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then to the end on each side -

The writing of the story of my life together
with a few Historical particulars of my family
and ancestors has found interest and
amusement for me during some of
the days I have been laid aside by varied
ailments from more active duties.

My Son Thomas knowing I had a bit
of a weakness about old family matters &
bought, and brought me a Book to scribble
a few particulars in about my ancestors
and what he pleased to call "The Story of my
Life". I have had it in my mind for
some time to glean up and collect some
few incidents, of our Ancestors, I missed
the opportunity of doing it, as well as I might
have done by deferring till so late in my
life and especially by not obtaining much
more information than I did from my dear
Mother who was able to supply me with
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With reference to the last quality "Moral and Spiritual Characteristics" as we shall in the Sketch ^{find} there were those whose aim and endeavor it was to adorn Christian Discipleship.

The branch of the Goodwins to which I belong have resided at Lambley Lodge W Belton in the little county of Rutland (the inhabitants of the whole county scarcely number 20,000) for about 200 years My Grandfather Thomas Goodliffe was a noted Yeoman of the old Type Stout & sturdy a vigorous Muscular Man, tales were told of him and his great strength of limb & will that he had a muscular frame, double teeth double jointed, that he and old Tom Boyer were both remarkable for bodily strength. Stories of their great Physical strength was talked about long after their death.

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Probably
not
before
1728
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"converted"
to Jesus C.
Apr 16. 1794

Born
1722

My Grandfather was a strong willed man
 bordering on obstinacy to wit when the
 Belton Field was enclosed altho' the
 Commissioners offered him a good road
 down to the public road which would have
 saved his fields and been sufficiently near
 he demanded a new direct road and
 obstinately rejected the one offered, so he
 lost a good road, had to make one down
 his own Field which beside being fur-
 ther led into a bit of bad road as any
 perhaps in the country which to the present
 day has I fear led to much annoyance
 cursing and swearing to this day.

Like many tall men he married a little
 woman. Anna Curtis of Haringworth
 in the year in ^{1754.} ~~1745~~ She was a decendent
 of the somewhat celebrated Stephen Curtis
 of Haringworth remarkable in his day
 for his nonconformity and suffering for them

I feel constrained to turn aside to notice some
 few incidents respecting Stephen Curtis
 handed down for above a hundred years
 he was a small Farmer and Shepherd living
 at the time when severe laws were enacted
 against Scismatics in the times of the Charleses &c
 what was called the "five Miles act", was the occasion
 of dreadful persecutions - Stephen Curtis
 was three times imprisoned in London
 Jail for reading ~~and~~ the Scriptures to his
 neighbours and exhorting them to become
 the disciples of Christ. about the time
 of the Commonwealth there was in several
 Villages of Rutland and Northamptonshire
 many small Churches of what is now
 called old General Baptist several
 Ministers resided at Harringworth Stephen
 being the leader was persecuted
 in an old Mag. it gives an account of
 his persecutions and interviews with

The Village Parson who was the Magistrate sending him to Prison, meeting when he had returned from Prison he said Stephen you have never been to college why do you pretend to teach People? you have never been taught Logic, and can't teach others?

Stephen said he had learnt of Christ and his was the best College, and as to Logic, if the parson would tell him what he meant by Logic, he perhaps should know something about it. Well Stephen Logic is the art of reasoning one part of logic consists of drawing inferences; for instance you will persist in holding meetings and breaking the law, I have told you, you are stupid now an ass is stupid so - you are an ass

Oh said Stephen if that is logic I can understand that. It is said the Devil is Black, the Parson is Black he must be a Devil.!"

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about the time that Stephen Curks was imprisoned in Lincoln Jail for holding meetings that Jail was so full of persecuted Dissenters that they had to be sent to Nottingham County Jail. Rev. Kelsey Baptist Minister of Kinson in Lindsey was one who was sent to Notm Jail. It is recorded that from the restoration 1660 to 1687 more than 5000 persons had died in Prison for Conscience sake; such was the persecuting spirit of the times.

Daniel Curks the Son of Stephen and Helieve Father of my Grand Mother Anna Curks married to Thomas Goodlife was his daughter. Daniel Curks was a man of considerable intellectual culture as evidenced by his Latin books and other learned works I have seen: he had an acquaintance with Sir Isaac Newton.

Through Will^m Whiston the author or rather
 Translator of Josephus and other learned works,
 Whiston worshipped frequently at Morcott
 when the well known Wm Stanger M.D. of
~~was~~ Harringworth was the Minister at
 Morcott; Daniel Curtis was, ~~I was~~ informed
 one of a little literary circle including
 Whiston, Stanger and a few others.

My Grandmother Goodliffe as I before
 stated was the Daughter of Daniel Curtis
 through her our family can trace back
 to the time of the Common Wealth, Connection
 with the Baptists, at the time of her
 Marriage in 1754 she was a member
 of the little Baptist Church at Morcott
 and after her Marriage lived at Lams-
 Lodge nearly 7 Miles away from Morcott
 She went as often as she could to worship
 there, and amid much opposition was
 a thorough Nonconformist.

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1745.

72 My Mother left the following testimony
of her that she was a Christian of high
principle, intelligent kind a very
superior woman, she died about when
60 years of age.

I shall digress some what from
the personal, to the Home, in a few paragraphs.
Old Lambley Lodge, originally was a
foresters home. Leighfield Forest being
one of the famous Hunting grounds of
the aristocracy of ages since, abounding
in Woods spinney and first rate
covers for Game, and it is still a favorite
field for the Melton Hunt.

The House was enlarged in my grandfather
and Father's time, ¹⁸⁰⁰ and patched up from
time to time, it has no architectural beauty
a long 5 Room building with little external
or internal comfort the 7 upper as well
as lower Rooms having no passages
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The yards Gardens farm buildings all being of the old Type Cheap and small and inconvenient. They were only required for the Home Farm which was but about 30 acres of grazing land. The site was or might have been with proper shelter and arrangements as fine as need be;

Standing South on a gradually sloping hill the pretty Village of Belton lying out in full view with a Woodland landscape beyond, then on the South East the extensive view stretching away to Rocking.

On the south west, to the rich pasture land on the East part of Lucecestshire. Yes Old Lambley with all thy want off and fuss of comforts, to me thy pure tracing air, thy pleasant open views, and many, many memories of loved ones sheltered under thy partly thatched roof are rich, tender, & Blessed.

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Having sketched a few particulars of my
Paternal Ancestors, I turn to the Maternal
Side, and I regret not having a more thorough
and far reaching account, especially on
the Arnold Side, the one I should now prize
more than any. I have no items
on my Grand Father John Arnold Side that
goes back beyond him, that can be relied
upon, from conversations with my
Mother, I gathered that her Father was
a Native of Leicester, of a highly respectable
Family, whose Brothers one of whom
was a celebrated Doctor in Surgery at
Leicester, and another a M.D at
Stamford, I gathered also that her
Father John Arnold became a Baptist
and in his young days was a Member
at Leicester which was confirmed by
a note I read the other day in an old
history about the Baptist at Friar Lane

of which John Arnold was an important
 Member. I gather also on account of his
 becoming a Dissenter and especially a Baptist.
 the Arnold family gave him the cold shoulder.
 he became acquainted with Miss Elizabeth
 Sapeote the daughter of a Venerable Member
 of the Old Morcott Church a man honorably
 mentioned for his many excellencies a
 farmer living at a Village near to Morcott.
 John Arnold & Elizabeth Sapeote were
 married and came to Barrowden about
 the Year 1770. He established a considerable
 Vinegar Works, they tell a story that nearly
 a dozen of a party had a dinner in
 one of his large Vats - he was a man of
 Considerable means, Education and
 ability, he was elected a Deacon for the Morcott
 Church and was a very efficient Assistant
 Minister, he opened a place for worship
 upon his premises and which he chiefly

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Morcott
Barnwooden
Ch Book.
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tablet.

Supplied. till he was afflicted in the year
1812 he died in the year ~~1815~~ 1816 (Feb 12)
My Grandmother Arnold was as I have
said a Daughter of a farmer ^{Sapient} an old member
at Morcotts, She was one of an old Puritan
Stock of the 1st Water She was a tall commanding
woman, born to lead, with a large measure
of salt in her composition, where I went
to see her if it was a cold day there was
always a sip of elderberry wine or
comforter for the Stomach of some sort with
a nice slice of Seed cake and sundry and
divers admonitions to be careful not to
make any dirt a very necessary
admonition no doubt in my case.
She was great in cordials and remedies
the Village Doctoress; when she walked out
with her tall ~~silver~~ tasselled stick in her ob-
aye, the Country Obisiance and curtsy
was accorded to her, and I fancy accepted.

Soon after her husband's Death, she had
 the large Vinegar Store made suitable
 and fitted up for a Sunday School
 and Service. She tho' 70 years of age
 took the Superintendence of it, it became
 quite a Success, about the year 1817 she
 set to vigorously to get a Chapel built. The
 room she had fitted up becoming too small
 for the Congregation and Scholars, she
 gave 50⁺ and collected a considerable
 sum toward the object, and as long
 as she was able did all she could
 to help to establish the Cause, she attained
 the venerable age of ⁸⁰~~72~~ and was honored
 and respected living, Peaceful in death.

Having given a brief sketch of
 the grand parents on each side, I will
 try to give some little information
 about my parents and their large
 family. My Father Thomas Goodlift

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 mural
 tablet
 Barrowden.

The eldest Son of the aforesaid Thomas & Anne Goodliffe was born at Lambley Lodge Nov^r 13th 1756. He inherited a Physical Constitution more of the Maternal, than the paternal rather feeble and delicate. — I understood that from Childhood he was timid but remarkable for truthfulness when quite a child on one occasion when the Servants were committing an act of dishonesty which he saw, and which was pretty certain to be found out, they tried to frighten him to make him tell a lie let him down in a bucket in the well till he would promise them that he would say they had not done it, it so frightened him that it was a long time before he over got it. he was of a kind gentle disposition but not like his father a strong Willed man, but very conscientious. — a loving Son to his Mother whom he

so much in many ways ^{he} resembled;
he often accompanied his mother when
on a Sunday she went to worship at
Morecott ^{nearly} 7 miles she ^{rode} on a pillion behind
him, the fashion amongst many Farmers
in those days the Roads were so bad
on the Crof. Country that no Gig or light conveyance
could travel, when my Father and Mother
were married at Barrowden my Mother
Rode behind my Father on his old
conny on a Pillion The Daughters
of Merchants now a day would not enjoy
such a primitive way of travelling.

