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JANUARY.

## 1. Sunday.

Rainy day with strong S. wind. Newmarsh drove me to Lorne, to lunch. His fiancée Miss Heathcote is staying there. Arranged with Uncle George as to fencing off a strip of the orchard. Got home again about 4 o'clock.

## 2. Monday.

Public Holiday. Strong Southerly winds with driving showers at intervals through the day. I stayed at home till past 5 making up my books and sending out quarterly accounts. Then went up and played tennis for an hour and a half. After tea worked on at my bills, and Ellie addressed envelopes for me.

## 3. Tuesday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. Saw Bradley & Son on my way home re Fathers estate. Also gave them instructions as to drawing up my will. Still strong Southerly wind and rain.

## 4. Wednesday.

Southerly gales and showers : very cold. Extraordinary weather for this time of year. Since last Sunday week the wind has been strong from the South with a great deal of rain.

Edith Hooke returned from Katoomba and slept here. Ellie went to Manly in spite of the southerly wind and rain to see her Aunts.

## 5. Thursday.

The weather cleared a little today but is still unsettled with wind from the South. Ellie went to Strathfield today to see the Cottes. I had a few games of tennis on the Brooklyn Court this afternoon. Edith Hooke staying here.

## 6. Friday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon as usual. In evening attended a meeting of the North Sydney Medical Association at De Ward's.

## 7. Saturday.

Intercolonial cricket match began between N.S.W. and South Australia. I lunched at Athenaeum & took Ellie and Edith Hooke to the match. N.S.W. in first lost 6 wickets for 229 runs. Very slow scoring. Mrs Hooke Florrie & Bessie returned from Katoomba & Edith left us. Lucy King housemaid went for a weeks holiday.

## 8. Sunday.

Took Ellie and Phyllis to church this morning. Harry Antill who is staying for a few days at " Redleaf " Bassett's rode over here for dinner.

9. Monday.

Was not able to go to my rooms in town today being engaged at a confinement ( Mrs Tiley) from 8 o'clock till 12. Was there in the middle of the night too. In the afternoon I went to the cricket match. N.S.W. versus South Australia. It looks like a win for N.S.W.

10. Tuesday.

Was persuaded by Rob<sup>t</sup>. Allen to go to the Cricket Match this afternoon instead of going to the Hospital. Went out with him, only in time to see the last two wickets of the South Australians go--their second innings. N.S.W. won by one innings and 60 runs.

11 Wednesday.

Played tennis at Brooklyn Court. Barrett & I previous to playing fixed up a new net. Uncle John came here this evening.

12. Thursday.

Played tennis this afternoon at Brooklyn Court.

13 Friday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon. Came back in train with Dr Angel Money. Called at Pacific Insurance Office. Heavy thunderstorm followed at 8.30 p.M by very strong southerly buster.

Slipped when getting off ferry boat at Milson's Point and hurt my left knee pretty severly. Very painful all evening Ellie was to have tea at her mother's but heard I had hurt my knee and came home.

14. Saturday.

Uncle John returned to Picton today. The three Syers and Barrett played tennis on my court this afternoon. I couldnt play my knee being too sore. Lucy King returned from her week's holiday.

15. Sunday.

Drove Ellie, Phyllis and Jack to Lorne to dinner. Joseland who walked up there in the afternoon came back with us. Jack not very well : his teeth troubling him.

16. Monday.

Fine day. Took Phyllis to town to examine her eyes. She is astigmatic. Will have to examine her again. Stayed at home working at books and papers all the afternoon. Went for a short stroll with Ellie to Bay Road just before tea. Knee very stiff still. After tea Ellie doing sewing I worked at odds and ends of business.

17. Tuesday.

P.A. Hospital this afternoon. Meeting of Medical Board afterwards. I resigned Hon. Secretaryship. W. Chisholm elected in my place. Students Fees divided. £10-10-0 to each Hon Officer. Resolution carried recommending the appointment of 2 more Resident Surgeons. Lily Beit came here this evening to stay. Harry Whitton came up for a few minutes to see her. Her two children are at Bowenfels.

18. Wednesday.

Thunder storm this evening. Before it came on the clouds were arranged in a most extraordinary fashion. Ellie and Lily & I went out to look at them. Everyone was remarking on the sight and wondering what was going to follow. They were arranged as large round black balls or balloons closely packed with white fillings in the interspaces. The newspapers say nothing of the kind has been witnessed here before. Walter Syer and Barnett played the semifinal in the tennis club tournament. Barnett won and I have to meet him in the final. My knee still sore & stiff. Had a gentle game with Hamilton.

19. Thursday.

Another thunderstorm this afternoon.

I had a Chubbs safe sent over to keep valuable papers and books in connexion with father's estate in. Barnett was here when it came to get me to play tennis but the storm put a stop to that.

This evening went to Royal Society's rooms and heard a paper read before the Royal Geographical Society by a Mr Purcell on the Aborigines of Queensland and some of their customs and surgical rites, and on "Pitchery". Home about 11.

20. Friday.

After visit to P.A. Hospital returned visits to Dr Gateward Davis & Dr Angel Money.

Flo and Bessie Hooke here this evening.

21. Saturday.

Played tennis this afternoon at Syers court.

22. Sunday.

Heavy Easterly gale with heavy rain came on this morning : terrific sea in harbour.

23. Monday.

After afternoon tea had a short game of tennis. My knee nearly all right again.

24. Tuesday.

Busy day at Prince Alfred Hospital had a great many operations.

25. Wednesday.

This afternoon played off final round of tennis tournament

against Barnett and beat him 7-5 & 6-3.

26. Thursday.

Anniversary day. Public holiday. I went to the intercolonial cricket match N.S.W. versus Victoria. Victoria batting all day.

27. Friday.

Having nothing important at the Prince Alfred Hospital this afternoon I went to the cricket match straight from my town rooms. Victoria all out 330. N.S.W. 7 wickets for 170. Lily Beit had cable from England: they had just received news of Beit's death.

Letter from Tim Caddell.

28. Saturday.

Went to cricket match for an hour before lunch. Then came on here as I had to give chloroform for Classe at 2.30. After waiting till 3 without the patient turning up I went back to the cricket. N.S.W. all out 262. Victoria in again 4 wickets down for 163. After tea galked round to Mordaunt Clarke's with Ellie and Lily Beit.

29. Sunday.

Drove Syer & Guy to Lorne to dinner. Intensely hot day. Came home in cool of evening. Dr Walters of Pymble & Channing House came there in afternoon. Ellie suffering from her heart. Lily went to Montrose to tea.

30. Monday.

Arthur Syer went to England today. I went to the cricket match. Rain commenced to fall and the wicket to cut up towards close of Victorian innings. N.S.W. lost 9 wickets for 99 runs so they are hopelessly beaten.

