

**Diary Two of Maria Thanetta (Martin) Lowry
b 1813 Thanet Kent d 1891 Lemon St Truro**

True Happiness [cutting pasted in front of diary]

I have lived through the mutations of three and twenty years; I have experienced the sweets of life in their richest abundance; friends, the dearest associations, the softest remembrances, all have been mine; I have revelled amidst the birds, and the melodies of spring, - the flowers and the wild enchantments of summer, - the matured and glowing splendours of autumn, - and I have drunk largely of the cup of joy, which winter, with its domestic hearth and its fireside festivities, offers to its lovers; but amidst all, the secret of True Happiness remained undiscovered, until I could testify that God, for the sake of Christ Jesus, had blotted out my transgressions, and pardoned my sins. Reader! - is this Redeemer thine?

H. L.

In Memory of John Waldron May 10th 1758

In the morning/ I want forth well/ Brought home my death took by a ?small/
Therefore in health always prepare/ To meet our Lord & Saviour dear.

Cambourn L. 3d.

Tennyson

Wherefore be those wise/ Cleave ever to the sunny side of death/ And cling to
Faith, beyond the forms of Faith/ She reels not in the storm of warring words/
She brightens at the clash of "Yes" or "No"/ She sees the best that glimmers
through the worst/ She feels the sun is hid but for a night/ She spies the
summer through the winter bud/ She tastes the fruit before the blossom falls/
She hears the lark within the ?roughest egg/ She finds the fountain, where
they wail'd mirage.

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Closed with Business Feb'y 1st 1875

Read the following books from ?Mudie March

"From the Plough to the Pulpit" Three volumes, might all have been put into
one. The Author knew just enough of Methodism to caricature it, and the style
of writing did not make up in piquancy and humor for the ignorance displayed.

Apl: "Forgiveness and Law" Grounded on Principles interpreted by human
analogies. Horace ?Bushick D.D.

Apl: Willow Brook by the ----- ?Queechy

Apl: Tiny Travels by J Ashby Sterry [London 1874]. Author of Shuttlecock
Papers [London 1873]

Apl 75: The Last Journals of David Livingston by Horace Waller FRGS

May 75: The Life of HRH The Prince Consort by Theo: Martin (Vol I)

[Sir Theodore Martin (b Edinburgh)1816-1909 KCB vol 1 pub London
1875, period to 1848, vol 2 pub 1876]

May 75: Health & Education by The Rev'd Chas Kingsley

Aug'st: The Princes of ?Thulen by Black

do: Quiet Resting Places, Dr Raleigh

Sep: The Hoosier School-Master by Edward Eggleston [London 1872]

Oct'r: What I did with my two years leave By an Indian Officer. Wild and reckless writing, a book without any redeeming points.

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Feb'y: Heterodox London (2 vol:)

Mar: "Memorials of a Quiet Life" Augustus Hare. A delightful book about delightful people.

Mar: "The Life of David" Dr Smith

do: The New Pilgrim's Progress, Mark Twain. Sequel to Ministering Children.

do: "History of the English People", Green

Oct'r 5th 1875

My precious children left me this morning, dear Hespie to return to her duties at Liskeard, and dear Pollie to go to Germany.

I had for weeks been dreading parting with her, had not been able to sleep at night for thinking of it, and always awoke in the morn'g with a burden on my heart, but as I have often experienced before, when the parting really came, I was able to bear it better than I expected. She has carried with her many prayers, and "God even her own God will bless her!" To His loving care I commend her, God bless her!!

Mrs Lowry, Julia and Mrs Job and Mr Hunt called. Could not meet my class so read to them and they liked it. Carne Wilson Jun^r (?) called at Harry's and offered his help if needed, in giving the water to Boiler. Mrs Lowry and Mrs Eustace slept here, and I slept soundly, was so tired.

Oct 6th. A bright morning and made still brighter by a line from Hespie and a pencilled note from Pollie from Exeter. Wrote Winnie and turned out drawers and boxes and my bed-room. Had an early tea alone, and then went to market and Miss Furny's and Grandmas and sat an hour with Mrs Boot.

Oct 7th. Could not sleep for thinking of dear Katie and Pollie in London together, and of their parting early this morning. Have been hardly able to keep down my tears, while thinking of the dear child all alone, and going farther and farther from us every hour. Yet am thankful the weather is so lovely. To-night I cannot think where she is, or whether she will be on land or Sea. God bless her, and have her in His care!

Very satisfactory letters from dear Katie, and Willie Job, who was so kind in helping them. Julia been up to dinner, and tea had a game with her and was beaten as usual. She and Mary gone to class, and I am alone and Oh! the difference to me!

Oct'r 8th. Busy all the morning ironing my blinds and putting on a clean toilette. After dinner wrote Mrs Bowes and Ew'd and took my letters to post. Then visited my District, took tea with Grandma, Julia came in too, we went to hear Mr Knowles' opening lecture to the Young Men on "The Inspiration of the Scriptures". Much pleased and I trust profitted. Came home to an empty house. Mary gone to the Institution. My darling I trust has arrived safely.

Oct 9th. Saturday. Busy all day making the Drugget for dining-room &c. Wrote Fred & Nellie. After tea went to market, and up to see Harry. Julia and I went to the Prayer Meeting and enjoyed it very much. This has been a trying week to me, but, "as my day my strength has been", and I am thankful!

Octr 10th. Sunday. Mr Knowles preached in the morning from Matt 17 24-27. The tribute was not a secular but religious import, and was the same as mentioned in Exodus 30. Half a shekel for each as Redemption money. Our Lord needed no Redemption and therefore put the question to Peter. He as the Son of God was free, but, lest he should offend he wrought a miracle and the coin found in the fish's mouth was the exact amount of this claim for Him and Peter.

Evening. 1st Cor 1 23-24. But we preach! Christ crucified &c. A very faithful sermon. Dined at the Parade but as it was wet did not go down after chapel but went into Mrs Bryants. Had letters from Mrs Bowes and Hespie Dear child!! Was sad at not hearing from Pollie.

Octr 11th. Wrote Mrs Firth and went to Mother's Meeting. Took tea with Grandma and heard Mr Hunt preach from Col 4 4.

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. A lesson I hope not to forget!

Tues: Rep'd the carpet in my bed room, and worked and did some cooking till dinner time. Finished reading "The Hoosier School Master" liked it. Emily Parkyn called and Higgins for ---t rent. Then dressed and went to see Mrs Mason and condole with her on the loss of her daughter.

Grandma and Julia came to tea. I went to class.

Wed 13th. Picked and packed some Apples for London, put fresh paper on my preserves. And wrote dear Pollie a long letter. In the evening sat with Mrs Boot and Mrs Bulgin and called at Grandma and had something warm.

Thurs 14th. A dull day was not out at all did a good deal of mending and having a large wash helped.

Friday 15th and Sat 16th had Miss Long to make the drawing room curtains, and Mary went to market for me. Did not go out till prayer meeting which I enjoyed very much.

Sun 17th Oct. I awoke with a thankful heart and waited with the thousands who were praying for a blessing on Sunday S. work. Mr Hart preached from Judges 10 6 to Israel. Sinning, suffering, repenting and being forgiven. Oh! how like us now! In the evening: "Feed my Lambs". Harry and Julia, and H. Job came up to supper, and we had some singing. I thought of my precious one and "The Gloria".

Oct 18th. A very wet day, did some work, and writing and attended a meeting in the School room in reference to Sunday School work.

Mr Hart presided and some earnest things were said by Ministers and officers of the School. Mr Knowles attended to two of our scholars who had been confirmed by the Bishop last week.

Oct 19th. Col: my Rents and went to the Bible Meeting with Mary, and after dined with Julia.

Henry came to spend a week, and I took him and called to see Miss ?Lontet and met my class in the evening, had a letter from Pollie.

Wed 20th. Went to Market and Jim came in, did a little with him in the garden, and wrote dear Pollie. In the evening Annie Beale came up and Grandma.