They were both Members of the Baptist Church
Morecott before their marriage which took place
in 1791 he was in his ³⁵ year my Mother
was in her ²¹ ~~22~~ ²⁰. She was considered a good
Judge of Stock being especially fond of Sheep
was remarkable in those days of jolly Farmers
who generally came home what was called

Marked merry, and a merry quite ~~sees~~
 over; he could never be induced to drink
 more than his moderate usual quantum.
 That was long before total abstinence days
 My recollections of him was only as an
 old feeble looking man suffering severely
 from Asthmatic Complaints to which had
 a depressing influence on his spirits.
 He was chosen a Deacon at Morcott and
 was very regular in his attendance and
 conscientious in the discharge of his
 duties and at one time the cause became
 so low that it would have been given
 up but for his steady attendance and
 encouragement to persevere - to the few
 friends who attended, he was an early riser
 often in summer time up with the lark, I
 have often rode behind him on the old
 favourite mare through the woods from
 one field to another as ~~sheep~~ herding

I saw the Squirrels dancing about from
 tree to tree chasing each other, birds of many
 voices, the sweet Nightingale, the Thrilling Warb-
 ling Thrush, the Cooing Wood Pigeon, &c.
 My Father did not seem to have the power
 to distinguish the different songs of Birds
 he would often commence a stave of a
 favorite Hymn and nod off on the old
 May and let her pick her own way—
 those were happy days to me enjoying
 the sweet songsters of those Old Forest
 Woods, poor dear old Man his gentle
 nature did not fit in with the needed
 firmness required for a farmer & he
 did not succeed very well, but I am thank-
 ful my parents were able to owe no man
 any thing. After he was sixty he was
 unable frequently to attend to business and
 was rather fearful, but he trusted to the
 opinion and decision of his wife & son Thomas
 as long as Thomas lived—

He and my Mother came to Nottm driving a little pony cart all the way to our great surprise this was in 1828. they spent a few days with my Brother Willm on Smithy Row - He died in ^{Dec 17: 1829.} ~~1830~~ on the 73 Year of his age. (70)

My Mother wrote that he thanked God for every day mercies, and tho' his natural Timidity, and feebleness caused him often to have doubts as to his safety for the higher life hereafter, Just when he was Expiring and entering on the spirit land in his last struggle, he said I will lay me down composed and pray and trust the Lord will help me through the trying hour, my Mother says in a note to me I bless the Lord for thus helping him to trust in his dying Hour. I arrived from Nottm a few hours before he died just in time for him to put out his hand, and say a few

Kind words to me, he set us a good example of helpfulness and kindness, he left almost every thing as to our Education and Management to my Mother, who had been a kind and affectionate wife to him, they lived ~~about~~³⁸ 36 Years together.

My Mother was as I have said the eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth Arnold of Barrowden, was born about the year 1771 her Parents sent her to Leicester to School she was liberally educated for the times, she gave promise of some literary ability; I saw and read some blank verse and in her young days she determined to write a Novel she wrote considerably but when her mind became impressed with Gospel truth she laid aside what she had written and devoted herself to sacred poetry and the writings of Robinson Hannah Moore Mrs Barbour and the

The Scriptures she became a member
 at the little old Church at Morecott about
 in her twentieth year & about at the same
 time as my Father who was nearly 15 years
 older, the difference in their ages especially
 as my Father was often ailing and through
 exposure to Cold Asthmatic & was considered too
 considerable, although there was in many
 respects great differences, the Christian character
 of each enabled them to live honorable
 and useful lives, for the accommodation
 of the new married Couple an adjunct was
 built to the old House. My Mother had
 some trials to endure in her early married
 life owing partly to a member or two of
 my Father's family whose Mental Faculties
 was to some extent touched, and also
 because her Education and experience and
 training had not fitted her for some of the
 occupations of Farmer's wives in those days

1791

Brother Wm made it an excuse for marrying
 to go to Italy 20 years older
 than him
 Sally

I have heard her say that the Sisters in
 Law were rather down upon her because
 she could not Milk, she told me she tried
 hard to learn but could ^{not}, they said she would
 not learn, but by her intelligent kind practical
 mind she soon grew to be respected by them.
 She found in her Mother in law an intelligent
 Christian friend and adviser. She was firm
 in her religious views without narrow bigotry
 and enjoyed the company of intelligent
 Christian people of whatever denomination
 they might be - altho' she had a large family
 Twelve Children 2 Buried in their infancy
 10 living to full maturity together with
 men and women Servants to train and
 manage. She ^{time} found ^{time} for reading & regular
 private devotion which she kept up to the
 close of her life. In her midlife & best
 days her conversational powers was
 above the average, her early advantages

and well stored mind enabled her upon religious & social questions and to some extent on political questions to enter into conversation with zest. Several intelligent men and ministers spoke of her as possessing conversational powers which enabled her to take part in discussions upon ordinary questions. A young intelligent Independent Minister who often came to preach on a week night at the old Lodge on one occasion found a Baptist Man^c on the Table it led him to make an enquiry about the Baptist, when to his surprise he found she was a Baptist, they fell into a warm discussion upon the subject of course the Old proverb was proved true.

"Convinced a man against his will he is of the same opinion still!"

I expect they retired from the contest

each claiming the victory I am pretty sure my Mother would for she was well posted up in the New Testament, & I expect from ^{what} I remember of the Rev Ino Green her would. One sensible thing they decided upon to drop the controversy, and be as good or better friends than ever, which they were to the day of her death.

Altho she came of a good old puritan stock on her Mother's side she believed in children and young people having recreation, 70 or 80 years since the chief amusements in religious families was Blind Mans buff, Bagotell and Dominoes, and though she in my days seldom took part in the various games she enjoyed seeing her children and young people cheerful and happy.

As the youngest son my personal recollections of my Mother was after

Mind was vigorous, and experience
matured; her management of her
large family of Children and farm,
and domestic Servants, was firm.
a Motherly tenderness and intense
anxiety for her Childrens Spiritual
welfare was constantly manifest.
at times her somewhat feeble consti-
tution was overtaxed by the worry
and fatigue of providing for and
management of 12 to 15 in the house
besides having the chief anxiety to meet
the financial difficulties which pressed
heavily upon my parents at that time
when inconsequence of my Fathers ill health
and incapacity for business pressed heavily
upon her, for years she had the serious trial
and fear less they should not be able to honor-
ably pay their just debts, which to both

of my parents would have been a most severe trial. Thank God the result was better than their fears, but it was only averted by most rigid care and economy.

After my Father's death, she left the Lodge and went to live at a little House in her native Village Barrowden, where with my youngest Sister Sarah for several years ^{she} was very useful, often writing kind thoughtful and earnest letters to her Children, and friends, taking also a deep interest in and according to her means and strength aiding the struggling Church at Barrowden, often finding a home for the ministers and students when supplying, several of whom have to the present day expressed to me the pleasant recollections of her kindness and thoughtful care of them.

She devoted for some years much of her

time in visiting the sick, the poor, and
Members generally seeking the promotion
of the spirituality of the members and the
Church. Exhorting her Neighbours to become earnest
Christians. .

When her daughter Sarah married
James Andrews and ~~went~~ to live at
Morcott she went to live with them and
subsequently at a cottage opposite. her strength
and health becoming more feeble she
had to go softly she came to notham
when she was in her 78 year to spend
a little time with us. I after earnest
request persuaded her to let Mr James a
rising artist paint her portrait which
he did to the great satisfaction of all
my Brothers and Sisters for whom I had
a Capital Photo taken by the elder lot
from it, with which each was very much
pleased. Poor dear she was very feeble

1848

~~1847~~
1847

at the time she said she felt sorry I should spend so much but she at last consented to please her youngest Son.

She was not able to come to see us again but I felt it a duty and pleasure as often as I could to run over to see her and seek to promote her comfort in her feebleness, and declining days.

She had for years occasionally dotted down events which were interesting in her domestic life and Spiritual history hoping that they might be useful to her, and her Children. She gave me the papers I bought a book. My Son Thomas before he was 14 years of age wrote them out about 160 Pages they give evidence of her earnest Spiritual life, her many trials and struggles to attain a purer higher Christian life, and especially her earnest desire and prayers for the salvation of all her Children.

That old faithful Picture of thee my Mother has oftentimes been a gentle reprover sometimes words of encouragement as I sat and looked at her ... Seemed to come to me saying "Would my Son be not unduly anxious about things of this life," "One thing is needful"

The Child who has such a mother has one of the greatest Earthly blessings proving to him a guiding Star through life and often calling by her example and loving teaching to the attainment of a purer and higher life.

She lived to the ripe old age of 86 years leaving behind her a character endeared and Enshrined in the Memory of her Children and Friends who knew her in her full Vigour and maturity of mind.

She died April 29th 1855

And was buried at Barrowden in the Chapel Yard, her Youngest Son had a neat Monument to her Memory Erected in the Chapel

I will give a brief account of my-
 Brothers & Sister some of them are &
 were not known by any of my
 children, My Father & Mother fulfilled
 one of the divine injunctions "to increase
 and multiply"

My Eldest Sister Elizabeth was born
 in 1793 She was rather small in
 stature, and delicate health of a sweet
 gentle disposition very much resembling
 her Grandmother Goodwife
 She went to live at her Grandmother
 Arnold's at Barrowden. She unfortunately
 married Sam^l Richmond who
~~was~~ became a sad inebriate and
 after a short life of pain & grief on ac-
 count of her husband's bad habits
 and violent conduct and unkind
 treatment she died before she was 40
 leaving 5 Sons and 1 Daughter
 most of whom died by middle life

Aug 28 }
 1792 }

I spent some little time about my tenth year in order that I might get a little schooling and saw the sad effects of Drunkenness, it had such an influence upon my mind that I resolved by Gods help I never would get Drunk. I am thankful to have been enabled to keep my resolution. I have been nearly 56 years an abstinent.

Thomas my Eldest Brother

Oct 8 1794 } Born 1795 was a very active intelligent youth. Very useful in business and very devoted to his Mother on account of my Fathers feebleness he very early in life took the Chief Management of the Farm and by his energy and judgment he was successful in his business transactions.

In the 1816 he had been very

laboriously working on the same
 land, when he had finished it, and
 the Spring Sowing, he felt a rest was
 necessary. He decided to take a
 holiday at Kerp. Lijm at an Aunt's
 a Sister of our Mother, who had married
 a Mr Marshall one of the largest Gardeners
 and Nursery Men in the Eastern Counties
 This was in May 1816 he had made
 preparations for joining, when about
 9 O'clock of a Tuesday Morning he was
 seized with violent Sickness, our dear
 Mother used the common remedies for
 a bilious attack, but could not stay
 the violent Sickness, a Messenger
 was dispatched for the family Dr who
 lived 4 Miles away he was sometime
 before he could come, and when he
 came it was too late. So violent
 had the Sickness been that he

that he sank after about 20 hours
violent sickness,

I was then about 9 years old and will
remember the panic caused by his death
in the family, in the village and at Upping
ham Market where his business ability
and honourable conduct had won respect.

He was engaged to be married to Miss
Elizabeth Goodliff a Distant Relation a daugh-
ter of one of the large Farmers of Belton.

Her Brother John called at the Lodge
just after he had passed away. They
were like David and Jonathan choice
friends, his grief as well as his
sisters was very intense.

I shall never forget, the emotion and
sympathy manifested at the funeral
all most the entire Villagers turned out
to meet the funeral procession as it
came along the road from the Lodge

to the Church yard, it was a touching scene of sadness, the sudden Death of a fine and intelligent Genial young man the Eldest, the hope and stay of a feeble Father and devoted Mother who together with 9 Brothers & Sisters beside other dear Friends formed the Funeral Procession all most all the villagers following in —

The Service in the Church yard was solemn and touching conducted by the Old Rector the Rev J Graham. it was the first time I had heard, Earth, to Earth, Dust, to Dust, Ashes, to Ashes, it appeared so dreadful sounding on the coffin lid. At the grave they sang Steels appropriate Hymn for the Occasion.

"When blooming youth is snatched away"
 "By Death's restless hand"
 "Our hearts the mournful tribute pay"
 "Which pity must demand &c"

The sad event cast a gloom over the old Lodge family, and resulted in a sad change in the management of business affairs, resulting I think in a great change in the future of the Position of most of the family.

