

## **Journal of Elizabeth Ann Harries of St Mawes, in Cornwall 1851–57**

*The journal was discovered on a dusty bookshelf at a house in Kent in 1998. The house had been owned by the same family since 1931 and the journal had lain undisturbed for many years. I started to transcribe it, initially not knowing whether the author was male or female, old or young. It was soon obvious that it was written by a woman, that she lived in St Mawes, and had four young children.*

*Subsequently I went to London and consulted the 1851 census of St Mawes. The second entry showed a widow, three daughters and a servant. The names of the children were those in the journal. The head of the house, and writer of the journal, was a young widow, Elizabeth Ann Harries.*

*Other sources could now be consulted. Elizabeth Ann's husband Edward Thornborough Harries had been a naval officer, and from 1836 to his death in October 1845 was Commander of the St Mawes Coastguard. At the start of the journal, in February 1851, Elizabeth Ann Harries was 27 years old. Her four children were Anna Maria, Edward John Thornborough, Fanny and Helen. At the time of the 1851 census they were 9, 8, 7 and 5 years old. Helen was born less than a month after her father died. Edward was away at school in Hertford on the night of the census. The writer's mother Mary Hill (nee Goodfellow), aged 59, lived nearby on a farm in Bohortha, St Anthony, with her 24-year-old son George. Another son, Frederick, had died in 1848 aged 17. The Hill family were substantial farmers in the Roseland Peninsula. Visits by two farming uncles, George Hill snr of Tregassick and Hayes Hill of Tregear (or Tregair) Barton, are mentioned in the journal.*

*The journal has the name 'Bushell' on the cover, and also the word 'book', together with a signature and another word, neither of which have yet been deciphered. The four words seem to have been written by different hands and are independently positioned on the cover.*

*Three families are mentioned frequently, the Bushells, Boynes and Haswells.*

*The Bushells were a St Mawes family and the Mrs Bushell, who features in the journal, was the sister of Anna Maria Jenkins the first wife of Edward Thornborough Harries. Mrs Bushell (Jane, aged 48 in 1851) was the wife of a local solicitor. There were three children at their house on census night 1851, Henry R. 31, Jane A. 24 and Pauline, 10. Also in this household was Harriet Mills 52, another sister of Jane Bushell and another naval widow, and their father Hercules Jenkins ('Annuitant, late in revenue service') aged 81 and a widower. Mr Boyne was described in the census as a General Medical Practitioner; he was 71 and lived with his wife who was 66. The Haswells consisted of Charles (Lieutenant R.N. Coastguard, 49) Eliza, his wife (39) and six children, Emma 13, Hugh 10, Edward 8, Jessica 6, Ellen 4 and Mary 1.*

*The Goodfellows, the author's uncles, cousins etc. on her mother's side, also feature frequently in the journal: in particular, her two uncles Robert Goodfellow and Stephen Jennings Goodfellow. Uncle Robert was her mother's brother' and Stephen a half-brother from a second marriage.*

*Uncle Robert Goodfellow moved from Falmouth to Islington in London during the period of the journal and Elizabeth Ann stayed with the family on her second visit to London. Robert and his wife Mary (nee Mogg) had three children, Richard Mogg b 1825 who is the Richard whom Elizabeth Ann met frequently in London, Elizabeth b 1827, the Lizzy Goodfellow of the journal, and Robert Mitchell (b. 1831) who also lived in London at that time.*

*Stephen Jennings Goodfellow was an eminent doctor and was widely known as an 'expert in the diagnosis and treatment of nervous and hysterical disorders' (contemporary biography). The reader will soon discover that Elizabeth Ann may have been of particular interest to him. At the*

*time of the journal he was living at 4 Russell Square, London, and was often visited by Elizabeth Ann when she was in London. He in turn visited Cornwall in 1852.*

*The journal begins abruptly and it seems that earlier pages have been torn out. Some words in the journal are unclear and are enclosed in square brackets. This applies in particular to surnames. My comments are in italic and bracketed. Use of capitals and punctuation in the journal is erratic. I have inserted an extra space to indicate where capital letters and punctuation are absent, but where I think a new sentence begins.*

*I am grateful especially to Karleen Klaiber, a descendent of the author's uncle Robert Goodfellow and cousin Richard Mogg Goodfellow, and to Hilary Thompson, historian of Gerrans and the Roseland Peninsula, for their help in identifying people and places.*

*E. Pollard  
December 2000*

(February 1851)

Monday 24th I was very unwell indeed still suffering from pain in my side and back as before

Tuesday Miss Bushell came up for an hour or two in the morning, being very unwell I took a Calomel pill and went to bed

Wednesday In the afternoon Mrs Haswell came up and stayed to tea, I felt to-day if any difference a little better Lord how I long for health once more Do thou Oh Lord deal mercifully with me and soon restore me if it be thy holy will

Thursday The weather being fine I walked with Mrs Bushell home to their new house but I came home dreadfully fatigued and felt very unwell indeed

Friday I slept last night badly. About one o'clock I woke almost shivering from cold and it was some time before I could compose myself again. The pain to-day has been more in my chest than usual The weather was very fine, but I did not venture out of the house. In the evening I sent for Mr Boyne who gave me a draught to take before going to bed

Saturday 1st March I felt very poorly all day with pain in my sides, chest and back as usual. Mr Boyne and Mrs Bushell came to see me in the evening

Sunday 2nd March I did not feel well enough to go to Chapel, although during the morning I was free of pain, which really I could scarcely believe, being so much accustomed to pain recently. In the afternoon it came on again and I was very poorly all the evening

Monday 3rd Mr Boyne came to see me before I was out of bed still suffering from the same pain. In the evening I put on a mustard poultice to my hip which I trust will be instrumental in removing the pain

Tuesday 4th March Mr Boyne came to see me this morning about twelve o'clock for two or three hours in the first of the morning I was free of pain, but in the afternoon was visited as usual with pain

Wednesday Being Ash Wednesday, the children had a holiday. Mr Boyne came to see me in the

evening. I felt better this evening than I have for some time

Thursday 6th March In the evening George came over

Friday Rather better to-day. I wrote to Edward and received a letter from Dr Goodfellow

Saturday 8th March It was very cold to-day and I suffered much from rheumatism in my limbs. Mamma came over and spent the day

Sunday So cold and wet to-day, I did not venture to Chapel. I put on a flannel waistcoat for the first time, which I hope will be instrumental in removing the pain from which I have been suffering for some time. George dined with me. I forwarded by this post a letter to the Lord of the Admiralty and one to Sir J.T. Briggs of Somerset House London the Accountant General to the Navy

Monday On the whole I felt better to-day, but the weather being cold I did not venture out of doors. I wrote to Richard

Tuesday Mr Boyne called to see me

Wednesday Mrs Bushell called in the Evening with Mr [Hearne] I slept very badly. Mr and Haswell called

Thursday The weather being beautifully fine walked in the garden for an hour, which I think did me good on the whole I felt better to-day. Mrs Boyne called, I did not suffer from pain, much as usual, during the evening

Friday 14th March Continued rain all the day, but very calm. I received a favourable answer from Mr Briggs

Saturday I felt poorly all day Mr Bushell came up in the afternoon. I answered Mr B's letter

Sunday Still very poorly suffering from pain as usual Admiralty letter answered.

Monday Miss Bushell came up in the afternoon. Miss [...] took tea. I was so poorly I was obliged to lay on the sofa all the evening

Tuesday I have suffered much from pain in my side and back to-day, with weakness

Wednesday No improvement from yesterday I felt very weak and languid

Thursday I felt dreadfully weak and languid In the evening I had a warm salt water bath According to Mr Boyne's direction I remained in the water about a quarter of an hour, and on getting into bed was in a bath of perspiration which I trust may do me good

Friday 21st March I fancied if any difference I felt a shade better today. I enjoyed my breakfast and rose about half past nine

Saturday 22nd Anna Maria made a soda cake to send to her brother. I was so poorly I was unable

to make it myself

Sunday In the afternoon I really felt very ill. Mr Boyne came to see me and advised a change of air  
Edward has packed for Hertford

*(Edward attended Christ's Hospital School, part of which was at Hertford; this may have been the first time he went, but this is uncertain)*

Monday I felt a little better, the being fine I walked for a little while before the house

Tuesday Mrs Boyne called to see me and Mrs Hill

Wednesday I went into the garden for an hour

Thursday A very wet gloomy day and I felt very poorly. I was obliged to lay on the sofa nearly all day. Mr Bushell came up this afternoon to say goodbye. I have been suffering to-day from pain as usual in my sides and back

Friday 28th March On first coming down stairs I felt really very ill, but went out for a little while and felt better, the weather being beautifully fine I was very poorly all the evening

Saturday 29th March Still very unwell, suffering from pain in my side, back etc etc and very weak

Sunday Mr Boyne came to see me. I went down to Miss Bushells for a few minutes before dinner I had a return of my pain in the afternoon

Monday Still very unwell Mrs Boyne came to see me in the evening

Tuesday The weather being tolerable fine I made up my mind to go to Falmouth for change of air. I went in the cruiser. Stood the passage better than I anticipated. After a cup of tea I felt better. I went to bed about ten o'clock

*Hilary Thompson, local historian, notes here, in relation to her research on smuggling: 'There are references to the Eagle Revenue Cruizer in 1825, the Active Revenue Cruizer in 1827 and 28. I think therefore that this must have been the mode of transport available to Elizabeth Ann. She writes on one occasion [page 7] that the cruizer came to fetch her. So it looks as if she could comander it, rather than take advantage of the regular crossings that it made.'*

Wednesday I rose about ½ past nine, wrote a note and after I had lunched, the weather being beautifully fine, I took a walk as far as the Bank with Liz I returned being much fatigued but think the walk did me good. I laid on the sofa in the afternoon having pain in my side, back etc Liz being out to tea, I did not get to sleep till twelve o'clock.

Thursday 3rd I received by Dodson my Compassionate papers, a letter from Edward and one from Anna Maria saying they were all well. I felt rather better this morning. Liz and I went out for an hour. I wrote to Dr Goodfellow and a note to Anna Maria before tea we again took a walk for an hour. I passed the morning without pain which indeed was a great treat

*(Edward Dotsan, the only similar name in the census, was a boatman, as was his son Thomas. Clearly Dodson in the journal)*

Friday I came to breakfast for the first time for about five or six weeks. I had only to-day a slight return of pain which was in the morning. I received a note from Miss Smith which I answered

Saturday Liz and I walked through the market and as far as the church before dinner. In the afternoon we again took a walk on the Terrace

Sunday 6th In the morning I went to chapel Mr Wildbore preached from 'God is love', a very interesting sermon The weather was beautiful in the first of the morning, but it became cloudy towards night I did not go out in the evening I received a letter from Uncle. I have had very little pain today

Monday 7th At about a quarter to ten I left to go to the Custom House after which I walked down to the steps to see if I could see anything of Anna Maria, after a short time she came by the Market Boat. We then went shopping I bought her a new bonnet, and got her hair cut, and then went home to dinner, the weather being very rough. Anna Maria did not return. This has been the worst since I have been here as far as pain is concerned which I think is owing to the easterly wind

Tuesday I slept badly last night having pain in my side and back, I went for a short walk in the afternoon but felt very unwell on my return. Before going to bed I took a Calomel pill

Wednesday Having taken medicine, I was afraid to go out doors although the weather was beautiful. I received a letter from Richard

Thursday To-day I felt better, and as soon as I was up Liz and I started for a walk We went to Palmers, and bought some things Afterwards called on Mrs Downing. I was sorry to find from a note from George that Mamma was very poorly. After dinner I wrote her a few lines, also to Mrs Bushell. We then took a short walk, and came home to tea

Friday 11th April Liz and I started soon after breakfast for a walk. We went to Palmers and bought a few things. Afterwards called on Mrs Read. Walked as far as the Custom House Quay and came home to dinner, when I found a letter from Mrs Bushell and one from Miss Smith being very tired and suffering from head ache I did not go out after dinner In the evening I wrote to Edward and Mrs Bushell

Saturday 12th April I received a note from Mamma saying she was better. We took a walk into the town returned to dinner and again went for a walk after dinner. I felt much better today

Sunday I went to chapel heard Mr Wildbore preach from 'I was in the Spirit on the Lords Day' an excellent sermon I did not go out after dinner the wind being easterly

Monday At about nine Liz and I went out shopping and after went to see General Wood's furniture

Tuesday A very wet and stormy day I was therefore prevented going out during the day

Wednesday In the morning we went into the town to get a few things which we wanted after

which we lunched and went to the sale at General Woods I bought only two lots, we had heavy rain on returning

Thursday Liz and I took a walk The weather being any thing but tempting, I did not ... as I intended

Good Friday I did not go out for the day as I was expecting the cruizer to fetch me

Saturday Directly after breakfast Lizzy and I went down town, met Miss Smith and was glad to find she was going on comfortably at home. About twelve o'clock the cruizer came to fetch me and the weather being beautifully fine I was glad of the opportunity. I reached home about one Dined with Mrs Bushell off roast lamb, and then made the best of my way home I received a letter from my dear Boy

Sunday A very dull day but I managed to go to chapel between the showers. The subject of the sermon was 'Mary Magdelene coming early in the morning to the sepulchre after the resurrection of our Saviour' George and Mr Bushell took tea here. I was alone all the evening

Monday Mr Gant called. In the afternoon I went down to see Mrs Bushell Mrs Hill of Tregear called and afterwards Mrs Boyne and Miss [Braimer] I wrote a few lines to Edward and enclosed 6d

*(Mr Gant, a widower of 47, was 'Independent Minister and Schoolmaster', and can be assumed to be the minister at the Chapel that the author of the journal attended)*

Tuesday I called on Mrs Boyne and afterwards walked on to the castle. I had a return of my pain to-day. I long once more to be in Good Health. I trust I may feel thankful if the Lord sees fit to restore me.

