's house as arranged. We then went to the station to get the Ardrossen train. After we were all seated in the train. I went to get a newspaper. After getting it I turned up the wrong platform, a train began to move and I jumped in. I soon discovered my mistake and got out at Paisley. The Ardrossen train came up five minutes later and I rejoined the party. We went by steamer to Lamnish calling at Brodick on the way. We then

in a small cart up the Moneymore Glen and down  
another Glen to Slidery. I enjoyed the drive  
very much. We arrived at nine o'clock. We  
have got lodgings in the schoolhouse. Two rooms  
- a sitting room with a concealed bed where Peter  
and a bedroom. Uncle had the smithy house.  
<sup>The inhabitants of which were</sup> Uncle, Aunt, Sandy, <sup>with</sup> Tannie, <sup>with</sup> Mrs. (an English lady  
& Miss Boebuch, <sup>from</sup> Miss Watson <sup>from</sup> Canada  
visiting them. We walked down to the sea half a  
mile distant in the forenoon. In the evening we  
joined Uncle's party in a walk past Correcrovia.  
It is a very nice walk with a good view of the  
sea. <sup>Wednesday</sup> In the forenoon I had a "dip" in the sea  
with Sandy. <sup>Thursday</sup> Had a bath. <sup>Friday</sup> Papa left for home  
We walked over to Lag with him where he got  
a drag for Whiting Bay. Had a walk in the  
evening. We went with uncle and his party in  
the little cart to Shishen to see the games. I enjoyed  
them very much. Tossing the caber, and the  
sack race, running, ~~jumping~~ jumping, hop-step & jump.



were nice. But the tug of war was exciting.

We waited till near the close and then returned home. It came on rain and we did not get to Church. Etama and I walked <sup>of the day</sup> over part of the way to Lag and met Papa. <sup>Thursday</sup> I had a bath in the afternoon, and was at sea as Uncle in the evening. Mrs & Miss Boebuch left in the forenoon. <sup>Wednesday</sup> The most of us went along with them to Lag. Attended a sale in the afternoon. Papa <sup>Thursday</sup> fished in a burn but did not get many fish. <sup>Sunday</sup> In the evening, Uncle, Mrs Watson, Terrie, Sandy and I went a walk up a peat road and down the banks of a burn that runs into the Slidderly Water. I got ~~rather~~ <sup>rather</sup> dark as we were coming down the burn, and the gorge looked grand. <sup>Saturday</sup> Uncle's party were all in at sea, except Sandy who was away seeing the Kingsheaves and Machrie Bay. <sup>Sunday</sup> Papa preached in the Schoolroom. It was quite full. <sup>Monday</sup> Uncle left in the morning. The rent to follow to-morrow. Sandy and I

started at twelve o'clock to have a walk among the hills. We climbed two <sup>hills</sup>, and got a great lot of white heather (both ling & bell). We got back at four. I enjoyed the walk very much.

Wednesday, 2, September, 1885.

<sup>Tuesday</sup>  
Edmund, Miss Watson, Simey & Kemi left at 10:30, with the postman to drive over to Lamlash. Papa, Mama and I walked over to Lag to get the coach to Whiting Bay. We found ~~the coach~~ that it had started an hour before its usual time. We walked along the road a little farther, and then went down by the shore and ~~walked~~ <sup>walked</sup> along it till we got opposite Slidabay. <sup>Wednesday</sup> It was very wet. Papa went out fishing, and caught a few brown trout. He went out again in the evening <sup>sea trout, - about the size of herrings</sup> and caught two.

Saturday, 5, September, 1885.

<sup>Thursday</sup>  
In the forenoon mama and I gathered mushrooms, and in the afternoon went along to Corecreevic and up a hill. <sup>Friday</sup> Papa fished and caught a few brown trout.

I went down to the burn <sup>& stayed</sup> (with him) for 1½ hours.

<sup>Saturday</sup> I had a bath in the sea. In the afternoon went out gathering mushrooms. Papa caught a few <sup>small</sup> trout.

Monday, 7 September, 1885.

<sup>Sunday</sup> We walked to Skishen Free Church 7½ miles distant. It was a splendid day and I enjoyed the walk, and was not at all tired. <sup>Monday</sup> It was raining in the morning but it cleared up a fine day. Papa went out fishing and caught a few trout. I had a dip in the forenoon and gathered a few mushrooms in the afternoon.

Saturday, 12 September, 1885.

<sup>Tuesday</sup> I was very wet. Papa was out fishing and caught a few trout. In the evening we walked over to Lag and back. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Papa was fishing with Mr Gibson who is staying near Lag. We gathered a lot of mushrooms in the forenoon. <sup>Thursday</sup> We walked over to Lag and took the coach to Hildonan and Whiting Bay. We stayed an hour at Whiting Bay and then drove back to Hildonan, where we stayed

for a short time, then on to Lag and walked to  
Stoddery. I enjoyed the drive very much. Some of  
views of the road were very fine. The one from  
above Bennen Head being the finest. Mama heard  
from Jennie Dunlop. Grandfather <sup>had been</sup> ~~is~~ very ill <sup>but</sup> ~~was~~  
was somewhat better. <sup>of Friday</sup> Papa started for Hilmar-  
-nock. He walked over to Lamloch. Mama &  
I went nearly half way with him. We gathered some  
mushrooms in the evening. <sup>Saturday</sup> It was very wet  
and stormy all night. In the afternoon a  
telegram <sup>+</sup> arrived for papa saying that Grand-  
-father had taken a shock of paralysis in  
the right side, and that papa had better come.  
It had been sent off yesterday morning. Papa  
arrived in the afternoon. Grandfather was much  
the same when he left him.

Monday, 14, September, 1885.

<sup>Sunday</sup> Papa preached in the schoolroom. <sup>Monday</sup> Papa fished up  
the burn. Mama and I walked up the side of  
the burn and met him, and we all came back

in the ~~post's~~<sup>Post's</sup> machine. Papa got a letter from Uncle George saying that grandfather was not losing ground. It was showery all day.

Tuesday, 15, September, 1885.

Papa fished in the forenoon and got ten brown trout and three flounders. In the evening papa and I walked over to Lag and called on Mr. Gibson. We intend leaving for home to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, September, 23, 1885.

<sup>Wednesday</sup> We left at eight o'clock in the morning with the post's machine, and had a beautiful drive across the island. We would have had four hours to wait at Lamash ~~but~~ as the steamer was going round Cilsa braig, we thought we would go with her instead of waiting at Lamash. I enjoyed the sail very much. The steamer went <sup>all</sup> round the island as close as she could go without running ashore. A tug was lying wrecked with two other tugs along-



After dark I stuffed the entrance to a wasps  
byke with rags dipped in turpentine and then  
put a stone on the top of the rags to try and  
~~extinguish~~ <sup>all the bees day</sup> kill ~~the~~ wasps. The wasps have been  
apparently all killed. I trimmed the verges <sup>with the hook</sup> in  
the afternoon.

Saturday, September 26, 1885.

<sup>The carriage</sup>  
I walked up to Duncraig ~~farm~~ with papa  
<sup>Friday</sup> Papa and I cut bracken in the afternoon.  
I was up at the Chann in the evening. <sup>Saturday</sup> Arthur  
Chann came down in the afternoon and stayed to  
tea. We dug up the wasps nest and pound <sup>some</sup> cone.  
I began painting the wire fence.

Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 1885.

<sup>Monday 25 September</sup>  
Papa, Mama and I walked to Balloch, then  
took train to Helensburgh. When we got a  
steamer across to the Channel Fleet. We went  
on board the Agincourt. I had never  
been on board a warship before, and was  
very much interested in all that I saw.

After staying on board for half an hour  
 we went to Greenoch by steamer. We called on  
 Mr & Mrs Smith and had tea with them.  
 We then went across to Craignodan  
 with the "Cranhoe", railed to Balloch  
 and drove home. It was very wet when  
 we were coming home. In the evening I  
 was at a ~~concert~~ <sup>in aid of the Leamen Brugges fund</sup> concert in the school-  
 room. It consisted of "Songs, readings and  
 a grand negro intertainment". It was  
 very amusing. <sup>Thursday</sup> Mr. Thos. Mann was in during  
 the evening. I was busy painting the wire  
 fence up the side of the wood. I was at  
 church. <sup>Monday</sup> <sup>Tuesday</sup> <sup>Wednesday</sup> <sup>Thursday</sup> <sup>Friday</sup> <sup>Saturday</sup> <sup>Sunday</sup> nothing particular happened

Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1885.

<sup>Friday</sup> I carried up a lot of brackens for bedding  
<sup>Saturday</sup> for the cow. I cut some brackens in the  
 forenoon. The Cluses Leith called and had  
 tea in the afternoon. I was at church <sup>Sunday</sup>  
 Papa lectured on Acts <sup>Monday</sup> x<sup>ch</sup> 36-9 <sup>per. minister</sup>



Mrs Horn and Mrs Leith called in the afternoon.  
I carried up several bundles of bracken to  
the barn. <sup>of yesterday</sup> Papa was at Dumbarton. I assisted  
<sup>I got a letter from Uncle Sam off Edinburgh</sup> at the potato digging. We got all our potatoes  
in. I calculated that we have 850 lbs of <sup>pot</sup> ~~80000~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~oats~~.  
In the afternoon I walked up to Drungless  
with papa.

Tuesday, 20th October, 1885  
<sup>Thurs day</sup> Nothing particular occurred. <sup>Friday</sup> Mr Reid Liberal  
candidate for Dumbartonshire addressed a  
meeting in the M. P. School. I went to the  
meeting. Mr Reid spoke on Parliamentary  
Procedure, the Land Laws, and the Liqueur Traffic.  
He was applauded frequently and at the close  
of his speech Mr Buoland of Cameron proposed  
and Mr Buchanan of Croftfoot seconded  
that Mr Reid was a proper member. The  
motion was supported by Mr Hinloch  
of Alexandria and carried unanimously.  
Mr Galbraith of Youngfoon occupied the

chair in the absence of R. L. Graham of  
Gartmore who sent a letter of apology.

<sup>Saturday</sup>  
I went a walk with the dogs in the forenoon.  
Bob McLean dropped in during the forenoon.  
He had been with some sheep to Hillearn,  
and walked from there. He left in the after-  
noon to go home up the lock. <sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church.

I have left the Sabbath School and joined papa's  
Bible class. <sup>Monday</sup> Papa left in the forenoon for  
Edinburgh where he intends staying for  
two days with Mr Richardson. In the  
afternoon I cut a lot of bracken and  
carried them up to the barn. <sup>Tuesday</sup> I wrote to  
Uncle John. In the afternoon I cut bracken.  
We are getting into the thick of the election.  
The ~~air~~ is full of politics. The contest in  
Dumbartonshire promises to be a keen one.  
Mr Orr Ewing who has represented the  
county for ~~the~~ seventeen years is the  
conservative candidate. Mr Reid

the Liberal. Mr Orr being <sup>1</sup> his own  
influence as a large employer of labour. 2  
The Roman Catholics <sup>would</sup> vote for him to a man.  
3 The Liberal Churchmen (Orr never heard  
of than seen). 4 The Public house <sup>by the old</sup> keepers.  
5 The influence of almost every land owner  
in the county & a number of farmers who  
long for "the good old times" when corn  
was dear and labour cheap

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 1885

<sup>Wednesday</sup>  
Paper came in the evening from Edinburgh  
<sup>Thursday</sup>  
Mrs M<sup>c</sup>Adam and Miss M<sup>c</sup>Gowan called and  
stayed to tea. <sup>Friday</sup> The Misses Leith called in the  
afternoon. They ~~br~~ brought <sup>me</sup> a ~~Land~~ Water Rail  
to stuff from Sir George. <sup>Saturday</sup> I joined the channs in a  
picnic to the top of Bonick Hill. We rowed  
across the loch to Balmaha and walked up  
~~to the top~~. We got a splendid view from the  
top. After spending half an hour on Inchcathich  
we rowed back. I enjoyed it ~~very~~ much.

Saturday, 30th October, 1885.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts  
X<sup>ch</sup> 40-3<sup>vs</sup>. I stuffed the water rail, and gave  
the finishing touches. <sup>Monday</sup> <sup>Tuesday</sup> <sup>Wednesday</sup> <sup>Thursday</sup> <sup>Friday</sup> <sup>Saturday</sup> <sup>Sunday</sup> Nothing particular occurred.  
I walked up to the station and back with papa.  
Cut grass and went a walk.

Saturday, 7th November, 1885.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church. Papa preached a harvest sermon  
on Exodus XXXIV<sup>ch</sup> 22<sup>vs</sup>. Lady Leith called in  
the afternoon. We got a card of turnips.  
Papa and I walked up to Drumglass.  
~~We got~~ A barrel of apples in ~~a present~~ <sup>from</sup> Mr. Richardson arrived in the morning. Papa  
and I walked up to Ardoch in the afternoon.

Saturday, 14th November, 1885.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts X<sup>ch</sup>  
44-8<sup>vs</sup>. Nothing particular occurred during the  
week.

~~Monday, 23rd, November, 1885.~~

~~Monday 23rd~~

~~Papa was away at the funeral of Mrs M. Farlane~~

~~of Kirn, a cousin of mama's. I went up to baldarvan  
Station in the afternoon. ~~to~~ and met Ellis Watson  
and ~~Jennie~~. <sup>Thursday</sup> Mr Reid addressed the electors in the  
U. S. school. etc etc~~