Cunningham the latest acquisition from Queensland was the chief feature of the match.

Heard to day that Emilie Mosh? (nee Philips) and Miss Nellie Dight were drowned on Saturday at Bodalla while bathing in the Tuross River.

31. Tuesday.

Another Miss Dight has died in Victoria from snake bite. Poor old nurse is dreadfully cut up and depressed about these sad fatalities. She was nurse to these girls many years ago and looks upon them almost as her own children. They lost their mother years ago.

FEBRUARY. 1893.

1. Wednesday.

Uncle John came to see me at my rooms this morning. He is staying at Lassetters.

F.E. Joseph had called just before in referral to some investments

he had to offer for our trust funds but I put him off. This afternoon I had a game of tennis with Hamilton at Brooklyn Court.

## 2. Thursday.

Uncle John came to my rooms today and we lunched together at Athenaeum Club. Also met Ted Rutledge and his brother-~~Fester~~<sup>Percy</sup> there.

In afternoon played tennis at Brooklyn Court with Barnett, Child & Hamilton.

## 3. Friday.

At Prince Alfred Hospital this afternoon. Saw Herbert Partridge on my way home re investments.

## 4. Saturday.

Very hot day. Southerly just before tea. Played tennis at Syers with Partridge & Frank and Walter Syer. Ellie and Lily went to a religious tea meeting at Mrs Clarke's. They brought Farrar home to tea with them.

## 5. Sunday.

Did not go to Lorne today. Ellie had a row with the old nurse Mary Rust for being rough with the children and the upshot is that nurse is to go. The nurse has been very much upset by the drowning of Miss Nellie Dight and the death from snake bite of a younger Miss Dight within a few days of one another. She was their nurse.

## 6. Monday.

Played a few games with Hamilton on Brooklyn

Court and beat him. Gave him 15 and then beat him 6-0. Lily Beit left us today. She has gone to Strathfield for a short time.

They are having terrible floods in Brisbane Ipswich Gympie etc.-- the highest ever known 8 feet above the previous (1890) record.

## 7. Tuesday.

Had a very busy afternoon at the Prince Alfred 9 operations.

## 8. Wednesday.

Had a few visits to make this afternoon. Then stayed at home and romped with the children. They are going away tomorrow. ~~Syer-here-this-even-~~

## 9. Thursday.

This morning Ellie and the 4 children and Alice-- as nurse maid to Mrs Massingham's near Mittagong for a holiday and change of air. I went to the train with them and saw them off.

In afternoon played Walter Syer at tennis on his court and beat him.

10. Friday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon.

Damage by floods in Queensland estimated at over two million sterling.

Weather here dull and threatening and oppressively close light southerly.

11. Saturday.

This afternoon played tennis with Walter & Frank Syer and Isling on Syers court. After tea took Frank & Walter to Club social at Athenaeum. Eric was here to tea. Went home to Lorne by last train. Threatened rain began this evening. Letter from Ellie. The place they have gone to seems comfortable.

12. Sunday.

Miserable day, raining and misty with very light S.E. wind. Very close and oppressive. Everything in house damp & mouldy and all woodwork swollen. Dined at Syers, de Ridder and Dr Money were there. Came home about 7. Wrote Ellie and Phyllis.

13. Monday.

Work is still slack. Nurse (Rust) had a letter from Ellie and scribbles from the children. The nurse is staying on for a few days at her own wish to finish up some sewing she had in hand. Had a short game of tennis with Walter Syer on his court this evening.

14. Tuesday.

Pretty busy at my town rooms this morning. At P.A.H. in afternoon. Had two or three operations (cataract extraction). Mrs Hooke and Edith dropped in to see me in the evening. I had an unexpected call to a confinement afterwards and didn't get back to bed till 12. Received letter from Ellie, and scribbles from the children. Wrote Guy this evening. Nurse Rust left today.

15. Wednesday.

Received letter from Ellie this morning and sent her one. I hope to be able to go up to Mittagong on Friday for a week or ten days, but am subpoenaed for a District Court case (damage to a child's eye) which may detain me. The case may come on tomorrow or next day. This afternoon I stayed at home tidying up my writing table, sorting and endorsing letters & papers etc.

16 Thursday. NO ENTRY

17. Friday.

Went to P.A.H. this afternoon and then started by the Melbourne express (5-15 p.m.) for Mittagong which was the first stopping place. Ellie and Mr Edgar Cottee (manager of local Commercial Bank) met us on platform and Cottee and his brother kindly drove us

in his little phaeton to the Massingham's where Ellie and the children are staying. Ellie looking much better.

18. Saturday.

Poured with rain (3 inches fell) could not leave the house all day. Played with children and read to self and to Ellie.

19. Sunday.

Showery misty cold day. Drove Ellie and children and Alice (nurse) through Mittagong and for a few miles along the Berrima road before dinner.

20. Monday.

Showery all day. In morning managed to get a walk with Ellie. In afternoon drove Ellie and children and nurse into Mittagong in the covered in buggy and in to the fern hills at back of Mittagong.

21. Tuesday.

Showery and threatening. Went for a walk with Phyllis and Guy in morning and told them the story of Robinson Crusoe. After lunch short walk with Ellie. Later Cottee drove his two sisters Mrs Hogg and Mrs Roxburgh out to see Ellie.

22. Wednesday.

At Mittagong. Showery all day. Had a short walk with Ellie and the children.

23. Thursday.

At Mittagong. Showery still but not as bad as it has been. Had an early lunch and drove Ellie and the children & nurse to Bowral and called on the Morgans. Had a letter from home saying Johns has been drunk all the time I have been away and that puppy is lost.

24. Friday.

Left Mittagong (Braemar platform) after lunch and went to Jarvisfield. (Ellie and children staying on at Mittagong). Walked from Picton station: called in and saw Mills on the way and he walked with me almost to Jarvisfield house. Aunt Jessie, Uncle John, Harry, Flossie and her children at home Jack, Leila and Selina in Sydney seeing Elsie off tomorrow to England.

25. Saturday.

Called Brookside in morning. Took gun to try for a hare. Nearly trod on large black snake at back of Glen Fossa. Shot it. George Foster took Uncle Willie and me for a drive through upper Picton to Thirlmere and back. Harry went to Sydney this morning returned in evening as did also Leila Selina Jack and Guy.

26. Sunday.

This morning George Foster drove me to look at some land (Coutts) at upper Picton which is to be sold next month, and of which he advises me to buy an allotment. Read all afternoon. Wrote Ellie in evening.