Wednesday 23rd April I took a walk with the children around the Castle lanes, but felt very poorly. In the afternoon Mrs & Miss Marsden called

Thursday I have been much better to-day than yesterday I went with the children down to the Castle beach, where they amused themselves picking shells. We returned to dinner a little after one o'clock The children began school today after the Easter holidays. The weather being fine I put on my bonnet and took a walk in the town. Called to see Mrs Bushell Miss [Braimer] Mrs & Miss Bushell called in the evening

Friday 25th The weather being very tempting I went across to St Anthony, where I have not been for several months found Mamma looking very poorly I returned early as I was afraid of the night air On my way up the hill I called on Mrs & Miss Hill at Mrs Bellmans In the evening Miss Bushell and the little Haswells came in. I went [...] again to Mr Mackinnon

Saturday 26th I was so fully occupied during the morning that I could not find time for a walk and was so tired in the afternoon that I was obliged to lie down on the bed for an hour I received a letter from my dear Boy

Sunday 27th I went to chapel in the morning, but was afraid to venture out in the evening. George

dined here and William Cornish called in the afternoon

Monday 27th I was astonished on getting out of bed to find snow on the ground this morning. Mrs Boyne called. I was so busy all day I had no time for a walk. I have suffered dreadfully in my back to-day

Tuesday 29th My birth day. I trust I feel grateful for having been permitted to see another natal day. The weather very stormy and exceedingly cold

Wednesday Mrs Bushell Mrs Hill of Tregear and Miss Hill called. Elizabeth has been very busy washing I was presented taking a walk as had plenty to do in doors. Still suffering much pain in my back We have had no school for the ... Miss Smith being very unwell

Thursday A very showery and cold day. George came in the evening

Friday I took a walk in the town, called on Mrs Boyne, Miss Symons and Mrs Bushell I returned to dinner about two. I was too fatigued to go out in the afternoon. Mr & Mrs Libby called. Elizabeth went to Gerrans in the evening to get Stodden to come down to improve the garden a little. Mrs Boyne came in the evening

*(Elizabeth here was probably Elizabeth Dufieu, the only servant in the household)*

Saturday I was fully occupied all the morning, but after dinner I contrived to take a walk to the Castle beach with the children which they enjoyed very much. I called on Mrs Hill on my way up the hill. I have not suffered as much pain as usual during the last few days, for which I trust I feel thankful

Sunday 4th May Mr Gant preached from the passage in the Revelations 'I was in the Spirit on the Lords Day' After dinner I went down to see Mrs Hill and they made me stay to tea George took tea there also

Monday In the afternoon I took a walk with Elizabeth Hill in the town and called on Mrs Bushell

Tuesday I did not go out for the day. Elizabeth Hill called in the afternoon. Lizzy Goodfellow came across to spend a few days

Wednesday It being a fine day we all went for a nice walk as far as the Castle beach, returned to dinner about half past one. Elizabeth Hill called in the afternoon. I had a gardener planting some french beans, and Warren painting the frames before the house

Thursday 8th I wrote to Richard and to my dearest Boy. Today we had continuous rain, a very dull and cold day indeed the weather has been more the appearance of November than May

Friday Being much occupied I did not go out in the morning. In the afternoon Liz and I and the children went to the Castle for a walk & sat down on the beach and read Don Quixote

Saturday We called on Mrs Boyne and Mrs Bushell and afterwards walked around the Castle lanes. In the afternoon Miss Bushell called

Sunday We all went to chapel, the weather was beautiful. George took tea with us & Henry Bushell. Liz & Henry went to the Chapel of Ease

Monday Stodden was here gardening and I had Warren painting so did not go for a walk. Miss Kitty Symons and Miss Bushell called and Mr B. in the evening. I received a letter from my dear Boy

Tuesday Mamma came over, and I went with her to see Miss Symons and Miss Smith & Mrs Bushell We afterwards called on Mrs Hill at Mrs Bellmans We did not go out in the afternoon

Wednesday The weather today was beautifully fine. A little after nine we crossed over to St Anthony and went with Mamma & George in the Dog cart to Truro. We dined at the Inn off roast beef, chicken and boiled tongue. I then called on Mrs Bullock & Miss Marsden. We left Truro about seven o'clock and then made the best of our way home. We went to bed soon after, being very much fatigued. I have been much better the last few days. I wrote to Mrs [Harries]

Thursday 16th May Mrs & Miss Hill called. The latter dined with us. Liz and I both have been suffering from the effects of our ride yesterday

Friday It rained all day

Saturday In the afternoon Liz & I went for a walk. We called on Miss Symons & Mrs Bushell. Miss Hill left to-day for home

Sunday Liz went over to St Anthony to Church. I went to dinner and after we rode home in the dog cart. Mr Smith came also

Monday George, Mr Smith, Mr & Miss Bushell took tea here. We spent a very pleasant evening

Tuesday 19th In the afternoon we went to St Anthony Found Mr Smith still there. After tea we called on Mr & Mrs Marsden. We then walked back and made the best of our way home. Mr Smith & George came with us. We received an invitation to go to Tregear on Thursday

Wednesday 20th Liz and I called on Mrs Boyne and Mrs Bushell. Miss Bushell walked with us to the Castle and back. We were very tired and I took a nap on the sofa after dinner Miss B. & Pauline came in the evening

Thursday 21st In the afternoon Liz & I took a boat to go to Percuil From there we walked to Tregear. We reached about a quarter to six and spent a very pleasant evening, and returned between nine and ten

Friday Mamma, Liz & I took tea with Mrs Bushell

Saturday I went to the Castle for a walk with Fanny & Helen. Lizzy and Anna Maria went to St Just to see the Bishop. I wrote a few lines to Edward

Sunday I went to Chapel Mr Roberts preached Liz & Anna went to St Anthony church George

took tea with us

Monday Liz Anna and I went to Porth and took tea with Mrs Marsden. We walked to St Anthony on the way back. I returned very much tired

Tuesday Liz went home I called in the evening to see Mrs Boyne

Wednesday Miss Smith and Miss Kitty Symons called. I suffered much to-day from pain in my side & back owing I think to a little cold which I must have taken. On the whole I have been much better the last few days I trust I may still improve After dinner I called on Miss Haswell and walked as far as the Battery

Thursday I took the children for a walk as far as the Castle beach

Friday I called on Mrs Boyne

Saturday I walked with the children & Mrs Bushell to the Castle where we stayed till after five o'clock

Sunday 1st June I went to chapel both morning and evening. This is the first time I have been able to go to chapel of an evening for several months. I desire to feel grateful for being permitted the [...] to do so. I partook of the Lord's Supper this evening. George took tea here

Monday Miss Smith came this afternoon the first time since her illness. She dined and took tea with us

Tuesday -

Wednesday In the morning I called on Mrs Boyne Anna Maria went to St Anthony to tea with Mr Bushell. I took a walk with the children towards the Castle, but it blew very cold. I felt very poorly in the evening

Thursday We have had heavy rain to-day with wind. I did not go out for the day. I amused myself mending music, to be bound

Friday Still blowing very hard with showers. I felt very poorly after dinner, but after laying down for an hour or two I felt very much refreshed

Saturday Not having been out for some days I walked as far as Mrs Bushells, though the weather was anything but inviting, where I remained to dinner. I came home to tea, after which it came on to rain

Sunday I went to chapel although I felt very poorly. Mr Brundell preached and there was a collection. George took tea here

Monday I did not go out except in the garden

Tuesday washing day I was much engaged during the morning, and the rain prevented me going

out in the afternoon. Miss Bushell and Mrs Haswell called

Wednesday I walked as far as Mrs Bushell but I had heavy rain to return, but fortunately I did not get cold

Monday 7th July I did not go to Falmouth Mrs Hill received my pension for me. I have omitted for some weeks entering my journal owing to painting and various other causes In the evening I went to chapel where arrangements were made for the tea meeting. Miss Bushell and Miss Helen [Braimer] called in the evening

Tuesday I was busy cleaning up after the paint. In the evening I took a walk with the children in the town

Wednesday I went with the children to the tea meeting. We had a very interesting meeting after Mr Boyne took the chair and made a very excellent speech

Thursday I took tea at Mr Gants with Mr Wildbore, Mr & Mrs James and Mrs Hill Mr Wildbore preached from the words 'Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved' Mr Boyne came up after the service

Friday In the evening I walked into the town to arrange about taking Edward out of the steamer.

Saturday I left about 11 o'clock with Mrs Haswell to fetch Edward from the steamer. He came in about 12 o'clock. It was the Ajax a very fine boat. We afterwards went on shore to Falmouth, bought some fruit and came home to dinner. In the evening I walked with Edward into the town. I wrote a few lines to Helen

Sunday Edward went to chapel with me & Anna Maria to church. George dined with us and Mr Bushell took tea here

Monday In the afternoon I walked with Edward as far as Mrs Bushells

Tuesday I called with Edward on Mrs Boyne. In the evening we went to chapel and took a little walk afterwards

Wednesday 16th I went with Edward and [Mr] & Miss Bushell to Flushing where we took tea with the Miss [Braimers]. We returned about nine o'clock. I received a letter from Richard

Friday Edward & I went to St Anthony to tea. I received a letter from Helen [Dashwood] announcing the marriage of her two daughters

Saturday A very wet and windy day It scarcely ceased raining the whole day

Sunday Still very windy In the afternoon I went to the Sunday School to hear the children repeat their pieces

Monday 21st I went with Anna Maria and Edward to drink tea with Mrs Marsden and invited them for Tuesday

Tuesday In the evening I took the children to St Anthony in the punt

Wednesday [... ...], but I had so much to do and I was so tired that I was unable to go out until the evening when I took the children for a walk

Thursday 24th I awoke this morning feeling anything but well, suffering dreadfully from pain in my limbs. To day we had an exchange of servants I hope a change for the better

Friday 25 Edward and I went for a walk in the evening

Saturday 26 I expected Mrs & Miss Marsden to tea but they did not come. Miss Smith & Miss Symons took tea here and the children amused themselves with a dance after tea

Sunday 27 It was so wet that I was afraid to venture out to chapel. George and Mr Bushell took tea here Edward went to St Anthony to spend the day

Tuesday

Wednesday I was busy in doors all day and was prevented taking my usual walk

Thursday In the afternoon I took a row in the white punt with Edward. He went to tea at Miss Symons

Friday In the morning I walked as far as Mrs Haswells and Mrs Bushells to invite the children to tea

Wednesday 6th August Late in the evening Lizzy came over. It was rough, she therefor crossed in the cruizer

Thursday 7th In the afternoon Liz Edward and I started for Tregear where we met Lieut. Kemp & his wife two Miss Olivers the Misses James etc We did not arrive home until 1 o'clock in the morning. We took tea out doors

Friday 8th Mamma came over to spend the day. In the afternoon Edward and I went to Percuil in the punt, tea at Tregassick and returned about seven o'clock

Saturday Lizzy and I called on Mrs Boyne & Mrs Bushell

Sunday 10th We all went to chapel. To-day the seat was pretty well filled. George drank tea here

Monday We all went to St Anthony to dinner We ha [...peters out]

Tuesday At 1 o'clock Edward, Fanny & Helen and I went to Falmouth. We dined with Mrs [Spit...], returned about ½ past seven Liz and Anna Maria took tea with Mrs Boyne

Wednesday We all except Fanny & Helen went to St Anthony. We dined off roast ducks. Went in the afternoon to pick some apples. Came home about seven o'clock

Thursday 14th I was busily engaged the whole of the day preparing Edwards things, packing up etc etc. He took three cakes, a roast duck/cold, 5 tarts, 2 pots of jam and some apples. In the afternoon when the rain cleared we went to say good bye to his friends. Amongst whom he collected 19/6. All his things were nicely packed before we went to bed, and he was in excellent spirits all the evening. He made his supper off apple pasty

Friday I slept but little during the night thinking of getting up in the morning, and parting with my dear Boy. I got up at ½ past four o'clock felt very unwell. At 5 I awoke Edward poor boy he was very sleepy, but after a good wash he was wide awake. We sat down to breakfast a little before six and then came the trial of parting. His sisters were all in floods of tears and he was very low spirited. We then made the best of our way to Mr Haswells where we waited for twenty minutes and then started with Mr Haswell & William. We reached the steamer (The Camilla) in very good time. There were altogether 7 blue coat Boys on board. I left Edward in very good spirits. The steamer afterwards passed us, he waved his handkerchief and they were out of sight. I felt dreadfully low spirited and poorly all day. In the afternoon I went to lay down. After a while I felt better. After tea Liz and I went to see Mrs Haswell

Saturday A very wet morning. In the afternoon Miss Bushell called

Sunday 18th We all went to chapel. Mr Gant preached. George took tea here. We went to chapel again in the Evening

Monday 19th Liz and I went to St Anthony to dinner. We dined of roast ducks, returned about seven o'clock

Tuesday Liz returned in the Evening. I received a letter from Dr Goodfellow announcing the arrival of Edward in London. He mentions his having met with some friends on board who gave him a dinner at an Eating house in London on their arrival

Wednesday I was so busily engaged all day that I was prevented going out until the Evening. I went to call on the Miss James. I received a letter from Edward and one from the [teacher] Miss Graham. Miss Bushell called

Thursday I wrote to the secretary of the Naval School at Richmond requesting them to send me an annual report. In the evening I called on Mrs Bushell Mrs Haswell & Mrs Boyne. Grace & Anna Maria went to Tregassick to fetch a basket of Apples. I wrote to Richard & Edward

*(Grace is probably the new servant; see 24 July)*

Friday I went to St Anthony to dinner and to make arrangements for my London trip as George and I have some plan of going there to see the exhibition. Mr Bushell sen<sup>r</sup> called in the evening. I wrote a letter to Lizzy in answer to one I received