Saturday, 19, December, 1885

On the Monday following <sup>the day</sup> my last entry. I went  
to baldarvan Station and met Jennie Dunton  
and Ellis Watson. Papa who was away at Kirn  
attending the funeral of Mrsell Farlang, a cousin  
of mama's. ~~Jennie~~ <sup>Jennie</sup> and Ellis  
Watson stayed with us till  
Tuesday of the following week.  
It was hard frost during  
most of the week. Mr Reid  
addressed the electors in our  
school room on Thursday. Mr  
Lung schoolmaster sent out  
about 50 letters to different  
electors  
stating

that he intended questioning Mr Reid on dis-  
establishment, and that he also intended announc-  
ing that he was not a fit and proper person  
to represent the county in parliament. A number  
of those to whom the letters were sent were supporters  
of Mr Reid and let Mr Langs intentions be widely  
known. The meeting was crowded. Mr Bunningham  
Buntine Graham occupied the chair and gave a short  
speech. Mr Reid spoke for about three quarters  
of an hour on Free Trade, Disestablishment, and  
the Land Laws. The great bulk of the meeting was  
in favour of Mr Reid and the applause completely  
drowned a few feeble attempts to him. Mr Lang  
asked a number of questions on disestablishment  
He lost his temper and finally chairman put  
the question to the meeting whether he be allowed  
to put any more questions or not. The meeting  
decided against any more questions, and the chairman  
did not allow Mr Lang to put any more. Mr Reid  
having to be at Balloch at a certain hour to get

a train. a vote of thanks for his address was accorded  
no time being left to discuss an amendment to a vote  
of confidence. Mr Lang wrote a letter to the "Dumbarton  
Herald" complaining of the way he had been treated.  
Mr R. Bilsland sent a reply to <sup>the</sup> next week's "Herald", which  
Mr Lang answered, and was answered in his turn by  
Mr Bilsland. I do not know whether the newspaper  
was will continue any longer or not. I was ill dur-  
ing the following week with cold and soar throat.  
The elections began on Tuesday, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> in consequence  
the newspapers were eagerly scanned every day.  
~~The week~~ The Sunday following was our sacrament  
Papa was assisted on Saturday and Sunday by  
Mr Tyne of Hilmaeolm and on Monday by  
Mr Bishop of Helensburgh. On Tuesday papa  
was away voting at Drymen in Stirlingshire.  
Mr Bolton the liberal candidate was returned  
by a majority of between two and three thousand  
votes. The Dumbartonshire election was on Thursday  
Papa was down at Alexandria voting. The result

was announced on <sup>the</sup> Friday afternoon. ~~Swing~~  
Swing 4514 We were very much disappointed at  
Reid  $\frac{4357}{157}$  the result. If it had not for the energetic  
cavassing carried on by Mr Orr Swing's supporters.  
he would not have been returned. For the past  
two weeks I have been working hard at my lessons.  
On Monday last mama and I walked up to  
Blairquhinnan and back. On Thursday papa and  
I walked over to the chains and called on Mrs  
McAdum

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1885

<sup>Sunday</sup>  
I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts XII<sup>ch</sup> 1-10.  
<sup>evening 8<sup>o</sup></sup>  
I have taken to chopping wood in the afternoon.  
It is very good exercise. I got 12 Xmas cards and a  
book. "Wallace the hero of Scotland." In the after-  
noon I walked over to Drymen and saw the  
Wilson. After taking tea with them I walked  
home. <sup>Saturday</sup> We were down at the Ross Xmas tree  
in the evening. Wrote to Lue Mann in the fore-  
noon.



Saturday, 2nd January, 1886.

<sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. <sup>Monday</sup> I got a present of a book from Mrs Richardson. "The good ship Barbara". <sup>Tuesday</sup> We had a snow-storm through the night. <sup>Wednesday</sup> I was out in the forenoon collecting for the New Year offering. I got <sup>Thursday</sup> 14. <sup>Friday</sup> I was in the house all day with a sore throat.

Saturday, 9th January, 1886.

<sup>Sunday</sup> On account of my cold I was not at the church. <sup>Monday</sup> I send off a letter to Colley McLean. <sup>Tuesday</sup> In the evening I was at the Ross hearing <sup>Wed</sup> a concert. The performers were the class of young people <sup>that Lady Leith has been teaching for some time</sup> belonging to our congregation and playing. A few ladies varied the programme by singing duets. <sup>Thursday</sup> I enjoyed it very much. It has been hard frost for some days.

Thursday, 26th January, 1886

We have had snow constantly on the ground for nearly two weeks, but I expect that it will have all disappeared by to-morrow morning. We had also turns of hard frost but I did not get any skating as the ice was rough. On ~~Wednesday~~ Wednesday last week

papa and ~~were~~ at a Sabbath School soiree in Drymen.  
The evening was spent in games &c. On Saturday last  
our calf (young beauty) died. Parliament was opened  
last week by the Queen, and ~~on~~ last Tuesday the  
<sup>for</sup> government were defeated on an amendment to  
<sup>by a majority of 29</sup> the address. Mr Goschen and Lord Hartington  
deserting their party with 16 other "whigs." I will  
be rather surprised if Mr Gos <sup>is</sup> an Edinburgh  
member in the next parliament.

Saturday, 6. February, 1886.

<sup>Saturday</sup> John McLean arrived in the evening. I was at  
Church. Papa lectured on Acts <sup>Ch</sup> ~~XII~~ <sup>20-24</sup>? It  
snowed nearly all day. Jack left on the morning.  
<sup>Monday</sup> Papa was at Dumbarton. I went down to the curling  
pond and got my first lesson in curling. I got on pretty  
<sup>Wednesday</sup> well. I was down at the pond and had an hour's curling. I  
<sup>Thursday</sup> skated for about an hour in the afternoon. Papa left for  
<sup>Saturday</sup> Dumbarton where he is to preach to-morrow. Mr Rodger  
the preacher arrived in the evening. Mr Gladstone  
has accepted office.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 1886.

<sup>Sunday Monday</sup>

Mr Rodger left early on Monday morning. Papa arrived in the forenoon. <sup>Tuesday</sup> Papa left for Dumbarton to attend <sup>a</sup> meeting of presbytery. <sup>Wednesday</sup> He returned in the evening, having stayed on Tuesday night with Mr Lamb of Old Kilpatrick, and attended a meeting in Glasgow on Wednesday. <sup>Thursday Friday</sup> Nothing particular occurred. <sup>Saturday</sup> I chopped up a quantity of sticks.

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1886.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

I was at church. Nothing particular occurred during the week. Parliament has met; but no definite proposals on the Irish or other questions have been made by the new government.

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 1886.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

<sup>Thursday</sup> I was at church. Papa lectured on Acts 1<sup>ch 1-8</sup>. Papa and I walked over to the Maine and called on Mrs Macdum. On Thursday night Mr Travitt introduced a "Crofters Bill." It seems a rather good measure, and will prevent the depopulation of the Highlands. The crofters are a fine class and must be preserved from extinction.

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1886.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

<sup>Church day</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> <sup>Wednesday</sup>

I was at church. We had a fall of snow, accompanied by a gale of wind. The result has been that the snow drifted and blocked all the side-roads. Papa and I walked to Baldarwan Station and went with the train to Jamestown; we returned the ~~same~~ way we went. Snow was lying <sup>drifted to the depth of</sup> three or four feet deep. Tomorrow being the sacrament Mr. Wilson of Drymen preached in the afternoon. <sup>Thursday</sup> <sup>Saturday</sup>

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1886.