Aug 31
1896 }

Ann my sister the third child was born 1896 She has just passed away in her 90th year when a young girl she was active and strong a good type of a stirring Daughter of a farmer with a bit of spirit and temper able to Ride or Drive— when I was born she was reported to have said what had another little Black head boy come for there was six already— & I was told a tale that one one occasion when by my nasty Cross temper when a babe she propt me into the cradle but could not rock me either to sleep or be quiet she rocked away with such a vengeance as to pitch me out on the plaster floor

it brought my dear Mother to the rescue
who soon soothed my feverish temper
the incident remained as a joke between
us to the day of her Death.

about her 22nd year the truth of the old
was verified in her case, "That the course
of Love seldom runs smooth"
a few hasty words divided those who
might have been equally yoked.

It gave a tinge of sadness and tended
to develop an hereditary tendency to
morbid Melancholy which as she grew
older became more developed

Several years after she married an excel-
lent Plain Man John Culpin by whom
she had one Son and three Daughters
Two of whom lived with us for years and
were esteemed by us for their Goodness and
usefulness. Both of whom to the day of
my poor sister long affliction till her Death were
most Kind and dutiful Daughters to their Mother

Two little Babes a Brother and Sister
 died in their infancy before I was born
 whose little innocent Bodies the bigoted
 Bellon Parson would not bury because
 my Parents were Baptist so they were buried at
 Morcott - John the next was born in 1798
 he had gifts for learning but unfortunately
 troubled with an uncomfortable suspicious
 selfish temper which developed into much
 the same tendencies as my poor Sister
 Ann.

Feb 28 }
 1798

James my next Brother in his
 young ^{days} was a general favorite as a
 jolly good hearted fellow ready to do
 a good turn for anybody often to the
 injury to himself. he did not gain any
 prizes for quickness and correctness in
 learning he liked work and play
 better than books, he was unfortunate
 in his being put apprentice to Drunken

Born
 June 14
 1800

Sam^l Richmond he never learnt his Trade but learned some habits which were a sore trial to his family - another instance of a wrong Choice of business so when he first went to Richmond he was a fairly Steady Man, his want of success in after life was owing to habits acquire in his situation - to the last he was generally good natured and Cheerful and when by the kindness of an excellent son in his old Age he was more bright & Comfortable. He died in 1868 and his 68 Year.

June
20th 1801

William Goodliffe the 6th living was born 1801 the opposite in temperment and tendencies to James, more reserve and Cautious, owing to the distance to any School he like the others had very little early training, he was early apprenticed to a Respectable Grocer Mr Hart of Uppingham.

He faithfully discharged his duties and secured the respect of his Master after he left he had two or three short engagements with respectable Tradesmen

The last at Old Mr Smith's Cheesepasters Leicester where in some respects he was not very happy. One of those singular little circumstances occurred which result in great changes or important events in life - from small causes spring.

The Rev^d John Green of Uppingham agreed of my Mother had engaged in 1823 to

Preach the School Sermons at the Geo^d Bop^d Chapel Friar Lane Leicester - A Mr Gamble a lay Minister went to Uppingham to supply they met on the High way between Lestr and Uppingham being strangers to each other they looked earnestly at each ^{other} and after they had passed - some little distance turned to have another look each stop^d Mr Gamble said when he had turned

Back I am not mistaken You are
 Mr Green going to Preach at Fuar Lane
 Yes I am! and I suppose you are going
 to supply for me Yes! - Mr Gambell asked
 whether there were any Baptist Friends in
 the way. Oh yes Mr Goodcliffe of Hambly
 Lodge and if you call she will be pleased
 to see you and get you to preach for them
 he called and in a conversation with my
 Mother found she had a son recently
 gone to Leicester, she got him to take a
 little parcel for him he saw Willm and
 told him of a Widow Lady who wanted an
 assistant, he said jokingly you may manage
 the business and the widow also - he
 took the situation in May and married
 the Widow in Oct 1823 - He, I, and many
 others came to Nottm as the Outcome of the
 turn of the head of the two just at the same
 moment important events sprang from

Small Causes. Soon after William came to Nottm he became a Member at Stoney St a Teacher in the School, his Mistress was a Member - In Aug^t 1823 he wrote to the Lodge for Daniel or I to come to spend a fortnight with him whilst Mrs Major went to London I came on the 23 of Aug^t 1823 I soon found which way the wind blew the Mistress was so very kind to her young man and though she was nearly 20 years older by her prim rather formal dress and appearance so won on the rather Green young man that she led him to the Hymeneal Altar early in Oct^r. They kept the Honey moon at the Old Lodge and met James & Anna all three Couples they had just been married made the Old Lodge quite gay and set the Villagers staring to see the procession of 3 Bridgrooms & Brides and friends promenade round the Village

The happiest days come to an end,
 Saturday found them back at the Cheese
 Shop but one could soon see, they would
 have to be a fight as to which was (to use an
 old Fashioned phaw) wear the Breeches
 I had been left in charge for a few ^{days} and
 shall refer to events that took place in
 my own particular little account.
 I merely refer to any thing connected
 with the leading events of my Brother
 Williams life - he soon unfortunately
 found his Married life did not
 bring him that fair Modicum of
 joy and Satisfaction he had a right
 to expect - his Wife had unfortunately
 an ill regulated temper, she was mean,
 proud, weak, jealous, exacting & vindictive.
 her young husbands eyes were gradually
 opened to his position, but he was wanting
 of firmness to deal with such a character

So for some time domestic bliss was
 sadly wanting, and during the near
 30 years of their married life poor fellow
 brief was the hours of true conjugal joy.
 he continued in the Provision business till
 1830 he built some Cottages at Beeston a Machine
 Shop and two or three Lath Machines, but was
 not very successful, his attention had
 been directed to the Lay Ministry amongst
 the Baptist Village Churches, and rec^d a call
 to the old Church at Kirtor Linsey about the
 Year 1840 where he remained a few
 years and removed to Chesterfield and
 afterwards to Rhothley where and
 at Tileby for several years he was the
 Minister of those Village Churches with
 fairly general acceptance, he was a
 descendent of an old puritan Stock
 and firm in Teaching the old Theology
 with all his feelings I can bear Testimony

To his thorough truthfulness and uprightness of Character, and considering the severe discipline through which he had to pass provocative of that which tended to want of Geniality and good nature. He improved with advancing years giving evidence of sincerity in the important work in which he was engaged. He died rather suddenly (Sept 1854). He left me his principle executor: he had made a just will which it was a pleasure to carry out, after 30 years of close and intimate knowledge of and Brotherly Connection with him I feel there was much that was good and as to his failing I desire knowing and feeling my own to be Charitable toward him. Next on the list is my Beloved Sister MARY Born in 1803 She was endowed with a mind intelligent quick at-

Learning and highly sensitive enshrined in a body interesting but feeble and consumptive, she early manifested a devout gentle spirit in sympathy with the Teachings of Christ. My Mother perceiving the tendencies of her Mind to intellectual pursuits did what her circumstances would admit to Cherish her aspirations, giving her the advantage of a good training to fit her to be an Educator of others.

She was by her intelligence & her sympathy for the Young well adapted for that important work. She had a few Boarders at the Lodge but the unsuitableness of the house prevented its becoming an increasing School. So by invitation and arrangement she came to Nottingham in 1824 to Rooms in her Brother William's house, but owing to an utter dissimilarity of mental social and general Characteristics of Mind existing

between her Brother Williams Wife the enter-
prize resulted in utter failure and Misery
to my... Sensitive Sister Mary- I will rem-
ember her crying out in the agony of her
heart "Oh Arnold our Brother William
will never know the true love and
tenderness of a true Woman's heart"
She gathered no number of Scholars and
soon decided to leave and took a little
New house in Denman Street Radford
where she was gathering a nice School
but alas her severe trials & disappoint-
ments acting upon her feeble Constitution
soon prevented her from being able
to continue her School altho my youngest
Sister Sarah came to assist her, she soon
had to give up and my Brother Daniel
fetch'd her home to die. we two Brother owe
much to her tender loving teaching & example &c.
for years I went to look at the little

house in Denmark Street where a true and loving Sister had often spoke words of wisdom caution and kindness to me her influence tended to promote intelligent devout Piety in us younger members of the family and indeed in all with whom she came in contact

She died filled with the joyful hope of a blessed Resurrection to Eternal life in the 22nd Year of her age. A loving child a tender sister a devout Christian

Next on the list was my Brother DANIEL being nearest of age to me we were bon. companions, and have always been loving Brothers, playmates, School companions, many a pleasant walk have we had to the Village School, his arm over my shoulder and mine round his waste made those walks memorable

Born. July 5th 1805

even when interrupted by a leaze, or bit
 of mischief we went into partnerships in
 little business transactions before we were 14
 with a view of improving our finances
 which were low and likely to be, it helped
 to form business habits and thrift which
 was very useful in after life. Daniel and
 my sister Mary went to a Mixed School
 conducted by Mr. Creator at Billesdon which
 had its influence in many ways on ^{his}
 after life, he met with, and benefited by
 the Society and companionships he then
 formed, his two Chief companions his sister
 Mary and Miss Atkin polished him up
 some what. Owing to our Father's feeble health
 he early in life had to discharge important
 duties in business as buyer and seller
 of stock and other farm operations.
 In Decr 1823 My Bro^{Wm} wrote for one of
 us to spend a fortnight at Nottingham

he wish Daniel to come, but as he was
 the Oldest and had then most experience
 so it was decided I should come to Nottingham
 he had begun to save and make a little
 now and then by bargains and when it
 was decided for me to remain in Nottingham we
 divided up and each had a nice little sum
 Daniel was then in his 19 years a cheerful
 hard working young fellow with a
 pretty strong notion of putting the best face
 on things giving early indications of the
 habits of smartness and order which a
 rough and ready sort of fellow like me
 thought bordered at times on to an excess.
 One of his greatest trials was the unhappy
 temper and actions of his elder Brother
 John, who tho unfit for the management
 of the Farm was jealous and opposed to
 him and his management.

Daniel did not forget his early School

Friendships he told me many years ago
 all the story of his young manhood days
 that on one occasion his business taking
 him into the neighbourhood where his
 school Lady Friend lived, he decided to call
 he found she had gone to a party of lively
 young friends, he found his way to them
 The mischievous Cupid set his heart a
 fluttering about his pet-fellow scholar
 he was introduced to the company
 it was a birth day party of a lady
 friend, the room was full of lively young
 ones, The Bashful young Grayier attracted
 the attention of the fun loving youngsters
 they marched out of the room planned
 their bit of mischief came in, pinioned
 him, rubbing his face with a brass
 Ladle the remedy for Bashfulness; it
 was a cure the first dressing, he jumped up
 and saluted them all round and so won his

his spurs with the lively Farmer Daughters.

In a while at a convenient Season his Mary and he joined interest and spent together a few most happy and loving years. I suppose there was the true elements of Character in each fitting them for each other, her intelligence, good taste in their simple household arrangements, their general adaptability to each other in all the leading affairs of life tended to promote their happiness. They had, and did exercise the utmost prudence having four means two babes a son and Daughter was born to them when alas the loving wife & Mother was called away and my Brother Daniel was bereft of an intelligent, tender, loving Wife. and the two little Children lost a dear Mother.

d June 21
1834
aged 30
buried at
Burlington Ch
Ypt.

Time the healer of many wounds hearts led him to look out for a wife to discharge the duties of that important relationship, and to be a parent to his children.