*(The Great Exhibition of 1851)*

Saturday 24th I received a letter from the secretary of the Naval School 32 Sackville Street. In the evening I called on Mrs Libby and Mrs Bushell. It came on to rain and I was obliged to hurry home

Sunday It rained heavily in the morning. We all went to chapel. Mr Gant preached from 9th of Zacharia and 19th book [...]. George & Mr Bushell took tea here

Monday Stodden came to work in the garden In the afternoon Mr & Mrs Marsden called and Mrs Boyne. I took a short walk in the evening

Tuesday A day of rain. I went to Mr Ellis Secretary and to Lizzy Goodfellow

Sunday 31st I did not go to chapel Fanny being poorly. I went in the Evening. I wrote a few lines

Monday Mrs Haswell drank tea with me

Tuesday Washing day In the afternoon I contrived to go to St Anthony although very tired In the Evening Mrs Williams called

Wednesday Busy preparing for my trip to London I received a letter from Mrs [Town]

Thursday I did not go out till the Evening when I went to chapel The text was 'My heart is fixed' a very nice text. I would that this poor wandering heart were more fixed on the rock of ages, but this world with all its care I fear too often has by far too great a share. I desire to be weaned from all these fleeting toys and to have my heart set on things above

Friday 5th September Mamma came over to spend the day, any thing but well myself. I received a few lines from Lizzy Goodfellow

Saturday Full engaged preparing for my journey I did not go to bed until twelve busy packing up

Sunday I went to chapel but my head was full of my London trip and it was with difficulty that I could keep my attention fixed at dinner time I decided on taking Anna Maria with us. Mr & Miss Bushell came up in the afternoon and Miss Smith

Monday I rose at 5 o'clock It was a beautiful morning We breakfasted consisted (*sic*) of coffee and eggs. Mr H Bushell & Pauline came up to see us off We started about half past six o'clock. On reaching the steamer I found all the sleeping places were taken Mr & Mrs [Lendit] & Helen [Braimer] were on board also Mrs Wilkins. There was a good deal of tumble outside the land. When half way to Plymouth I began to get sick and laid myself down in a chair with a cloak as a covering. On reaching Plymouth we all went on shore and dined Our dinner consisted of beef steaks beans and bitter ale for which we paid 2/ each. After a short walk we again joined the steamer and shortly after we left I made the best of my way into, or rather upon, my stretcher the bed on which the stewardess generally sleeps It was rough during the night but I managed to sleep about three or four hours and Anna Maria did the same At nine o'clock the next morning we began to put on our clothes in readiness to land We breakfasted at a house opposite the railway station. The charge was 1/ each which I thought very moderate. After breakfast we lost no time in getting out ticket and the luggage weighed and took our seats in a third class carriage. There were plenty of passengers and a fund of amusement as we went on our journey. At half past four we reached London, secured a cab and drove to our lodgings no 4 Nelson Terrace City Road, where Richard & Robert met us and joined us at the tea table After tea we took a walk onto the High Street

Islington etc etc supped with Richard and went to bed very much fatigued

Wednesday I rose at ½ past six and called on the boys about eight o'clock. Breakfasted, and after having written a few lines to Mamma went to the Shoreditch Station and proceeded on to Hertford, where we arrived at a quarter to one. We found the boys at dinner. On going into the hall I passed Edward's form without recognising him, he saw me first. He was delighted to see us. After they had dined we went into an eating house and then into a pastry cook's shop where the children had some tarts etc etc. We then walked to the Church Yard as I was anxious to see the spot where dear little Johnny [Town] was laid but we had not time to search out the grave. We started soon after home. Left Edward in capital spirits. On reaching the station we took a cab and rode home to tea after which we walked to Baker Street to see Madame Tussaud's Exhibition of wax works. Anna was much pleased. The room was so crowded that it was anything but comfortable. We were so tired on coming out we were obliged to take an omnibus which put us down close to Nelson Terrace.

Thursday In the morning we went to Hyde Park to see the Exhibition, where we were much pleased, but I think I never felt so unwell or more [...] so, and able to [move about]. We dined and took tea with a friend. At six I returned in a buss to my lodging being so very unwell. George went to some place of amusement and did not get home until very late.

Friday We dressed and went to Russell Square in a cab from the Angel to call upon Uncle. Found Mrs G at home. Stayed half an hour, then walked into the British Museum, from there to Oxford Street where we dined, and then through the Pantheon into Regent Street and back to Uncles to tea. We left them about eight and Uncle walked home with us, and very kindly gave us a general invitation.

Saturday We obtained a special order for the Exhibition from a friend and reached there about eleven o'clock before the public were admitted. Dined with a friend and went again after tea. It really is a most magnificent building. We paid 2/4 each for a ticket. I came home in an omnibus with Anna and George took a walk with some friend of his.

Sunday 14th I made an appointment with Richard to go to Bloomsbury Chapel to hear Mr Brock but Richard did not come in time. We therefore went instead to a chapel in the City Road, where a Mr Edwards preached from the 4th of Philippians and 19th. He began his discourse by saying that 'Poverty has its [honours] as well as its disadvantages' and then went on to speak of the Philippians as being poor but possessing that which riches cannot purchase. He divided his sermon into 2 divisions, the dependence of man and the munificence of God. It was a beautiful sermon and I thoroughly enjoyed it and considered it a great treat to hear such a discourse. George, Anna and I dined with Richard. We had roast beef and plum tart. After tea Richard went with Anna and I to Bloomsbury Chapel but found to our disappointment that instead of hearing Mr Brock the doors were closed. We were too late for any other chapel and were obliged to make the best of our way home. I was very tired, and went to bed at ten o'clock.

Monday 15th I received a letter from Mamma, the first since I have been here. Found she was going on well at home. I wrote a few lines Mamma, Miss Bushell & Miss Smith. By that time it was nearly twelve o'clock, when we dined and rode in an omnibus to the City. Called to see an old friend Mrs Nicolas. Dined at [Lakes] Cheapside. We had a very good dinner, ham & veal, french beans & potatoes. We then walked to the [Coal] Exchange, the Tower, Thames [...] where we

were weighed. My weight was 8 stone and eight George eleven stone four There we took a cab and home to tea. George afterwards took a walk with Robert. I amused myself writing and went to bed early

Thursday 16th At about half past ten Anna and I started off for Uncles to get some professional advice. He prescribed for me, after which we went to Regents Park and called on Mrs Wilkins, who was from home. Being near the Zoological Gardens Anna and I walked in to have a look at the wild beasts. Anna was particularly pleased with the monkeys. We left about half past four took a cab, and drove home to tea

Wednesday I rose early in order to meet Edward at the Station, which I did at ½ past eight. I arrived there ten minutes before the train came in. He was delighted to see me, and drove to my lodgings at Nelson Terrace without any loss of time. After George and Anna Maria had breakfast we walked to the Angel where we stayed some time before we could get an omnibus. After some time we succeeded and drove off to the Exhibition. The building was very crowded but Edward was of course much pleased. We were obliged to leave early as I had to see Edward in his train at half past six o'clock. He was very unhappy at leaving me and I was not much better. What with the fatigue and excitement I scarcely slept for the night. Edward's birth day

Thursday Being very unwell indeed see Uncle to ask him to prescribe for me which he did. We remained for dinner as I was quite unfit for sight seeing After dinner I took a short walk into Great Russell Street to exchange a net which I had bought for Anna Maria and returned again to Russell Square to tea. George, Richard and Anna Maria and Robert joined me We had a supper and returned about ten o'clock I felt so very unwell I was obliged to have a cab and ride home

Friday Still very unwell but having many things to get, and my time being very short I was obliged to set off shopping. I first walked with Anna Maria to St Paul's Church Yard where we purchased a dress for Miss Marsden. We then took an omnibus to the [Lowther] Arcade made a few purchases and then dined at a house in the Strand off a nice mutton chop. We then rode to New Bond Street where I bought 2 French [...] dresses and a mantle also a shawl for mamma, took an omnibus at Regent Circus and rode home very much fatigued Robert took tea with me

Saturday Not being very well, and wishing to save myself for the opera in the evening, I merely took a stroll up Islington with Anna Maria. Bought a cap for Miss Smith, a cloak for Anna Maria etc etc, returned to the lodgings took a mutton chop for dinner, and after tea went to the Queens Theatre in the Haymarket. The opera of Sonnambula was sung I was really very much pleased we left before it was over as we did not think it quite the thing, being so near on the Sabbath. I was home before eleven and feeling very unwell, was glad to get into bed

Sunday I scarcely slept during the night and got up more fit to go to bed than get up After I had breakfast I took a cab and went to Bloomsbury Chapel to hear Mr Brock He preached from the chapter of [ten] of the Corinthians and [...] A very good sermon. I met a friend there who walked with me as far as Russell Square where I went to say goodbye to Uncle I then walked home to dinner and afterwards commenced packing up. After tea Richard & Robert came in and after making sundry arrangements we started in a cab for the Paddington Station. We left London at 9 It was so cold in the train, that with all our cloaks and warm clothing, we shivered with the cold and slept very little. We reached Plymouth about ½ past six in the morning, hired a porter to take the trunks on board the [...] steamer. After a little manoeuvring I succeeded in getting a berth to lay

down on where I remained about half an hour, and then turned out had a good wash, and repaired to the saloon to breakfast. We had on the table plenty of good things amongst which was a dish of mutton chops, rashers and eggs, beef steaks & boiled ham a round of beef and tea & coffee. Soon after we were on deck we discovered that we were near home Trewince and Gerrans being in sight It was a lovely day and we were in Falmouth harbour by ½ past eleven o'clock. We then hired a boat and came home, and were glad to find all here going on well. I was very poorly with a bad cold & was glad to get to bed early

Tuesday 22 I did not get up to Breakfast feeling tired and having a sore throat etc etc We had plenty of calls and kind enquiries. I wrote to Mrs Goodfellow to tell her we had arrived safely

Wednesday Just as Lizzy and I were dressed to go out Mrs Boyne called, and Mamma came, who was anxious to hear all the particulars of our travels. After she left I wrote a few lines to Edward

Thursday The weather was so wet and stormy that Liz was unable to return as she intended. I wrote a few lines to Richard

Friday The weather being fine Liz bid farewell to St Mawes for some time. I went into the town to enquire after Miss Smith. Called on Mrs Boyne & Mrs Bushell

Saturday In the morning I set off to Tregassick with Helen. I received a note from Lizzy and from Elizabeth Hill

Sunday I went with the children to chapel and then took a walk towards the church before dinner. George & William Cornish took tea here. In the evening I attended a Missionary meeting Mr [Gogorly] the missionary took his text from Ecclesiastes 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might etc etc The collection afterwards amounted to £4.10.0

Monday The weather today has been very stormy, a gale of wind and rain

Tuesday George took tea here on his return from the Court, where he has been paying his rent

Wednesday I did not go out for the day, the weather being very wet. Indeed I have been unable to walk for the week, owing to the boisterous state of the weather

Thursday

Friday Mamma came across, and having business at Falmouth I went across in the cruizer although the weather was anything but favourable I bought several things and then went up to the Terrace to say goodbye to my Uncle & Aunt who are about to start for London. I left Falmouth again at five. I had a very disagreeable passage home as it blew with rain.

Saturday In the afternoon I took a little walk into the town, it being tolerably fine to see Mrs Bushell. I returned again to tea, after which I wrote a few lines to Mr Nicolas

Sunday I went with the children to chapel George & William Cornish drank tea here. In the evening I went again and took the children with me

Monday The weather fortunately proved finer than we had anticipated. Mr & Miss Goodfellow with Liz started per Duke of Cornwall for London. In the evening I wrote a few lines to Richard, and also to Emma Hill

Tuesday 7th October

Saturday 1st November I have omitted writing my journal for the last three weeks from want of time and other causes. However nothing has transpired worthy of notice This morning I took a walk, called on Mrs Boyne, Mrs Haswell & Miss Symons. In the afternoon I wrote to Mrs Goodfellow of Russell Square and also a few lines to Lizzy respecting some yarn which is to be forwarded to London

Sunday 2nd I went to chapel both morning and evening. George came over in the afternoon, and drank tea with Mr Bushell I received as usual the Lady's Newspaper

Monday 3rd A very cold and gloomy day wind & rain

Tuesday I have been much occupied having dress makers preparing for winter, in the way of cloaks etc etc. Miss James of Newton married

Wednesday Mrs Bushell called. In the evening I wrote to Revd Johns etc etc.