<sup>Sunday</sup>

Mr. Wilson assisted papa at the sacrament and preached in the afternoon. Papa and I walked down to Jamestown; we went with the train to Baldarwan and walked home. Papa and I walked to Botarich farm and back in the afternoon. I enjoyed the walk very much - having only once been there before. We got a fine view of the Balloch end of the loch. I had about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour's skating. The ice was wretched. We have had hard frost every night this week; with a thaw in the day-time; caused by the sun. The close division on Mr. Dillwyn's motion; as the <sup>Mr. Grey's amendment to</sup> <sup>the</sup>

Church of England in Wales has failed to fulfil its professed object as a means of promoting the religious interests of the Welsh people, and ministers only to a small minority of the population, its continuance as an Established Church in the Principality is an anomaly and an injustice which ought to exist." ~~shows~~ <sup>241</sup> <sub>229</sub> ~~shows~~ <sup>241</sup> <sub>229</sub> shows that disestablishment is at hand. Mr Louchere's successful attempt to reduce the vote for Royal parks and pleasure grounds (<sup>241</sup>/<sub>229</sub>) shows that the party of reform is strong in the new Parliament. The bill to regulate railway and canal traffic and rates is much needed. Railway companies should not be allowed to charge cheaper dearer rates for home than foreign produce

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1886.

<sup>9.15 am</sup>  
I was at church. Nothing unusual happened. Mr Finlay's bill to declare the constitution of Church of Scotland "was before the House of Commons of Wednesday, and after ten speeches (five on each side) was rejected by 23 votes." <sup>278</sup> <sub>255</sub>  
15 Scottish members (including 6 liberals) voted for. — ~~36~~  
36 against. 21 (including 1 Tory) were absent. The Established

church party put forth all their strength. It was a very skillful move and nearly succeeded. The L. C. party have themselves broken the truce and disestablishers should not hesitate to carry the war into the enemies quarters.

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1886

<sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. <sup>Monday Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday</sup> I pruned the currant bushes, carried up some logs from the glen &c. <sup>Friday</sup> Papa was at Glasgow; he returns in the evening. I went and saw the ploughing made but did not stay long as it began to rain. <sup>Saturday</sup> It rained nearly all day.

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1886

<sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. <sup>Monday Tuesday, Wednesday</sup> Nothing particular happened. <sup>Thursday</sup> Papa and I walked up to Croftfoot and afterwards called at Ellerhins; where we had tea. <sup>Friday</sup> Bob McLean came in during the evening. Bob left in the forenoon to meet ~~and~~ some sheep at Balloch and take them to Craigh. <sup>Saturday</sup> Betty and Hilda Mann were down in the afternoon. Mama and I raked up the pruning and had a bonfire in the garden. Mr Chamberlain and Mr Trevelyan have resigned their seats in Mr Gladstone's

cabinet. Their places have been filled by Mr. Stansfield and Lord Dalhousie. It is a pity Mr. Gladstone did not retire at the general election, he has lost two of the ablest men in the cabinet, and his Irish bills seem likely to be defeated.

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1886.

<sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. <sup>Monday</sup> In the afternoon I went half way to baldarwan to meet Mr Lindsay of Balfrom, who was to address the annual missionary meeting in the evening. The meeting was held in the school-room during the evening. After a short discourse had been delivered by Mr Lindsay; the report for 1885 was read: From which it appeared that the money collected for missionary purposes and records was a few shillings less than the previous year.

A fairly satisfactory report considering the agricultural depression. <sup>Tuesday</sup> Mr Lindsay left in the afternoon. <sup>(Wednesday Thursday) Friday</sup> Mr Mann called in the evening. <sup>Saturday</sup> I took a barrowful of sticks up from the glen. The ground is still too soft to allow gardening operations to begin.

On Thursday night Mr Gladstone explained <sup>his</sup> Home Rule Scheme of the Government to the House of Commons. His proposals are an Irish Parliament at Dublin to consist of (1) <sup>at present</sup> The 28 Irish representative peers ~~at that sit~~ in the House of Lords. (2) 75 members to be elected by occupiers of £25-0-0 yearly value or upwards. Every one of these 75 men to be possessed of realty to the value of £200 per annum, or personalty to the extent of £4000. 2. 206 member to be elected by the present constituents. Any act passed by a majority of the united parliament can be absolutely vetoed for three years or till a dissolution, by a majority of either of the two "orders". Irish members will cease to be members of the Westminster Parliament. The <sup>Irish</sup> New Parliament will have no power to touch the prerogatives of the Crown, nor to interfere in matters of national defence, foreign or colonial policy, nor to endow any religious denomination. The collection of the Excise and Customs duties, and the control of the Irish Constabulary will not be given to the new Legislature. Mr Gladstone spoke for nearly three and a half hours.



Afterwards Mr Trevelyan spoke against and Mr Parcell  
in favour of the bill. Last night (Friday) Mr Chamberlain  
~~delivered~~ and Lord Hartington delivered strong speeches  
against and Mr Healy and Mr Morley in favour.  
Mr Chamberlain mentioned that it was proposed to  
to buy out the Irish landlords for the sum of £120,000,000.  
Mr Gladstone objected to the Land Purchase Bill being  
disclosed till it was brought before Parliament, so Mr  
C did not disclose any more of the provisions of the  
L. P. B.

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1886.

<sup>Sunday</sup>  
I was at church. Papa lectured on Luke XIX<sup>th</sup> 1-10.  
<sup>Tuesday</sup>  
Papa was at Dumbarton. John Bilsland commenced  
to dig the garden. <sup>Wednesday</sup> I was busy in the garden. <sup>Thursday</sup> I was busy  
<sup>Friday</sup>  
at the Shann's in the evening, and played at Lawn  
Tennis with Fanny, Filda and a Miss <sup>Baker</sup> ~~Baker~~, who is  
staying with them, ~~along with~~ her aunt Miss Clapperton.  
Worked in the garden &c. The debate on the Home Rule  
Bill was resumed on Monday night by Lord Randolph  
Churchill who strongly opposed it. Sir G. Russell and

Mr Whitbread<sup>at</sup> spoke in favour of the bill. On Tuesday Sir  
Wm Harcourt supported and Mr Goschen<sup>and Sir M<sup>rs</sup> Hicks Beach</sup> opposed ~~the~~  
After Mr Gladstone had replied on the debate, the  
Bill was read a first time without opposition. It is  
undoubtedly a very able scheme but I do not think  
it will pass. On Thursday Sir Wm. Harcourt introduced  
the budget. It contained no novel features. Last night  
Mr Gladstone introduced the Land Purchase Bill.

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1886.

Sunday

Monday

I was at church. Papa was at Glasgow. He brought me  
15 volumes of "Cassell's National Library." I think they  
will prove very interesting. All the garden seeds were sown.

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Played at Lawn Tennis in the evening. Mr Battray (an  
established church minister from Glasgow who is staying with  
the Mams) took tea with us. Some of the Leiths called and  
had afternoon tea with us. Afterwards Mr. H. & Mrs. B. had tea with  
John Bilsland finished the garden

Friday

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1886.