He looked with other eyes than those of his School days and found one differing in many characteristics. No man can expect to find Two Angels to fall to his lot, but for more than Forty years they passed along the journey of life, and in some respects as well as could be expected by two strong willed people who both liked to have their own way, every days observation confirms the fact that Mothers in law frequently fail to win the love of Step Children from a want of sympathy toward them, they rule by authority, rather than lead by love.

My Brother Daniel after his second marriage took a house at Barlythorpe near Oakham that had been understood a Hunting box of a Melton Sportsman and some land in the neighbourhood. In some matters to please the Lady appearing more in the style of the Gentleman Farmer than their income warranted, and unfortunately he suffered severely by the loss of a considerable number of valuable cattle by one of the first outbreaks of the Foot & Mouth Cattle disease, a second outbreak and heavy loss desheartened him so that he gave up the land, he lived after ward at Oakham during which time he as deacon at the Church at Barrowden & Hurcott readed join service took he and his wife hardly the near 6 miles most Sundays. They again removed to St Ives where for many years they resided near their

excellent & loving Daughter who had
 married a Distant relation. W. Loams
 they lived for more than forty years
 together when he was again left a
 Widower and in his little Cottage
 enjoyed himself visiting and reading
 and comforting as far as he was able
 his poor aged neighbours. he is now in
 the commencement of this year 1887 in
 his 82nd year cheerful and happy with
 his Son in Law and Daughter Jacksons
 ready and waiting for the call to enter
 the Many Mansions -

We have been loving and affectionate
 Brothers, and as time has passed along
 in our old age our correspondence has been
 more frequent and our Brotherly affection
 most cordial. This day Jan'y 7 1887 I have
 received a letter from his daughter M^{rs} Jackson
 written by his request telling me of his feebleness and
 inability to write himself - we are gently nearing home.

Next on the list was the writer of these little family sketches. but as my dear youngest Sister Sarah has passed away I choose to break the link and give a brief account of her before entering upon a record of some events to of my life.

Nov 7. 1809 My Sister SARAH was born at the Old Lodge in Nov 1809 being the 12th Child born to my parents. The time of her birth was one of great Anxiety to my parents both were feeble and out of health, the weather was severe, the times bad, my poor Father nearly lost the use of his right arm by holding the Lanthorn for poor Old Dr Bell who came in the Dark Miserable Nov^r night 4 Miles from Uppingham to help to usher the Little stranger into this changeful world. There was in my sister a tinge of the sober element of life occasion probably by the circumstances preceding and at her Birth, manifest even in child hood

In her early days she was a timid weakly loving Child Very devoted to her Parents and family and especially to her Brother Amos who was nearest to her in age, and this love and sympathy continued life long between us, after our Father's death she and Mother removed to a cottage at Barrowden where by her little business, carefulness &c they were enabled to live in comfort. She took interest in instructing the young and sought to help forward the good cause in connexion with the G. Baptist Church at Morcott & Barrowden.

Rather later in life than many she married Mr Jas Andrews who commenced business as Tailor and general dealer at Morcott she continued to care for our aged Mother who removed with them her tender care and devotion of her was most exemplary to the last when by reason of expense old age our Mother's mental powers became feeble

She most faithfully carried out the 5th Commandment "Honour thy Father and Mother" and she earned the Gratitude of all her Brothers & Sister, by her Kindness Care & Attention to her Mother.

In her life she was diligent in business Very conscientious and particular, there was a little of the old Puritan principles and was a little more developed than was quite agreeable to merry, and fun loving Natures. Her Husband, lively & cheerful temperment - sometimes exercised her patience, but his good nature and many good qualities and devotedness to her, and our dear aged Mother secured her esteem. Though she could not always carry out Pauls injunction to Christian Wives "See that ye reverence your Husband &c." By great care and prudence they secured a sufficiency to maintain them in old age, and to aid the Church at M^{rs} & B. I receive many letters from her breathing

a loving sisterly spirit, and almost always giving evidence of her great anxiety for the Prosperity of the cause of Christ.

I do not remember at any time an unbrotherly or sisterly feeling existing between us.

She had arranged in her 75 year to come and spend a little time with us in July 1885

The day she was to have come she was taken ill Ann Morris with whom she was to have come brought us word of her rather sudden dangerous illness; I started immediately I heard, I arrived just in time to clasp her hand and hear her last calm words before she fell on sleep in Jesus July 22 1885

She was to me a dear loving sister

at her Funeral us two aged Brothers her Husband and a large number of Nephews & Nieces and Circle of Friends Mourned her loss giving evidence of their attachment to her, and in appreciation of the Excellence of her Character. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord".

I shall now in order to satisfy the desire of my Eldest Son^{Tray}, to give a brief outline of the few leading incidents of my life. They are very common place and scarcely worth recording, if they afford interest or amusement I shall be repaid. ~~They~~ It has furnished me with an occupation when I was unable to leave my room and engaged my hands and thoughts, when otherwise I should have been restless.

I have not kept a diary therefore many incidents have been forgotten.

I was born at Old Lambley Lodge Mr Belton Rutland. On the 23rd of May 1807. I was the eleventh child and seventh son of Thomas & Mary Goodliffe from report not a bit like the beautiful month of May, not a bright flower, but a little Black haired Dark complexioned thing jokingly said to have taken a Finge

from the Lynn Sailor my Mother had
 been on a Visit to her Sister in that Town
 and was struck with the sunburnt dark
 appearance of the sons of Ocean, that was
 shortly before my birth, whether a joke or
 not I was dubbed Brown George and
 answered well to the name.

My Eldest Sister at home thought me
 a needless little visitor making more
 work, I was a nasty cross little Crab,
 a Character that stuck to me during
 my early Childhood and youth,
 my said Sister to put me out of the way
 pop me in the cradle I presented
 with a hearty Squall, she rocked
 me over the side bump on to the
 floor, which brought up my Mother to
 soothe the cross little fellow — said
 Sister now 66 years since thanked
 her youngest Brother for his sympathy
 and Care of her

There were few incidents of interest in the first ten years of my life as soon as I was able, I was sent to old dame Fawkes School at Bellon. I went with my Brother Daniel to the said School the first standard was imperfectly taught The Primitive Ballad on the alphabet and words of the most simple character were printed pretty large on a bit of Card Board The old English style of pronunciation was taught Shall could would be pronounced as spelt. I had pretty often to stand on a stool for being in mischief have a tall brown paper cap on my head. Never the less Old dame Fawkes was not a bad sort she tried to teach us truthfulness and good manners we had always had to make our obeisance in coming and going with a "Sarr Marm" an abbreviation for your servant Madame, when we were extra good we got a "Bullseye." The only Boys School was Old Billings the Parish Clerks, he prepared a visit to the "Greyhound" to teaching the young mischievous Hounds who attended the Parish School.

Sound space diminishing so began to write on each side of the leaves.

Being Dissenters we at that time of day were
sort of Black Sheep.

The great difficulty my parents had to obtain a
good Education for their Children was the long
distance they would have to go to a School
when I was about 10 a new Governor came to
the Village with considerable pretensions but
they proved beyond his performances, so
not much progress was made in Mastering
the Three R's, My next Visit to a School was
to Peterboro to an Uncle my Mothers Brother
to Lodge &c. I went to a Mr Thorpes for a
year the best School Master I had, he
was a good Teacher and a very strict dis-
ciplinarian, he believed in using the Rod
or Cane, I only came on once for the latter
a rather smart dose of Custard we called it,
I made progress during the Six Months
I was there but was too soon taken away
just as I was getting onto the Groove & liked it.

I attended with my good Aunt all the Wesley-an Meetings and became a rather hopeful disciple with the class my real good Aunt was a member of. I wrote letters home inspiring hope and promise in my good Mothers Mind that I might grow to be useful in the World.

The bad times in ~~about~~ 1818 pressed so heavily that my parents felt obliged to cut down all outlay to the lowest point. My Chief Vocation for a while was to scare birds - I was allowed the use of the Old Firelock a piece of fire arms that adorned the old beam in the house place and which had been unused many a year.

I may record a remarkable preservation of my life. I was only allowed powder to make a flash and report to frighten away crows &c but having no shot. I pick up very small pebbles loaded my Gun ready for a shoot at any Bird I could, some boys in a field near with whom I was talking got hold of my

expected it to be loaded only with powder pointed
 it direct as it appeared to me at my chest pulled
 the trigger fortunately it did not go off—
 a very few minutes after I shot at some birds
 it went off taking off boughts shewing they deadly
 nature of the shot. I felt thankful for a life
 preserved. about the same time I had another
 escape I was ~~risking~~ ^{ing} carrying a load on my arm
 when the girth broke the saddle slid on
 the side of the Horse, my foot got fast in the
 stirrup I was dragged across the field with
 my head bump bump on the ground with
 the risk of ~~being~~ having a broken skull before
 I got rescued; when a little boy I went up a
 ladder on the roof of a barn and my mother
 found me walking on the steep roof trying to get
 some fine house leeks growing on the ridge.
 Such were some of my escapes, my time
 had not come. Our farm land was about
 a mile from the Old Lodge - in seed time

and harvest my job was bird searing and I grew rather fond of my gun and was getting to be a good shot - one cold snowy day being in the Old Barn with my gun a covey of Partridges lighted at one side of a rick of corn they stretched up there necks to help themselves I let fly 6 pretty partridges toppled over I soon bagged them and with 2 or 3 ^{mother} pigeons made a nice Pidgeon pie my mother fearing my breach of the Game Laws might get to the ears of the Squire - and get me into trouble

I believe the primitive Hunting tendency was rather strong upon me. Old Dog Captain and I often caught and brought home a passy I felt what ever the laws, justice taught me that if the Game feed on my Fathers Land we were more entitled to it than anyone else.

Several of our fields were injured by an excess of Game. I have seen in a field near Laurel Wood near 50 Rabbits beside other Game.

In the spring of 1818 I had to help my Father very much in the Lambing Season, one bleak cold stormy March Morning going out with him amongst the new born lambs, one poor little thing numbed with cold too feeble to stand, too weak to suck lay on the cold wet ground, its poor Mother standing over it uttering her plaintive bleat, trying to encourage it to stand, aye saw poor thing it will die of cold. I will give it you my boy if you can keep it alive, take it in and try. I took it in the Kitchen in my arms laid it on the hearth before a good fire, dried its wet wooly coat, got a little warm Milk a new tobacco pipe broke it short put a bit of linen round it filled its head with warm Milk, after some effort got the pipe into its mouth some warm

Milk down its throat it soon began to wag its tail. I knew it might live and took to feeding it till it could stand and run about, and was soon able to suck from its Mother and became Vigorous. In due time my lamb became a Mother and for two years had couples two of which went to the London Market and made £9 each leaving me a nice little sum after paying my Father a nice small amount for (Joycing) they and the two others and other little speculations with savings in my Mother keeping amounted to about 15th when I came to Nottingham which came in very useful beside forming a habit of carefulness & thrift.