Friday 7th November Dear Helen's sixth birth day Mrs Boyne & Pauline took tea with us

Saturday Mrs & Miss Bushell called in the afternoon. I took a walk in the town

Sunday I went to chapel both morning and evening. George & Mr Bushell took tea here

Monday Mamma came over to dinner We had a goose roasted, which proved a very nice one

Tuesday Washing day. I was very busy all day. Mr Hayes Hill called in the evening

Wednesday After dinner I went to Falmouth with Mrs Bushell I bought myself a new bonnet We returned about six o'clock I took tea with Mrs Bushell Received a letter from Edward

Thursday I walked with Mrs Boyne and Miss Hicks to Percuil passage and back and afterwards took tea with Mrs Boyne

Friday Miss [Braimer] Miss Hicks Mrs Haswell & Miss Bushell took tea with me We spent a pleasant evening They left about eleven I received a letter from Mrs Jennings Goodfellow and one from Richard. I wrote a few lines to Caroline

Saturday I suffered much from earache

Sunday George & Mr Bushell took tea here I went to chapel with the children in the evening

Monday 17th November I went to take tea with Mrs Bushell. I came home about ten o'clock

Tuesday I took a walk with Mrs Bushell and went there in the evening to tea I spent a pleasant evening Came home a little after ten

Wednesday

Thursday Mrs Boyne called in the morning In the afternoon I walked as far as Mrs Libby. Pauline took tea with the children I went to chapel in the evening

Friday I wrote to Richard and to my dear Boy and enclosed a fourpenny piece and some wedding cake I received from a friend

Saturday 22nd In the afternoon the weather being beautifully fine I took a walk with Mrs & Miss Bushell as far as the castle, and then through the town

Sunday 23rd I went to chapel in the morning After we walked the roads being dry on to meet Anna Maria who went to church. It was a very wet evening which prevented my going to chapel. I received the Lady's newspaper as usual

Wednesday In the afternoon I walked Mrs Bushells did not stay to tea as I felt very poorly with pain in my side back etc etc

Thursday In the evening I went to chapel took a walk in the afternoon received a letter from Edward asking me to write about his going to London to spend his holidays

Friday The weather was beautiful. In the afternoon I walked around the castle lanes and through the town, called to see Miss Smith who has been very poorly, and home to tea

Saturday 29th November John Hill called in the morning and remained to dinner. I received a few lines from Lizzy

Sunday 30th The weather was so bad I was prevented going out for the day. It being Sunday and not being able to go to chapel the time hung heavily. In the evening I heard part one of the Toplady's sermons read The text was or rather the subject was 'The Gospel or good news from Heaven'

Monday 1st December After dinner I took Fanny and Helen for a walk around the castle lane, on the beach, through the town and home

Saturday 13th In the afternoon I took the children for a walk on the Battery after which we called at Mrs Bushells. Received a letter from Lizzy Goodfellow

Sunday I went with the children to chapel in the morning. After chapel Miss Bushell came in with her mother

Monday The weather being tolerably fine I walked with Helen to Gerrans, where we dined. We came home about five o'clock

Tuesday In the morning I called at Mrs Bushells and Mrs Boynes. After dinner Mrs B came up to

invite me down to tea, which I did I came home about ten o'clock. I received a letter from Edward

Wednesday The weather being wet we did not go for our usual walk. I wrote to Mrs Goodfellow of Russell Square

Thursday In getting out of bed this morning I was taken very unwell which obliged me to get into bed again and I continued in much pain for some time I got up about four o'clock and went to bed again about ten

Friday I rose this morning all the better for my night's rest, but felt rather poorly all day

Saturday I have been better today than yesterday still far from well ~~I received a letter from~~

Sunday I went to chapel in the morning the weather being fine George came over and took tea with Mrs Bushell. I received a letter from Richard saying Edward had reached London safely and was looking very well

Monday [no entry]

Tuesday I received a letter from Lizzy In the afternoon Mrs Bushell came up & sat a short time

Wednesday Mrs Boyne called. The weather to-day was cold and blowing which prevented me going out, in relation to which I was busily occupied about domestic affairs George went to Falmouth came here to tea and slept the night

Thursday Christmas Day I went to chapel both morning and evening. It was like a summer day. We had a very nice goose Mr Wildbore who preached and Mr Gant dined with us, and Mr Bushell took tea with us. The morning's text was 'The desire of all Nations' and that of the evening 'The plant of renown' Both very good sermons. Miss Bushell came up in the evening after chapel George returned

Friday 26th I was sorry to find this morning that instead of a nice dry day as yesterday, constant rain. However it cleared after dinner, and I took a little walk in the town Pauline took tea with the children and they amused themselves making toffee

Thursday 1st January (1852)

I gave permission to Grace to go to Falmouth. I took tea with Mrs Bushell. The children went with me and we met Mr Haswell and his children

Friday

Saturday 3rd I received a letter from my dear Boy

Sunday I went to chapel both morning and evening and took the children I sent by tonights post a letter to Lizzy and one to Mr Mackinnon and hope to receive a favourable answer. Mrs Bushell came up for an hour after chapel

Wednesday 7th

Thursday I called on Mrs Boyne, but the weather was so stormy I was unable to extend my walk

Friday The weather still very wet and stormy

Saturday It was a fine morning & I took the children for a walk. Called at Mrs Bushells to enquire how she did and the rain coming on we were obliged to return without going further

Sunday We went to chapel in the morning. In the afternoon I went down to see Mrs Bushell I received a letter from Fanny [Town] and the Lady's newspaper as usual

Monday In the evening George brought Mr G Smith over to tea Mr Bushell joined them and we spent a pleasant [...] We amused ourselves playing Loto

Tuesday George and young Smith breakfasted dined and took tea here. In the afternoon Elizabeth Hill came down to spend a few days

Wednesday Elizabeth and I took a walk to the Battery, just as we returned it came on to rain

Thursday We called on Mrs Boyne, but the rain coming on we were obliged to return without extending our walk. We received an invitation to take tea with Mrs B tomorrow

Friday We walked with the children to the Battery. We took tea with Mrs Boyne where we met Miss Bushell and brother, Mr [...] and Mrs Mills. We came home about half past ten. I received a very nice letter from Edward

Saturday 17th January Mrs Boyne called also Miss Bushell and her brother After dinner the gig came for Elizabeth and I went with her as far as Church Lane

Sunday I went with the children to chapel both morning and evening. George took tea here. I received the paper with the account of the loss of the Amazon steamer in it

Monday 19th I wrote to Lizzy. The weather was so wet that the children were obliged to have their dinner at school

Tuesday In the afternoon young Haswell called [...] and I was glad to hear of his success in getting his appointment as Masters Assistant in the Navy. I wrote a letter to Fanny [Town] My new servant Fanny came this evening

Fortnight missed

Tuesday 3rd February I was glad to find the weather improved, as for the last fortnight [we] have scarcely any thing but gales of wind and thick rain. In the afternoon Miss Bushell called with Pauline

Wednesday I received a nice letter from my dear Boy acknowledging the receipt of mine with a newspaper

Thursday The weather still wet with wind

Friday It being a nice day, I called on Mrs Boyne & Mrs Haswell. After dinner I took a long walk around the Castle Lane and towards St Just with Mrs Bushell, after which I took tea with Mrs Boyne

Saturday The Misses Symons called in the morning. After dinner I took the children for a nice walk to the castle. We came home to tea, about half past five

Week missed

Saturday 14th The weather being very fine I went to Falmouth to make a few purchases. Came home about five o'clock and found Mamma here I received a letter from my dear Boy

Sunday I took the children to chapel in the morning. George and Mr Bushell took tea

Monday I took a little walk in the afternoon and went in to see Mrs Haswell and came home to tea

Tuesday I went to St Anthony to dinner where I met Mr Marsden & Mr Pearce. As the weather came on very rough I was obliged to stay the night

Wednesday I returned this morning about eleven, and was glad to find all going on well. Mrs Boyne called and Miss Bushell during the morning

Thursday Mr Pearce called. I did not go out for the day not feeling very well and the weather being boisterous

Friday 20th February I walked as far as the castle, and on my return called to see Mrs Bushell, when I took a cup of tea, and then made the best of my way home

Saturday 21st In the afternoon I worked in the garden. I received a very satisfactory letter from Edward in the evening. Mr Bushell sen<sup>r</sup> took tea with us

Sunday I went to chapel both morning & evening. George took tea with us

Monday I took a walk to the castle and took tea and spent the evening with Mrs Haswell

Tuesday After dinner I walked to the castle and back. In the evening I wrote to Mrs Goodfellow, and sent a paper to Edward

Wednesday I was busily engaged all the morning, so took a walk after dinner called on my way to see Miss Bushell, she being very unwell

Monday March 1st In the afternoon Mrs Bushell called being much occupied I did not go out for the day

Wednesday Miss Marsden called in the afternoon In the evening I felt very unwell indeed being

very much fatigued

Thursday In the afternoon I called on Miss Marsden at Mrs Boynes and she came up to tea with me

Friday I took tea at Mrs Boynes, where I met Mr [...] and Mr & Mrs Marsden. I came home a little after ten. I wrote today to Edward and Mrs Goodfellow

Saturday Having a bad cold, I did not go out Mrs Boyne Miss Marsden, Mr [...] & Miss Haswell and her brother called. I received a letter from Lizzy Goodfellow

Sunday I was so unwell I was afraid to venture out

Monday I was glad to find myself a little better

March missed

Thursday 8th April I took tea at Mrs [Haswells] where I met Mrs J Cregoe from St Anthony, and Mr & Miss Bushell

Good Friday I went to chapel but felt very unwell while there. I afterwards took a walk up to the lane before dinner Mr Cornish and Mr Nicholas called in the afternoon. I afterwards went up to enquire after Ockindon, who I found very ill indeed on my way home I called at Mrs Bushells. I did not go out in the evening

*(Ockenden in the census, clearly Ockindon in the journal. Joseph 49 and Mary Ann 36)*

Saturday I have not felt at all well today and am very much afraid of a return of my old complaint. In the afternoon I took a short walk and came home to tea. I wrote to Edward and enclosed him a four penny piece

Sunday I felt so poorly I was undecided whether I would go to chapel or not. However I went. George & Mr Bushell took tea here. I did not go out in the evening

Monday 12th Still unwell I was invited to take tea at Mrs Carlyons, but did not feel equal to the walk, so declined. I wrote a few lines to R Goodfellow at Falmouth

Tuesday I got up this morning feeling very unwell. Was invited to tea at Mrs Bushells Called to decline, but as she kindly offered me a bed for the night I went The party consisted of Mr & Mrs Carlyon the son & daughter Mr & Mrs Haswell & Miss Haswell Mr Boyne & Mr Neame. They left about twelve altogether. I felt better this evening owing perhaps to a little excitement.

Wednesday We breakfasted about nine after which I called on poor Mrs [Ockindon] after the death of her husband and then came home to make arrangements for dinner after which I called with Miss Bushell at Newton. On the whole I have been better today

Thursday In the afternoon I attended old Mrs James funeral. I intended going only a little way towards the church yard but as the weather was fine, I ventured all the way, but came home

dreadfully tired. George drank tea here

*(‘Old Mrs James’ is another ancestor of my wife; her great grand-daughter married the Elizabeth Ann’s grandson in 1902 at St Just; Old Mrs James was 84)*

Friday I was delighted to find myself better to-day and I trust I feel thankful for the many mercies which daily I enjoy although so undeserving. The wind blew so stormy from the east today that I did not venture out

Saturday I have been to-day much as yesterday before dinner I called on Mrs Bushell & Mrs Haswell and after a short walk came home I received a letter from Lizzy

Sunday I went to chapel but felt very unwell Mr Peters read a sermon from these words ‘The Song of Songs’ I was unable to go out in the evening

Monday In the morning I took a short walk in the Town, but returned very much fatigued

Tuesday Washing day I was so poorly I was unable to exert myself for the day, and my appetite bad. Suffering from pain in my sides, back shoulders etc

Wednesday I took some medicine which I think did me good, although I felt very weak

Thursday This afternoon it came into rain the first we have had for three weeks or more Mrs Haswell came up and stayed to tea she left about ½ past nine last evening I received a letter from Uncle Goodfellow

Friday I was glad to find myself much better this morning The weather was beautiful and the flowers looked lovely after the rain it has been quite a summer day. George and Robert Goodfellow came over to tea I was invited to a working party at Mrs Haswells but was afraid to venture out in the evening

Saturday We have had a day of rain I felt better today. Very little pain

Sunday I did not venture to chapel having taken medicine. George & Robert Goodfellow took tea here

Monday In the morning Mamma & Robert came over and as the weather was very inviting I thought I would go across Stayed to dinner, came home and went to Mrs Bushells to tea, to join a working party Felt [...] poorly, and glad to get to bed

Tuesday George & Robert came over to dinner I went with Pauline to meet them. They turned the dog cart back a little way and we had a nice ride. After dinner we walked to the Castle. I have been much stronger today and have had a very little return of my pain Mamma’s birth day

Wednesday I went to St Anthony returned before dinner as it looked likely to rain I amused myself in the afternoon cutting out little frocks

Thursday 29th April My birth day Spared another year, through which I have received numberless

mercies Oh for more gratitude I have been very poorly indeed to-day After breakfast I was very sick and have had pain in my limbs all day. I think I must have taken cold yesterday

Friday Still very unwell with sore throat etc etc Mrs Bushell came up in the afternoon and stayed to tea

Saturday I have been a little better today Mrs Roberts called. I wrote two letters in the afternoon

Sunday 2nd May I did not feel well enough to go out either morning or evening. George Robert Goodfellow and Mr Smith took tea here

Monday The three gentlemen took tea here again, also Miss Bushell & Mother. I felt very poorly all the evening

Friday 7th I was invited to a working party at Mrs Haswells, but being very poorly I did not venture

Saturday I wrote to my Uncle in London I have had more pain in my sides etc this week than last

Sunday I went to chapel very poorly the children went alone in the evening

Monday

Tuesday I received a few lines from Lizzy

Wednesday I called on Mrs Boyne and on Mrs Bushell, but the weather has not been very tempting all the week. I felt very unwell indeed in the evening, weakness and a return of my old pain. Mr Neame came in during the evening I wrote to London and ordered a new satin dress for Mamma

Thursday Still very poorly

Friday I called on Mrs Haswell and joined a working party at Mrs Bushells, but came home soon after tea. I have scarcely had any return of my pain today, for which mercy I cannot feel too thankful received a letter from my darling boy

Saturday Still better, but had a return of my pain in the evening

Sunday 16th May I went to chapel with the children. I had no return of my pain again to-day until the evening when I felt very unwell indeed, and went to bed quite ill

Monday Very unwell all day scarcely able to move from the sofa. Mamma came over after dinner

Friday poorly all the week pain as usual how I long for health once more may I value it and feel sufficiently thankful when it shall please God to restore me once more. I wrote a few lines to Robert, Edward etc etc, busy preparing for my stay at St Anthony during Mamma's absence

Saturday Mamma came over in the morning to have her dress tried on, but it was too wet for me

to cross the water so it was postponed until tomorrow In the evening Miss Smith came up I was so poorly after tea that I was unable to sit up and I was on the sofa all the evening