Thurs 21st. Helped Jim in the garden wrote Carry and Mrs Allcroft and Winnie. Julia came to tea. Alone while she and Mary were at class, but did not

feel lonely, the grateful remembrance of all the way I have been brought occupied me.

Fri 22nd. Very busy all the morning preparing for Mrs Boot and Mrs Bulgen who came to dinner, and with Jim and little Henry and Mary made a snug little party. Had a quiet pleasant evening, read "Enoch Arden" to them. Had a brace of partridges for supper, very nice. Julia could not come because she had previously invited Miss Farney.

Sat 23rd. Busy (?) reading a bag for Julia that I cut out in London, Jim returned to Treilissic after doing a capital job in the garden and polling all the geraniums (12 dozen), felt quite sad at parting with him and pray "God bless him!" A good prayer meeting and after found Harry safely returned after a rather dangerous journey owing to the floods, very thankful. Hoping for a good Sabbath and two sermons from Mr Knowles. Another week of mercies! I am thankful.

Sun Oct 24th. A bright and lovely morning took Henry with me to chapel. Mr Knowles gave us a delightful exposition of John 20 24-30. The chief point being "absence from worship leading to Infidelity".

On the first day (Sunday) Jesus stood in their midst and Breathed peace on them. And it is ever so, the troubled mind if sincere, finds peace in the house of God. We all have a fear of Ghosts and it was probably that which hindered John from going into the tomb till Peter came too. Jesus said, look at me a spirit has not flesh and bones as ye see me have, and he showed them his hands and side. He breathed on them and said receive ye the Holy Ghost. He commissioned them afresh to go and preach the Gospel and to assure those of pardon who believed as they had done, on Him. Thomas was not with them at this happy interview, and when they told him "We have seen the Lord" he did not believe, but said "Except I put my finger into his hand, and thrust my hand into his side I will not believe". On the next Sabbath (the eighth day), they were in the same place and Thomas was with them. Again Jesus stood in their midst and said "Peace be unto you". And singling out Thomas he told him to do as he had said he would when absent from his gracious presence, but so far from putting his finger into the hole in his hand, and opening it, or thrusting his hand into his side and tearing open his pierced side, he exclaimed, convinced in a moment by the presence of his Lord "My Lord and My God". Jesus dealt tenderly with him, as he does with all, tho he rebuked the sin, and said "blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed". This blessedness is ours.

Evening. Mr Knowles preached from Luke 7 36-50.

Subject: Evangelical Repentance shewn in 1st. Her taking up her cross and going to Jesus. She was not prevented by the difficulties in -----.

2ly. Her contrition shewn by her tears. 3ly Her self-sacrifice, the Box probably all she had.

4ly Her persevering Faith. 5ly Her love, she kissed his feet. A kiss in the Heathen nations being regarded as homage or worship.

6ly A reiterated pardon.

Had a useful happy Sabbath. Sad thoughts of dear Pollie's loss of the means of grace would come, but I commended her to Him who is Lord of the Sabbath,

and can make up to her by his presence more than she has lost. Oh! that it may be so. Rec'd a very long letter from Hespie, and one from Mrs Bowes, and am thankful that those so dear to me are well.

Mon Octr 25th. A beautiful morning, attended to my plants and had the gardener Mr Hart called. After dinner went to Bank and then to Mothers Meeting, collected the Rents, called on Mrs Hart and saw some poor people. Took tea with Grandma and went to chapel, a stranger preached from Ps 72 17. Henry was with me and very good. Heavy rain. Wrote Mima. A good day! It is well to be busy!

Tues 26th. Worked and read, had Rigi Hart to tea with Henry. Mary and I took tea at Mrs Boot's with Mrs Bulgen. Went to class and had a nice little meeting, had very rough weather to go home and felt very exhausted and could not sleep, my heart beat so.

Wed 27th. Wrote Pollie and Mima, went to market and shop, and had a nice long evening for work and reading &c. Reading aloud "History of the English People".

Thurs 28th. Busy all the morning stewing pears, and r/zippping Pollie's Japanese dress. After dinner went out and called to see Mrs C Bryant and Mrs Mason and took tea with Mrs Rouse. When I returned wrote to Hespie for her birth-day and packed a little box with suffs and sefs(?), and read English People.

Fri 29th. Hespie's birth-day God bless her! Wrote dear Katie and spent an hour in the greenhouse and got things ready for dear Winnie and baby.

Sat. Winnie and baby came yesterday. Pouring rain not able to go out for the day. The baby very weak and troublesome. Tom came to tea and he and his wife went down into the town. It is pleasant to have them here again, and I hope the change will do them good. Grandma and Mr Job called, and dear Julia came to tea.

Sun Oct 31st. Mr Lawton preached a faithful sermon from "Christ asleep in the ship, and the terror of his disciples,"

Carest thou not that we perish! I enjoyed it very much and felt how often the Saviour had come to my help in storms of care and trouble, and how soon his presence calmed my soul. Dear baby troublesome. Winnie did not go out in the evening. I went to chapel with Tom, but thought so much of dear Pollie and her loss of the means of grace that the tears would well up and my heart yearned for her. Mr Lawton preached from "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap. He that soweth to the flesh, &c &c." I felt poorly and depress^{ed}, and could not enjoy the sermon tho' it was a very earnest faithful discourse. Oh! that I and mine may "sow to the spirit" and reap life everlasting. H. Job and Harry came to tea. Tom after.

Novr 1st (1875). Harry came up and fetched Mrs Bryant and me to vote for Town council. Did some Dorcas shopping at Giles's Barn and called on Mrs Mason. Cut out some Dorcas work and did some. Julia came up and we attended to baby while Winnie and Henry went to Grandma's to tea. Mrs H Job and Mrs Reynolds called. Too wet to go to chapel.

[Dorcas (from Acts 9): doing good and helping poor (making garments)]

Nov 2nd. Spent the day at the Parade and helped Winnie and Julia with the

work for the ?machine. Went to class. Mr Knowles gave us ?tickets a good time. Came home after and found a letter from dear Pollie.

Wed 3rd. Went to market, wrote Pollie and took tea at Mrs Boots with Winnie, a quiet happy evening. Henry at Mrs Reynolds. Not feeling very well. Cut out forty two garments for the Dorcas.

Thurs 4th. Julia dined with us and Harry and Mrs Lowry came to tea. Was quite busy with my unusually large family. Bless them!

Friday 5. Very busy preparing for the Annual Dorcas Meeting, left home directly after dinner. A large meeting Mr Knowles did the business. Took three garments into Grandma's to finish and supped there with Winnie. Saw Mr Sharp!

Sat 6th. Did not go out till afternoon, took tea with Winnie and Tom at H Jobs and spent a very pleasant evening. Mr Hurt, C Bryant and Mr Oderley there. In the midst of all felt an earnest desire to be prepared for all that may await me. My faith not satisfactory but can leave myself in His hands.

Sun 7th. Heard a delightful sermon from "Now are we the sons of God".

1 Epis John 3-4 Was greatly comforted with the privileges of the children and could put in my claim. Dined at the Parade. Roast Goose!

A restful afternoon, and in the Evening had another excellent sermon from Mr Odourley and the Sacrament. A hallowed time. Text Isaih Thou will keep him in perfect peace &c.

Mon 8th. Winnie and Tom & the children left Miss Miller and Mother's Meeting. Tea at Grandmas and Mr Hart preach [sic] "For our conversation is in Heaven."

Tues 9th. Miss Miller work all day. Class. Called at Grandma's and Mrs Boots. "It is good to draw near to God".

10th. Busy finishing some work. Miss Miller left. A very wet day ran down to market and was not out again.

11th. Thurs. Wrote Pollie. Mr Hurt called to ask me to take a preacher Sunday, visitted in Cook's Row, and took tea at Mrs Lake's congratulated Harry on his engagement to Rachel Davis. Came home after & sat with Mrs Boot, and read a sermon by Mr Cook on holiness of heart, and was edified.