I am somewhat forestalling my ordinary narrative. My Mother regretting the little opportunity I had

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of School training in 1820 made arrangement for me to go for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year to the Rev. E. Creators School as a boarder. There was about $\frac{1}{2}$ Doyn lads; the instruction was fair for the times but 3 of his pupils were immoral bad fellows the oldest boy especially for profanity and vice distressing bad. I have many times wished I had carried out my desire, left the School before I had been there a week, the advantages gained in elementary knowledge, was far outweighed by the bad example and wicked habits of my school mates, it was a bitter six months to me & the most injurious in my life, beaking down good habits inducing a spirit of disobedience to the great grief of my dear mother. Culminating in a bad

act - to wit one morning I had got into trouble and would not stay in at family prayer - but while they were at their devotions - I tied the Kitchen door so that they could not get out except through the Kitchen window to set them at liberty.

my Mother tho' gentle and tender when aroused was a firm disciplinarian, I was cut off from the regular meal & bread & water in the Kitchen was my diet - I braved it for a while one morning when alone she took me by the hand led me into the parlour talked kindly and tenderly to me she touched the better side of my nature we knelt down together she poured forth in earnest words a pray to God for my forgiveness we wept together embraced, became reconciled

The Father in heaven, the Mother on Earth forgave the disobedient Son, he became, and was ever afterward one of her most devoted children, never intentionally causing her sorrow, this occurred when I was about 14th often a critical period to a boy of strong passions

After this a general change took place in my behaviour and Character, like many boys - I was not fond of work like an unbroke Colt I bit a bit, I found it difficult to buckle too, but gradually got to like Farm work to use a Country phrase "took to the Collar" and grew to be fond of Farming. cattle and grazing, and during the last two years threw in my energies into the varied work to be done early in May 1823 a letter from W^m at Nottingham was received asking for one of us Daniel or I to go to Not^m.

for a fortnight; Daniel being older and better acquainted with the market & was require at home, so it was decided that I must go, I was quite averse to it I got to like a farm boys life. but I went the decision was come to on the 20th Aug 1823 which doubtless resulted in the most important issues in my life.

The short time (a fortnight) made it bearable to me I disliked the thought of being a "Counter Skipper" and wished to be a Farmer. Daniel and I went to Leicester market, took some sheep to sell after we had sold them, I went to the Stag & Pheasant Hotel Mounted old Thomas Pettifore Coach for Nottm and soon felt interested it being the first time I had rode behind a four in hand, we rattled away changing at Loughboro' & Bunny. and some of the lights of Nottm its Castle and fine old Church came in view

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as we descended Ruddington hill.
The Old Trent Bridge spanning the Broadest
River I had seen was interesting to me
The steep Hollow Stone Hill old narrow
Bridle path lit up with Gas - still nar-
rower high st with a strong beam across
on which swung an immense painted
Blacke Moors Head underneath which
our lucky Old Coachman drove to the White
Lion Clumberst where we arrived about 1/2 P.M.
to me the memorable Saturday the 23rd of Aug^r
1823 - My Brother Will^m met me at the
Coach we soon reached Smith Row where
at that time a row of the lowest class
of Butchers stall stood, they were a
Rowing noisy lot. His Mr Major kept
a small provision shop being 1/2 the shop
now occupied by Jackson the Tobacconist
the other half being occupied by Drunkens
Butcher Frearson, his family occupied

one part of the House, Mrs Mayor 3 Rooms
 at the Back facing the Dunkirk Shambles
 the Kitchen, Coal place pantry open petty all under
 ground was used in common by both families
 The Sanatory condition was such as would
 not be allowed to exist now, the Stench from
 the petty in the pantries was simply abominable.
 what with the unsanatory condition of the
 lower rooms and the ^{im}moral state of the
 Drunken Butchers part of the house it was
 a strange contrast to my old Lodge home.

He soon drank himself into a terrible
 state of Delirium Tremens his room was
 opposite where I sleep, his death was awful.

When I had been a fortnight a letter came
 from the Mrs that she was staying a while
 longer ^{in London}. I had become somewhat reconciled to
 the Change and agreed to stay, when she came
 back from London she was all smiles and
 affability tell ^{ing} us about some of the lions

1781

Madam Tussaud, the Zoological Gardens
and Grand parks &c under the influence
of Cupid the Widow was all blandness and
smiles, I got an invitation to stay the
wedding and honey Moon over my
Brother William rather even to me apologising
for thinking of marrying a woman nearly
old enough to be his Mother because our
Father married our Mother who was about
15 years younger than himself and there-
fore had such a large family and some
of them in his old age. he certainly
need not fear annoyance from that Cause

I began to like the life and bustle of the
town and considered that having two
Brothers at home where one would have
been better I made an arrangement myself
to stay for three years.

I felt some what put on my mettle
to be left in charge of the business

for a week whilst they went to the old Lodge to keep the Honey Moon. Old Snuffy Mother Davies was housekeeper and Old Phillip Bailey the Grand Father of the Author of Hestus came to advise and take a little supervision occasionally a very cheery pleasant jocular old Gentleman he was. — A Man came in abruptly one evening he asked are you the Brother of the Young Man who has married Mrs. Major. Yes? I'm her cousin, tell him I am sorry for him poor fellow I lived with her in her first Husband's time he must ^{get} a good dish plant and once a week let her have it if he means to keep Master, of course it shocked my sense of propriety as a mode of treatment — of such an amiable smiling woman I lived soon to see the other side of the picture. — one little specimen —

out of marry as an illustration not long after the honey moon had set, a Dress Maker came to make up some apparel for her, we were sitting down to an early Breakfast, the old Lady was in her tantrums her young Husband Courteously helped the Choicest Morsel to the damsel who I believe was her Cousin, The Jealous old Vixen in a rage flung a hot Cup of Coffee at him because he help the young dress Maker first. The devil in him was aroused she had to cut and run and after receiving eve offerings in her posterior parts she had to Lock herself up in a room finding she had overshot the Mark, I saw the little game. I thought her Cousins word was not very wide of the mark.

Will^m had a bit of the old puritan about him but he was far too good a Man to be tied up, and tormented by such an old Schrew.

My Brother Will like many a poor hen
 pecked husband got used to it and tho'
 he could never like it manage to pull
 through better than one could expect.
 when I had been about a year the premises
 and business was enlarged and increased
~~again~~, I was errand boy, Porter, Warehouse,
 Man waiter &c pretty hard worked from
 17 to 19 I was a stout sturdy fellow carry-
 ing heavy weights had only a Wheel Barrow
 for heavy goods the road & street in 1823 to
 about 1830 was badly paved and lighted,
 One day when I was about 19 a bag of Salt
 over two Hundred weight was required in
 haste in Parliament Street, I got it on my
 back off R Barrows drag to carry it up
 Blackboy yard, going up the yard my foot
 slipped the weight was so much Hell, injured my
 hip and back, had to be carried home & blistered
 and bled. The effects of the folly remain to this
 day in a feeble Back & and Rheumatic hip,

I am now suffering whilst writing
I do down the incident as a warning
against rashness and headstrong actions.

One of the most striking events of 1824 was
the procession of the funeral of the Poet Lord
Byron. They came down Smithy Row and
through the Market place. The remarkable
and long cavalcade of carriages, Horsemen,
Gentlemen's carriages, was a sight I have
seen either before or since. The mournful
cortage wended their way to ~~Heaven~~ ^{St. Peter's}
his remains was deposited in a vault a
very unpretentious monument was
erected. Visitors from all parts of the world
came to inspect the last resting place of the
Gifted Poet.

For a short time Bobbin Lace & Bobbin Making
was very flourishing in Nottm - everybody who
had a little money was rushing into it
I was asked to try to learn to work a machine

I had not enough enterprise the Good Trade did not last long. So perhaps I lost nothing by sticking to the Dirty provision business. in 1824 I entered heartily into the work of Sunday School Teaching at Stoney Street Chapel School - where for some years a capital School had existed, it brought me acquainted with some Young Men who endeavoured according to the opportunity they had to improve themselves and it had a beneficial influence on me, as opportunity offered I read with some avidity the current literature, Milton, Young, Addisons, Essays Johnsons &c & such works as fell in my way - but having to open Shop at 7 Keeping Open till 10 did not allow time for much reading afternoons being slack when I could I availed myself of the opportunity.

The first General Election I had seen occurred in 1826 - when Borch and Raveley

were Candidates (Liberals) it was noted
 for its fun & Triumph, it lasted
 eleven days. each party had a number of
 Lambs and they would mob, and if they
 could try to steal a vote - the Rad^s Spencer
 the Forces Ducked, I saw coat tail flying up
 like kites in the market place over a
 struggle for a vote - and anon a poor fellow
 would be taken to the exchange pump, a load
 of out town voters would come driving
~~into~~ to the only polling place there was many
 burghesses who had gone to France working
 in the lace trade were fetched over to vote and
 a grand shout there would be when they
 came rattling in by coach to vote

after the Victory the Liberals Won, Two
 Splendid Chairs ornamented were
 brought to the Exchange, the Members
 were chaired round the Market place
 carried on the shoulder of Yellow Lambs

accompanied by crowds of their supporters
 Cheering and hollowing till their throats
 were sore. Those senseless dis-
 played have had their day.

1825 Trade being bad my Brother took a stall
 to 1827 in the market place where on Saturdays
 I figured away cheese and bacon selling
 I did a nice little trade, and got a
 few friends amongst the Butter sellers
 by sundry little civilities, one substantial
 tenant farmer ^{Daughter} invited me to come
 and spend the Sunday afternoon with
 her and her mother, but my native
 modesty or some other cause prevented
 me accepting the invitation.

1827 A small shut up shop in Buddlemess
 being to let my Brother took it and my
 trade talent was chiefly transferred to that
 establishment; the amount of business
 done was small during the next two

or three years I had the best opportunity
 for improvement I had at any period;
 time for reading, The Artizans Library was
 started in B.S.G. I was the 9th member
 there was a good selection of Books, Classes &
 Edwin Paschitt, Edmund Hart Benj Hawthorne
 and other young men and ladies were
 members, some of us used to do a bit of
 the oratorical business, rather of the high
 falutin style, my weakness was to attempt
 to many subjects and stick too, or be thro'
 in none. Old Edmund Hart used to come
 call as he went by to interest me in astronomy

Then several young fellows formed a
 Mutual improvement Class for Discussion
 at the school room, one evening the
 subject was Gravitation - one of the members
 was seeking to enlighten us as to ^{its} laws
 and why bodies fell to the Earth and
 to illustrate his Theory threw up the snuffers

asking why they the deacons again? just as they came bang on the Table the Old ~~the~~ Deacons came in, enquiring what the disturbance was about, when he learned the Zeal for the Lords House (Old Kttry) quite up set him, and he the Class, forbidding the use of the Vestry for such purposes. Several left the Chapel and became Men of some note in after life. — One John Hallam invited us to a nice little summer house in the park to meet at 7 o'clk this was of a more theological Character — from that little company a member became a Church Clergyman another a Bapt Minister another Independent and another a School Superintendent.

About this time was my happiest and busiest days in religious and Social Work I had been a member at Honey St Baptist Church some time, it was in its most prosperous days, young men and

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In 1826

Some of the leaders would be at the early meetings for Prayer, at 7 on a Sunday morning at School at 9 Tract distributing from 12 to 1 School at 7 to 8 - Tea, Prayer after service at 6.30 Prayer Meeting 8 to 9 and all this, after keeping open shops to 10 the Saturday till 12 O'clock AM. It was the season of greatest prosperity at Old Stony Street large congregations, us young men in the evening had to bring forms in the isles for stangers, then every other Sunday we went by Two's to Riddings Barton, and other villages to help to start Sunday Schools all of which are still existing and prosperous.

Some young men members at Stony Street and other Chapel started a Morning Cricket Club to play for exercise for one hour or two in the morning at 5 to 7 in the Meadows - on one occasion

I was talking the aforesaid Old Deacon taking his early morning walk came by & took in hand when he saw me bat in hand & in my off hand way said I would give him a catch, it either touched his dignity or his puritanism or both for he called of me and told me how sorry he was to see me spending my time in that manner he had thought to recommend me to become a Student for the G.B Ministry at the New College opened at Loughboro^{like} but he could not; he did not ^{like} young Christians having anything to do with Games, so the Ministry lost a "shining light" and one more poor fellow was saved from entering upon a calling he was unfitted for.