Sunday 23rd May I was as usual very poorly, and after putting a few things in a trunk , the man came to fetch me to St Anthony. When I came up the hill I felt ready to drop, but in the afternoon I felt a little better but went to bed dreadfully tired

Monday Mamma started at half past five I slept very badly during the night so did not get up much refreshed, having a blister on my side. I felt poorly all the morning and by dinner time felt so ill that I was obliged to go to bed, did not eat any dinner, was in an agony for an hour or so, about four I again got up and felt much better

Tuesday I felt a little better to-day. Mr Marsden came up in the afternoon and gave us an account of all that went on at the bazaar at Truro

Wednesday Still poorly. In the morning Miss Smith and Miss Blake called

Thursday I am much better today have suffered very little from pain in my side etc. Mr Hayes Hill came down to tea

Friday It rained nearly all day indeed the weather has been any thing but fine all the week

Saturday I managed to make the butter today though but hardly able to exert myself Uncle George dined here and Mr Neame called

Sunday 31st May Being better I dressed and went to church with Helen. Mr N. returned with me to dinner. I again went to church in the afternoon. On my return I found Mr Bushell here who stayed to tea. I was glad to receive a letter from Mamma this evening which I answered

Monday The weather being fine the servants commenced cleaning

Tuesday I rose this morning very unwell indeed and a rash about my face and throat. Mr B. took tea with us and went for a ride with George in the dog cart it so rained in the evening he was obliged to stay the night

Wednesday I awoke this morning much worse than yesterday covered in rash and pain in my limbs & was obliged to lay on the sofa all the afternoon Mr B returned after tea

Friday 8th July Mamma returned from London we were all delighted to see her and did not go to bed till ten o'clock, we were so busy asking all the news about our friends in London

Saturday We all came home after a stay of seven weeks at St Anthony, during which time we have all had measles and George and I have been dangerously ill, and various other things have happened of any thing but a pleasant nature, but I am thankful that we are once more spared to return to our own house, and I trust that daily I may grow in grace and be more thankful for my many mercies

Sunday We went to chapel. The text was from the Revelations. I did not feel well enough to go in the evening The Bushells came in the evening

Monday Miss Smiths school opened. Mr Gant & Mr Bushell called

Tuesday I took a short walk, but did feel at all well about the chest

Wednesday I called on Mrs Boyne in the morning and in the afternoon walked around the Castle lane. Anna Maria took tea with Pauline

Thursday I received a letter from Lizzy saying we might expect Edward on Saturday. Mrs Boyne called. Anna Maria went to the tea party at St Just

Friday I went with the Bushells for a row in the boat. We went to Percuil took our dinner in the boat then landed at the Marsdens walked to Bohortha and back. I felt very tired indeed, and went to bed early

*(The census shows a Mary Marsden, aged 33 and the wife of the absent head of family, at Porth Cottage; we can therefore follow the boat trip up the Percuil River, back, and along Porth Creek and then returning to St Mawes)*

Saturday 17th The weather being tolerably fine Mrs Bushell and I started for Falmouth After shopping a little we went to Trefusis and took out dinner and waited for the steamer to come in. Found Edward looking remarkably well, and in good spirits We did not reach home until nine o'clock and went to bed very tired and stiff

Sunday I rose to-day very poorly. However I managed to go to chapel George dined with us. Miss Bushell came up in the afternoon and evening

Monday Still poorly but better than yesterday

Tuesday Mamma came over to tea Miss Symons called in the morning

Tuesday (*sic*) 26th July I received a letter from Dr Goodfellow saying he intended paying a visit to St Anthony

Wednesday I took a walk in the afternoon and morning. George took tea with us

Thursday I took Fanny to Falmouth to the dentist to have a tooth taken out. We afterwards called on Mrs Spetigue who gave us an invitation to dinner on Thursday next

Friday 30th July George, Edward and I set off to meet the steamer. We first went on shore to Falmouth, bought a few things and went along side the vessel, found Uncle and Willy looking very well we went to St Anthony to tea. I came home about nine o'clock

Saturday Uncle and George came over and took tea with me. After tea we took a walk to the Castle and back

Sunday After the service, I went with Helen and Edward to St Anthony, dined, and returned after

tea in time for chapel in the evening. Uncle and George came up again in the evening

Monday Mamma & Uncle came over to dinner, after tea we walked through the Castle Lane and home through the town I went to bed very poorly having taken cold yesterday

Tuesday Still poorly

Wednesday Mr Bushell went over to dinner. I was invited, but being still unwell was unable to go

Thursday We completed the drawing room carpet and laid it down

Friday We had Billy and Hugh Haswell to tea and Pauline

Saturday The weather has been stormy nearly all the week, with rain

Sunday I went to chapel in the morning and the children in the evening

Monday Uncle took tea here with Mrs Bushell on his way from St Just. After tea we took a walk up the lane

Tuesday Uncle and Mamma came across and dined with Mrs Bushell they came up in the evening, before which I took the children for a short walk

Saturday 9th October I have been busily engaged writing to the Contributors of the Naval school I have already sent away 16 letters at 3 different times 15 another time and 56 to-night and 39 making in all 149

Sunday I posted 25 letters

Monday I posted 62 letters & 16 circulars

Tuesday 25 letters & 2 circulars

Wednesday I posted 30 letters and 25 circulars

Thursday 14th October I posted 20 letters

Friday 15th I posted 45 letters

Saturday 16th I posted 24 letters and received 5 answers I took tea at Mrs Bushells. The wind has been to the eastward, and to-day I have felt a very uncomfortable companion, very like my old complaint of rheumatism

Sunday I went to chapel in the evening, but did not feel over well all day. I received 5 letters

Monday I posted 4 letters and received 8 answers Elizabeth Hill & Miss [Dash] took tea here

Tuesday Mrs Boyne & Miss Bushell called

Wednesday I have been very poorly all day

Thursday 11th November I posted 19 letters received 1

Friday 12th I posted 29 letters and 3 circulars. The weather has been dreadfully stormy of late. I received a letter from my dear boy, and was delighted to find he had gained a second prize from Mr Hawkins his Latin master

Saturday 13 I posted 20 letters and 5 circulars

Sunday I went to chapel with the children George came over unexpectedly to dinner

Monday I took a walk in the morning up the town after dinner joined Mrs Haswell & Mrs Bushell in a walk in to St Just they stayed to tea on their way down, and Mr Haswell came up in the evening

Tuesday 16th I posted 30 letters and 5 circulars

Wednesday 17th I posted 36 letters and received 4

Thursday 18th I posted 15 letters and received 3

Friday I sent away 11 letters

Saturday I sent 16 letters by post and received 4 answers

Sunday 21st November I posted 15 letters and received 8 George took tea here

Monday I posted 11 letters, received 1 I went with Anna Maria to tea at Mrs Bushells, did not come home till after eleven o'clock

Tuesday 23rd I sent 15 letters and 1 circular received 8 answers

Wednesday 24th I posted 22 letters and received 6 answers

Thursday I posted 13 letters received 2

Friday 26th I received 8 letters 1 very kind one from Cap<sup>m</sup> [Mortison], posted 18 letters. I called on Mrs Haswell & Mrs Bushell, came home to tea

Saturday 27th I posted ten letters, and received 5

Sunday I went with the children to chapel in the morning. George took tea and then Miss Bushell came up with Pauline in the evening and stayed to supper

Monday 29th I received three letters and posted 37

Tuesday 30th I received six letters and sent away 38 I took tea at Mrs Bushells

Wednesday I posted 25 letters and received six

Thursday 2nd December I posted 38 letters and received 8 answers. In the evening I went to chapel and heard Mr Wilson preach. He took his text from The [...], the Spirit and the Bride sang some [...] to him that is athirst come and whosoever will etc etc

Friday 3rd I posted 31 letters and received 3. I went to chapel in the evening

Saturday I posted 34 letters and received 3

Sunday I posted 5 letters and received 5

Monday I posted 17 letters and received 4

Tuesday I posted 16 letters and received 6

Wednesday I posted 37 letters and received 9 I have been busy today having two dress makers working. Mrs Mills came up for a short time in the morning

Thursday 9th December Mary went to Falmouth I posted

Friday I posted 6 letters and had received 10

Saturday I posted 6 and received 11

Sunday I wrote a few lines to my dear boy I went to chapel in the morning. George was here to tea I received 6 letters

Monday 13th I sent 17 letters and received none Mrs Mills went with me to collect in the afternoon

Tuesday I posted 6 letters received 5

Wednesday I posted 15 letters and received 6

Thursday I posted 6 letters Friday I posted 12

Saturday Christmas Day I posted 15 letters Mr Gant Mamma & George dined here

Sunday I did not feel well enough to go to chapel

Monday 27th I posted 30 letters and wrote to Fanny [Town]

Tuesday In the morning I took the children for a walk called at Mrs Boynes and Mrs James After dinner we called to enquire after poor Mrs Dixon, who has just lost her husband

*(Probably James and Ann aged 68 and 48, with a child James aged 14)*

Wednesday I posted 3 letters

Thursday I posted 8 letters and received 2

Friday I posted 7 letters and received 6. I went to chapel in the evening, and heard a very nice sermon. We had the church meeting after. Mr Gant took 'My hope is in God' for his text. How many have been the mercies of the past year which The Lord has vouchsafed to both me and my dear children, Oh that I should be sufficiently thankful. What can I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me. I will take the Cup of Salvation and call again the name of the Lord

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Saturday 1st January A very wet day I posted 7 letters and received

Monday I posted 14 letters

Tuesday 4

Friday 19

Monday I have at different times posted 50 or 60 letters

Saturday 19th February I posted 13 letters

Monday 21st I posted 8 letters

Wednesday I posted 8 letters

Thursday 24th February Fanny and I took tea at Mrs Boynes, and we spent a very pleasant evening

Friday I took a walk in the town in the evening

Saturday 26th I posted 6 letters

Since the above I have written 50 more letters which I omitted to insert

Saturday 26th March For some weeks I have not written my journal as usual. In the afternoon Anna Maria and I went out for a walk with the intention of going to St Just to get my paper signed, but on reaching the first field the snow was so thick on the ground that we were unable to pass and so returned

Sunday 27th Anna and I went to chapel. Fanny & Helen were poorly so stayed at home. We none of us went out in the evening

Monday 28th In the evening I hired Furze's punt to bring up 50 bushells of coals, they were 8/2d

per bushell more than they have been for some time past In the afternoon I went with Mrs Mills collecting after which I took a walk with the children & Miss Bushell around the Castle lane and home

Tuesday 28th (*sic*) In the morning I walked as far as St Just turning with Mrs Bushell Mrs Mills and Miss Kitty Symons. After dinner I walked again as far as Mrs Hancocks The wind was easterly and rather cold

Wednesday This being the Easter Holiday we all took a walk in the morning after dinner Miss Smith came up and we all went to the Castle and around the lanes home. I felt rather tired. Miss Smith stayed to tea

Thursday 31st March Mr Wilson being here we had a committee meeting which I attended. I have had pain in my side to-day which I attributed to the easterly wind. The rain prevented the children going to school in the afternoon it blew a gale of wind all night. The pain in my side was so bad this evening I was obliged to apply some ointment to allay the itching

Friday 1st April I felt a little better this morning but any thing but well, and I have a great idea that I am going to have one of my old attacks. I have not had much pain today but an uncomfortable feeling of weakness

Saturday I rose to-day very poorly in the morning took a walk with Mrs Boyne as far as Halwortha which I accomplished better than I expected. Was very tired when I came in, but I felt better in the afternoon and evening without as much pain and languor

Sunday 3rd April I slept tolerably well felt very unwell all the morning. Was rather better in the afternoon and evening George and Mr Bushell took tea here and Mrs Bushell came up in the evening I went to bed very tired and weary

Monday I slept badly I rose about 8 o'clock felt very poorly as usual. I have had more pain to-day than yesterday, and in the evening suffered much from weakness and low spirits

Tuesday 5th April I rose about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past eight felt much the same as yesterday. Felt very weak and languid in the evening

Wednesday 6th I rose about nine and was glad to find myself a little stronger. Mrs Boyne called in the morning. I had no return of pain in my side etc until dinner time. Mrs Mills came up in the afternoon and in the evening I felt much better than yesterday. I received a letter from Lizzy saying she intended leaving London on the 21st

Thursday 7th April The man came and tuned the piano after which I took a turn in the Grove in the afternoon. I strolled about the garden whilst the men were painting the Green house. I have felt a little better today. I did intend going over to spend a few days with Mrs Spetigue but it being rather stormy I was afraid to venture

Friday 8th It being fine today I dressed and left for Falmouth. I went over with Mr Haswell Mr & Mrs Best we landed at the quay. I went into the Custom House did part of my shopping, and then walked up to Mrs Spetigue. I felt dreadfully tired and was glad to sit down and rest. We dined

about three. Mrs Beard Mrs [.ation] drank tea with us

Saturday 9th April About 12 o'clock Mrs S and I started for Flushing found Mrs [Braimer] and Kate at home. We sat half an hour and then took a boat and went to the Market Strand went into the market and from there home to dinner. Mrs [.ation] came in after tea. I felt rather stronger to-day

Sunday 10th I went to church with Mrs Spetigue, heard Mr Scrivener preach I went again in the evening Mr Glasson

*(Mr Scrivener was the parson at Gerrans)*

Monday At about 12 o'clock we set off for Penryn called on Mrs Baker and Mrs McLeod the surveyor's wife. We returned to dinner about three, after which we went and took tea with Mrs [.ation] where we met Captn [Boaz] & Miss Hain & Captn & Mrs Cadely. We spent a pleasant evening and came home about half past eleven

Tuesday After breakfast I went into the town and bought a few things called with Mrs [Sp...] on Mrs McDugal The Miss [Bramers], Mrs [.ation] and Miss Jarvis dined with us. I have felt very much better today. In the evening we had some music and the time went very pleasantly