12th. Friday. Julia came to tea, wrote dear Katie and went to hear Mr Fuller lecture on "?Festus". Very wet!

13th. Made my velvet bonnet! A fearful storm, only ran down to market to buy a goose and order groceries &c. Mr Burden and Mr Hart came to tea and supper. Had some pleasant talk.

Sun 14th (Nov 1875) A fearful night! Went to chapel and heard a very good sermon from Mr Knowles on our Lord's temptation. It was threefold and touched his physical, it came to him when he was hungry and faint, it touched his nervous nature and tempted Him to commit suicide, it touched his spiritual nature, his soul and tempted him to blaspheme. He overcame in all, and has thus become our example, then can nothing come to us that he has not shown us how to overcome it. Mary and I sat down alone to a roast goose for dinner. The weather was so dreadful that Julia could not come up, and I did not go out again. Mr Knowles came to supper with Mr Burden, and Julia came up after chapel. The storm had abated. Had letters from dear Katie and Hespie.

Mon 15th. A fine morning, went and collected Rents. The tide had been up

and damaged ?Sleeman's dyes. Went to see J Brown and enquired for Mrs Hart who is "expecting". Julia came to dinner and we went to chapel together and heard Mr Hart preach from: "The barren fig tree"!

Tues 16th. In the greenhouse and grieved to see so many plants dead from the damp, and felt as I took away the dead leaves from those that lived, how like it is to our spiritual life, if we are not continually receiving light & life and constant care from the heavenly husbandman we should soon droop and die. I wrote Nellie and heard from Winnie, and took tea at Grandma's and after ?dark sat with Mrs Boot till half past ten. There is no getting away, and we have some happy times together reading and chatting.

Wed 17th. Am feeling better to-day, hope the "inhaling" has done me good. Picked up all the things that want mending and find with working and writing I have plenty to do.

Thurs 18th. Wrote dear Pollie and was rather anxious at not hearing from her, brought in some plants, felt sorry to see so many dying. I want Jim to look after them. Grandma came up to tea and stayed with me all the evening.

Fri 19th. Wrote Mrs Bowes and while at tea Tom came in and brought a good account of his wife and family. It was good to see him.

Sat an hour at Mrs Bryants in the evening.

Sat 20th. Market in the morning and prayer-meeting at night, a very happy time!

Sun 21st. Letters from Mrs Bowes and Hespie. Mr Hart preached two delightful sermons. In the morning from Heb 4 2 "But the word preached did not profit them not being ?mix'd with faith, in them that heard it"

He said unbelief was the root of all sin and I feel it is so Oh! for faith! In the evening he preached from Matt 16 26 "What shall it profit a man &c". A very solemn subject and a gracious influence was felt. A good prayer meeting after. I felt the rest and refreshment of God's house had done me good. It was a happy day. God bless all my absent children.

Mon 22nd. Monday. Busy all the morning wrote Mr Allcroft & Jim. Mother's meeting, Rents and saw J Brown and R Dinnis & J Johns. Took tea with G-ma and heard Mr Knowles preach from The impotent man at the Pool of Bethesda. A sweet and happy time. Written Hespie.

Nov 23rd. Tues. A bright frost morning, spent it in the back bed-room looking over papers &c a sad task indeed and reminder of happy days of union! Went up to Mr Hicks for ?subs: and saw two poor people. Dined at Parade had a quiet happy afternoon. Went to my class, and was rather discouraged at having only three and one of those begged to be excuse from speaking, a proof I fear that her love to Jesus is small. Oh! it is sweet to speak of his love when we feel it in our hearts, and he is all in all to us!

Went back to the Parade and while we were at supper dear Harry returned very thankful for the kind providence that has protected him in his journeyings through floods and storms. God bless him, & his dear wife.

Nov 24th. Wed. Dear Jim's birthday. God knows that my daily prayer for him is that he may be saved. Oh! what joy it would give to know he was a real christian. Heard from dear Pollie.

25th Thurs. The weather bitterly cold did not go out for the day. Mrs L came

up to tea with us.

26th Friday. With Jim in the greenhouse an hour, wrote dear Katie and was at home alone all the evening. I was severely tried, but my refuge was in God, and I endeavoured to "cast my burden on him." Lord help!

27th Sat. A frosty cold morning, good for the health and spirits. Went to market, Jim returned to Trelessic, and Mr & Mrs Knowles came to tea, but did not stay to supper. Had a pleasant chat.

Nov 28th Sunday. Only a letter from Hespie, but a long and cheery one, bless her! Mr Knowles preached in the morning from "These light afflictions" &c and referred very feelingly to the death of Mr Hawkin, and the large family left. Reminded so much of my own loss fourteen years ago. The Lord has been my helper, and he will be hers! Harry came up to dinner. Julia at Camborne. Mr Knowles preached in the evening from Gal: "The scripture hath concluded all in sin, that the prom---" Two excellent sermons strengthening and encouraging. Lovefeast after, but did not remain as Jane was away. Called to see Mrs Bryant who is poorly. What privileges I enjoy. Oh! may I improve them and live up to them!

Mon 29th. Very cold did not go out till evening. Mr Knowles again from Eph: 2 12. Sat with Grandma an hour after.

Tues 30th. Wrote Hespie and in the afternoon called on Mrs Colliver and at ?Marks and walked up to Penarth and took tea. Ew'd brought me down in time for class after, spent two hours with Mrs Boot and had some good talk. The cold intense. Thermo at freezing.

Wed Dec 1st. Began to write dear Pollie, and was busy repairing, went into the town in the aftern'n and called to see Mrs B who is poorly, a long evening at home with Mary spent in reading and working.

Thurs Dec 2nd. Had a letter from dear Pollie, she has much to contend with, have finished my letter to her and tried to encourage her.

Fri 3rd. Busy about Dorcas work all day and had a good meeting. Heard Mr Knowles on Romans after and was pleased and profited.

Sat 4th (Dec 1875) Gave out with Miss Loutit thirty-five garments. Called at Mrs H Job's with one, and brought dear Julia home with me to tea. She left to go to the prayer-meeting.

Sunday 5th. Extremely cold did not get up early. In good time at chapel, and enjoyed Mr Hart from 1 Cor 15 57 "Thanks be to God, which giveth as the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Called at Grandmas and walked down to Treanick Row in the sunshine. Dined at Harrys and had a quiet pleasant afternoon. In the evening Mr Hart preached from Titus 2 13,14.

Received the Sacrament after and had a sweet refreshing time and seemed to take a firmer hold of Christ, as my all sufficient Saviour. Dear Harry and Julia sang together till supper. I returned home deeply thoughtful for so happy a sabbath.

Mon 6th. Left home directly after dinner and went to Pydar St did my "Benevolent" work and got to the Mothers Meeting and talked to them about "The house built upon a rock." Took tea with Julia at Grandma's and went to chapel. Mr Rice preached about the Good Shepherd a very nice sermon, but the chapel was dreadfully cold.

Tues 7th. Tilly Tannahill called and Mrs Matthews and Mrs H Job. Went in to see Mrs Bryant and have tea with her. Went to class and after sat with Mrs Boot till past tea and had some profitable talk.

Wed 8th. Went to market &c and Mrs Lowry came up to tea. The cold very trying. Busy getting on with the border for my stool which it is time to finish.

Thurs 9th. Still very cold. Wrote dear Pollie a hurried letter because Mr Hart, Mr Knowles, Mrs Paul and Mrs James called. Lent Mrs James 3 books. Took tea at Mrs Lakes with the preachers, Mrs Davis and Rachel & Mr and Mrs Bawden. Had a very pleasant evening.

Fri Dec 10th. The days so short that I cannot do what I would, read and worked and cooked in the morning, and after dinner wrote Katie and did the Dorcas book with Mary.