27. Monday.

Returned home by early train. Jack drove me to station. Went straight to my rooms and home by one o'clock boat. Found Johns my man had been drunk all last week. And Harold who stayed here while I was away had to milk and also attend to horse. Johns hasn't done a hand's turn, and I suspect has made away with puppy. I sacked Johns straight away and was fortunate enough to get another man Thomas before tea. Syer came up after tea. I had a very bad headache.

28. Tuesday.

Busy all day with accumulation of work. At P.A. Hospital in afternoon. A Mr Sykes from Huddersfield friend of Arthur Woodhead called on me this morning in town. I am to dine with him and some friends at the Australia tomorrow night.

MARCH 1893.

1. Wednesday.

Busy all day. Sykes did not turn up at Australia this evening. Porter said that he had gone to the Hawkesbury in morning and wouldn't be back till late. So I went to the Club and had my dinner there. Afterwards had a long yarn with Stan. McCulloch.

2. Thursday.

Had a letter from Sykes explaining that he had expected me on Tuesday evening (though the invitation was definitely for Wednesday). Played tennis at Brooklyn in the evening. After tea the Charlie Gardeners came in and Massie showed us a lot of his photos by lime light on screen. Very pretty.

3. Friday.

Very sultry oppressive day. At P.A.H. in afternoon. Did some shopping afterwards. Very tired this evening.

4. Saturday.

Played tennis on my court this afternoon with F. & W. Syer, and Herbert Partridge. Partridge stayed to tea. Letters from and to Ellie. Alice the acting nurse at Mittagong has been very troublesome.

5. Sunday.

Drove Frank Syer to Lorne to dinner. All well there. He came back to tea with me.



## 6. Monday.

Seeing about hangings etc for Ellie's room. Played tennis with Hall for an hour this evening. Farrar here to tea. Barnett was to come but couldnt as his wife came home from Katoomba this evening. He came in after tea to explain. Heavy rain came on this evening.

## 7. Tuesday.

On way home from hospital with Gateward Davis went into George St and bought some pictures for Ellie's room. Uncle John here to tea and stayed the night. Had a telegram from Ellie saying she would be home on Thursday. Lucy very busy getting house ready for their return.

## 8. Wednesday.

Wet southerly gale. Uncle John stayed in house all day. I spent afternoon and evening hanging pictures in Ellie's room.

## 9. Thursday.

Uncle John left this morning. In early afternoon put finishing touches to process of getting house in order for Ellie and then started and met them and brought them home in Shortall's carriage. Phyllis has bronchitis and all the others have colds except Ellie who is looking very well. Ellie much pleased with the curtains, hangings, pictures etc in her room.

## 10. Friday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. On way home called at Bradleys on business. He left office with me and we walked up from ferry together on this side. Dr Kestevan has moved to house just vacated by Curtis who has gone to Cowra, and Alex Paterson who has recently started in Alfred St has moved to the house just vacated by Kestevan in Bury St. Fearful floods in Hunter River district. Highest ever known. 25 in, rain in 29 hours reported from Morpeth where Norman is. Ethels birthday.

## 11. Saturday.

Beautifully cool day. Played tennis at Syers with Frank Syer Barnett and H. Partridge. Ashley Gilfillan came up this evening to use my telephone and stayed until 10 o'clock. Phyllis cold still very bad and Ellie & the other children are all getting bad colds.

## 12. Sunday.

Poor Father's birthday. Started family prayers in morning. Went to church with Ellie. In afternoon called for her at Mrs Hooks and walked together to cemetery, and had a look at Father's grave. Wrote Harry Antill re cow.

13. Monday.

Fearful accounts of the floods in the Hunter River Districts The highest floods ever known.

Pretty busy all day. In afternoon had short game of tennis with Hamilton. Phyllis bronchitis still pretty bad and all the others have colds.

Mother came to my rooms today. She is thinking of going to Narrabri and taking Gilly with her, to see Harry. Uncle Ted is living there with a view to opening a branch of his Nevertire forwarding business there.

14. Tuesday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. Several operations.

Called at Bradleys on way home.

Phyllis a little better.

15. Wednesday.

Phyllis still ill in bed but improving.

Played tennis at Brooklyn court this afternoon.

Syer here after tea. Geo. Hurst also came in to use my telephone. His mother is dying at Waverley.

16. Thursday.

Phyllis sat up today for first time. Mr & Mrs Whitton arrived from England and went to Montrose. I went fishing this afternoon to Camp Cove with Willie Sayers. Steamer to Watson's Bay very bad day. Got no fish and scarcely any of the other boats that were out got any either. Home about half past ten.

17. Friday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon.

Ellie took Phyllis for a drive (her first outing) this morning to North Willoughby calling in and seeing the Whittons on the way.

18. Saturday.

This afternoon went down Middle Harbour fishing with Sayers. Poor sport. The others who went to our usual grounds got splendid hauls. Eric here to tea. Had to go out three times after I got home at 8 o'clock.

19. Sunday.

Drove Ellie to Lorne to dinner. Uncle Ted & Aunt Mary there. Mother and Muriel go tomorrow with Uncle Ted to Narrabri to stay awhile with Harry. After tea Ellie and I went up and saw the Whittons. They look very well and do not appear to have aged any.

20. Monday.

In afternoon played tennis for an hour or two on Brooklyn court. Then went to consultation with Dr Ward in

Alexander St. Home to tea at S. Syer here this evening.

Mother and Muriel went to Narrabri to stay with Harry.

Uncle Ted escorting them.

Charlotte Burton nurse left and Harriet Winchester came in her place.

21 Tuesday.

At P.A.Hospital this afternoon. At home nearly all evening. Close sultry weather.

22. Wednesday to 30 Thursday NO ENTRIES.

31. Friday.

Visiting all morning didnt go to town. Read novel in afternoon and evening. Norman down from Morpeth for holidays.

#### APRIL. 1893.

1. Saturday.

Busy all morning. Didnt go to town. In afternoon played tennis at Syers court.

2. Sunday. (Easter)

Went to church with Ellie and stayed to sacrament. In afternoon read David Copperfield together.

3. Monday.

Busy round this morning. Not home till one o'clock. Didnt go to town. In afternoon played tennis at Syers court. Working at accounts in evening.

4. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon. Working at accounts in evening. Gave Thos. Bunsdon notice today as he is so lazy and late in rising in mornings.

5. Wednesday.

Ellie went calling in carriage. I played tennis in afternoon : in evening working at accounts. Commercial Bank of Australia suspended payment.

6. Thursday.

This afternoon went fishing with Dr Classe to Middle Harbour. Took Guy. Fairly good sport.

7. Friday.

Got away early from P.A.Hospital. Went to N.S. Ferry. Met Ellie and took her to Lady Darleys reception at Government House. ( Sir F. Darley is acting governor till our newly appointed governor --Duff--arrives.