Sunday

My birthday. I got a pencil from Mrs Richardson. 1/0 from  
papa and 2/6 from mama. Mama and I went with the

Monday

8:45 train from Balloch to Glasgow. We came out at Barring  
Cross Station and had some breakfast at my uncle's the Dr's.  
We saw Uncle John at the bank and afterwards met Aunt  
Maggy. I bought two bee hives, got my hair cut & c.  
We reached home about eight. Papa left for Edinburgh  
to attend the Synod. I went two miles down the road  
with him. It rained slightly during part of the day;  
the first rain we have had for nearly a month. I  
wrote to papa. I have been reading "Warren Hastings"  
by Lord Macaulay; "The Autobiography of Benjamin  
Franklin"; and "The Rivals, and The School for Scan-  
dal" by Richard B. Sheridan, and have found them all  
very interesting and instructive

Saturday, 22<sup>d</sup> May, 1886

I got a letter from papa. Papa returned home  
in the afternoon. Papa and I went with the  
12:55 train from Balloch to Glasgow, where we  
saw Uncle John in the Bank, and then went on  
to Edinburgh. In the evening I went with  
Mrs and Miss B. Richardson to the Synod

We stayed between three and four hours, heard  
a number of speeches, and then went back to  
with <sup>them and</sup> papa to the Richardson's house at 7 H. St.  
<sup>Tuesday</sup> I went to the "International Exhibition" with  
Mrs R. early in the forenoon. We spent two  
hours going through the whole building, after  
which Mrs R. left <sup>I waited</sup> ~~spent the time~~ till four  
o'clock examining the pictures in the Art Gal-  
-leries, going through "Old Edinburgh" and  
watching the Machinery in Motion. Which  
section was very interesting. In the evening  
Papa and I went and saw the Buildings  
and Grounds lit up with the Electric Light.  
<sup>Wednesday</sup> Papa and I went and called on Mr Logan, also  
The Edinburgh Picture Exhibition. We left  
Edinburgh about five and reached Baldarvan  
Station at 7. <sup>Friday</sup> Lucie Mann - who has returned  
from a German school - was down seeing me in  
the evening. <sup>Saturday</sup> I had a nice walk with Lucie  
and some other of the Manns through the Black

Mount to Portmellan. <sup>Sunday</sup> I was at church. <sup>Monday</sup> Harry ~~Mc~~ <sup>Mc</sup>Lean - who  
has returned from Paris - <sup>Thursday</sup> called in the forenoon. Uncle  
John, Aunt Maggie and the whole family drove over  
from Milngavie and spent the day with us. It  
came on rain unluckily so they did not get out  
much. (~~On~~ <sup>On</sup> Tuesday we had Willie McEwen -  
who sailed for Canada on Thursday - seeing us)  
<sup>Friday</sup> <sup>Saturday</sup> Two splendid days the best we have had this  
year.

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1856.

Early in June mamma and I spent two days with the  
Richardsons in Edinburgh. I was twice in the Exhibition  
and thought more of it than ever. Aunt Sarah  
(who has sailed for Australia), paid us a flying  
visit before she left. The elections are nearly  
all over, and Mr Gladstone has lost heavily.  
In Dumbartonshire the "Union" candidate  
was Sir A. Orr Ewing; the liberal Mr. R. G.  
Munro-Ferguson of Raith and Nover. Sir A. Orr  
~~Ewing was~~ Mr. Ferguson addressed a meeting

in our schoolroom on the 30 of June. He was in our house before and after the meeting. I went up and heard him speak which he did very well. Rev Mr Boyd and Mr Lang asked a number of questions but did not succeed in confusing Mr Ferguson. The meeting was very enthusiastic. I went <sup>7<sup>th</sup> night 9<sup>th</sup> July</sup> down to Alexandria—where the polling was—with papa and went in and saw Aunt Blair and Gracey. Sir A. Orr Ewing was returned by a majority of 32; not very much in a poll of over eight thousands.

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1880.

The two Misses Richardson came on visit on the 20<sup>th</sup> and stayed till the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. One fine day we all went a picnic to Aberfoyle. We went by train from Caldervan Station, walked nearly to the head of Loch Ard, walked back to the near end, and—having hired a boat—had an hour's row and gathered a number of water-lilies. We reached home

about five o'clock, having walked altogether 16 miles. I greatly enjoyed the day's "outing". Kate Fletcher came to spend her holidays with us the same day the Richardsons left. Uncle John had a house at Skelmortie all August. We took lodgings <sup>for a week</sup> in a house near them. On Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> Mama and I went with the "Swanhoe" from Braigendoran to Wemyss Bay - Papa accompanying us the length of Greenock - and then walked to our house, which was about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the pier. Papa and Kate came on Friday and mama and Kate went home on Saturday: papa & I on the following Tuesday. We spent our time walking about, going to pier to see the steamers ~~start~~ and arrive and start, and in the evening playing at games in Uncle's house. They had staying with them Mrs & Miss Roebuck, and Mrs John Dunlop. John came down from England and stayed a few days. The Mann's house is let to Miss Blapperton and two sisters of her's Mrs Bulgarnie & Mrs Harrup.

Last Tuesday Mabel & Percy Balgarni and Kitty  
(who is staying with them) Mann were down at sea. On Wednesday Mamma  
Kate, and I went with the Loch Lomond steamer  
to Tarbet and walked to Breggan. Uncle  
and Balley - who has lately returned from Africa -  
were away at Luos with the dogcart. We saw all  
the others, gloo Andrew and Donald. Andrew  
is much improved and has grown a nice boy.  
Donald is very thin. We walked back to Tarbet  
& got the steamer to Balloch pier, thence by rail  
to Baldarvan Station and walked home. Kate left  
on Thursday. On Saturday I was ~~out~~<sup>at</sup> a picnic  
with the occupants of Mann's house. We rowed to  
Inchcaliach, went up to the burying ground, had  
a bath, rowed to Inchfad, got some milk, and  
rowed home. Harry and Luie Mann were <sup>also</sup> with us  
<sup>Monday</sup> Papa was at Dumbarton and Glasgow. He returned  
in the evening. I was fishing in the burn with Percy.  
We got three trout.



Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 1886.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

We started from the Manse at 4:15 P. M., went with the train to Dumbarton and changed into the through train from Helensburgh to Edinburgh arriving there at 7:25. We ~~st~~ went out to Mr. Richardson's and stayed over the night. <sup>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></sup> We went by train to Granton and embarked on board the London steamer, which sailed at three. Mrs Richardson and Jeanie saw us on board. The wind was strong but, being from the west the sea had not space to rise to any height. We got a good view of the Haddington coast. <sup>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></sup> When I got up in the morning we were out of sight of land and opposite the Wash. We soon sighted the English coast and kept pretty close to it during the remainder of our passage, seeing Garmouth very well. We reached London at eleven at night. It was dark when we were going ~~at~~ up the Thames so I did not see much - although the <sup>(67)</sup> were very pretty. We drove to Williamson's Hotel