Sat Dec 11th. Finished my border for stool and read "The days we live in now" by A Trollop had a chat with Julia at shop, and went to the prayer-meeting. It is delightful to finish up the week in prayers and supplications and with thanksgiving. "How do thy mercies close me round" "For ever be thy name adored."!

Sunday Dec 12th. Heard from Hespie and Katie. Mr Andrews the Chairman preached twice on behalf of the Day School. Enjoyed the morning sermon from Titus "He is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the throne of his glory &c" It was most encouraging. Julia & Harry came to dinner, in the afternoon visited the poor people at Carlyon's cottages, and called to see Mrs Prisk, who has been very ill. The evening sermon was from "Behold a greater than Jonas is here", and was earnest and practical. Thought of my darling, and longed for her to crying similar privileges.

Monday Dec 13th. Col rents and paid some bills. Went to hear Mr Hart in the evening. He preached a delightful sermon from 1st Saml 7 12 "Ebenezer hitherto &c" Dependance, gratitude, Love, Confidence.

Tues Dec 14th. Went to the Parade early and as Julia was not there called to see Mrs Reynolds & Mrs Job. Dined with Hal & J. Grandma came to tea. Did some Dorcas work and met my class. Then sat with Mrs Boot till nearly ten.

Wed Dec 15th. Went up to see Mrs Hart and her new baby called at Grandma's and found Jim at home- hope he is better- only here a short time. Went into Mrs Bryant's and over to Miss Miller. Began to write Pollie. Dear Hespie came home on the 16th. Was busy with Miss Miller and cake and hamper till we went to Camborne on the 24th.

Spent a very pleasant week with Tom and Winnie. Very much enjoyed the Anthems Christmas day and Mr Rhodes & Mr Chope. Sunday heard Mr Cook and Mr Rhodes two solemn good sermons, suitable for the last Sabbath of the year. Christmas presents and letters very gratifying. I feel very thankful for all the blessings I enjoy. Winnie had a party on Wed: of young people. I called on Mrs Smith and on Monday Tom had taken me to Mrs Daniels. Came home on Thurs: and brought Maude. Harry & Julia had a party in the evening very jolly! The last day of the year 1875. Took tea with Grandma, and went to the "watch night". Mr Knowles preached from "The ten virgins", and Mr Hart gave us a delightful address after. A happy and profitable time. A year of unbounded mercy and loving kindness. Bless the Lord oh my soul and all that is within me

bless his holy name.

1876 January 1st. Begun the year with renewed consecration, and this first day have felt a watchful prayerful spirit, and heart full of gratitude to Him from whom all my blessings flow. Mr Hart gave us a motto for the year "Hallelujah! The Lord God omnipotent reigneth". Wrote Winnie and Jim. Mrs Paul called, had a long talk with her, Mary and Charlotte with her. They go to school 11th of Feb'ry! Hespie gone to the Teacher's tea. I am now going to sit with Mrs Boot an hour. At the watch-night brought all my children before the Lord. I long for them all to be converted and this year if it be profitable God grant it! Jan 2nd Sunday. Mr Knowles Deut 5 2. The lesson of the text is the influence of Gods leading, and its effects. An analogy between ancient Israel & Moses, and New Israel & Jesus. Have we come out of Egypt- the world- and passed through the Red Sea- regeneration- have we eaten of heavenly manna in our journeying through the wilderness of life, has the water from Miraber -grace-strengthened us, and the pillar guided us? Are we the true Israel? Their pilgrimage 40 years. The distance short as shewn by Joseph and his sons. Their ground for starting the Covenant. They were led about because God could not trust them, but he cared for them and fed and clothed them and their shoes waxed not old. It is our wisdom to humble ourselves under the hand of God, or he will have to humble us, for we must be good before we can enter our H. Canaan. The Covenant service was a solemn and delightful opportunity and I felt it to be indeed a "reasonable service" that all I have and am should be laid on that altar of sacrifice. God helps me to be faithful to my part of the Covenant. The Sacrament followed, dear Julia and Hespie were with me. Harry poorly at home, went over with Maude after tea and sat with him and Julia. Felt condemned that our conversation was not what it should have been, and no worship. Oh! That my first-born were indeed born of God? He and each of my children are daily presented to Him and I trust they will all be saved, and be useful in the church and in the world. Letters from dear Carry and Katie, Mrs Harris.

Jan 3rd Monday. A quiet morning. Went out early after dinner and collected Rents, went to Bank and to the Mother's Meeting visited some poor people, and took tea with Grandma, and went to chapel. Mr Hart preached about christian fellowship a delightful sermon, called on Mrs H Job after.

4th Tues. Dear Harrys 38th!! birthday. May God bless him! Wrote Pollie and Mr Brown called on Mrs Cock before class and Mrs Boot after, Julia there.

Wed 5th. Miss Miller & preparing for company, a lovely day for marketting & shopping.

Thurs 6th. Very busy cooking & dusting & feeling how unequal I am to any extra exertion. Twelve to tea & supper had a pleasant evening. Music, chat and riddly Miss Healey and Mrs C Bryant full of them. Dear Julia and Hespie and Mary sang. The supper very nice, a few flowers Jim got making it pretty.

Fri 7th. Wrote dear Katie and went to the Dorcas 19 present 17 garment made. Called at Grandmas and came home very tired.

Sat 8th. Wrote Winnie and Miss Merry. Mr Hart called. The Knowles' to tea, and they were very bright and pleasant.

Sunday Jan 9th. Heard Mr Hart in the morning Ps 16 11 "Show me the path of

life". A very delightful sermon with most encouraging thoughts of heaven "where there are pleasures for evermore". Did not go out after as Maude was here. Read, and enjoyed a quiet evening.

Mon 10th. So cold that I could hardly do any thing, but col: my Rents & got my Bank-book and find it very much to the bad. Took tea at Mr Knowles with 16 and had a jolly evening. A pleasant spirit and sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

Tues 11th. A quiet day not feeling well. Woke up from a nap in the afternoon with a shiver, and ought not to have gone out, but went to class and had a good time ?very. Called at Grandma's, Mrs Boots after. Hespie went to Trelissic.

Wed 12th. Henry and Winnie came to spend the day and fetch Maude, and Julia came up in the evening and slept with me and will remain till Hespie comes back, as Harry is not coming home till next week. It is a comfort when one is poorly, to be so kindly taken care of.

Thurs 13th. Poorly and good for nothing all and very thankful that there is nothing that I am obliged to do. Could not go to Mrs Boots to tea as I promised.

Friday 14th. Still poorly and a prisoner cannot go to Mrs H Job's party.

April 4th 1876 [rest of page blank]

November 19th 1882 ["written in another book"]

Mr Dalby preached from Mark 4 25 "For he hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath."

Intro: What we do not use is to us as though we had it not Memory, Thinking, Love, Compassion and Property, if not used and improved will lose their power, and become dead to us, rusty and worthless. The paralel passage Luke 19 26.

1st Christian Knowlege 2ly The grace of God

3ly C. Experience how these grow and increase, and the fearful loss to those that have them taken away from them. All have light enough to come to the Truth, if they will but follow it.

June 13th 1885

Have been comforted by looking back on the entries in this old book, and find them so encouraging in the mercy and loving-kindness shewn me in the past that I may well trust for the future. My heart is very sad over the loss of two out of my nine dear children, but the hope to realize the fulfil't of the promise, "Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me!" Wonderful! Mr Allen preached from Matt 17 1 The transfiguration! he said it was probably intended

1st To strengthen the three to comfort their brethren

2ly To shew that the old ?disease had passed away, and now it was "Jesus only".

3ly To prepare the Saviour probably although we could not understand his complete nature, for the suffering and death he was to accomplish for us. Julia at St Columb.

July 11th. *I have come to another milestone on my journey and am 72 to-day!* I may well be thankful for the kind Providence that has been over me, and for the love that my children lavish upon me, God bless them! The promise given me in my deepest sorrow, has been verified. My God has supplied all my needs I am thankful.