Wednesday Two of Mr Haswells men called for me about ten o'clock and the weather was fine. I came home found Warren very busy painting the front of the house. In the evening I wrote to my dear Boy

Thursday I have felt a little stronger to-day

Friday Mrs Boyne called. In the afternoon I went out a little

Saturday The painters men were here busy all day, so I did not go out except in the garden

Sunday I went with the children to chapel in the morning. I received a letter from Lizzy saying she was not coming so soon as she intended owing to her mamma's indisposition. Mrs Bushell came in the evening

Monday I called at Mrs Boynes and walked up in the country to get Anna Maria's application signed by the church-warden. After dinner I went collecting with Mrs Mills and was very glad to come home to tea, being very tired

Tuesday Mr Warren here painting the front door, after which I paid him his bill for labour outside the house which was rather a long one. I went and drank tea with Mrs Boyne came home a little after tea. I sent Anna's application away. I trust it may be successful I have felt very poorly today, especially in the afternoon. I received a letter from my dear boy and was glad to find he was pretty well

Wednesday In the afternoon I took a little walk in the Town called at Mrs Bushells & Mrs Haswells and came home to tea. I have not been so well again to-day the pain in my sides back etc having returned Miss Bushell came up in the evening. I wrote a letter to Lizzy

Thursday I went down in the afternoon to Mrs Jenkins to see Mrs Haswell, but found her out I have had a great deal of pain again today

Friday 22nd April The pain came on today as soon as I was dressed

Friday 29th April Another birth day I trust I may have a thankful heart for being spared thus far I took tea with Mrs Bushell was very poorly indeed in the evening

Saturday 8th May I have been suffering for the last week from a cold in my head and sore throat, but fortunately I have had no return of pain in my side or back not even for the week which is indeed a great treat This evening Lizzy arrived from London. She had a rough passage and was very wet The Haswells left on Thursday evening by the Drake

Sunday 9th Lizzy I and the children went to chapel We did not go out in the evening. George took tea with us

Monday In the afternoon Liz and I went collecting it was very cold, we did not therefore walk far

Tuesday 10th Liz went to Falmouth. Mrs Boyne called, she did not return until the following day

Thursday We went to St Anthony

Sunday We all went to chapel both morning and evening

Monday In the afternoon we dressed and walked up to Tregear where we took tea and then called at [Lanhose]. George was there and drove us home in the dog cart

Tuesday Lizzy went to Falmouth. Stodden & his son came down to work in the garden Miss Bushell called in the evening Mrs Bullock & her husband called

Wednesday Lizzy & I went to St Anthony and spent the day. We called on Mrs Benham

Thursday Liz Helen and I went to Falmouth Helen had a tooth extracted and her hair cut

Friday We took tea with Mrs Boyne

Saturday Liz took a walk in the morning

Sunday We went to chapel both morning & evening. Afterwards I went down to see Mrs Bushell who I found very unwell & in bed

Monday Mrs Benham & Miss Wilkins drank tea with us

Tuesday 24th May Lizzy stated about ½ past ten to go to a pic nic at Carhaze with George. In the evening I called to see Mrs Bushell

Wednesday 15th June I have not had time of late to enter my journal since my last. Lizzy George

and I have been at Ventonniger spending a couple of days. Edward has come home for his holiday a month more than usual, owing to their having scarlet fever in the school he arrived on Monday last by The Foye steamer. I received yesterday the voting paper for the Naval school. Was glad to find Anna Maria's case strongly recommended

Thursday 16th I took Edward to St Anthony to spend the day I received a letter from Miss Smith of [Ventonniger] and 5 from subscribers to the Naval school voting papers enclosed

Friday I received a letter from Uncle amongst others

Saturday 18th June We had a beautiful shower to-day which has done much good. I wrote to Miss Smith

Sunday George breakfasted, dined and took tea here I had three letters tonight We went to chapel both morning and evening I wrote a few lines to Uncle

Saturday 22nd July I have omitted entering my journal for some time I have been an invalid for the last month, suffering from pain in my side and weakness etc since I last wrote in this book Anna Maria has been fortunately elected to the Naval school. She was second in the list having 3503 votes. She is to join if we so wish on the 4th August, by which time I trust I may be stronger to undertake the journey

Sunday 31st July Busy preparing for our journey Lizzy came over last evening to see us off by the steamer. She went with the children to St Anthony to dinner, came back with Mamma in the afternoon. Mamma left about nine in the evening

Monday 1st August We awoke about 5 o'clock and lost no time in dressing we had breakfast and were all ready by six. It was nearly seven o'clock when we left the quay. Mr Boyne Pauline and her brother were on the quay when we started. I felt very tired after all the bustle of getting up so early. On boarding the steamer we found it was the [Ondine] a [...] boat & one of the new vessels. We were fortunate in getting a state room to ourselves, which we found very comfortable indeed. Capt'n Hain was amongst the passengers there [... ...] On reaching Plymouth we hired a boat and went to Turnchapel to see the Haswells who we found all very well and glad to see us. We dined there after which Mr H with his wife took us on board the steamer we left Plymouth at about half past five I did not remain long on deck, Anna, Edward and I had tea below and about eight o'clock I went to bed Anna and Edward slept soundly. We reached Southampton between seven and eight, placed our luggage safely at the station and then walked to Davis's a house opposite the station, where we took breakfast which consisted of cold ham and veal pie and tea and coffee, with good bread & butter we sat with two nice young ladies who joined the party the Misses Hawthorn who have been staying in Cornwall We left Southampton at ½ past twelve the heat in the train was intolerable being dreadfully crowded. We arrived in London at 5 o'clock got a cab to take our luggage and drove to Devonshire Street found Uncle and Aunt much as usual I bore the journey much better than I anticipated although I had the pain in my side as usual

Wednesday 3rd August After breakfast we took a walk through Islington got Anna Maria's hair cut and Anna Maria's [sic] and then home to dinner. We went out again in the afternoon I wrote to Mamma and gave her an account of our journey

Thursday 4 After breakfast Aunt Uncle Anna Edward and I went to St Pauls Church Yard bought a mantle for myself, prayer book for Edward, returned to dinner at two. I took the omnibus home. The others walked after dinner We went to Lower Islington bought some brushes umbrellas shoes for myself & slippers for Edward and then came home to tea after which we took a walk to Russell Sq found Uncle had come to see us

Friday 5th Edward Anna and I started at 1/4 past ten for the Waterloo Station to proceed to Richmond. We left by the 1/4 past eleven train second class. The fare for there & back was 1/6 for the children & I we arrived at Richmond in half an hour hired a porter for 6d to take the luggage to the Naval School which was situated at a very short distance Saw Miss Clifton the lady governess who we were much pleased with. She showed us the school room garden nurses room etc etc we remained about 1/2 an hour and then walked to an eating house where we dined off beans and bacon we al made a good dinner. We then took a walk about the place which is very pretty took Anna back to the school and left her in capital spirits. Edward and I seated ourselves in the train at 3 o'clock came up in 25 minutes, got into an omnibus in the Strand to the Angel and so home we went into High Street again after tea

Saturday Edward and I started for Fenchurch Street paid a bill there called on Mr Nicolas went into the school for a pair of shoes and so home to dinner, went out again after tea received a letter from Mrs Mills I wrote a long letter to Mamma

Sunday 14th I went to church with Aunt heard a good sermon, the subject was Jehu and Jeraboam. After tea Aunt and I walked to Bloomsbury Chapel to hear Mr Brock, but were disappointed he being out of town A Mr Alexander of Norwich preached the subject The Prodigal Son

Monday After dinner Edward and I took a buss from the Angel and paid a visit to Mrs [Stearns] at Bloomfield Street Eastbourne Terrace We found her at home and her sister staying with her We remained there about half an hour, then took a buss to Holborn and walked to Uncles where we remained to tea & he walked home with us this morning I wrote to Mamma, to Lizzy Mrs Haswell Mrs Mills and Miss Bushell

Tuesday 16th We started by a buss from the Angel for Chelsea which put us down within half a mile from Paultons Square when it began to rain, and we were obliged to hire a cab which cost 1/6 Found Mr [Ince] at home and he was very polite. We stayed a 1/4 of an hour returned by the same cab and took a buss to the Angel, and walked home to dinner it rained all the afternoon

Wednesday 17th I have been much better since I have been here. We came down to breakfast at eight o'clock received a letter from Mamma the first I have had since I have been here after dinner Edward and I walked to St Pauls Church Yard took an Omnibus to Hammersmith after about 3/4 of a mile walking we found out Trafalgar Cottage found Miss Nicolas at home we stayed to tea and left by the omnibus about 1/2 past seven were put down at St Pauls' Church Yard and walked home I had a letter this morning from Mamma

Thursday 18th After breakfast I wrote to Mamma and Anna Maria dinner being over Aunt Edward and I walked through Oxford Street to look at the shops and home we were dreadfully tired I bought three pairs of gloves some ornaments and a handkerchief for George

Friday 19th After breakfast Edward and I walked to the Pantheon and back we bought a penknife, bottle of salts, and a pair of ornaments for Aunt. We returned to dinner at two. After tea we took a walk through Islington I had a newspaper to-day from Mrs Mills

Saturday 20th After dinner I walked with Edward to the British Museum but found it closed so we walked into Oxford Street, then called at Uncles where we stayed to tea. We then hurried home as we had to walk to Christs Hospital after. After resting a little we hurried off it was nine o'clock by the time we reached there, and was surprised to find that the boys had another fortnights holiday so we had to walk home again

Sunday 21st I did not feel quite so tired as I expected for yesterday, having a sore throat and so much fatigue. I expected to have been knocked up. After breakfast Edward and I dressed and walked to Bloomsbury Chapel. A Mr Henderson preached The subject was Moses suffering to be called the son of Pharoahs daughter. It was very warm indeed in the chapel. After the service was over we called at Russell Square where we remained to dinner after which we went to Westminster Abbey. Dr Wordsworth preached the nephew of the late poet. We had a very good seat. We then returned to tea after which Edward walked to Islington with me to fetch his brush and comb, and then returned again to Russell Square

Monday 22nd August I was down stairs before eight o'clock, wrote to Mamma was disappointed at not seeing any letters from home after dinner Edward came over from Russell Square and we took a walk up toward Highbury bought some copy books and pencils for the children, returned to tea After tea I walked back to Russell Square with Edward on my return it rained so heavily I was obliged to hire a cab for which I paid a shilling. I received a letter from Miss Bushell

Tuesday 23rd I received a letter from Mrs Mills it rained all the morning after dinner I took an omnibus too the City and tried to find out Mrs Benham but failed so I made the best of my way home again

Wednesday 24th After breakfast Edward came over here and I walked with him to Cranbourne Street Piccadilly, took him back to Russell Square and made haste home to dinner the distance we walked was about six miles I amused myself in the afternoon mending stockings after tea we all took a walk up High Street and home to supper

Thursday 25th I woke this morning with a very sore throat. After breakfast, the weather being fine I walked with Edward to Cranbourne Street through Leicester Square and Piccadilly into Sackville Street and called on Mr Ellis the secretary of the Naval School. We then went through the Burlington Arcade New Bond Street and through Oxford Street where I bought a very pretty coat for Anna Maria called at Russell Square and home to dinner pretty well tired having walked a distance of seven or eight miles it rained nearly all the afternoon. I received a letter from Anna Maria

Friday 26th The rain this morning prevented our going out after dinner Aunt Uncle and I took a walk up in High Street bought 3 [umbrellas] shawl and bible for Anna Maria. This morning I got a letter from Mamma saying they were all well at home

Saturday 27th It rained heavily this afternoon Edward came over from Russell Square and after

taking a very early dinner we started by the omnibus for the Waterloo Station. We were put down in the Strand and we walked to the station and left by the 1/4 past two train we found Anna Maria in good spirits but not looking so well as she did at home. After sitting a few minutes we went out for a walk took her into the school about five and left a few minutes after On reaching London we walked from the station home

Sunday 28th Edward and I walked to the City Road chapel A Mr Wilkinson preached from the (*blank*) of Hebrews and [...] the subject was the [anchor] spiritualized In the evening we heard a Mr [Hopwell] He took his text from one of the psalms, 'If a man prayeth with iniquity in his heart the Lord will not hear' It was an excellent sermon

Monday 29th I wrote to Mamma Mrs Mills and Anna Maria, after which Edward and I took a walk up towards Highbury and bought some paper and envelopes, not being very well I did not go out in the afternoon or evening

Tuesday 30th This being a very fine morning I walked with Edward into the City to call upon Mrs Benham but found she was gone into the country & we walked home again to dinner In the afternoon we walked up towards Highbury

Wednesday 31st I walked with Edward through Tottenham Court Road made a few purchases and home to dinner

Thursday 1st September I went to St Pauls Church Yard, but was overtaken in rain so took a buss home. After dinner we took a cab to Uncles where we remained to tea and supper. I should have said we went by invitation. It was fine in the evening so we walked home I received a letter from Mr Benham with Mrs Cropleys [...]