Bow Lane. Cheapside where we got accommoda-  
-tion. <sup>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></sup> We went with the "District" railway from  
the Mansion House Station to South Kensington  
and through the subway — which is built  
of glazed bricks and I think <sup>it must be</sup> about half-a-  
-mile long —, to the colonial ~~and~~ Indian  
Exhibition: We first had a look at the Jangle,  
then walked through the Indian part, then  
went out into the grounds, heard the organ  
played in the Albert Hall, examined the  
pictures by colonial artists, went through  
Canada, Cyprus, Malta, the Aquarium, and  
some of the Australian courts. We also saw  
the Indian workmen busy at their different  
trades. Then went back to the Hotel pretty  
tired. In the evening we ~~went~~ walked down to  
London Bridge and back. <sup>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></sup> We went with a buss ~~along~~  
along High Holborn and Bedford Street and  
walked through Regent's Park to the Zoolog-  
-ical Gardens. We spent the most of the day

there and saw all that was to be seen. It was very interesting. Before we started for the Zoo we went through St Pauls. <sup>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></sup> In the morning we went to the Metropolitan Tabernacle and heard Rev. G. Spurgeon preach; in the evening to St Mary Aldermay <sup>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></sup> a few yards distant from the Hotel. Viewed the monument erected in memory of the Great Fire of 1666 by Sir Christopher Wren, then walked to the "Tower" and went through the Jewel House and Armouries. We then went up the river to Westminster and went through W. Abbey. <sup>of National Gallery, Trafalgar Square</sup> Afterwards we walked through St James's Green, and Hyde Parks and part of Paddington. In the evening we went to Madame Tussauds Exhibition. <sup>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></sup> I was rather disappointed with it. In the morning papa and I visited the Guildhall, City Picture Gallery & Court. We all went and saw the British Museum, then went by boat to Greenwich and saw the Hospital Museum and Picture Galleries. The Painted Hall is very beautiful. We went back with <sup>the</sup> tramway. <sup>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></sup> We went out by train to the

Crystal Palace. I got myself weighed and found I was 9 stones 3 lbs. I went to the top of one of the two water towers which are <sup>each</sup> 282 feet high and got <sup>a</sup> splendid view of the surrounding country. We went all over the building and grounds. <sup>part of the</sup> <sup>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></sup> We went up the river to New and saw the gardens. They are very beautiful. We went through the Museum, Palm <sup>House</sup> <sup>seen in the City of London of Parliament House,</sup> and other <sup>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></sup> hothouses. We went down ~~the~~ to Woolwich by boat, and from there to Bealey Heath by coach - the drive through the country was very nice - and then walked to Bealey. We went to the school where Andrew & Donald Fletcher are and spent about an hour with them. <sup>Went into the Temple debating society & heard a debate.</sup> <sup>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></sup> We then went back to London by train. In the forenoon we went through the central Meat & Fish Markets, afterwards walked across Hyde Park and examined the Albert Memorial. We then visited South Kensington Museum. The collection of stuffed home birds along with their nests & eggs is very interesting. <sup>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></sup> In the forenoon

we went to St Paul's in the evening to Dr McEwen's at <sup>above</sup> ~~blax-~~  
<sup>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></sup>ham. Mama and I went <sup>to</sup> the C. & I. exhibition. We  
first carefully examined the Indian exhibits, then  
New Zealand, Canada, bays of Good Hope, Natal, West African  
colonies, West Indies &c &c. The diamond washing and  
cutting was very interesting. <sup>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></sup> We went <sup>at Hyde Park</sup> to the Japanese  
Village; where we saw Japanese natives working at different  
trades. It was peculiar and rather interesting. From  
there we walked to Westminster and, - after waiting  
for 40 minutes we saw Mr Gladstone pass in to the  
<sup>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></sup>House of Commons. Went a walk round St Paul's  
Churchyard and up the Thames Embankment;  
sailed from London at 4 o'clock, - got a good  
view of the country on either bank. It was rather  
rough as we got out to sea. <sup>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></sup> The sea was rough  
& I was a little sick. We saw the Yorkshire coast.  
<sup>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></sup> We arrived early in the morning at Granton and  
went by train to Edinburgh and by car to the  
Richardson's. I went with Jane and bring to  
the exhibition and spent two hours there. Papa

waited in Edinburgh but onama and I left <sup>for Home</sup> at 4  
o'clock. We arrived safely between 7 & 8, and found  
all well. <sup>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></sup> Mr Goodfellow (the preacher) arrived in  
the afternoon. <sup>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></sup> I was at church. <sup>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></sup> Mrs G- preached. Mr  
Goodfellow left in the forenoon. I was up at  
the Mann's in the evening.

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1886.

<sup>Tuesday</sup> In the afternoon I walked up to baldarvan  
Station thinking that I might meet papa. I  
met him with Uncle Tom and Teenie. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Uncle Tom  
& Teenie left this morning. It has rained heavily all  
day.

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1886.

<sup>Thursday, 20, Sep</sup> In the afternoon Bessy and I walked to bal-  
darvan Station, went by train to Balloch  
Pir, and with the steamer to Tarbet; where we  
found bally with the dog-cook, and reached  
broggan safely before eight o'clock. <sup>Friday, 1, October</sup> In the  
forenoon I assisted at drawing of the old ewes  
at the fanks beside the house. In the afternoon

bally and I went out fishing and got a dozen and  
a half. I was up at the fanks in the glen. I was at  
church at Arrochar. I was at Arrochar with bal in the  
machine. I walked a bit down the Gurelochhead road.  
I was at a sheep-gathering, at Invergroin, with  
with bal. I got a lesson in cutting up a sheep.  
I got ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> cold and so did not get out for  
some days. I was at a geographical lecture  
in the Tarbet Free Church. Aunt went away to Edinburgh  
& Bob to Loch L. bal drove me to Tarbet and I  
got home all right in the afternoon. I was at church.  
Papa exchanged with Mr Wilson. Mama and I  
were down at Alexandria. I have been very busy  
with my lessons, getting my bees housed, potatoes  
&c.

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 1886.

Bob McLean stopped <sup>on the way to</sup> here for a hour & a half in  
the forenoon. He was Kilearn with four scores of  
sheep; he left one ~~beast~~ that was knocked up,  
it died in a short time, and I managed,

with assistance, to skin <sup>Wednes day</sup> and afterward bury <sup>cut of</sup> it. I got the brackens carried up to the barn. <sup>Thursday</sup> Mama started for Milngavie. Adam and Charles Wilson walked down from Drymen and spent the afternoon and evening with us. <sup>Friday</sup> Mama returned in the afternoon. <sup>Saturday</sup> I was busy at making a bee-house.

<sup>Monday</sup> Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1886  
I got the wooden covering I had made put over one of the sheeps. <sup>Thursday</sup> Papa and I walked up to the chains and stayed to tea. <sup>Saturday</sup> I was busy making a cover for another of my sheeps. Mr Meikle (the preacher) arrived. Papa we left for Philmalcome, where he is to preach. John Maclean (who has got a factorship in Dorset) arrived late at night.

<sup>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></sup> Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1886.  
Jack left in the forenoon, and Mr Meikle in the afternoon. <sup>Tuesday</sup> Bally Maclean arrived in the evening. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Mama, Bally, and I were at tea at the Dam. <sup>Thursday</sup> <sup>Saturday</sup> Bally left in the morning. I commenced to feed



may bees.

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1886.

I have been ill with cold, and have been compelled to stay in the house nearly all week. Papa left for Dundee yesterday. He is to preach in Mr. Drummond's church. Mr. Davidson, the preacher, arrived this evening.

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1886.

<sup>Monday</sup> Mr. Davidson left in the forenoon. <sup>Tuesday</sup> Papa returned in the evening. He stayed on Monday night at Uncle John's (Dun) and the ordination of Mr. Morton to High Street Church, Dumfries on Tuesday. Nothing particular occurred during the remainder of the week. I have been busy with lessons &c. The weather has been so mild up till now, that I have been cutting grass in the garden: the frost not having yet spoiled it, or stopped its growth. Yesterday I saw a man gathering brambles, and to-day found several rim traps in the garden. John Balsland <sup>showed me how</sup> helped me to set ~~set~~ traps in the glen, but I did not get any rabbits.