July 12th 1885. *Had a P. C. from dear Fred: who had got home safely after a delightful visit with his friend Mr Harman with whom we felt quite at home.* Mr Dunman preached a powerful sermon from Joshua 3 9 shewing that although God removes his workmen, he carries on his work, and he never commands impossibilities, we have to exercise obedience and Faith God will do the rest. Innumerable proofs of this in the Bible, but Jordan will not divide until the feet of the priests touch it. Alas! we too often want to see the way before we believe, and are more ready to trust feelings, than the Promise that cannot fail. The grumblers had a good time, and did not see how it was to be done, or why they should attempt impossibility but Joshua led them on, and while the Ark stood between them & danger, they were safe. I have felt nervous about leaving home, and my long journey, but was encouraged to trust in Him who has promised, "I will preserve thy going out and coming in from henceforth, and for evermore."

Oct. Again I may say "*Better than my bodily fears To me thou oft hast been*". I have spent nine weeks very happily with dear Pollie and Newton, and have had the happiness of being with my sister and Katie.

Nov 1st 1885. *Dear Hespie had a very eventful time in London, she stayed with Katie and Edward and received great attention from our late visitor, which in a few weeks ended in their engagement, and Mr Harman brought her down to Edding'n both looking satisfied and happy.*

I had often felt anxious for the dear child's future after I am gone, and prayed that God would direct her steps and choose "the lot of her inheritance", and I trust this is an answer to my prayers, and that as they both love the Lord and wish to live to Him, that He will direct them and bless them. As to myself it will be a great loss, but I do not expect to be here long, and have confidence that the good Providence that has hitherto cared for me will not fail or forsake me in my declining years.

I commit my way to the Lord and am willing to be guided the rest of the journey of life by His unerring wisdom.

Had letters from C. M. B. and Pollie, Mr Hoare was interred at St Saviours on Oct'r 29 '85. He was ill a month. I feel deepest sympathy for the family. Mr Allen preached from 1 Cor 12 4 on the Holy Spirit and the Sacrament was administered after the morning service which I very much enjoyed. Felt the hill coming home, and could not go out again.

Nov 15th 1885. Mr Allen preached from Matt 6 9 "Hallowed be thy name" and I enjoyed his sermon.

Had letters from P. K. and C. M. B. Went to Camborne with Hespie on the Friday 6th inst. and had a happy Sunday there.

Hespie returned Mon: and I remained till Thurs: to hear M. G. Pearse and attend the Bazaar, which gave me great pleasure.

Spent some time with Mrs Boot on my way home, she was not as low as I expected to find her, and was able to talk and enjoy an hour with me.

M. G. Pearse held a service of Praise in our chapel which was crowded. He took as the basis of his remarks 103rd Psalm dwelling particularly on the three first verses. It was a delightful service and made me feel deeply that Praise is Comely!

Dec 20th. Time has passed so rapidly and so many things have been going on that I have not had time to record, *above all our glorious Mission in which so many were quickened into new spiritual life, and more than three hundred converted to God!* It has been such a time of refreshing as will never be forgotten in the Church, and the visit of Mr Cook and Dr Wood was made a blessing to all who heard their earnest addresses. The good work still continues and the services of God's house are well attended and the prayer-meetings and our own Ministers and Leaders are greatly stirred up and doing all they can to help new converts. Our class meetings have been delightful and we owe much to Mr Dunman's faithful teaching.

Dec 31st. The last day and almost hour of another year on which I look back with mingled emotion, sorrow and loss of loved children and much anxiety on their account, or those they have left behind, but with my mind kept in peace, because He has done it and is "too wise to err too good to be unkind". I feel thankful to Him who has dealt bountifully with me in many ways and especially for His forbearance towards me and his guiding care through another year. My chief regret being that I have done so little for Him who hath done so much for me. Above all I feel thankful for the gracious quickening I felt during the Mission, and for the hallowed times of the holiness meetings particularly. The enemy has been busy since, trying to entangle me in my old doubts and fears, but I bless God I feel my feet are more firmly on the Rock, and have more power to resist my wilie foe and can say "Lord in the strength of grace With a glad heart and free Myself my residue of days I consecrate to thee." Oh! that the coming year may be one of special blessing to me and mine for Jesus' sake.

Amen

Mr Harman came Xtmass Eve and spent Xtmass day with us at Harry's. He and Hespie seem very happy together.

January 1st 1886.

Spent the watch night very happily although alone. Hespie ?Then & Mr & Mrs C Bryant came in with her to wish me a Happy New Year. I am thankful that with all the prospective changes my mind is kept in peace, and I am trusting Him for guidance, who has never failed or forsaken me.

"The Lord my Banner" ?Jehovah -iss- is the motto Mr Dunman has given us, and I hope to stand by it in all that may occur. Called up to wish the Lakes a happy New Year and engaged to go there to tea, Mrs L promising to begin dear Katies shawl for me. Got the wool at ?Mark's and my marketting at Browns. Wrote some letters, then went to Mrs Lakes where I spent a pleasant evening. Mrs Harry there, Hespie at the New Year's tea.

Sat 2nd. A very dull dirty day. I was glad not to have to go out. Maude spent the day with us. Busy over plain work.

Sun 3rd. Had letters from Mrs Bowes Pollie and Miss Bayley. Mr Allen preached a r/seasonable Covenant sermon from Gen 15 17

The afternoon service was a very delightful one, so many of the New Converts were present and I trust ratified the Covenant they have already made to be the Lord's. It was touching to see so many dear young people surrounding the sacramental table for the first time, and dear Maude was amongst them I am thankful to say. May they all be kept faithful unto death. It was a very happy

time that will not soon be forgotten.

Jan 4th. Dear Harry's birth day. May God bless him! After dinner did some shopping with Maude and Hespie and all took tea at G-mas and went to chapel. Mr Allen.

5th. Went to class and had a delightful time, Mr Dunman excellent. Hastened home to have an early tea with Maude who left by the 5. Train. Quiet evening.

6th. Went to Market and shop with Hespie busy evening at needle-work.

7th. Wrote Pollie, Fred. Dorcas very small attendance.

8th. Wrote Katie & Edw'd and busy preparing for a few friends. *Hespie doing all the cooking!* Mr & Mrs Lake, Dunman and ?Turner, Julia, Miss Wills & J Clyma very sociable pleasant time, no gentleman till supper.

Sat 9th. Home all day. Tom to tea.

Jan 10th. Letters from Pollie & P. C. ?Alfred. Mr Dunman preached a most r/seasonable sermon from Deut 33 v 26-9 He reminded us that last Sunday we had covenanted to be the Lord's. These verses shewed what the Lord was willing to be to us his covenanted children, and filled my heart with gratitude and praise. G-ma came up to dinner. Have proved this evening that God is "Nigh unto all them that call upon Him" and trust He will hear my prayer for guidance, and direct all my steps.

Jan 11th. *Waited at home for dear Edw'd who came by the last train and was looking in good condition.*

12th. ?Gmama & G-ma to tea with Edw'd. Letters from Mrs Bowes and Pollie all well with them.

13th. *Edw'd went to Camborne a very stormy day.*

14th. Miss Miller. *Had a cab and went to Penarth with Ew'd and came back to tea at the Parade. Ed much pleased with ?home.*

15th. Miss M again and very busy. Wrote Pollie and Mrs Bowes and in the evening *went to the Bible Meeting with Edw'd and enjoyed the Bishop's sp-- and Mr Edmonds as well. Edw'd went from there to help Hespie at her class ten which was successful.*

16th. *Dear Edward left after a few days of quiet enjoyment of home and rest.* May God be with him, and take away anything that would hinder his usefulness.