1826 about this time the questions of Slavery
to 1830 & of Parliamentary reform and other

political questions was being zealously debated. George Thompson the Eloquent Orator Daniel O'Connell on repeal - Whittle Harvey on Questions generally Denman & Brougham defence of Queen Caroline and reform generally amongst Politicians & Statesmen. R Hall Dr Raffles Dr Newton & Dr Binny amongst Preachers were men whose Eloquence when I occasionally heard them Charmed me and tended to strengthen my views as a liberal in politics and as a believer in Religion.

I heard Dr Raffles at the opening of Moor Lane Chapel in 1828 his fine presence his splendid Voice and intellectual power was a sensation to me. his Text John 12^o 32^o "And if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me" was I thought the finest Sermon, most striking in delivery I had heard. I wrote out a lengthy out-line for which a Yorkshire Farmer and Wesleyan local Preacher

gave me £6 for it, the first and last bit of literature I made money by.

Some time after I heard several of the Course of Lecture delivered in that Chapel by the Rev. Mr. Gilbert in defence of Christianity & to meet the objections too, and denial of its truths by Cartile a popular Infidel Lecture. They were very able, deeply interesting, and popular. to me very satisfactory.

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An event happened in Oct 1826 which had very much to do with, and influence on my after life. The Teachers and Friends of the Sunday School were holding a Tea Meeting it being the Goose Fair holiday. Time being busy I went late the Old Superintendent meet me coming, he said Oh my Young Friend I want you to see two Young Friends of mine home they live a good distance off, before I could reply a fellow Teacher said he's only just come

he shan't go, to send him away it's too bad,
 I was just budding into a young man with
 a fair share of vanity and jealousy. I said
 I will with pleasure Mr Hutchinson - the
 Ladies heard my Friend's objection said
 blushing Oh we are not afraid, Ladies
 I said if you will allow me I shall have
 great pleasure in accompanying you
 so away we went, to the Top of Sherwood Street
 Mansfield road being then nearly vacant of
 Houses, I had seen the Ladies at Chapel
 but did not even know their names.

They were Misses Anna & Eliza Speed I found
 that they like myself had been brought
 up in the Country and had not been
 long in Nottingham I thought them
 intelligent nice young girls
 During the next twelve months I met
 Miss Anna the eldest who was a very punctu-
 al Teacher and a Member of the Church

we had occasional conversations on the work of Teaching and the Topics of the day. I found it pleasant to walk and talk about Young's & Milton, and Cowper's Poetry &c

and found by next Goosefair we had insensibly got into that stage of feeling peculiar about age, which after the usual little quarrels of loves ended in our being married on the 2nd of Oct 1830. ~~4~~ during the period from 1827 to 1830 several interesting circumstances occurred some of them I have already referred to—

At the later end of 1829 arrangements were entered into for me to take over the little business in Buddlesmith Gate which I had managed nearly three years.

I had saved about 50[£] altho' I had but 15[£] two years, and two 20[£]— My mother was urging me to remain in Nottingham

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As I had an offer of 25^l per Annum to
go to Leeds, then I had 50^l which fell to
my share from my Father, I managed to
make a start in a small way, deciding
to do the best I could, and try for about a
year what the result would be before I set
up housekeeping & married, I took Stock Sep^r
1830 and found I had made about a Pound
a Week profit. I had used the most rigid
& economy to accomplish even that small sum
I bargained with the old Lady to Board &
Lodge me for 7/- per week. I wanted her to put in
3 Weeks for 20/- but I could not move her
she seemed quite anxious for me to do
well only she did not approve of me
marrying a Girl without some property
when I named to my Brother William that
I should like him to be best man, he
declined, I believe lest he should get
into trouble with his old Lady. So

we arranged with Two Friends who had come out of Lincolnshire to Goose fair Will^m Wilcox a son of a very old friend of the Family and a Lady who came with him was Bridegroom and the Bridemaid we had a good and early Breakfast at Anna's Mother's in Glasshouse Street Oct^r 2nd Sunday 1830 and met at St Mary's Church at 9 O'Clock when Dr Wilkins performed the Ceremony, in my hurry I had omitted to put any money in my Pocket and to the confusion of all could not pay the fees, Old Parnham the Clerk being a customer said he'd call and get a bit of Cheese and make it all right we went straight to our Sunday School Classes, but may as we had kept it, it was all over the Chapel before the day was over. My Young wife and I received many hearty congratulations

from Friends and especially from old
 Daddy Hutchinson the Superintendent who
 was very tender in his exhortations and
 good wishes for our Happiness. I had taken
 The Shop and house opposite, now called the old
 Arm Chair kept by an Old Maiden Lady who was
 about to be married to my old landlord W^m Thomson.
 She was not quite ready to give up her premises,
 but let me two rooms until she gave
 up the whole Premises. To those two rooms
 we wended our way on Sunday night.
 I had to be up early on Monday Morn-
 ing to go into the fair to buy Cheese with
 my Brother William. I left my young
 wife with little Edmund Walston in charge
 of the Shop. I was with my Bro Wm on
 Smithy Row about 10 O'Clock when my Bro'
 Daniel came stealthily behind me and
 gave me a real eye opening on my
 behind part - Then says he take

that you shabby fellow for not letting me know, we had been pet Brothers — I had been annoyed that William objected to go to Church with us and decided to make no fuss or wedding party at all by the wish of the wife elect.

The same evening however as my Brother Daniel was here Wm & his old Lady came on to supper with him. at supper my young wife was timid having at our Table Mrs Wm Goodlyfe who had told me I must not expect to have nice Apple Puddings & Pies if I married such an inexperienced Girl, But when the Apple pie was cut and tasted my Brother Wm was quite Gushing in his praise of the excellence of the apple Pie, Yes I said it's the first she has made me, I was not a little proud and she pleased and encouraged.

we spent a pleasant evening and the young wife and Brother in law soon became good friends.

I am afraid I was over anxious about getting a living and paying our way and careful almost to meanness.

Trade and business about that time was very bad, requiring great economy,

I arranged with a good rich old Farmer Mr Holland the landlord to put in a new shop front, excavate a cellar and when it was done the Old Gentleman was astonished that I dare have such large panes of glass in the window, he was very kind and encouraged us to try and do well.

I pushed out into the Herring trade which was done almost entirely by the Grocers and Provision dealers from 1830 to 1850. ^{in or about 1835} I went to Hull and Yarmouth and extended the trade, we sold some

Saturdays above 100 Packages —
 about the latter end of 1831 Will^m gave up
 business & got some of his customers and
 extended our business, one little incident
 I may relate showing how we worked was
 after business hours we closed at 10 o'clock Wm
 Walston and I took to old Wm Balls of Hysne
 Green after nine a Bag of salt 2 Cheeses and
 other articles, to old Fallowell, several articles —
 in a hired Hand Cart, Woolaton St then Back Lane
 was very badly paved we did not get home till
 after 11 when we had paid our cart hire we
 should barely clear @ 1/- it was hard lines
 but we went by Gods help to pay our way
 The young wife keeping shop till we got back.

On the Saturday Oct '16 1831 Our first
 born Son entered the stage of life, it was
 accompanied with great anxiety, little Old Dr
 Jarman ordered the greatest care quiet and attention
 to be paid to the Young Mother she was very feeble,

and her head was awful bad, then the baby boy had a fit, I ran off for the Dr under the impression, that he was dying quite expecting when I got back to find him dead, glad to find evidences of life, he soon recovered, and the Mother also.

She objected to set up a cradle, did not believe in rocking babies, so she made him a bed in the Clothes Basket.

We began to Cure bacon, dried in the ^loven room hanging round the walls - one morning the said babe was asleep in the basket on a chair, the mother was behind the counter in the shop she heard the babe squeal and a big noise as of a fall she hastened to the rescue, in her way was a high office stool and a ten 80 10 inch high standing upon the stool she walked right over both without knocking either aside or down, I was in the shop saw it done a wonder

ful evidence of the power of maternal
love, I fetched her to look at her achievement
it seemed incredible to us both, but it
was a fact. nearly 4 feet high.

A great Political event about this time
was agitating the country the question
of Parliamentary Reform, the abolition of
the rotten Boroughs and the enfranchis-
ment of the large Towns, Bill after Bill
had been thrown ^{out} of Lord & Commons
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sing of the reform bill, The Duke of New-
Castle the Owner of 7 Rotten Boroughs
Nottingham & Castle He was very unpopular
through his obstinacy declaring that "he
would do what he liked with his own"
crowds used to meet in the market
place to hear the papers read. Will "Eye"
an auctioneer used to mount the ex-
change pump and with a clear

Strong voice read Russells Broughams
 Denmans Hunts & other Speeches to the
 Hundreds assembled. The Papers were
 brought by the London & Leeds Express Coach
 Hounds would run to the Trent Bridge
 to meet the Coaches that brought the Morning
 papers, and when at last the Lords had
 thrown out bill after the Commons had
 passed it, the excitement was at fever
 heat & a large meeting was held in
 the market Place, addressed by Orators
 who denounced the Lords and Bishops
 the crowd became excited rushed off to
 Jack Masters Clock Hall who was one of
 the 22 shouting and singing sitting fire
 to the Hall. alarming Mr Masters & Mary Chaworth
 The Mob. came rushing and shouting up B St
 away to the Castle, they soon broke open the old doors
 rushed up the step, broke into firing the castle the
 sad conflagration, and damage to the tapestry
 was very much to be regretted - the damage was

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 assed at 22,000 which fell on a small part of the
 County, the gate way being blocked they broke thro'
 the wall reeked up the steps and through Stairs and
 Hile to W Lowe Beeson Mill he was another of the 22
 The riots were a sad disgrace to the Town and
 used by the Tories to dishonour the Mags. I saw the
 Conflagration from the opposite side at the Top of ^{Stour} ~~Stour~~ ^{Gate}

The First good Friday I was in business I went
 to Derby taking what bit of money I could spare intending
 to buy Cheese, when I got there all the Warehouses
 were closed, I made out where Tho Goodwin the Head
 warehouse man lived called on him, he had a bit of I told
 about him after he had listened to my story he said
 come on I have a bit of a Dairy that will suit you
 he showed me it I thought if my money held out to pay
 for it, Old Brian Barnes brought it next Day it was just the thing
 and very useful, and gave me Confidence, Old Tommy
 Goodwin always spoke a good word for me to Farmers & Factors.
 In May 1833 a Daughter was announced, a little Dark
 piece of humanity my Eldest Daughter Mary Ann

The bonny Wife of Mr Wm Eaton and Mother of 8 fine
Grand Children,

For some time no particular event occurred
we found our family increasing, business also
our returns had doubled by 1835 we began to feel
our feet and by great care & perseverance was able to
pay our way, and save a little.

Old Robt Morrison was fond of telling a
story of his first Visit to Nottingham on Business
One Saturday Evening he came to have a look
round standing sometime observing us
and how busy we were, he ventured to take an
order which led to further and larger transactions
and he used to say gave him confidence in doing
a Country trade ending with a bit of his blarney

Whilest diligent in business we did not
neglect other duties - I was able and enjoyed
Sunday School Work, and various other
social Political & benevolent objects.