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 1886.

Thursday

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The dog we have had for more than twelve years, died in the forenoon. ~~She~~ had been ill for some weeks: I shall never again hear her sharp bark or wonder at the activity of ~~her~~ tail. I went up the Calder van road and met Dr Wilson, who is to assist at the sacrament. I was at church in the afternoon. We have had frost during the greater part of the week, and it looks as if it would continue. I have been reading <sup>delivered</sup> speeches by Lords Aberdeen and Elgin, and Mr John Morley, and particularly admire the first address delivered by Lord Aberdeen at Glasgow.

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 1886.

Monday

I was at church. Dr Wilson left in the afternoon. I accompanied him two miles down the road.

Thursday

Mrs McAdams & Miss Macgoun called during the afternoon. I fed the bees. It snowed during the night. Uncle Robert has given up braggan and is going to retire from farming.

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1886.

Monday

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Adam Wilson came in at breakfast time on his way home, Old Kilpatrick; where he had been preaching. He stayed till the afternoon — I accompanied him two miles along the Drymen road. I walked to Blairquhman with mine <sup>Friday</sup> and had 1½ hours skating on Baldarwan Loch. <sup>Saturday</sup> I walked to b. Loch and had some hours skating in the forenoon. It has been hard frost all week.

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> December, 1886.

Monday

Mr Wilson of Drymen walked down, and spent the afternoon & part of the evening with us. I walked up to b. Loch and had an hour's skating. Paper was out <sup>Tuesday</sup> visiting all day. It began to thaw. I walked to <sup>Wednesday</sup> Balloch, went by train to Alexandria, got my hair cut, saw Aunt Blair de Grace, and returned by <sup>Thursday</sup> Baldarwan Station: I met Adam, Charles, and two other <sup>Friday</sup> of the Wilsons at Balloch. Lady Leith called in the afternoon, and gave me a present of a fox-terrier; he is called "Sam," and seems a very nice dog.

Saturday

I have got 7 Xmas cards, 10/-, and a book for auto-graphs. This is a very disagreeable day: cold and wet.

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1887.

Tuesday

Mama and I were at an entertainment given by Mrs

Macadam in the public school. A conjurer performed a number  
<sup>Wednesday</sup> of tricks. We were down at the Rows Xmas tree. <sup>Thursday</sup> Mama and

I were at an entertainment given by the Misses McHenry in  
Ardoch Bridge school - magic lantern &c.

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1887.

I have had cold and have been kept indoors during the  
most of the week. On Thursday papa and mama were at  
Drymen; attending a soiree given to Mr Wilson's Sch. School  
<sup>Wednesday</sup> I walked down to the curling pond and watched the  
play for an hour. The ground is covered with two or  
three inches of snow.

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 1886.

Nothing noteworthy occurred during the week; it has  
thawed and frozen again. Poor "Sam" took distemper, and  
had to be killed. He was a nice dispositioned dog, and  
we were sorry to lose him.

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 1887.

The frost has left for the present. Papa and I cut down a tree in the glen to-day. Great interest is being taken in the candidature of Mr Goschen for the Exchange division of Liverpool. His success would be a <sup>great</sup> triumph, but his defeat would be a greater blow to the government.

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1887.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Papa was at Hilbarnock attending the funeral of his cousin Mrs Gilchrist. I walked to Drymen and back.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 9

Mama and I walked up to the Mains and called on Mrs McCadam. Nothing particular occurred this week. Mr Goschen was defeated at Liverpool by a majority of 7 votes.

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1887.

Tuesday

Mrs McCadam and Miss Macgown called in the afternoon.

Saturday

Mama went down to Alexandria to see Aunt Blair and Grace in the forenoon. In the afternoon I walked down <sup>home</sup> and we came together.

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1887.

Our new preacher commenced to discharge his duties last Sunday. The church is being painted.

Sunday, 16. Feb

Saturday, 19. March, 1888.

(who gave papa a class, preaching)

Sunday 29 Feb.

Saturday 5 March

Adam Wilson preached in the school-room: the church not being finished. The church was opened again. It looked very nice. Papa & I walked down the road 1 1/2 miles to meet Mr McIntyre of Largo, who assisted at the sacrament.

Monday

Mr McIntyre left in the afternoon. Papa & I conveyed two miles and struck across the country to the Moor-side. I commenced to dig the flower garden. It snowed all day. The snow continued falling till the evening.

Wednesday 9th

Thursday 11

Friday 11

Saturday

Saturday, 19

I attended the congregational practice. The snow has been gradually melting during the week. To-day I walked to Drymen and spent some hours with the Wilsons. Mama has been collecting for the woman's Jubilee offering to the Queen.

Saturday, 9th April, 1887.

Saturday 26 March

Walter Fletcher came from Helensburgh to stay over Sunday with us. I attended the practice. Our new pre-ceptor is going to give me some lessons on the Harmonium.

Monday 28th

Walter left in the morning. Mama went with her to Dumbarton. In the afternoon I went two miles

down the road to meet mama. <sup>Wednesday 30,</sup> Papa and mama were  
up at Glasgow. <sup>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</sup> I got my first music lesson and afterwards  
went to the practice. <sup>Monday</sup> Mr Wilson came from Drymen and  
delivered an address at the annual missionary meeting  
<sup>Thursday</sup> Misses G. & C. Leith called & spent the afternoon with  
us. <sup>Saturday</sup> I went to Dumbarton to meet Kate - who is to spend  
her holidays here. -

Saturday, 23. April, 1887.

<sup>Monday 11 - Sat 17</sup>  
I was busy all week digging the flower borders, and  
sowing flowers &c. Harry Mann was in on Friday  
evening. On Saturday Mrs McAdams & Miss  
McFoun called and took tea with us. I had  
my usual music lesson and attended the  
singing class during the evening. <sup>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></sup> Kate left  
for school. The Manns are down for the spring.  
Percy Balgarnie is staying with them during  
his holidays. <sup>Sat</sup> It has been raining almost con-  
stantly since Tuesday. I was up at the Manns last  
evening. Arthur came down from Glasgow to night  
but I have not seen him yet.

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1887.

I was up at the Manns several evenings during the week. Papa was at Glasgow on Monday and Wednesday. Yesterday was my birthday. Papa gave me 10/- & Mama 5/- . I also got a books this morning from the Richardsons. — Poor Jack, by Captain Murray. I painted the front gate this afternoon and afterwards got <sup>my weekly</sup> music lesson.

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 1887.

<sup>May 1-7 2187</sup> Papa left for Edinburgh, to attend the Synod, on Monday forenoon and did not return till Saturday. Nothing particular occurred while he was away. I painted some of the gates. Mr Smith of Greenock was made Moderator of Synod. <sup>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></sup> Papa exchanged with Mr Wilson of Drymen. On Monday he went back to the Synod and returned home late on Wednesday night. On Thursday my Uncle Dr Dunlop dropped in during the afternoon and stayed with us till Friday morning. <sup>Monday 16</sup> Uncle Tom from Liverpool came unexpectedly to pay us a visit. <sup>Wednesday</sup> Mr



Richardson from Edinburgh arrived in the evening.  
Uncle and I went up to the station and met him.  
<sup>Thursday</sup> Mr R., Uncle, papa & I called at the Mains. <sup>Friday</sup> Mr  
Richardson and Uncle left in the morning.  
Then brought out twelve chickens. <sup>Saturday</sup> Uncle returned  
and from Glasgow in the evening.