8. Saturday.

This afternoon went to Association ground to see Webb and Stuart Tiley play final for captaincy of Sydney Lawn Tennis Club. Webb won easily 6-1, 6-1, 6-0. Afterwards Clem Tiley, Frank Syer and I took a walk through the Zoological Gardens. Have a very bad cold.

9. Sunday.

Ellie dined at her mothers. I was here alone. Wrote Dr. O.C. Young in afternoon.

10. Monday.

Phyllis returned from her visit to Lorne this morning. Thomas Armisden left and Parker came.

11. Tuesday.

Very busy afternoon at P.A. Hospital. Mrs Alan Mann has brought her baby down for me to try and cure its club foot. She is staying at Miss Kirby's.

12. Wednesday.

Had a private cataract extraction at St. Peters this afternoon. Hinder assisting me.

E.S. & A.C Bank suspended payment today.

Got a new cow today from Harry Antill at Picton. Syer and Farrar here this evening.

13. Thursday.

Had a sandwich lunch at my rooms, and then went to St. Peters to see my cataract case--Doing well. Got home 2.45 then made a couple of visits and went to Syers for a game of tennis. But a heavy shower came on and we couldnt play.

14. Friday.

At P.A.H this afternoon. In evening took Ellie to Jubilee Singers at Centenary Hall in York St.

15. Saturday.

After returning from St. Peters went down to Syers court and played tennis with F. & W Syer, Ashley Gilfillan and Herbert Partridge. In evening had to go to Foxlees in Ernest St which occupied all the evening.

16. Sunday.

Ellie took Guy & Phyllis to church this morning. I went on my rounds. In afternoon I had to go to St Peters. Took Ellie with me and dropped her at P.A. Hospital as she wished to see Charlotte Burton late children's nurse who is a patient in the Mary Roberts ward. Picked her up on my way home. Feeling seedy all day.

17. Monday.

Wet Day. Miserable weather.

I cut out some of the skins (Wallaby) that I shot at Jenolan Caves last year, and which have just been tanned. I intend making a rug of them.

18. Tuesday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. Not home till late. Ethel (Hinder) had a daughter (the first) this morning.

19. Wednesday.

Pouring with rain all day . In afternoon I cut out some more wallaby skins.

Syer here in evening.

Nurse was out all day and Ellie had a treat with the children.

20. Thursday.

Pouring with rain at intervals all day. Very heavy showers with thunder. This afternoon cut out a lot more wallaby skins.

21. Friday.

The Australian Joint Stock Bank has suspended payment. This makes the fourth bank this year the first to go being the Federal Things are desperately bad in the colonies now ( except New Zealand This morning a run set in on the other Banks Commercial of Sydney -Bank of N.S.W. - City Bank and even the Savings Bank of N.S.W. There was a regular panic and George St in vicinity of large banks was thronged. The premier G.R. Dibbs signed a notice which was psted in the Savings Banks saying that the Government would guarantee all deposits in that institution being paid in full but it did not do much apparent good The rush went on.

22. Saturday.

The run on the Banks continued this morning till closing time (noon) especially on Savings Bank- though the newspapers say the rush is getting less. This afternoon Ellie and I went to wedding of Lizzie Old to Ed: Amphlett at St Thomas Church and afterwards at Waverton About 250 guests there. Phyllis birthday.

23. Sunday.

This afternoon Syer came and stayed till nearly 10 I went round and called on the Dibbs' Have not been able to do so since their return from England. Fine day at last.

24. Monday.

Had a short game of tennis with Hall on Brooklyn court this afternoon.

25. Tuesday.

Uncle John came here today. I had a busy day.

26. Wednesday.

The London Chartered Bank of Australia suspended payment yesterday- this is the fifth bank this year. The Government are introducing a bill intended to check panic and restore confidence the chief provisions of which are to make bank notes a legal tender up to a certain proportion of the Banks capital & reserves.

Heavy thunderstorm this afternoon with terrific downpour. It flooded

our hall and bedroom. Uncle John and I at Bradleys this evening on business. Had 2 confinements today which interfered greatly with my other work. Was recalled from town by telephone directly I got there.

27. Thursday.

Beautiful fine day. Played tennis with Barnett on the Brooklyn court this afternoon. Ted Antill here to tea this evening.

28. Friday.

Wet day. At P.A.H and St Peters in afternoon. Consultation with Brady at 2.p.m. on Lady Allens nephew F.W. Allen-ear case. I was 36 today. Ellie gave me a reading stand for a present. Uncle John still here.

Standard Bank of Victoria( a local Melbourne Bank ) suspended today.

29. Saturday.

This afternoon Ellie and I went from Milson's Point to Turrumurra on the occasion of the opening of the Railway line through from Milson's point to Hornsby by Sir F. Darley acting governor. A large crowd went. Refreshments at Turrumurra- then back. Ellie and I walked home from St Leonards station. Uncle John went home.

30. Sunday.

Drove Ellie and Guy to Lorne to dinner. Left Guy there to stay for a week. Dick Old, Hall, Mrs Birch and Fred there. Mother looking very little better for her trip to Narrabri. Ellie and I read some " David Copperfield" this evening.

MAY . 1893.

1. Monday.

The National Bank of Australasia has suspended payment. This is principally a Victorian Bank but it had a branch here and did a large business in the colonies generally. Of the 7 banks with Sydney offices that have suspended payment this year 6 have their head offices in Melbourne. The Victorian Gov't. in consequence of the panic there have proclaimed 5 days public holiday, ending Friday evening next. This has given rise to great criticism. In this colony a Bank Bill will be rushed through this week to legalise Bank notes to a certain amount.

2. Tuesday.

Unable to go to P.A. Hospital this afternoon as I was engaged at a confinement till nearly 4 o'clock, so after that had a game of tennis with Barnett on the Brooklyn court.

3. Wednesday.

This afternoon went fishing with Dr Classe to Middle

Harbour. Getting too late in season. Only caught two fish (flathead) one of which I took to Mrs McKinnon who is just convalescent from typhoid.

4. Thursday.

Busy day. In early afternoon attended a meeting of Antimony Syndicate at Howlett's office 416 George St. Hurried home and went to garden party at Mrs Hays at the "Crows Nest" in time to bring Ellie away. Then made a few visits and after tea took Ellie to hear the Jubilee Singers at North Sydney School of Arts.

5. Friday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. In evening I attended a meeting of the British Medical Association in Sydney. Read a paper on a chip of steel in vitreous removed by electromagnet.

6. Saturday.

Beautiful weather. Very busy till half past four when I went down to Syers and had an hours tennis before dark. Edith and Bessie here after tea.

7. Sunday.

Busy morning. Out twice last night. In afternoon walked with Ellie to Folly Point and back. In evening wrote letters and read "David Copperfield" with Ellie.