Jan 17th. Woke with a thankful heart that it was the Lord's day, and *prayed earnestly for Mr H who is not popular.* He preached a good sermon which I enjoyed from Eph: 1 13-4 "The sealing of the Spirit". Felt very thankful to see dear Harry looking well after his long & stormy journey. ["stormy" in pencil] The Lord is good to him, may he be grateful. Went to see Mrs Beal who gave me a hearty welcome, and have had a happy evening committing myself and all I love to Him who has so marvellously cared for us in the past, and has said "I will never fail thee" "I will never forsake thee". My hope is in His promise.

Sun: 24th (Jan'y 1886). A ?very uneventful week, the weather so cold & rough that I could not go out, but did not feel dull as was *busy with work for Hespie and Knitting Katie's shawl.* Read M. G. ?Pearses Blessed life & "The man with the white hair".

Friday Winnie and Marshall came over and G-ma and Julia came to tea. Winnie looking well and giving a good account of Tom and the children.

Had letters this morn'g from Carrie Pollie and Katie - all well.

So slippery I could hardly walk to chapel, but was glad to be there. *Mr Dunman preached from the last verse of Daniel and was full of zeal, and spoke especially to the boys who we were pleased to see in their places again.* G-ma to dinner. Went into St John's to hear *Canon Wilberforce* and was delighted with his very earnest address to the C. Institute, and the way in which he ent-an-ed them to consecrate themselves to the Lord. Text from John 6 64 "But there are some of you that believe not."

25th. *Busy all the morn'g for Hespie.* After dinner did some shopping and took tea at G-mas Julia and Mrs James. Heard Mr Allen preach on the "Keys of the house of David." Had it very rough to come home and felt it trying.

26th. Had tea at Mr Martin's and spent a pleasant evening but did not go out after for all the week, and *Hespie postponed her London visit the weather was so cold.*

Sun: 31st. Letters from C.M.B. and Pollie glad to hear they were well and Edw'd returned in safety. Mr Allen preached an excellent sermon from "Enock walked with God and was ---, for God ---- him." He dwelt on walking with God and walking before God and walking after God. The first being spiritual, the second outward act as doing justly shewing mercy and walking humbly and the third uprightness and integrity towards all. Julia and G-ma dined with us. The weather very cold and rough.

Feb Mon: 1st. Busy for Hespie and in the afternoon did some errands and took tea with Julia & Hespie at G-ma's and heard Mr Dunman.

Tues 2nd. Went to class and enjoyed it, called at ?Spargo's and took tea at Harry's. Had a pleasant even'g. Mrs and Mr Dunman to supper.

Wed 3rd. Helping Hespie to pack &c not out.

4th. *The dear child left me, and I was thankful she had such a fine day for her long journey.* Had tea at Mrs Lake's and was delighted to recive a telegram and to know she had got up well.

Friday 5. The Dorcas, went early and had a good Meeting and stayed to hear Mr Dunman's "Reading" but had a dreadful walk home in the rain.

6th. *Dear Tom came and Marshall to tea.* Mr Allen called and Mrs Colliver and Mrs Trounce. Letter from Hespie.

1886 Feb 7th. Awoke with a glad heart that it was the Sabbath and asked a blessing on its services. Had letters from Katie ?Auntie and Pollie all well and cheering Oh! how richly the love of my children towards me for all I have done for them. May God bless them! Had a very happy time while Mr Dunman preached from first three verses of 34th Psalm "I will bless the Lord at all times" and he administered the Sacrament after and I was thankful and felt it good to be there. *Glad to see Harry home after his long journey* and dined there. Came home soon after six and was grieved to see numbers of young people *sauntering about not going to any place of worship.* Had to ask a police-man to open the door. A happy day.

March 7th. A prisoner from a severe cold for three weeks, but have much to be thankful for, especially that I did not feel dull, and in Hespie's absence her letters and my other dear childrens cheered me, and friends were very kind, and dear Julia and Mrs Lowry [pencil underline] almost daily visitors. Now I

have my precious child home again and we went to chapel together this morning and the service was to me a great treat. Mr Dunman was full of energy and preached well from John 1-18.

Christ the Revealer of the Father in Omniscience, Omnipotence, Holiness and Love. Harry and Julia and Mrs Lowry to dinner.

March Sun 14th. Had a quiet uneventful week, not able to go out the weather so severe, but worked with dear Hespie and wrote several letters. Went to chapel this morning and enjoyed Mr Kilner's sermon from Deut'y 32 11-12 As an eagle &c. His description of the loving Providence of our Father whose care of us and our development is so beautifully compared to the eagle. "So the Lord alone did lead him." What is true of His church is also true of individuals and I rejoiced to believe that "So the Lord had led me and His promise is "I will never fail thee or forsake thee." Felt weak and poorly, but had a good day and am thankful. *Letters from C.M.B. and Katie and Pollie and Edward about Plumstead.*
Sun Mar 22nd. Letter from dear Pollie card C.M.B.

Very weak and suffering from having stood too long in the kitchen yesterday, but persev[er]ed in going to chapel. Should have been glad of an arm! Mr Allen preached from Matt 6 22 "The light of the body is the life".

Intro: a description of the wonderful powers of the natural eye so made to receive the light &c. The inward eye of faith equally fitted to receive the gospel which fills every want. The disease which causes people to see two or more objects instead of one. We are to have a single eye, not trying to serve the world & Christ, "cannot have two masters", but in uprightness of heart and true love to the Saviour looking straight to him for all we need. *Mrs Lowry dined with us. Eliz: away.*

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November 1886

Returned home after a long & happy visit of five months to my precious children. My heart is full of gratitude to Him who has been faithful to his promise, and been with me in my going out and coming in, not a days illness or any accident or loss to mar my comfort, but a wealth of love and tender care received that will long dwell in my thoughts.

I left my dear children with the conviction that a good and kind Providence has chosen their lot and that they have tender loving husbands to cherish them, and am thankful to believe that they all desire to do their duty to God and man.

Whatever my future course may be, I feel I am in my right place at present and earnestly hope in the quiet and loneliness of this winter to have the presence of my Saviour and to grow more like him.

The weather has suddenly become very rough, and I have been feeling a little anxious about dear Edward who is returning from Guernsey to-day, but I am ashamed to doubt and have been comforted by commending him to the care of the never failing Friend God be with his servant.

Nov'r 17th. I have been home a fortnight to-day, and each day has been full. *I have felt very weak and been obliged to rest after every exertion, and my breath has been painfully short, but I am thankful to be "Kept quiet from fear of evil", and have not had a dull hour. Bless the Lord!*

Dec'r 20th. The last Sabbath but one of the old year! The snow deep, and

bright, and beautiful, making one long to be “washed, and made whiter than snow”. I ventured to go to chapel this morning, and was richly repaid for the effort by a delightful sermon from Mr Gregory from Deuty 33 12 “The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him, and the Lord shall cover him all the day long.”

He began by telling us of a boy who said his prayers at night, but not in the morn’g and being asked why? *replied that he could take care of himself by day.* He feared many grown up people acted in very much the same way; they only pray in trouble or when they want something. The beloved are not satisfied so. He described Providence as a clock, our lives [lives] the face but God working behind them. Like Joseph each life is directed & over, which by the providence of God and only they read their Bible wright who believe Him to be working for them as he did for good men of old. The little girl and the Robin- “dwelling in safety.”

I was to have gone to the Parade to dinner, but was afraid I might be snowed in, so came home, and have had a quiet happy day, thinking of the wonderful goodness of God to me and the innumerable difficulties from which he has made “a way of escape for me,” and crowned my life with “mercy and loving kindness”. Making me glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted “me” and the years wherein “I” have seen evil”. I do feel thankful, and have been “kept quiet from fear of evil”, and enjoyed peace; His own blessed gift. Satisfactory letters from my precious children and a very handsome present from my sister, God bless them all!

1886 Dec’r 25th. Spent Christmas day at Harrys very happily, *the only drawback being the great folly of speculating which had brought on another panic.* Oh! that it may be over-ruled to him for good, and that he may feel that God is having a controvercy with him, and shewing him his weakness. Mr Rhodes preached from Luke 2 12-13 but few at chapel. Called at Mr Sara’s and had my thoughts carried away to the dear family circles that I love so well.