In May 1835 another addition to our

Family Dear Ellen, I shall never forget the sad distressed look of the dear feeble Mother, when trying to give the babe its natural food she found a defect in the roof of its Mouth preventing it from swallowing, and was nearly choked.

There came the proof of the Mothers, wonderful care and untiring effort and labor to rear the little sufferer.

which aided by Medical Skill she accomplished, and which when the Child grew up she amply rewarded by her love devotion and energy to promote her parents and family comfort and good.

her life was devoted to works of benevolence and like her divine Masters going about doing Good.

I was Treasurer for the nice little New G B Chapel at Hucknall and able to render some little assistance even though times were very bad —

Poor Stockingers were only earning 8/10/ a week Porters 12/. In 1836 April Pickering was born being the fourth in less than 5 years, the strain upon the Mother was heavy, her energy was taxed to the uttermost, it was a time of anxiety

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Then in March of 1837 a sad calamity happened
A messenger came running to say that our dear
Kind Mother Speeds room was on fire and that
she was badly burned, I ran, found it to true, but
Old Barnes at first hindered me from entering pretend-
ing there was already too many in.
I had her brought to our house, we had only the
press bed in the sitting room, Dr. Danson wrapped her
in Cotton Wool and did all he could, but he said that
the burns were too extensive, for her to rally,
after suffering most acutely, although she remained
unconscious except for a few minutes when
she touchingly exhorted her children to cherish
tender affections toward each other, she died
on the 16th of March 1837. The fire was in a
room where a number of girls were working
one of them carelessly upset a candle, the lace
caught fire, Mrs Speed in her anxiety to put it out
her clothes caught fire and two girls also were burnt
She beside my wife her eldest daughter & children
3 of whom were young, in the house we

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then lived in we had but two bed rooms and
a small attic, we were 7 in family, the three
youngest for some time lived with us, looking
back to that time we marvel how we managed
it was indeed a season of sore trial.

Mother Speed was ~~an~~ industrious & kind to
her children; looking back 50 years we are
thankful to have been able to render aid to
the Motherless in a time of Need

During the next two or three years trade was bad,
our progress slow in 1840 - our stock taking
for the first time reached 4 figures as the result of 10
years trading for which we were very thankful.

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On the second of March our youngest daughter
Sarah was born, it was a critical time for both
Mother and babe, The Mothers strength had been over-
taxed, she was so feeble that Dr. Heynbootham told me
the greatest care and attention would be required to prevent
a collapse - She frightened Ann Richards and me - being
delirious partly induced by Old Wm Shaw's loud shouting
when delivering Cheese, the sound quite upset her. The

^{in his attendance}
 D^r was most diligent, as also the nurse, it was a most
 anxious time she was sometime before she rallied

I thank our heavenly Father that her life
 was spared. Our Business and family
 increased, our premises did not for some
 time I was looking out for larger, but was too
 fearful of expense or I might have bought
 or taken premises that would have been
 central, and cheap.

This was a busy period of my life I attempted
 to much and some things that I was not
 qualified for being urged on by injudicious
 Friends, beside Sunday School Teaching &
 being elected a Deacon, urged to go out into
 the country villages to take services
 for which I feel now and have long
 done that I had neither the gifts or
 the thorough devotion. The one
 defect of my life has been the lack of
 thoroughness. I have sometimes been
 surprised that I have succeeded as well
 as I have, it has been partly owing to
 the good influence my wife has exerted.

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In consequence of what we both considered
to be very unchristian action we both decided
to leave Stoney Street and worship at Broad
Street where I was pressed to become a
Teacher and afterward Superintendent of
the School which office I held for more than
20 years and also president and Treasurer
for many years of the Prayer and alms society.
In 1843 we took and entered upon the pre-
mises now occupied by my Son.

We did the best retail business after opening
customer waiting their turns to get in to be served.
we steadily increased from 1840 to 1850 from [£]1087 to [£]3331-
from 1851 to 1861 from [£]3829 to over 5000

In 1839 we bought a Garden rebuilt the summer
house in 1846 we bought ~~and~~ Taffy they were
both a source of health and great enjoyment
except when the said Taffy came to his knees
or in his mischief turned the wappan over.
In the Garden the Mother had some of her
happiest hours cultivating flowers and

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fruits & Vegetables, and the Children with
there Friends spent many happy times
at this time I devoted a good deal of time to various
social and religious work. Treasurer for Hackett Hall
Nice New Chapel, Riddington School and Lenton
On the 30th of July 1844 our 3rd Son Fred was born
whose steady uniform life has been a source of
comfort to us. Nurse and general servant Good
old Ann Richards deserves honourable mention
who nursed the Mothers and babes with a
steady devotion worthy of praise, our good
nieces Sarah & Mary Culpin also who together
for about 10 years of our most anxious period in
life ~~was~~ invaluable Mr Walstow was a
hard working fun loving youth. William
Adridge ~~will~~ came when he was not quite 12
he was under nurse & to go to the Garden with
the little ones for a while, he early manifested
talent for making mouse traps, soap dishes
and little Nick Nacks he was with us about 8
years a good honest Lad altho a bit of a fool
On the 9th of Oct 1844 another little daughter
Harriett Eliza a beautiful infant

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was added to the flock a sweet dear child living only about $2\frac{1}{2}$ years - a delicate flower gently fading - The first of the family passing away it was to each of us a severe stroke to the Mother who had tenderly watched the gentle little sufferer we have been comforted by the thought, "that of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Thomas from his twelfth to near his 20 year was very useful in Book Keeping Travelling for orders. he opened up the Derbyshire journey often tried with old Taffy coming to the ground now and again - Generally took the Lincoln & Newark jurnies when the American trade first opened we pushed out into it somewhat about 1850 Tho^s was often unwell Dr Gill had recently return from Australia where he had been for restoration of health - one day when he was very unwell "I said go and consult Dr Gill and if he says go to Australia go" he consulted him the Dr strongly recommended him to go - he said as soon as he came in Father I'm going to Australia. I felt stunned, but so it came to pass, he went to Melbourne and came back in less than 2 years he had heard I was lame thro an accident he

162/ found I was better and had a full team for business
so he got married and returned, and remained about
9 years - Owing to the excessive heat his health
had given way, business at Melbourne was bad.
his success was not so good as he hoped it would be
during the years from 50 to 60. I was a busy radical
Politician, Battles at Peter's Church against Church
rates - an Ardent supporter ^{or} of Jos. Sturge, occasionally
doing a bit of Spouting at meetings for Reform
Elected Chairman of the "Completed Suffrage
Association" John Hutchinson being
Elected 1857 to the Council - had a tussle with
Bashaw Wm Felkin two times twice Mayor
was Vice Chairman of Sanatory Committee
for 3 years was complimented for my punctuality
and attention to the duties of the Office by the worthy
Wm Enfield Town Clerk - I gave great offence to
the betting men who wanted to establish Spring
races and spend 300 of the rates on the course
for that and two or three other votes, I was voted out
by No 30 - and felt afterward I was a coward
for not fighting it out - being an abstainer at that

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time of Bribery and Treating it made against
me, I felt more happy to be out than to win by corrupt
and sinful means, I was elected a guardian for
Peter parish for the first time for nearly 10 years
as a liberal - I was on the ward 6 or 7 times and
took great interest as Chairman of the School Committee
in the welfare of the poor children sought and got a
great deal of information about the separation of the
Children from the Adult paupers.

I gave great offence to the Old Wig party by taking the Chair and
picking into the said Wigs for showing the Cold Shoulder
to ~~his~~ Lord Amberly - it was a fine Meeting -
after the treatment I had experienced from the wire
pullers at the Municipal Election I took less in-
terest in wig politics voting only for liberals
returning to domestic & business matters
in and about 1856 to 1859 Sarah and other members
of the family been very unwell Dr M. H. Higginbotham
said very emphatically "which do you like best
your Children or your Money. because if you
want your family to be in health and live
you must live out in better air". So I selected
a site and built in the park in 1859

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I also took on a lease for 21 years our business premises and effected extensive alterations and improvement. Cost near a 1000[£] it was a very ^{great} ~~great~~ improvement and might have been better.

Thos returned from Australia in 1860 and in due course became a partner in the business, which I think we carried on with fair success and comfort. He and his family residing at Bridlemethgall and my family at the Park, The House was convenient commodious having fine views from Belvoir in the east, to the Charn Wood Forest on the South West. The Garden to the wife the aviary of Birds to the daughter Ellen were delights. We spent 12 enjoyable years, having much enjoyment from the company of Ministerial Friends and laymen, of the former Mr Mathews. Whistbury & many others of the latter Geo Charlton, Jos Pollard Henry Mallet Edmund Patchitt &c many a cheerful sing we enjoyed with young friends of our children. Occasionally entertaining men of note as

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Baptist Noel Lord Samuel Morley Ed.^d
Beals, Carvel Williams &c —

One of the events of interest was at the
Wedding of our youngest Daughter Sarah
to William Foggatt and Frederic Arnold
to Miss Eliza Swain. The two large rooms
were thrown open. W^m Taylor Confectioner pro-
vided the Breakfast he stated the set out was in
very good Taste. The company consisted of
beside the immediate Wedding party Alderman
Mr Swain the Rev in law of the bride Mr Bennett
and his wife Mr Lachonore - Mr W Black & Wife
Mrs Foggatt. & the members of our Family.
Ten of the company have passed over to the majority.
The wedding was at Derby Road Chapel a very
happy day was spent many good wishes for
the happiness of the young couple being expressed.
I have omitted giving in due order the
many very enjoyable Seaside and other pleasur-
able excursions from time to time we had for
with one or two exceptions we generally both
went. One of the first was to the Isle of Wight

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In March 1855 - We both needrest - Dr Hygingbotham
recommend the J. W. we went spent most part of the
time at Ryde, and Ventnor, when at the latter place
on a beautiful sunny March morning it was so
mild I fell on sleep on the seat on the side of the
hill my head resting on the wife, I slept some
2 or 3 hours woke up a new man, lassitude all
gone digestive organs all right, staid a few days
come home "like a giant repeshed with new wine"
we did the little Island something like the We did
the British Museum when seeing the Lions of London
in 2 or 3 hours - Another excursion we very much
enjoyed was with Thos Cook when we went with
him ~~in~~ one of his first trips to Wales to Merion
Budge and Bangor, it was the year when the Tuber
Grand railway Bridge was being built we walked
over both to our great enjoyment but we had such
sharp appetites we enjoy the sweet Welch Mutton quite
as much at the quaint Welch Inn "The Anglesw"
as in most cases that our first visit excited and delighted
our Organ of Wonder and our delight was very
great it was a treat to us both.

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Another excursion we went with Cooks ~~John~~ Cook⁹⁶⁷ being our Conductor was to Ireland, about a year after the famine, we were struck with the grandeur of some parts of Dublin the grand buildings and fine Streets Satcherville &c. The Post office and other public Building are very handsome. "Pat the Carman" declared that it was entirely the finest Street in Europe there was not one in London could touch it. we went to Glasnevin saw Daniel Cronnel Tomb. the beautiful Phoenix Park with its fine trees. beautiful Walks &c. saw the Dublin exhibition many very beautiful objects. The wife wandered away as usual taking her own way lost me and it was some time before we met at which said incident the well person was unduly ill tempered at this distant day will not say how it affected the said sensitive wife - it is often brighter after a storm we enjoyed the ride by rail from Dublin to Cork. The number of old Castles, the sad evidence of the effects of the famine visible throughout our journey was very disheartening.