8. Monday.

Game of tennis with Hall at Brooklyn court this afternoon. In evening attended Parochial Council meeting at Christ Church vestry. After that 9 p.m. went to Sydney to see a private seance given by the "Georgia Magnet" to medical men & press and friends. Syer and Barnett with me. Found we had mistaken the evening so came home again.

9. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon. Several operations. Late home. Guy returned from Gordon.

10. Wednesday.

This afternoon did tenotomy on Alan Manns baby (Edith) for club foot. Clarke chloroforming. Attended meeting of Syndicators in Antimony mine at Mr Ricks office. Decided to call for tenders for leasing on tribute.

11 Thursday.

Busy morning and up till 4. Then went to Syers and played tennis.

12. Friday.

At P.A. Hosp. this afternoon.

13 Saturday.

Went to Intercolonial Tennis tournament this afternoon. Took Guy N.S.W. leading 22 sets to 14 in the singles. N.S.W. also beat Victoria and Queensland in the Intercolonial 8 oar race on the Parra matta River this afternoon.

14. Sunday.

Weather turned very cold with wet southerly wind. Had first fire of the season today. Stayed in nearly all afternoon reading.

15. Sunday.

This evening the Commercial Bank of Sydney which has for many years regarded as the most prosperous institution of its kind in the world suspended payment " pending" reconstruction. The Queensland National Bank and the Northern Queensland Bank suspended this morning. Business is a complete standstill and no one knows what is going to happen next. The Commercial did not avail themselves of the recently passed Bank Issue Bill. My money is all tied up in the Commercial except a little in the savings bank, and a great deal of Father's Estate money is in the Commercial too. This afternoon I went out to the tennis for a little while which Sydney has won.

16 Tuesday.

The Bank of N.S.W.-Inner- City- & Bank of Australia have availed themselves of the Bank Issue Bill. The proclamation necessary for it having been made last night. The Bank of N.Z. is the only bank standing in Sydney now. A rush has set in again on the Savings Bank as well as the Bank of N.S.W. and to a less extent on the others.

This afternoon I went to the P.A. Hospital.

Put Alan Manns baby's foot in plaster after the tenotomy.

17. Wednesday.

The Bank of Victoria and the City of Melbourne Bank have suspended also.-and also the Royal Bank of Queensland. On all sides one hears of people ruined and of others retrenching, reducing wages and dismissing servants to swell the ranks of the unemployed.

Went to tennis tournament for an hour this afternoon.

18. Thursday.

Financial panic continues. I lunched at Club and went to tennis tournament in afternoon.

19. Friday.

Uncle Ted called at rooms and lunched with me at Club.

Before going to Hospital I saw Herbert Partridge and



also Willie Sayers re advisability of buying shares in the Commercial which on a/c of panic are saleable at par. Syer and Farrar here this evening.

20. Saturday.

At tennis tournament for an hour this morning and also after lunch. N.S.W. men have won all the chief events. Webb beating Green for the singles championship and Webb & Colquhoun beating Green & Malcolm for the double.

21. Sunday.

Drove Phyllis and Brian to Lorne to dinner, and home about 5. Then went up to try and see Willie Sayers but he is at the Bank where he has been working all day. All the staff are working now day and night Sundays and all.

22. Monday.

Played a couple of games of tennis with Hall this afternoon and beat him.

23. Tuesday.

Instead of going to the Hospital this afternoon I went to the meeting of Depositors in the Commercial Bank Coy of Sydney held in the Town Hall. The reconstruction scheme proposed by the Directors and which has been unanimously adopted at meeting of shareholders in the morning was adopted almost unanimously.

24. Wednesday.

Queens birthday. Norman down for the day from Morpeth. He took Phyllis and Guy to Lorne with him. I did not go to my rooms in town but finished my work over here in the morning and in afternoon played tennis with Ashley Gilfillan Barnett and Hall.

25. Thursday.

This afternoon played tennis with Walter Syer on his court.

26. Friday.

Went to P.A. Hospital this afternoon and on my way back called at Bradleys office and consulted him re several estate matters and also re draft of my will.

27. Saturday.

This afternoon Barnett Ashley Gilfillan & Hall played tennis with me on my court. Ellie took Mrs Whitton in the carriage to call on Mrs Ide V Lamb at Chatswood and Mrs Gother Mann at Greenwich.

28. Sunday.

This afternoon went to Strathfield for consultation with Showers on

Andrew Brown, Jamie McFarland here to dinner. Saw a few patients for Clarke who is away for the day.

29. Monday.

Sir R.W. Duff our new Governor arrived today. Also General Hutton the new Commandant of the Military Forces.

I played tennis on the Brooklyn court. After tea Barnett came in and stayed an hour.

The Government have passed a new bill which came into force on Saturday the effect of which is to release half the current a/c balance in the suspended banks if the depositors want the money. The Government issue notes on the Banks certificate to the depositor and the Bank undertakes to repay the Government the amount so advanced in due course.

30. Tuesday.

Busy day. 7 operations. Uncle John was expected down this evening but he did not turn up.

31. Wednesday.

Played tennis on Brooklyn court this afternoon. Uncle John came this evening.

JUNE 1893.

1. Thursday.

At Glebe Point this afternoon giving chloroform for Brady at an operation on J.W Allens throat. Ted Antill who is, at present at Middle Head came here to tea.

2. Friday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. S.W. squalls with rain came on yesterday evening. It passed off but later in the night began to rain, and has been pouring with rain all day.

3. Saturday. Phyllis has chicken pox.

Uncle John went to Lorne today to stay till Monday. Played tennis on Sayers court this afternoon. After tea went to Tivoli Theatre (Rickards) and to Club on my way home.

4. Sunday.

Today took Guy and Brian to Lorne by train from Bay Road Station. This is the first Sunday that trains have run on this line. Harry and Ethel Hinder and their baby were there, also Uncle John and Walter Pockley who returned from Queensland last week. He has been there about 5 years. Brians birthday. He was 3 years old today.

5. Monday.

This afternoon played tennis at Brooklyn court. Uncle John came back here this evening from Lorne.

6. Tuesday.

At P.A. Hosp as usual this afternoon. Rained all day.

## 7. Wednesday.

Uncle returned to Picton today. I played tennis in afternoon at Brooklyn court.

Phyllis is getting over the chicken pox. She has not been able to go to school. She is getting on very well and is a remarkably clever quick child. Edith says she is the cleverest child she has ever had at the school. She is the master mind amongst her fellows. Takes the lead in everything and has them all running after and admiring her. She is very restless and busy and very trying to Ellie and nurse unless she is given something to keep her employed. She teases her brothers a good deal but is a sweet affectionate child under it all. She is very wiry and healthy.