Friday 2nd After breakfast I wrote to Mamma Edward came over and brought Willy I walked with them to Pentonville to call on Mrs Benham but did not find her home we went from there to Russell Square and I returned to dinner Edward came over again after dinner It rained so heavily I could not go out as usual

Saturday Edward came over and after breakfast I took him up to High Street to have his likeness taken we then walked up to Highbury and then home to dinner. After tea I took Edward into the school with Uncle and Albert Butcher I received a letter from Mrs Mills and I wrote one to Mamma

Sunday 4th Sept<sup>r</sup> We went to chapel to hear Mr Thorsby preach the funeral sermon of one of the teachers belonging to the Sunday School he took his text from the 57th Psalm it was an excellent sermon In the afternoon Mrs Cropley called on me and I returned with her to her house to tea, and afterwards I went with her to chapel

Monday 5th September I wrote to [sic] letters and went with them to the post after dinner I took a walk into King William Street the Strand etc

Tuesday 6th I walked into Holburn and called on my way back at the school to see my dear Boy, found him looking very well In the evening I walked to Russell Square and sat an hour or two there

Wednesday I did not go out in the morning received a letter from Lizzy which I answered and wrote one to Mamma After dinner I walked into the play ground at Christs Hospital and walked about for an hour or two with Edward, returned to tea. Uncle and Mrs Jennings and Willy took tea with us

Thursday 8th I wrote to Mrs Mills in answer to a letter I received this morning. I took a walk up High Street with Aunt, came home and packed a few things took a cab, and went to Russell Square found Mrs Jennings going for a walk and I joined her. After dinner I wrote to Mamma I did not go out again

Friday 9th I received a letter from Edward and one from Mrs Mills after breakfast I took a walk for the purpose of shopping with Mrs Goodfellow and afterwards we went into the Square Gardens I answered Edward's letter, by that time it was dinner time. It rained after dinner so I did not go out again during the evening

Saturday 10th I went into the Square Gardens after breakfast In the afternoon I walked with Willy into the school to see Edward and returned to tea. I wrote a letter to Mamma

Sunday 11th I went to church with Mrs Goodfellow the subject of the sermon was the words of St Paul 'I was in a strait between two having a desire to depart and to be with Christ which is far better' In the afternoon we walked to St Pauls and called on Edward on our return

Monday I received a letter from Mrs Mills which I answered I walked to Islington before dinner to get some money from the Post Office and purchased a new easy chair. After dinner I walked to Waterloo Bridge and went down to Chelsea by water and walked home

Tuesday After dinner I went with Mrs Goodfellow and the children to the Botanical Gardens and returned to tea. The weather was beautiful and the Gardens looked delightfully fresh and green

Wednesday 14th I wrote to Anna Maria and to Mrs Hill at Holloway after which I took a walk with (*sic*) Regent Street for the purpose of shopping bought a dress for Mrs Mills and came back to dinner after which I walked to Christs Hospital to see Edward where I remained for an hour then went to Islington to tea where Mrs Jennings joined me, after which we walked home to Russell Square and supped off partridges

Thursday 15th It rained all the morning so could not leave the house Uncle and Mrs Jennings dined with Mrs Hunt and I took the opportunity of going out and taking tea with Mrs Cropley found her home and spent a very pleasant evening it rained heavily in returning so got my boots wet through

Friday 16th I did not go out in the morning owing to the rain After dinner I took a walk into the Tottenham Court Road came home to tea after which I walked to Islington and back

Saturday 17th After breakfast I packed up my things and at half past eleven hired a cab and came to Islington, dressed myself and took some [laudnum], the walked to the school to meet Edward got leave for him. We then walked to the Waterloo Station took our tickets and went to Richmond, found Anna Maria looking better than the last time I saw her we then went out for a walk in the

town and at 20 minutes after five left again for London met a friend at the station walked to the school with Edward, and then went and took a cup of tea and some muffins in a house opposite the General Post Office sat a little while and then walked home altogether a distance of about 5 or 6 miles

*(Laudanum, tincture of opium, was a common 'medicine' in the 19th century)*

Sunday 18th I went with Aunt to the City Road chapel to hear Mr Edwards preach. His text was '[...] excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus' from I think the 8th chapter of Philippians he spoke much of the excellency of all knowledge relating to this world which ceases at death and compared that with the knowledge of Christ which goes with the believer into eternity After taking a walk about two miles with Aunt and Uncle we went home to dinner. After which I walked into Christs Hospital to see Edward found him in the Ward with the other boys saying his Chatechism remained there about an hour and then home to tea at five, after which I walked to Bloomsbury Chapel to hear Mr Brock but unfortunately he did not preach. After the service I walked home alone. Uncle and Aunt came to meet me but I missed them

Monday 19th September After breakfast I wrote some letters and after taking some luncheon I started off to go shopping I at first went through St Pauls Church Yard and Ludgate Hill, through the Strand bought a few things in the [Losothio] Arcade I then walked on through Cranbourne Street, Leicester Square, and then through Regent Street & Oxford Street where I bought myself a new green bonnet got a cup of tea and some buns in a pastry cook's shop. I then met a friend near the Pantheon called on Mrs Cropley on my way home, and reached home about ten o'clock found a letter from Mrs Benham with an invitation to tea for the next day

Tuesday 20th Being very tired I did not go out for the morning. After dinner I dressed and took an omnibus to the Strand and called on a friend then took a cab to the Bank walked to Mrs Benham's in Thames Street where I arrived about half past five. I found Mrs Cropley Mrs Hunter and the Miss Geaches there we all left together about 9 o'clock and walked home

Wednesday 22nd At ½ past ten I left to go into Christs Hospital. It was a few minutes past eleven when I reached the church and the service had commenced, the service was preached by the Rev<sup>d</sup> George Buckle on the subject of Education etc, the service being ended the procession formed and walked into the Great Hall. The Lord Mayor was present, the Aldermen, Sheriffs etc four of the [Grevians] delivered their orations in a most masterly style the Hall was crowded with visitors, and altogether it was a very pretty sight. After the speeches were over the other Blue Coat boys sang the National Anthem with great spirit the procession then reformed and proceeded to the Mansion House during the dinner hour I walked to St Paul's Church Yard where I bought 2 mousseline de laine dresses. I then walked back to say good bye to Edward left him in miserable spirits, and I did not feel much better myself. I then walked to Russell Square to say good bye there by the time I reached home the lamps were lit and I had then most of my things to pack. I lost no time setting about it and by the time I had finished it was past ten o'clock. I then had some supper and went to bed was very sorry to find Aunt so poorly as to be obliged to go to bed before I came home

Thursday 23rd I rose at ½ past four by candle light dressed and after taking a hurried breakfast started at ½ past five Uncle accompanied me to the Station. I was rather late for the train so took my seat as soon as possible. It was more pleasant than I expected. We stopped a quarter of an hour at Swindon and made two or three other long stoppages. We reached Plymouth at a quarter to

seven where I found Mr Haswell waiting for me. We hired a truck to take my luggage to the boat and crossed over to Turnchapel] I was glad to find Mrs Haswell & family all well I was glad to go to bed to have a rest

Friday After breakfast I wrote four letters we then crossed over to Plymouth walked through Stonehouse and Devenport, called at the Miss Pullins, by the time we came home it was between four and five so we had tea and dinner together

Saturday After breakfast we crossed to Plymouth went and saw the Citadel, walked on the Hoe etc where the Militia were exercising, walked as far as Mount [...], The Royal Hotel Devenport etc We came back to a late dinner. The Miss Pullins took tea with us

Sunday A very stormy and wet day We managed to go to church both morning and evening Mr Burleigh preached Miss Swann supped with us

Monday 26th After writing a couple of letters we all dressed and started off to Mount Edgecumbe, it was rather windy but the air was beautifully fresh we walked all around the park and then home altogether a distance of seven or eight miles. Had tea and dinner together. Mr Haswell & Miss Haswell and Mr Pullin went to a concert at Plymouth Mrs H and I waited up for them till about twelve o'clock

Tuesday After dinner we went across to Plymouth and took tea with the Misses Pullin we met a Mr Falkner We all spent a very pleasant evening and returned between eleven and twelve

Wednesday I intended leaving this morning, but the weather was so stormy I was afraid to venture so thought I would await the event of tomorrow we stayed in the house all day. I amused myself cutting out petticoats bodices and Miss Haswell commenced making them. In the evening we played drafts

Thursday Another wet day I received a letter from Mrs Hill of London telling me of the death of her husband and child and one from Mrs Goodfellow

Friday 29th On enquiry this morning we found that the steamer had not come in. I had every thing all packed and the weather was beautiful and I rather regretted that I could not on that account go. In the afternoon Mr & Mrs Haswell and little Mary and I walked as far as Higher Hooe a little village about a mile distant from them we enjoyed our walk and returned to tea had a game of drafts in the evening

Saturday 1st October On getting out of bed the first thing I did was to look how the weather was glad to find it a tolerable day. The steamer 'The Camilla' did not come in till ½ past 8 just as we were going to breakfast. I left Turnchapel about half past eleven. Mrs Haswell kindly went on board with me. I found Captain [Boaz] and Miss Hain on board the latter I found very pleasant. We had the ladies cabin to ourselves we took possession of our berth before the vessel started. At first it was very rough, and I had great difficulty in keeping myself from being sick but as we went on the wind abated, and by the time we reached the harbour there was scarcely any left. We reached Falmouth about eight o'clock, found a boat waiting for us After the passengers had left I collected my luggage and started first went on shore at Falmouth to get a few things that I was most in want of & by the time I got home it was nearly ten o'clock I found Mamma and the

children anxiously waiting to receive me. Helen's delight was unbounded I was glad of a cup of tea, after which I unpacked and we did not get to bed until twelve o'clock. Mamma slept here

Sunday 2nd October We went down to breakfast by half past eight o'clock I went to chapel with Fanny George came over in the afternoon Mrs Mills came up in the afternoon, and Mrs Bushell in the evening. It was a dark evening and we persuaded on Mamma to stay the night

Monday 3rd October I have been very busy all day putting my things in their places. After breakfast Mamma went back and as soon as I had dinner I went with Mrs Mills collecting after which I walked as far as the church turning with Miss Bushell and home to tea. In the evening I wrote to Edward Anna Maria and Mrs Haswell. Went to bed about half past ten o'clock

Tuesday 4th A very wet and stormy day I have been very busy turning out cupboards making jam etc rain all day I received a letter from Anna Maria

Wednesday Mrs Boyne called with kindly invitation to dine with her which I did came home about ten in the evening

Thursday Mrs Boyne called in the morning I took a little walk in the afternoon around the Castle lane I wrote to Mrs Goodfellow (Islington)

Friday 7th As the weather looked doubtful I did not go to Falmouth as I intended

Saturday I went with the children to Falmouth came home very tired being shopping all day received a letter from my dear Boy I wrote to Mr Ellis and enclosed Anna Marias schooling by post office order

Sunday Very showery I went with the children to chapel. George took tea with us. Fanny went to chapel in the evening. Miss Bushell came in after the service

Monday In the afternoon I went collecting for the Bibles, after which I walked as far as Mrs Boynes, then returned to tea

Tuesday 11th The weather was too wet to venture out so being washing day I found plenty to occupy me. I wrote in the evening to Mrs Jennings Goodfellow to Miss L [P...] respecting a candidate for the naval school to Mrs Hill at Islington

Wednesday Mrs Boyne called I took a little walk after dinner received a letter from Mr Ellis acknowledging the receipt of the money order

Thursday 13th In the afternoon I took a walk as far as Mrs Barrets and Mrs Bushells wrote to Edward

Friday 14th In the morning I went to St Anthony to get a cart to bring up some coal returned and took a walk in the country received a letter from Anna Maria

Saturday 15th October Had a 100 bushels of coal in at 10<sup>sh</sup> a bushel, an enormous price. I answered Anna Maria's letter, and enclosed a sixpence

Sunday I went with Fanny & Helen to chapel morning and evening George took tea here this the 16th, the 8th Anniversary of dear Edward's death. When I .. to the past, I cannot feel too thankful at being so mercifully brought through, and in being blessed with so many mercies. I received a letter from Mrs Jennings and one from Edward which I answered.

Monday 17th As the afternoon was very wet I did not go out as usual

Tuesday I went with Mrs Mills collecting afterwards called on Mrs Bushell, took tea at Mrs Boynes with the children, it blew and rained on our return

Wednesday 19th It rained all day. I amused myself making cakes and tarts

Thursday I wrote to Edward enclosed a 1/ wrote to Miss Nicolas Lizzy and Mrs Haswell. After I finished my letters I went down to Mrs Bushells to tea came home soon after ten

Friday Miss Bushell Pauline & Edith [Carlyon] took tea here it was a very boisterous day

Saturday 22nd I took a short walk after dinner and took tea with Mrs Mills

Sunday A stormy day. I went to chapel in the morning. George took tea here

Monday It being a tolerable morning I went to Tregassick found Mr & Mrs Bullock there I came home to tea. I enclosed an order to Mr Griffin [B...y] for two casks of ale

Tuesday This has been a lovely day I took a short walk up towards the country

Wednesday A very stormy day. I went into the Town to invite some friends to tea on Friday was glad to get home it blew so hard received a letter from Edward telling me of his visit to Hammersmith and of the kindness of his friends there

[no entries from August 27th to November 10th]

Saturday 11th November I began writing for Fanny to the subscribers to the Naval School at Richmond. I posted 3 letters

Sunday 12th 5 - Monday 40 - Tuesday 30 Wednesday 30 - Thursday 60 - Friday 66 - Sat 11

Monday 19th (*mistake?*) I posted 20 letters Tuesday 17 Wednesday 21 Thursday 20 letters Friday 10 Saturday 7 Sunday 4

Monday 27th I posted 23 letters. Tuesday 10 letters Wednesday 27 Thursday 22 ~~Friday 10 letters~~ ~~Saturday 16 letters~~

16th September 1854 I have omitted entering my journal for nearly twelve months, during which time Edward and Anna have been home for their midsummer holiday, one 9 weeks and the other seven, Edwards long holiday being owing to his illness, an attack of rheumatism. Today I have written to Lizzy, Anna Maria and Edward

Sunday 3rd December Edward arrived about 1 o'clock by the steamer 'The Devonshire' to spend the Christmas holidays owing to the scarlet fever being in the school, which made me extremely anxious – Harry Jenkings the young cadet dined with us

Monday 4th In the afternoon Edward and I went to St Anthony

Tuesday 5th We all attended the annual bible meeting in the Methodist chapel. I sent away 20 letters and received 6