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we found Cork a busy place rose early
had a Capital Breakfast, and went early
off to Blarney Castle, walked amid its
ruins, mounted the Tower where the Blarney
Stone was pointed out to us, whereof if we Kissed
it we should be endowed with special Irish
gifts of discoursing Blarney. we found
the Stone two or three courses from the Top the
Kissing performance could only be achieved
by the Operator being held by the heels while
he leaned over to secure the benefit.
having doubts of our power to receive the gift
we declined the Ceremony.

After leaving Cork we went through the
South, we found distressing effects of the
famine - passing thro' Bandon we took
Cabs our Jarvis was full of talk about
the glories of past, day and present wretched-
ness, pointing out to us the residence of their ^{late}
great Leader Daniel O'Connell and other patriots.
Bantry Bay delighted us with its scenery and
waters. Our driver lamenting that their ancient

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Laid was so ruined that his fine old family estates were then in the Court of encumbered Estates, from Bantry Bay we were driven on the Kerry mountains, the Carriages were ~~thorowed~~ followed by lots of poor ragged famished looking Children some begging piteously for coppers and others even in the poverty and rags fun loving young elfs who succeed in extracting the pence out of the trippish Pockets.

we saw but little of the lakes just enough to show us how beautiful they were, we spent the Sunday at Killarney, on that day the poor people of the district crowded the Streets and Churches they were a very picturesque looking lot. many of them distressing to look upon. we returned home having enlarged instructions Knowledge of the beauty of the Country and deplorable condition of the people.

Another pleasant trip was to Scotland in Aug^{20th} to 30th 1867 The year after the American War

between the North & South on account of Slavery
 and for the maintenance of the Union
 we had J. M. Cook as our conductor and
 had a good time of it. Our first run was to
 Edinburgh which going by first ^{class} by the night train
 we travelled very comfortable. We went to the
 Calton Hill was charmed with the fine buildings and
 views, Scotts Monument, Burns Grave, Grassmarket
 Historical as the place where many martyrs suffered
 Then the lofty Houses on Flats was a new sight to us
 besides many places and objects of inter-
 est I cannot particularise. Our stay was
 too short we hied away to Glasgow -
 found the Grand square & Monuments
 very fine but Glasgow being more of a
 Commercial City was less interesting
 to us. We spent the afternoon and evening
 there and then after breakfast started and
 took the Steamer to the Loch &
 up the two Wonderful Canals gliding

through Wonderful bright Clear Water
 through Splendid scenery rising by
 lock after lock passing by and
 through Historic places the wonder
 and Delight of the excursionist, our
 company was very enjoyable several Gentle-
 men who had travelled some round the globe
 M.D.'s Presbyterian Minister & 4 Americans &c.
 we visited most of the places remarkable for
 there beauty and Historical interest and
 spent part of Saturday and Sunday at Oban
 where she wife worshiped by the Sea and Mountains
 and saw one of the most Glorious sunsets of her life
 when I came to her after hearing a distinguished
 Scotch Divine found her in a rapture whether
 in the body or out she could hardly tell, we
 very much enjoyed our stay at Oban Caught
 a very large beetle asked a Scotchman what
 he called it - Aye said he it is a "bonny Beastie"
 next morning we sailed away to Staffa & Iona
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 after rambling about the Island for
 some ^{time} and glancing at its ruins we
 returned to the steamer. having much
 enjoyed the day, I do not sufficiently
 remember the route we took, but wind-
 ing round the foot of Scotland's highest
 Mountain our company staid to dine
 at the large Hotel - we preferred walking
 toward the path where one of the ascents
 to the Mountain started, the wife rested
 I determined to go up to a point where
 the lake lay up the mountain was, I
 was told it commanded splendid views
 from it all round.

I started a little before three, the air
 was very pure and bracing the day
 clear & fine, I walked away for 2 hours
 up and up, still the point at which I aimed
 seem in the distance, I found the
 finest mosses and here & there rare

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Grasses & after walking up for more than two hours the solitude and silence became sublimely solemn, never in my life had I experienced any thing like it. as I walked along - a large black cock rose just before me with such a burring it was startling in its effect after walking another $\frac{1}{2}$ hour I came to the lake up the mountain formed by the water and springs from the higher crags and points of the mountain. The view from the highest point was very extensive something like 7 or 8 mountain came into view - I despaired reaching the summit whilst it was light but saw a point higher up that I thought I could gain in a $\frac{1}{4}$ hour or 20 minutes I put on all the steam but when I had walked about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour I found it still in the distance, so delusive is mountain climbing, I caved in turned round, the shadows of evening were
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gancing and the rays of the setting sun
gilding many a point and crag - Then the
story of an adventurer like myself who had
set off alone and got set fast in a gully and found
dead; together with the wife's faith caution not
to go too far or be away too long came to me
came to me with force, I looked out for points
as guides as I ascended I thought I could take
a short cut, and soon be at my starting point
I started at a swinging pace, but soon went
up to the thighs into a gully concealed by tall
Grasses Mosses and other luxurious growths;
I scrambled out tried a way back and tried
to find the same way down that I came
up after several little plunges I saw in the
distance the starting point, the company
from the Hotel found the wife waiting for me
and were soon a search party whose voices
echoed amongst the hills. I answered the
shout and was soon safe beside the faithful wife

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to received several lectures for my too rash venturesomeness, the fatigue and at one part, anxiety, caused one of the most violent perspiration of my life, I was some time before I recovered. Many pleasant little incidents occurred in our short visit, and Trip to Scotland, endeared to memory.

After Our Son Thomas return from Melbourne in 1861 we took nearly yearly sea side trips of longer or shorter duration 3 or 4 times to the Isle of Man which we enjoyed very much and derived great benefit. The clearness of the ^{air &} water, the abundance and beauty of the sea weed, the pleasant drives pretty Glen bays & Ports go to make it a favorite resort. The last visit we made may be most interesting we left home Sep 2 1884 accompanied by our Daughter & grandaughter. Foggatto went by From 10 to 14 Liverpool

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we spent the afternoon at Pickering's & was
pleased with his nice well furnished house
his garden and green house - we spent the
evening in the pleasant park, a ride down
to the Docks & over to Bakenhead, and
next morning off by Steamer at one
to Douglas - went forward to Port Erin
same evening stayed at the Marina Hotel
for the night took lodgings at Henry
Claques Rowan Terrace the highest point
on the Beach had 1 upstairs sitting room
and two bed room on the first landing 30/0 wk.
We found Port Erin a pleasant & healthy
quiet sea side resort - the bay sheltered on
the N West by the Braddan Hill & Head on the
East by the Hyk head land beach on the
South by pleasant sloping hills to the Cal of
Man. the bay is limited in extent open
to the sea from the West, we found the
sands limited but the rocks and caves

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Very pleasant sheltered from heat and wind
We took rambles to Port St Mary, Fleshwick
Bay Bradda Head, the Chasms and other
places of interest, several pleasant sails
in Robert Macgregor's good boat - did a
bit of fishing spent a very pleasant fortnight
there. As Sarah and her Daughter
had not seen much of Douglas we went
to spend the last part of our time there
we enjoyed it "muchly" the fine views from
Douglas head, the beautiful clear water
the wide extensive prospects delighted us -
then the rides & walks out each day
interested us, especially to Peel with
its old Castle, & ruins interpreted by
the Old naval officer who told us, that
the buildings at one time combined
the Ecclesiastical, the Military and
Governmental, the tradition is that
St Patrick was the first to teach Christianity in
the Island. To 16

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Peel is noted for fish, rocks & scenery
We saw the pretty Gen. Hellen as we returned
having much enjoyed ^{the} day, we also enjoyed our
Dinner Tea & bed after. Owing to accidents
and illness this last visit to the Isle of Man
was the last that we were able to take walks
of any length, which to both of us contributed
greatly to our enjoyment, we returned
Home after a month's enjoyment on
the Health giving beautiful Isle of
Man thankful to find all safe and
again enjoyed our own fireside.

Four of our most interesting sea
side visits have been to Tenby S. Wales
The distance and length of time to get to it
is a drawback; when there it is very
enjoyable the bay is pleasant, the old
Castle Hill washed by the sea with its
ruins, monuments museums walks &c

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are very attractive and pleasant, visitors very much enjoy the Castle Grounds.

Then the Fort on McCatherns Rock accessible in low water with its Caves - surrounded in high water in stormy weather very interesting to see the waves and foam dashing around its base and its caves on the south good & fine houses are built on the rocks against which in high tides in stormy weather the waves beat furiously in fine weather the sands, the rocks caverns are very fine, pleasant to walk upon to shelter in, many a pleasant hour have we spent on the sands gathering shells &c or reading in the caves.

Caldy Island south of Tenby is a pretty little Island about a mile distant as a crow flies. a sail to it or round it in fine weather is very enjoyable, in stormy weather it is a Capital breakwater.

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on the South side of Tenby.

liking as we do fine sands and fine rock and Caves, there are few places so attractive to us in that respect as Tenby.

Then its surrounding are very interesting. Pennally a $1\frac{1}{2}$ Ride landing one near the fine Lido Headlands by the sea leading on to Proud Giltar is one of the finest Sea Side Walks for good Pedestrian I know of. The sail round Caldy Island to Pembroke and Milford is also very interesting affording various views of fine Caverns &c.

The rides and drives for pure air and pleasant scenery are also varied and pleasant.

Then the short inexpensive rides by rail to several places such as Sandarspot by the sea are a pleasant break. Yes, we have much enjoyed our visits to Tenby. The Town and inhabitants have a homely Character that was very agreeable to us.

The Sunday Services. Earnest and helpful

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The other Sea Side we have visited for shorter periods have been Scarborough, too bustling and fashionable for our taste. Fifty above Thirty years since where the Mother with her feeble youngest Daughter was staying and where she by setting her foot on a bit of slippery Fish wrenched the Girders of her ankle and for months was unable to walk and for years with more or less pain, but by indomitable perseverance by bandages and lotions &c she has so cured as to be able to walk with little pain. Then Bridlington has 3 times afforded enjoyment and rest - the Visit of 1886 being the longest. The abundance and excellence of the boating and garden are the special feature there. Then twice we enjoyed our visits to Redcar & Saltburne by the Sea. The added pleasure of our visit to our Son and Daughter W^m Eaton contributed to its pleasantness as place has its special advantages.

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Many years since we went to Llandudno enjoyed the walk round the great Ormes head the flocks of Sea Birds was a sight and a thing of the past, the fine pure air gave us fine appetites which in those early days we could alay at a reasonable rate. Then the enjoyments of the surrounding Neighborhood viz Conway Bettwys &c was a treat, at another time Rhyl was visited as suitable for a feeble invalid we also another Season spent a short time at Llanfairfechan quiet and pleasant suitable from whence to make tours to Aber Falls, to Bangor - here owing to the Mother's lameness we did not take so many outings Mr & Mrs Eaton joining us for a few days we took a tour towards Snowdon by Carnarvon had a fine walk came to our Lodgings real tired

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The chief journey of my life was to Rome and several of the most celebrated City's of Italy in company with Mr Cook. I left home March 25 1878 joined a Party of about 40 persons, several G.B Minister viz Mess^{rs} Barrass, Otton, Clifford Hill Forth & beside laymen one object was to be at the Opening of the New Chapel, for the main company the sights and Glories of Rome & Italy. I was away a month but having so fully written my impressions and delights ineth my journey I think it is unnecessary to refer to it further, than to say That the time spent was too short to see the many wonderful places & objects.

If I am spared to another winter I may have more to add.