## 8. Thursday.

Rainy day managed to get a few games on Brooklyn court this afternoon.

Guy is growing fast. He looks delicate at times and is easily tired but he eats well and sleeps well, and never has anything really the matter with him. He is a loving and lovable child. of a gentle and sweet disposition and a beautiful face a peculiarly warming expression.

Ella's birthday.

## 9. Friday.

Brian is a fat chubby rosy faced little darling. Very solid & solemn and deliberate in all his doings. Reminds me a good deal of what Eric was like at his age. He is rather shy with strangers at first but not so bad as he used to be. He has a happy contented disposition is easily amused and very affectionate. Everyone loves him. He has a fine open face with large earnest blue eyes. His hair which has been scanty is beginning to grow long and curly. Phyllis, Guy and Brian sleep in the room over our bedroom with the nurse in the room adjoining theirs.

## 10. Saturday.

Easterly gale with heavy squalls of rain. It held up in the afternoon and I got one hours tennis. After tea took Ellie to the Town Hall and heard Madame Antoinette Sterling sing. Very rough crossing harbour. Florrie and Bessie Hooke were at the University all day for the Trinity College ( Lond. ) music exam ( senior Honours. ).

## 11. Sunday.

Easterly gale continues. Spent an hour and a half at Mrs Hookes this morning. In afternoon walked with Barnett & Seaver ? to Middle Head via Rangers Road, and Mossman's Bay. Home via Balmoral Beach and Military Road. Very heavy sea on. They are making an electric tramway along Military Road as far as the Spit Road. Commencing at corner of Falcon St and Miller Street.

## 12. Monday.

Threatening and showery in morning. Fine in afternoon. played tennis.

Jack is getting on for 2 years old. He is a remarkably sharp, quick intelligent little child. Is a great mimic and repeats every remark he hears. He is small and thin. He is so active and has such a busy little brain. Ellie says he hasn't time to get fat. He sleeps in his cot with Ellie and me, and snores loud as a man all night.

13. Tuesday.

Showery day. Wind still in East. At P.A. Hosp. this afternoon but left there early as I had an urgent case waiting for me at Blue's Point.

14. Wednesday.

It poured with rain all day today. I went in to town this afternoon after making one or two visits and bought some shirts at Farmers.

15. Thursday.

Beautifully fine day at last. This afternoon I attended a meeting of the Drake Antimony Syndicate at Laurance and Ricks office. Guy Brian and Jack have now developed chicken pox.

16. Friday.

At hospital this afternoon. Mrs Arthur Purchas came here today from Fleurs (her father's place at St Marys). Arthur is expected from Auckland by the "Rotoruahana" on Sunday morning, to take his wife home.

17. Saturday.

This afternoon Ellie and Mrs Arthur P. drove to the Mann's at Greenwich. I played tennis on Brooklyn court.

18. Sunday.

Artie Purchas arrived this morning per Rotoruahana. He is not changed a bit. I took him and his wife and Miss Morse to Lorne to dinner (by train). They went to town with Mrs Cooke (Purchas' sister) and returned here after. Ellie collapsed in church this morning and had to be brought home in a cab. She and Phyllis were there by themselves.

19. Monday.

Arthur & his wife went to 'Fleurs' his father in law's place at St Marys this morning. They are coming back midday tomorrow. I played tennis in afternoon at Brooklyn court. and in evening took Ellie again to hear Madame Antoinette Sterling at Centennial Hall. She sang the "Lost chord" with grand organ accompaniment by Weigand. Came back in steamer and up in train with some of Dibbs'.

20. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon. Artie Purchas joined me there and I showed him round. He then went to Strathfield

with his wife to tea with some friends. 21.  
Elsie and Edith Hooke went to hear an address by Madame Sterling  
in the Centenary Hall in York St. I stayed at home by myself.

21. Wednesday.

Ellie lunched in town with the Purchas' and afterwards went with them to  
Darling Point Picture Gallery and Town Hall organ recital. In evening  
I entertained a few old Edinburgh fellows at the Club  
Besides Purchas and myself there were Anderson Stuart, J.J. Wilson  
Huxtable, O'Niell, Reg. Bowman, Paton, Oram, McCormick & Graham.  
Ellie had Miss Morse and her brother here to spend the evening.

22. Thursday.

Purchas and his wife were to have gone home to N.Z. today but at  
last moment Mrs P. decided to remain and undergo an operation  
in Foremans private hospital so Purchas went off by himself in the  
"Rotoruahana". I went down to the wharf and bade him good-bye  
at one o'clock. Mrs Purchas came back here in the afternoon.  
Syer was here in evening : and Bessie and Edith Hooke came  
down too and we had some music.  
Michael Macnamara left: also the cook: Wm & Rose Cramond  
married couple who have just left home came in their places.

23. Friday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. In evening I went to a  
meeting of Medical Section of Royal Society. Discussion  
on peripheral neuritis. Took Mrs Purchas in a cab to  
Foremans hospital 248 Liverpool St on my way to the  
meeting.

24. Saturday.

Ellie in bed with a very bad cold. I played  
tennis in afternoon at Brooklyn court.

25. Sunday.

Ellies cold better: got up in middle of day. Rained all  
day. Spent afternoon at home Read David Copperfield to Ellie.

26. Monday.

Rained all day. In afternoon went into town. Also  
went to a House Agency to enquire if I can get rooms  
in Macquarie St. I am thinking of making a change  
from my present address.  
Entered up my books in evening.

27. Tuesday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. In evening did not do  
anything. Went fast asleep in my chair by the fire, and  
Ellie in sofa.

28. Wednesday.

Played tennis on Brooklyn court this afternoon

In evening dined with Dr Gregory O'Niell and a few of  
his friends at Athenaeum Club.

29. Thursday.

Went into town with Ellie on my way to my rooms. Went to David Jones and bought her a cloak for a wedding present.  
In afternoon played tennis at Mr Sayers court.

30. Friday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon.

JULY, 1893.

1. Saturday.

Our wedding day -- This afternoon  
I played tennis at Syers court.

2. Sunday.

Drove Ellie Brian and Jack to Lorne to dinner. Crowd of visitors there (10 altogether) and no servant. In evening read David Copperfield to Ellie.

3. Monday.

Worked at accounts this evening.

4. Tuesday.

At P.A. Hosp. this afternoon.  
Worked at  $\frac{1}{2}$  yearly a/c in evening.  
Very cold weather.

5. Wednesday.

This afternoon Ellie drove to Darling Point and called on Mitchells Morts and Huttons. Mr J.S. Mitchell ill with slight paralytic seizure. I played tennis at Mrs Sayers court.  
Monday night coldest on record in Sydney. On grass thermometer was 24 0 Faht.