Wednesday 6th Edward and I dined at St Anthony off roast goose After my return I wrote 8 letters and received 8

Thursday I posted 23 letters Friday 23 letters

Saturday I posted 6 letters – Monday 14 letters Tuesday 11 letters

Wednesday 13th 18 letters Thursday 17 Friday 4 Saturday 21

Monday I posted 20 letters Tuesday 15 Wednesday 15 Friday 14 Saturday 16 letters Sunday Monday Christmas day none George Mr Gant dined here Tuesday 6

Wednesday I posted 4 letters Thursday 13 Friday 10 letters Saturday 16 letters

Friday 5th 4 letters Thursday 11th 19 letters Saturday 8 letters, Monday 9 Tuesday 6 Thursday 7 letters Friday & Saturday 6 letters

Friday 19th (*January*) My dear Boy left by the steamer to go as far as Plymouth, and on to London by train. It was a tolerable morning and I went on board with him we found it dreadfully cold

Tuesday 30th January Fanny's 11th Birth day. Pauline took tea here I sent away 20 letters. I received a favourable answer from Col Phipps

Wednesday 31st I posted 16 letters

Saturday 3rd (*month?*) 13 letters Tuesday 8 letters Thursday 10 letters

Saturday 17th March I have sent away this week about thirty letters

Monday 19th 15 letters. Tuesday 15 letters

Wednesday 21st 10 letters Thursday 10 letters

Wednesday 4th April 10 letters

Monday 8th (*month?*) 12 letters Tuesday 20 letters Wednesday 15 Thursday 20 Friday 37 Saturday 10

*(No entries for nearly two years)*

Friday 9th January 1857 – This morning about 7 o'clock I left St Mawes with Fanny & Helen to go on board the steamer. It was a tolerable day on starting, but when we reached Plymouth it came on to rain so when we landed we were obliged to have a Fly to the Railway Station where we left the luggage and proceeded to the Inn to have some dinner after which we walked to Mrs Spetigue took tea and spent the evening. We then walked back to the Inn to get a bed. It was then raining in torrents, we were so wet that I was obliged to sit up till eleven to dry our clothes. I was up again at five in the morning

Saturday 10th We left Plymouth at eight o'clock by train and we reached our lodgings in London about ten in the evening. Found Edward waiting for us. I was glad of a cup of tea as we were dreadfully tired

Sunday 11th It was so wet we could not go out till the evening when we went to Church at St Margarets

Monday 12th In the morning we started by the steamer boat for Chelsea. Found Mr & Mrs Hill at home returned to an early dinner and went down to Richmond by train brought Anna Maria home with us

Tuesday 13th In the morning we all called at Russell Square on returning we found tickets for the children for the Haymarket Theatre which they very readily availed themselves of and were much pleased

Wednesday 14th We took tea at Russell Square

Thursday 15 We went to Chelsea to tea it rained so heavily that we were obliged to have a cab there & back

Friday We all took tea with Mrs Richard Hill in Bridge [St]

Saturday 17th I took Anna Maria & Fanny down to school did not get back till dark

Sunday ~~I felt so poorly that I was afraid to go out~~ In the afternoon we went to Paddington and took tea

Monday Mrs Richard Hill took tea with us

Tuesday Edward went back to school

Wednesday We had a look at the shops

Thursday We went by steamer boat to London Bridge called on Mrs Nicolas from there to Christs Hospital walked to Blackfriars Bridge and came home by a boat

Friday went to Christs Hospital by boat saw the Steward dined in the City off roast pork and then

home

Saturday Edward dined with us and stayed to tea

Sunday I felt so unwell I was afraid to venture out. Took tea with Mrs Bailey. Met Mr Kendall

Monday Did not go out was so poorly. Rain nearly all day

Tuesday I went to Marlborough House to see the pictures and the Duke of Wellington's [Car]. Came home to a late dinner.

Wednesday We rode to St Pauls Church Yd by buss went in to fetch Edward dined altogether at Cheapside walked to Mrs [Spurgeon's] chapel came home by steamboat we were obliged to go in to the cabin owing to the snow

Thursday 29th I received 4 letters from the country before I was out of bed we took some lunch and then walked to Russell Square called at no. 4 and then in to Mrs Cropley's where we stayed an hour and then walked home again

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*The reader may be surprised to learn that, in spite of her frequent illness, Elizabeth Ann Harries lived until the age of 87 and died in 1911. She is buried in St Just churchyard next to her husband and his first wife Anna Maria, who died in 1840 aged 27. Elizabeth Ann's son Edward also died young, in 1861 aged 18, and is buried with his parents. Elizabeth Ann's mother died in 1855, before the end of the journal, but during a period when it was not kept.*

*Elizabeth Ann's daughter Anna Maria married Dr Henry Harden the St Mawes doctor and they had eight children; my wife Veryan Pollard (nee Harden) is a great grand-daughter. Anna Maria predeceased her mother, but we do not yet know the year of her death, and Henry Harden died in 1883. In his will he made Elizabeth Ann his sole executrix; there were no specific bequests and he gave Elizabeth Ann the responsibility of allocating money to the children according to their needs. He must have respected her judgement.*

*I have not yet discovered anything of the later lives of the daughters Helen and Fanny. However, the inscription on their mother's grave begins 'In loving memory of our dear mother', which suggests that they were still alive when she died in 1911.*

*Henry Harden and his family lived at a Braganza house in St Mawes. Very close to Braganza on Grove Hill is a small house now named Trevennen, but formerly known as Thornborough Cottage. As Thornborough was a given name of Elizabeth Ann's husband and son, and Thornborough Cottage was occupied by one of the Harden family in the 1920s, it is possible that this was Elizabeth Ann's home at the time she was writing the journal.*

## **APPENDIX: Medical report on Elizabeth Ann Harries**

### **The problem**

Retrospective diagnosis is fraught with difficulties, particularly when approaching a 150-year-old problem with a late 20th century mind – diseases, and their manifestations change, and problems like heavy metal poisoning, toxic cosmetics and tight lacing are outside the experience of modern physicians. These problems are compounded by the failure of the diarist

to note any associated symptoms which might help (vomiting, jaundice, diarrhoea, constipation etc), as well as her rather non specific description of the pain itself. This was usually in her 'side' (less commonly 'sides') and 'back' – but occasionally she referred to pain in her limbs (24/7/51 & 29/4/52), shoulders (20/4/52) and, on one occasion 'more in my chest than usual' (28/2/51).

She often mentioned weakness, fatigue and tiredness, which occurred both in association, or immediately preceding, the pain, as well as during pain-free episodes. She sometimes described sleep disturbance, and there was only one mention of a possible febrile episode (28/2/51). The pain often seemed to be worse in the afternoon or evening. There were periods when she seemed to be free of pain (May to April 1852, and May to June 1853, for example) but I wonder if she became more stoical, or more resigned, as the references to pain became shorter and less frequent over time. On 17/9/53, for example, she did not mention pain but noted taking laudanum during the day (therefore almost certainly for pain relief rather than to induce sleep). On 1/8/53, 'I bore the journey much better than anticipated although I had the pain in my side as usual'. On 18/2/57, she wrote 'I felt so poorly that I was afraid to go out' and then crossed out the entry, perhaps suggesting that she had resolved to try to ignore, or at least not record, the problems with her health. But if this was her intention, she did not adhere to it, for on 25/2/57 she wrote 'I felt so unwell that I was afraid to venture out.'

### **The treatments**

Various treatments were mentioned, some self prescribed such as calomel (25/2/51 and 8/4/51), a mustard poultice (3/3/51 – possibly on the advice of her physician, Mr Boyne, who had seen her earlier in the day), a flannel waistcoat (9/3/51) a blister (24/5/52), and laudanum (17/9/53). She was given a 'draught' to take at bedtime by Mr Boyne (28/2/51) and advised by him to take a warm salt water bath (20/3/51). It is not clear if the medicine taken on 21/4/52 was prescribed, but her uncle did prescribe for her on 16/9/51 and 18/9/51. 'A Cyclopaedia of Domestic Medicine and Surgery' by Thomas Andrew MD (Edinburgh, 1842) indicates that all these treatments were in common use at the time, though the author is critical of some of them. The following are shortened entries from his book:

'Calomel, or submuriate of mercury: There is perhaps no medicine which is so extensively employed as calomel, or so very frequently injudiciously prescribed, both by the domestic and the professional practitioner. It is chiefly regarded as an alterative, and in larger doses, purgative, and in common with other mercurial preparations, antisyphilitic.'

'Alterative: Those medicines which in particular doses effect a gradual cure by correcting the general diseased habits of the body without producing any visible effect, such as purging, vomiting or sweating.'

'Laudanum, or tincture of opium: It is an unsafe remedy, except in professional hands. There are few medicines of such extensive use in the treatment of disease as opium, and its medicinal powers are wonderfully extended and varied by its combination with other substances..... It is given very generally to procure sleep, or rest in fever, ague and various other diseases, when not contraindicated by a full pulse, headache or constipation of the bowels. It is employed to relieve pain in the case of accidents, chronic pains, cramps and burns.....It is used to check immoderate discharges, as in cases of dysentery, diarrhoea or cholera, and is prescribed as an antispasmodic in convulsions, asthma and tetanus.'

'Sinapism: Mustard cataplasms or plasters are used as a counter-irritant to the surface when we wish to produce a rapid effect, as in cases of apoplexy, concussion, spasmodic afflictions, and the like, but as their effects are less permanent than fly blisters, the latter are generally employed in cases of inflammation, after bleeding; and where we wish to keep up the counter

–irritation for some time.’

‘Blisters: Blisters or vesicatories are a class of remedies, so called because when applied to the skin they produce a vesicle, or elevation of the cuticle, containing a clear watery fluid called serum. By producing counter-irritation, or in other words by producing inflammation, of the skin, and effusion of serum from the exhalent vessels, they draw a larger quantity of blood than usual to the surface, and thus away from the diseased parts..... Blisters are composed of mustard, hartshorn, Cayenne and other peppers; but more generally of cantharides or Spanish flies.’

### **The contemporary opinion**

The early part of her journal mentions home visits from her physician, Mr Boyne, on 28/2/51, 1/3/51, 3/3/51, 4/3/51, 5/3/51, 11/3/51 and 23/3/51. She also consulted her uncle while visiting London on 16/9/51 and 18/9/51. Unfortunately their views about her illness are not recorded. Her diary records no further consultations over the next six years. Had she become resigned to her illness and felt that further opinions were not worth seeking? Her own view was that the east wind and ‘taking cold’ aggravated her pain – ‘the worst since I have been here as far as pain is concerned which I think is owing to the easterly wind’ (7/4/51) – ‘did not go out as the wind was easterly’ (13/4/51) - ‘afraid of the night air’ (25/4/51) – ‘it blew very cold, I felt very poorly in the evening’ (4/6/51) and ‘very poorly indeed .....I think I must have taken cold yesterday’ (29/4/52)

### **The 20th century diagnosis**

Could her symptoms have been psychosomatic, with early widowhood leaving her with four young children to bring up acting as the trigger? Her mother lived nearby, but the diarist does not seem to have depended on her help for looking after the children - which could have been the ‘pay-off’ of a psychosomatic illness. She seems to have been an energetic, resourceful and enterprising woman, with her arduous journeys to London and her determination to obtain charitable boarding school places for her son and daughter. Her journal gives the impression that she was bored or understimulated by the limitations of her social life in Cornwall. Clearly her pain was not caused by a life threatening illness, as she lived for another 60 years, but this does not prove that the cause was psychosomatic.

It is not clear from the journal when her illness began, but the first entry on 24/2/51 (‘I was very unwell indeed still suffering from pain in my side and back as before’) suggests that she may have already been suffering from it for some time. The journal does not indicate how long her son had been attending boarding school, but her reference to ‘the trial of parting’ on 15/8/51 and feeling ‘dreadfully low spirited and poorly all day’ were surely a normal maternal reaction.

I wondered about some chronic infection (such as brucellosis) which would certainly explain her prolonged debility and tiredness, but not the severity of pain that she indicated. There is no evidence of monthly periodicity to suggest endometriosis or other problems associated with the menstrual cycle, nor any mention of gut disturbances to suggest an inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn's. The various forms of chronic backache are possibilities, but, if so, it is surprising that in her own descriptions the pain was always described as being in the ‘side(s) and back’. I would expect the ‘back’ to predominate in her descriptions (as well as being written first) if that had been the cause of her pain.

A possible diagnosis is cholelithiasis, or gall stones, which can produce intermittent right sided pain of variable severity, sometimes felt in the back and right shoulder. This is not normally life threatening (unless infection, with a high mortality, sets in). and today gall stones

are often an incidental finding at post mortems of the elderly. Pain may be triggered by fatty meals, though in my clinical experience the association is much less clear than text books suggest. I can find no link between the pain and the few meals that she describes, apart from a rather ambiguous comment on 1/8/53 after a gall-bladder challenging breakfast of 'cold ham and veal pie and tea and coffee, with good bread and butter' when she 'had the pain in my side as usual'. It is not clear if she meant that the pain was no worse than it usually was, or whether she was experiencing the pain that usually followed such a meal. I think that the former interpretation is more likely.

According to surgical text books (mostly based on classics written earlier this century), gall stones occur in women who are 'fat, fair, fecund and forty'. The diarist was younger than 40, and certainly not fat (8 stone 8 pounds on 15/9/51 – weighing herself seemed to be a novelty worth recording!) Four children would put her in the fecund category. However, modern clinical experience is that gall stones are found in much younger and non-obese women (one of my patients was a teenager), but its incidence may have been very different 150 years ago. So the positive evidence for gall stones as the cause of the diarist's pain is not strong, but if her pain was right sided, this would be a likely cause in a late twentieth century woman. I am sorry that I cannot be more specific – but perhaps an earlier diary will come to light giving a better clinical description of this intermittently disabling illness.