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 1887.

<sup>23 May</sup> Uncle Robert and Jeanie came to ~~bid us good bye~~  
see us before leaving for Dorset. <sup>25 May</sup> Uncle & Jeanie  
left early in the morning. Papa was at an ordina-  
tion at Penton. <sup>26 May</sup> Bob McLean came in during the  
afternoon. <sup>27 May</sup> Papa was away at Glasgow. I was down  
at the lock with Bob. <sup>28 May</sup> Bob left in the forenoon and  
Aunt Jeanie and Bessie came in the evening. Cal  
saw them safely landed and then went back to  
Arrochar. Bessie had ~~fever~~ fever in the spring &  
is not yet very strong. <sup>Thursday 31 May</sup> I attended a political  
meeting held in Alexandria. It was addressed  
by Sir Charles Russell B. C. M. P. R. T. Reid. B. C. M. P.  
and W. L. Bright M. P. The speeches were all good

<sup>Friday</sup>  
Papa and I walked up to baldarvan Station and met  
Mr Smith of Greenoch (who is to assist at the sacrament)  
and Mrs Smith. I was at church <sup>Saturday</sup>

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1887.

<sup>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</sup>  
Mr Lamb of Old Kilpatrick arrived early <sup>for</sup> the  
morning and preached. Mr & Mrs Smith and  
Mr Lamb left in the afternoon. Aunt & Bessy  
left. <sup>Monday 13</sup> Malcolm McLean arrived in the evening. I was at  
the Drymen Battle Show with Malcolm, who left  
next morning. <sup>Thursday 16</sup> Papa and <sup>at Glasgow</sup> Mama were at the marriage  
of Mr Wilson's eldest son David. They came home  
in the evening accompanied by Aunt Jeanie.

<sup>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></sup>  
Aunt, Malcolm and Bessy left Glasgow for Dorset.  
Nothing unusual has occurred since. I have been  
very busy with my bees, the garden &c. On Thurs-  
day 10 of the Misses Leith called and stayed to tea.  
Mrs Macadam and Miss Macgoun also called  
during the evening. Mama was down at the  
Pass this afternoon. We had Kate Fletcher  
with us for ten days. She left for London on Thursday

Monday, 22<sup>d</sup> August, 1887.

On Saturday 13 July Mr + Mrs Richardson arrived. Mr R. left on the following Monday. Mrs R. stayed with us for more than a fortnight. From the 16<sup>th</sup> the 22<sup>d</sup> of July the Dumbartonshire Volunteers were encamped at Balmaha. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, I rowed over with Mama and saw the camp. During the following week I was twice across. The second <sup>time</sup> I ~~returned~~. The last time I ~~returned~~ walked the whole way home. The loch being so low, that I could easily waded across the mouth of the Sanderick. On Tuesday 2<sup>d</sup> August we were along at the Mains. Mrs Richardson left on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Charles Wilson was along seeing me one day. On the 1<sup>st</sup> August Uncle John and family drove over from Milngavie and spent the day with us. I got a letter from Malcolm McLean. I was down at Alexandria and saw Aunt Blair and Gracy. I afterwards called on the Balgarnies, who have taken the Mann's house. I was at the Lass Games and there met Adam

and Charles Wilson. I enjoyed the games very much. The day was showery but not bad on the whole. <sup>Saturday</sup> Mama got a letter from Uncle John saying that Uncle Billy, who has been out in South America for twenty years, had arrived in Glasgow and that they would be over here on Monday. I was at church in the afternoon: it being the sacrament on Sunday. Mr Allison of Hilbarchan preached. <sup>Monday</sup> Mr Allison left in the morning. Uncle John with Uncle Billy and the whole Milngavie family arrived in the forenoon; having driven all the way. They left about five leaving Uncle B. with us. I never saw him before. Papa and I intend to start on our holidays to-morrow. We purport going to Balta Sound in the Poland of Unst: the most northerly of the Shetland Islands. We start from Leith with the steamer at 6<sup>h</sup>30 on Wednesday morning.

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 1887.

~~Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug -~~

We started from the Manse at 7 in the morning and went direct to Edinburgh. I got my photograph taken. After knocking about the town for some time we went out to Mr Richardson's where we spent the night. Mr Richardson took us out a drive several miles into the country to the foot of the Pentland Hills. It was a fine evening and I enjoyed it very much. <sup>We called day 24. Aug -</sup> We left Hartington Gardens at 4.45. A.M., and walked ~~into~~ to the Waverly Station, and went by train to Leith, and there embarked on board the "St Magnus": a large paddle-steamer. Starting at 6.30 we ~~were~~ soon left Leith far behind, but after passing Anstruther on the Fife coast a dense fog settled down on the ~~water~~. We went along at half-speed and every little while the steam-whistle was sounded. Twice the steamer was stopped and soundings taken. No land was seen till Aberdeen was reached at 3.0. P.M. Papa and I went ashore and walked about the city for an hour. The fog did ~~not~~ bother us after

we left Aberdeen and I got a very good view of the coast. It was a fine calm night. <sup>Thursday 25 Aug</sup> We reached Kirkwall about 5. A. M. We walked through the town and examined the cathedral externally & internally: It is a fine old building but the interior is spoiled by modern "improvements." We also saw the Bishop's Palace and the Earl's Palace. On the way from Kirkwall to Lerwick I got a good view of Fair Isle and of the Tower of Mousa. We reached Lerwick at about 3 o'clock and stayed all night at the Queen's Hotel. In the evening we walked out to Ghis Grimista and called on Mr Pottinger. <sup>Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> Aug</sup> We started in the morning for Balta S. with the "Earl of Yethland". We first called at Symbister in the Island of Whaloeys, then at Gossabrough in Yell, Aith & Houbie in Fetlar where the men who came out with the ferryboat wore shoes of untanned cowhide. Leaving Fetlar we next touched at Mid Yell: a very pretty spot, in the midst of a barren district, situated at

the head of a long narrow voe (bay). Our next halting-  
place was at Uyeasound in the south of Unst: a bay  
sheltered from the <sup>open</sup> sea by an island. Finally as dark-  
ness was settling down we reached our destination  
Baltasound. Mrs Hunter's lodging house was full  
and we could not get in till next morning, when  
some people were leaving with the steamer. After  
some difficulty we found accomodation for the  
night in a house not far ~~away~~. Baltasound is a bay  
nearly two miles long, protected from the open sea  
by an island which lies opposite its mouth: it is the  
most northerly harbour in the British Islands  
Unst is twelve miles long <sup>by</sup> from three to four broad.  
<sup>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Aug</sup>  
It rained heavily in the morning but cleared up after a  
time. Papa, Mr Halliburton — a young man we met  
with on board the St Magnus — & I walked to Loch Bliff  
a narrow fresh-water loch about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles in length. — It  
was faggy