6. Thursday.

Prince George of Wales married to Princess May.  
This afternoon I played tennis on Walter Syers court.  
In evening Ellie Frank Syer and I went to the "Lyceum and saw Edward Terry in "sweet Lavender."

7. Friday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. Ellie drove to Etham.  
Mr Mitchell is very ill. - I fear dying - She brought Mrs Arthur Purchas back here from Foremans private hospital. She is quite convalescent again. In the evening I attended monthly meeting of British Medical Association.

8. Saturday.

This afternoon three mixed pairs from North Shore played 3 pairs at tennis at Curtis private court at Balmain and were badly beaten 52 games to 27 as we fully expected we should be as our opponents were all good players including Dudley Webb the champion of Australia. Ellie went over with us but left early. The Curtis are very

9. Sunday.

Very slack. Went to Christ church with Ellie, Phyllis and Guy in the morning. In the afternoon Ellie, Mrs Purchas, Phyllis, Guy and I walked to Kerosene Bay. The youngsters paddled in the water and enjoyed themselves immensely. In evening wrote Ernest Robertson. He was married a few weeks ago to an Auckland girl (Miss Wilkie) with money.

10. Monday.

Beautiful weather now. Work slack.

Played tennis at Brooklyn court this afternoon.

Mr. J. S. Mitchell of Etham Darling Point died this afternoon, aged 74. He was greatly beloved by a large number of friends and poor people also whom he had befriended. He was a good friend to Ellie when she was a poor girl and she is much cut up at his death. He was very wealthy man.

11. Tuesday.

Did not go to P.A.H. as I attended Mr Mitchells funeral, from St Marks Church Darling Point-- to Waverley cemetery.

It was a very large funeral. I went in Ellies little Victoria. Horse didnt approve of walking and, after some time he started kicking and in the end smashed a shaft. I left trap at wheelwrights to be repaired: walked on after funeral and got trap again on return.

In evg. worked at accounts.

12 Wednesday to 14. Friday NO ENTRIES.

15. Saturday.

This afternoon we played tennis match on Brooklyn court. Against Manly club : They beat us rather badly 45 games to 27.

16. Sunday.

Busy all morning till one thirty p.m. Stayed in al afternoon. Mr Tom, Morse here to tea, and he took his sister ( Mrs Purchas) to St Thomas' afterwards. Farrar here for a few minutes after church.

17. Monday. NO ENTRY

18. Tuesday.

Very busy day 7 operations at P.A.H. this afternoon.

19. Wednesday . NO ENTRY.

20. Thursday.

This afternoon played tennis at Brooklyn court. In evening took Ellie and Mrs Purchas to an entertainment(?) in the " School of Arts. N.S. ( Arthur Jorden in character songs, recitations a very poor show.)

21. Friday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. In evening took Mrs Purchas

and Ellie to the Lyceum Theatre to Edward Terry as Mr Todman in Liberty Hall.

22. Saturday.

This afternoon Barnett and I Lindon & Hall played a trophy match at tennis against the Grammar School Club on their court. Barnett and I won 20 games and lost 20-- but Lindon and Hall won only 12 & lost 24 so we were 12 games to the bad. The "Argo" blown up by explosion of coal gas in Neutral Bay at 12-30 this morning the mate killed and three men injured.

23. Sunday.

Walked on my rounds this morning. In afternoon Ellie and Mrs Purchas and I went up to Montrose and saw the Whittons. Was called out of bed at 12-30 this morning to Mrs N.M. Thomson not home till nearly 4.a.m.

24. Monday.

Called out of bed again at 4 this morning to Mrs. N.M. Thomson and not home till 8. Busy day. Walked on my afternoon round as William was busy lopping branches of the fig trees which are encroaching on the house and darkening the rooms. In the evening Ellie and Mrs Purchas went to Montrose. I was to have gone too but was too tired. Mother returned from Picton today.

25. Tuesday.

Very busy day. 4 or 5 operations at P.A. Hospital this afternoon. Syer here in evening. I had to go out for an hour to Mrs N.M. Thomsons. Ellie and Mrs Purchas went into Sydney to hear Mrs Longshore Potts lecture at the Lyceum, but were not able to get in it was so crowded though they had reserved seats beforehand.

26. Wednesday.

Wet day. This morning I went to Bradleys office on my way to my rooms and executed my will, and brought it home with me and locked it up in the Chubbs safe. Mrs. Purchas went away to Fleurs to stay till Saturday. I went on my rounds this afternoon.

27. Thursday.

Rained all day. Ellie and I were going to Turrumurra today for a quiet picnic, and to look at some pieces of land but the bad weather prevented us. I did not go to my rooms as it was so very wet and I had made arrangements for being away at Turrumurra.

28. Friday.

Very wet all day. At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. In evening took Ellie to the " Amazons at the Criterion Theatre.



Dynamite explosion on the "Aramai " between Sydney & Brisbane supposed to be the work of unionists. There has been a strike of seamen in the last few weeks and it has " fizzled out" there being an abundant supply of non union seamen who have filled all the strikers places who are mad at finding themselves done.

29. Saturday.

Wet all morning : held up in afternoon. Went with Barnett to the Association ground (which was half under water) to see the football match N.S.W. versus N.Z. New Zealand won by 16 points to nil. Mrs Purchas returned here this afternoon from Fleurs.

30. Sunday.

Fine day. Ellie and I took the children for walk to Kerosene Bay near Balls Head. Jack not yet 2 walked all the way there and back between 3 & 4 miles. Mrs Purchas dined & spent afternoon in Sydney with Mrs Cooke her sister in law.

31. Monday.

Fine day until tea time when heavy rain which had been threatening all afternoon began to fall and rained all night. I managed to get an hours tennis. In evening studied for an hour and then worked at my books. Mother came to see me at my rooms in town this morning. In afternoon I saw Johnson ( monumental mason) re tombstone for fathers grave.

August. 1893.

1. Tuesday.

Today was bank holiday. I did not go to P.A. Hosp. In morning it was rainy. In afternoon I played tennis. In evening attended dinner of Edinburgh University students at Australia Hotel. Present. McLaurin ( in chair) Anderson - Stuart, Wilson Garland, Smith, O'Neil, Bowman, McCormick, Graham Cram and self. Home at 11.15.

2. Wednesday.

This afternoon played tennis at Brooklyn court. Spent evening at Mrs Whitons with Ellie and Mrs Purchas.

3. Thursday.

Mrs Arthur Purchas returned to Auckland today. I went down to the wharf at one o'clock and bade her goodbye. This morning read and studied.

4. Friday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. In evening Ellie took Phyllis to a childrens party at the Foxlees--with childrens Theatricals. I went for them and brought them home about 9.30.