A letter from Mr Brown, and lots of cards and remembrances from all my children. Willie Job the only stranger he sang sweetly.

Dec’r 26th. The weather entirely changed since yesterday, and streams of rain, but persevered in going to chapel, believing “God loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob”.

Mr Rhodes preached from Deuty 18 15 and compared Moses with the Lord Jesus and shewed that although Moses was the greatest Man that had lived for hundreds of years, our Lord was infinitely superior as a prophet and in his miracles and in his teaching. Called to see Mr and Mrs Shepherd at Mrs Trounces and had a pleasant chat and Sam’l brought me home through pouring rain. Grandma to dinner, poorly.

Dec 1886. This is the last Sabbath of another year and I very thankfully record it to have been a year of unmingled blessing. I have been weak and infirm in mind and body, as might be expected at my age, but the mercy and forbearance of my heavenly Father have been marvellous, He has “preserved me in going out and coming in”, and blest me with a larger measure of love than falls to most people, and “supplied all my needs”, I have lacked no good thing, and have felt deeply thankful to the giver of all good, and only want to love him more and

serve him better. "Thy gifts oh! Lord will not suffice," my soul for all thy --llness cries "For all thou hast & art".

Dec'r 31st. Have had a busy day in writing and sending New Years cards &c. Julia came up since tea and I was surprised to find dear Harry had gone to the North. I have had a happy evening since, remembering the many mercies of another year, and seeking pardon for its many short comings, and afresh consecrating my life to Him who hath redeemed me, and with the sweet promise "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." I enter upon 1887 not fearing but that He who is faithful will verify it, and keep that which I have committed to Him unto the end.

Jan'y 3rd 1887.

1st. *Mrs Lowry came up and spent the day with me*, but her ?groans did not help me to enter on the New Year as brightly as I should have liked to do.

2nd. Sunday was a happy day and I may almost say it was spent within thy gates oh! Zion. Mr Gregory preached in the morning from Deut 33 25 "As thy day thy strength shall be". A most encouraging sermon, urging us to hope in God, and I felt thankful for a tendency to do so. I have been saved by Hope. Dined with Julia and came to the Covenant service. It was rather long and I did not enjoy it so much as my own private one on the Watch-night. I sat with Mrs Trounce because the Smiths' had Mrs Gregory's pew, and went with her to tea, and as I was so near, I went to chapel again and heard about Solomon's dream. It was too much for me, I had a bad night and have been poorly to-day, so shall not go out. It is very wet. Willie Job left and Harry gone to the North and we are fairly launched on a New Year and hope to realize the promise "My presence shall go with thee and I will give thee rest."

Sun 9th. Poorly all the week, and not able to go out, but have had my mind kept in peace, and been very thankful for the many comforts I enjoy, and the hope I have that I am "Accepted in the Beloved." Bless the Lord oh! my soul!
The Lord is good.

[Jany 9th.] Had letters from my three dear daughters, and am cheered with the prospect of seeing Hespie soon. God bless her and bring her safely to me, and may her visit be a comfort to us all. Thinking much of dear Harry exposed to the stormy weather in the North.

Jany 16th. Woke with a thankful heart to-day that dear Harry had returned safely. Dined with him and Julia and the two old ladies. Had a very delightful service at chapel. Mr Gregory preached from Luke 9 1 and set forth the duty of following our Saviours example in persevering and constant prayer. Harry brought me home dear fellow and I have had a happy evening!!

Bless the Lord [added at bottom].

March 6th 1887.

Have had dear Hespie with me for five weeks, and it has been a happy time, the only shadow being the thought of having to part with her again. It is a satisfaction to think she is gone back to one who loves her, and is most thoughtful and kind, but still it was hard to part, for us both, and we put on as cheerful a face as we could to help each other.

Orlando to my comfort met her at Bath and she got home nicely.

I have so many mercies to be thankful for, that I am determined to banish dull

thoughts, and by constant occupation to drive them away when they attract. Julia is very kind in coming up as often as she can and I have plenty to read. The prevalence of East wind has kept me in more than usual, but it will soon be more genial weather and if I get stronger I shall be able to go out more. Sun: 6th. I went to chapel this morning and heard a delightful sermon from Mr Gregory on our Lord's Temptation. It was original and practical and rose into eloquence as he described the view from St Paul's Cathedral. Oh! may I resist the devil as my blessed Lord did, he has often beguiled me especially by unbelieving doubts and fears, may I in future resist him stedfast in the faith. Dined at Harry's.

March. I feel rich in the love of my precious children and am thankful to hear of their well being. Letters from K. and Pollie and Hespie and Fred: and my dear sister.

Apl: Dear Pollie and Netta came down for a month and brought sunshine to my home. The weather was so cold that we did not get out much, but in work and chatting together enjoyed ourselves, and the time passed all too quickly. We parted hoping to meet again in a few weeks at Eddin'n and I had many things to arrange before that so that it would not seem long.

Nov'r 1887. After spending three months with my three dear girls I returned from London with many tokens of their love and ----- memorial of all their kindness to me on the first of Novr and found Grace and Louisa had put my house into nice order, and it was looking as cosey as I could wish.

Dear Hespie was confined Octr the 6th and I felt ashamed of the many fears I had had on her account. She got through capitally, and a *dear plump little girl amply repaid her for all her suffering*. She was slow in recovering her strength so that it seemed almost cruel to leave her, and yet it was better to tear myself away than to remain and be ill there. She is favoured in having loving friends near, who can do more for her than I could possibly do, and she has a tender husband to cheer and comfort her so that I have the satisfaction of knowing she is well cared for.

I have had many things to attend since I came home and find the best way to keep from feeling dull is to be constantly employed.

Dear Mrs Job's illness has kept Julia at home, and I have missed her coming in, and felt sorry not to be able to help her more, but my heart is so weak that I can't badly walk so far in the cold.

Nov 20th. Our New S Schools are nearly completed and to-day the Rev'd Richard Roberts is preaching the opening sermons. This morning he took for his text Ps 139 17 "How precious are thy thoughts unto me Oh! God? how great is the sum of them!" Gods thoughts are known by his works, as a piece of mechanism was in the mind of the maker before it was made and expressed his thought so the heavens and the earth were the expressions of the thought of God. His thoughts are precious because they are pure and good and true and original. Man's thoughts are not so, his thought is expressed in the kind of God he makes --- "God is a spirit". Job is the oldest Book in the world, a book of questions and these are answered in his word the Bible. Humanity asks How can a man get right with God? Man says by suffering and penance and blood. The Book says God so loved the world Being Justified by faith &c. Humanity

asks How can he be clean that is born of woman? and man says by washings and fastings. God's thought was the redemption of man and the cleansing in the fountain opened for sin and uncleanness and so about Immortality and the future state. Man blunders and doubts but God's thoughts are clear and expressed in his word. How great is the sum of them. A grand sermon with great thoughts beautifully expressed.

Novr. Had a busy week and felt thankful for the health and energy that had been given me to write nine letters and to be *two days occupied with the dress-maker*, and three evenings at chapel.

The services in connection with opening the S Schools were very satisfactory, and the prayer-meeting preparatory to the Mission well attended.

Mr Kelly has done good work in stirring up the church to the importance of teaching the young. His text this morning Novr 27th was 1st Chron 12 32 "Men that hath understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do". Went into the Bank to shake hands with Mr Kelly and wait a shower.

G-ma to dine- very low? [sic]

Dec'r 11th. How quickly the days and weeks slip away! and how soon Time will end and eternity begin! I am very thankful that my hope is in Him, who has so wonderfully led me hitherto and whom I trust to perfect that which is lacking. I am trusting in the promise.

Jere'h 33rd "Call upon me and I will answer thee and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not". Mr J Rhodes Mission has been blest to many, and had been the means of quickening the church. I have enjoyed the noon meetings, and felt as I have never done before that we are "Justified from all things in Christ Jesus." May the peace abide, and may my soul be in health! [Decr 11 1887.] Dear Mrs Job lying at Harry's, she died Decr 9 '87 and has entered into rest. Who next? naturally arises in one's mind and oh! if be me, may I be found in Him. I earnestly pray that this solemn event may be sanctified and lead more than one to decision.

Mr Gregory preached about "Stephen" and after, administered the Sacrament and I was glad of the opportunity as I cannot go down of an evening.

Only a fortnight to Christmas! Oh! how different to me, with my empty nest! Still I have every reason to be thankful, and if all be well shall spend it with dear Tom and Winnie this year, in imagination peep in on all the others. Bless them!

Dec 18th. A rough wet week. Dear Mrs Job buried on Tuesday. Julia gone to St Columb for a few days change. Friends kind in calling Mrs Lake, James, Colliver, Miss Parkyn, Mrs Richardson &c. Took tea at Mrs Bryants with H Job and during the week sent off Christmas boxes to Fred: Edwd and Hespie.

Meant to have had my Photo taken for my children, but was too poorly for such an enterprise. Mr Rhodes this morning preached from Phil 1 20 "For me to live is Christ & to die ?gain". A blessed experience. Mrs Lowry dined with me. Had a happy and profitable evening alone and can truly say "Bless the Lord oh! my soul".

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Jan'ry 1st 1888.

The first Sunday of the New Year. I have felt my heart full of gratitude that I

have entered upon it in such favorable circumstances. I ventured to go to chapel although I had a cold, and the weather was better. Mr Gregory preached from Judges 1 4 "Faint yet pursuing". He described a variety of persons who were faint with the battle of life. The business man. The preacher and Teacher. The aged and the young whom he exhorted to have a purpose in life, and to persevere in it. G-ma to dinner, -----er sorry not to go to the Covenant service. Cough so troublesome.

[In margin] First shadow on the New Year hearing of dear Katie's attack. God bless her, and comfort her in her disappointment!

Jan'y 22nd. A dull soft day. Went to chapel and heard Mr Gregory who preached from Matt 26 36 "Gethsemane". He said the Saviour felt there the full dread of the bitter agony that lay before him, but he was "heard in that he feared", and the bitterness of death was passed when he left the garden. And so it is with many of us our losses, and trials seem overwhelming before they actually come, but help and strength are given and the real trouble is less bitter to us. The whole service was delightful. Dined at Harry with G-ma and H Job. Missed dear Mrs Job, the first day spent there since her death. Read "Father Fervent" By John M Bamford.

Sunday Jan'ry 29th 1888. Dry frosty morning. Went to chapel and heard Mr Rhodes preach from Luke 8 43-8 and very much enjoyed the service. Thankful that our compassionate Saviour receives those who come to him in sincerity although their faith may lack intelligence, and not be as strong as it ought. Harry walked home with me and argued. Oh! that he had more love to Jesus. Mrs Lowry dined and was not well and low. Had letters from my three dear daughters (H's yesterday) and with satisfactory accounts. Poorly myself with rheumatism but thankful for my many mercies and only wanting more Christ-likeness.

Feb 5. Sunday. Went to chapel with a thankful heart having had my usual letters. Was surprised to see Mr James go into the pulpit when I expected Mr Gregory. He preached from Phil 1 12 and I was very much interested in his subject. We so often think our trials and sorrows are for our personal benefit only, but Paul says they are "unto the furtherance of the Gospel". We often accomplish more by suffering than we could by active service, as Paul did writing his glorious epistles while he was a prisoner and so living that Ceasars household and many of the soldiers were converted to the faith of Christ. G-ma dined and is much better.

Feb 12th. Cheered by three welcome letters from my beloved children. Went to chapel and heard Mr Rhodes preach an excellent sermon

Acts 17 10-11. The duty of searching the scriptures as the ?Bercans do to see if these things were so. Harry came up with me, and I dined alone, and in the afternoon went to see Mrs Beal. Mrs C Bryant came in for a few minutes in the evening.

Feb 19th. Dear Maude came last night. We went to chapel together and heard Mr Gregory preach from Zec 14 20 "In this day shall there be upon the bells of the horns "Holiness unto the Lord" and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar". All things sacred to the Lord!!

A happy evening, read one of ?Spurgeons sermons. G-ma to dinner.

Mar 18th. Nothing particular has happened in the last month. I have had a peaceful happy time feeling "The Lord hath dealt bountifully with me", I have felt very thankful for the temporal, as well as spiritual blessings I enjoy & the well-being of all my loved ones.

But this week I have had a great shock in hearing of the sudden death of my Brother, and have felt it was a loud call to me, "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh." Poor Tot has had a sad coming home to his father's funeral, and his mother's bodily and mental afflictions. Went to chapel, and heard a delightful sermon from Mr Gregory on Phil 4 8 "Think on these things". I wish I could remember the wise things he told us, but I hope to walk round the gallery of beautiful pictures he presented through the week, and to love more than ever "whatsoever things are pure and lovely and of good report." Dined at Harry's with G-ma, dear Julia kindly came up with me and I have had a calm and profitable evening.

Letters from K and Pollie and C.M.B. Put on mourning: but had not to get much new as I always wear black.

Mar 25th. Very cold rough weather but as usual I went to chapel.

Mr Rhodes preached on Mary's love to the Saviour and the sacrifice she made to show it. Oh! how strange the tidings of Mrs Martin's death only 8 days after her husband! Her helpless condition made one feel thankful that she is at rest, after a long & trying affliction. She was interred on 22nd.

Poor Tottie! I feel deeply for him in many ways and pray daily that he may have wisdom to order his affairs aright.

Dear Julia gone to St Columb. Harry dined with G-ma and me. Enjoyed dear Winnie's visit yesterday and was rejoiced to hear her account of the Revival at Camborne.

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A delightful sermon from Mr Gregory from "Fear not them which kill the body"&c and enjoyed having dear Pollie with me. G-ma spent the day with us. H & J at St C.

Easter Sunday. Mr Gregory preached twice, and left on Mon: for deputation work in Ireland.

Sun Apl 8th. Mission sermons by Mr Olver. I had a good time at chapel in the morning. Harry & Julia and G-ma dined with us, which made a party of six! I have felt weak and unable to walk without fatigue, and I should be dull indeed if I did not recognise the loosening of the pins of this tabernacle.

Oh! that I may be ready when the call shall come, wash'd and made white through the blood of the Lamb. I am thankful that I trust in Him.

Apl 15. Had a happy week with dear Pollie. We went to Camborne together on Wed: and found them all well but dear Tom whose health is not satisfactory.

Went to chapel this morning and heard Mr Rhodes preach from 118 Ps on the Sabbath enjoyed the service. G-ma to dinner and A Beale and Vers-y Bryant to tea. Poor Betsey Lowry passed away, a happy release for a weary pilgrim.

Sun 22nd. Mr Davey preached and I went to chapel in the rain but did not get cold and was pleased with the sermon on Gideon.

Julia and G-ma dined with us. Pollie and Willie and Julia went to Lemon chapel. I happy at home.

Apl 29th. Dear Pollie and Willie left on 24th and I missed her loving attentions very much, but went to class in the afternoon, and was very much comforted by [by] the simple warm-hearted faith of Mr Davey who led us. Felt weak and weary with the least exertion all the week, and somehow increased my cold and my cough is troublesome. I had a ?bad, but persevered in going to chapel and was glad to hear Mr Gregory again. He preached from 1 Tim 4 7 "Exercise thyself unto godliness" and in his introduction shewed how the Greeks and Romans valued the Gymnasium and how the youth were all trained to be athletes. St Paul took his idea from that and urged training for spiritual power in the study of God's word in Prayer keeping in touch with our Saviour and in sympathy and love for others. We might test ourselves by the Books we read and love best. The amusements we take, and the friends we choose. G-ma dined with me and was not as depressed as usual.