## 5. Saturday.

This afternoon Brooklyn played Grasshoppers in trophy match series. Barnett and I. Lindon & Hall were our four. Each team got 4 sets but Grasshoppers got 42 games to our 35. We did better against them than any club they have yet played.

Syer and Farrar were here in the evening.

## 6. Sunday.

Took Guy to Lorne to dinner by train.

## 7. Monday.

This afternoon had an operation at Mrs M.M. Thomsons. Then drove out to inspect Robt. Reeds property at Cowles Road on which I have agreed to lend him £ 100 @ 5%. Had a short time at tennis afterwards.

## 8. Tuesday.

Had a very busy day today. Had 9 operations at P.A. Hospital this afternoon. Dr Gateward Davis came to look on. Came in in train with Clubbe who is looking out for other rooms. In evening studied till too tired to go on any longer.

## 9. Wednesday.

Norman appeared unexpectedly this morning. He has come down from Morpeth for 2 days to visit the dentist (Hinder).

## 10. Thursday.

Did not go to my rooms today. Took a part holiday and went with Ellie to Wahroongah and Turramurra looking at some land with a view to getting a piece for a future residence. Saw several likely pieces. It came on to rain while we were there. We took our lunch and picnicked in the bush.

Norman was here this evening: left by night steamer for Newcastle.

## 11. Friday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon till pretty late. In evening went to a smoke concert given by the North Sydney & Western Suburbs Medical Associations at the Exchange Hotel in Sydney. Came away early ( a little before ten) as I was feeling tired.

## 12. Saturday.

This afternoon Brooklyn played Ashfield Club on the latter's ground and Brooklyn was again by pure bad luck defeated.

We won by sets (5-3) but in the score by games and we had only 37-41 we lost the match. Barnett had a very bad cold and couldn't play at all.

13. Sunday.

Glorious day. Ellie and I took our lunch and went by 10.40 train to Wahroonga where we saw some pieces of land. We were both much taken with 6 acres R Baldrys block, and have decided to try if we can get it.

14. Monday.

Had a fairly busy day. Got an hours tennis in afternoon.

Wrote Baldry 102 Goulburn St re his land.

15. Tuesday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. Syer here in evening.

Got reply from Baldry: he wants for the block 7 acres  $\frac{1}{2}$  rood £1400 which is an absurdly high price.

16. Wednesday.

This afternoon had to make a few visits. Then played tennis. Had to make 2 visits after tea which kept me engaged from 8-9.30. Then went to bed.

17. Thursday.

Busy all day. Had an operation in my rooms in Town this afternoon. Beautiful day.

18. Friday.

Busy day. At P.A. Hosp. in afternoon. Returned and made a visit over here and then went to Parramatta by 6.30 train - dined with Bowman, Anderson-Stuart, McCormick, O'Neill & Lloyd were there too. Dropped across Ted Antill in train coming back. Miss Kerby kept Ellie company in evening. Ball in School of Arts in aid of destitute people on North Shore.

19. Saturday.

This afternoon Ellie and I went by train to Pymble and then we walked to Wahroonga returning from latter place here by train. Looked casually at several pieces of land. We still prefer Baldrys but he asks too much for it. Worrall and Clara came back in train with us.

20. Sunday.

Busy all morning. Mary Orr here in afternoon. Janet McFarland to tea. I saw her home leaving Ellie at Whittons where I called for her afterwards.

21. Monday.

Fairly busy day. Working till 4.30 then an hours tennis and some more work after tea. Ellie feeling rather seedy. Stayed in bed all day till tea time.

22. Tuesday.

Busy as usual on Tuesdays. Several operations at P.A. Hospital this afternoon. In evening attended

Committee meeting of Brooklyn tennis Club at Commercial Bank.

23. Wednesday.

Harry Antill came to my rooms today. I brought him home to lunch and he stayed the night. In the afternoon he went up to the tennis court with me.

24. Thursday.

Went with Ellie to Wahroonga by the 1.25 train. Went straight from my rooms. Back by 5.30. Looked at several pieces of land.

25. Friday.

At P.A.H this afternoon. Was telephoned for in a hurry to call at Mrs Bradleys.

Uncle John and mother came to my rooms in town today. and discussed some matters in connexion with the estate.

Syers here this afternoon.

26. Saturday.

This afternoon we played the Yarrandabby Club on our court and gave them a great beating. 8 sets ( 48 games) to 0 sets 18 games. Barnett and I and Hall and Lindon each won 24 games and lost 9 games.

27. Sunday.

Today I took Phyllis and Guy to Lorne to dinner by train. Ellie not very well.

28. August. Monday.

Very busy today. Exceptionally busy as things have been lately. Working from 7 this morning till 8 this evening without intermission except for meals. Afterwards attended general meeting of members of Brooklyn tennis club. The male members signed a fresh bond to guarantee the overdraft up to £ 50 in the new bank and the old bond was cancelled. We also decided to hold a bread and butter dance on Wednesday fortnight. Children all have bad colds.

29. Tuesday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. Not very busy. Home early ( about 5.30.) but had to go out again immediatly. Studied awhile in evening. Barnett and Hall came in to talk, about tennis Club ball. We think it advisable to postpone it till October as there are so many gaieties next month.

30. Wednesday.

Working till 4.30 this afternoon- when I had a game of tennis. Nurse ( Mrs Radcliffe) was rude to Ellie and dismissed herself to save herself from being sent away summarily Old nurse ( Rust) came this afternoon to see the children.

Mrs Hogg and her little boy aged 5 came this afternoon to stay a few days.

31. Thursday.

Norman appeared today. He is down for the day from Morpeth.

September 1893.

1. Friday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon.

2. Saturday.

This afternoon Brooklyn scored a win against Sydney Club 39 games to 38. Barnett and I. Hall & Lindon played for Brooklyn. This is the first time Sydney Club has been beaten for 2 years.

3. Sunday.

Took Guy out with me this morning. Sent trap home from Bradleys. Took Guy in. Nellie Young there. Walked home. Lily Birt and her children here this afternoon. Also Mrs McFarland. Mrs Hogg took her boy and Phyllis to church but her boy was so naughty she had to bring him out of church early.

4. Monday.

Very heavy downpour of rain came on suddenly this morning.

At 3.A.m. For ten minutes heaviest rain I have ever seen. Then drizzled and showered for remainder of the day.

Busy till half past four.

Miss Fincham ( daughter of a Congregational Minister ) came as nurse.

Syer here this evening.

5. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon. Had 6 operations including 3 cataracts. Met Miss Dibbs and Miss Cook at the Hospital and came in in the bus with them.

6. Wednesday.

Mrs Hogg and Harold left today. Harold is a spoilt mischievous child and we are not sorry he is gone.

This afternoon had a tonsillectomy. Then went up to tennis court but a heavy thunder shower came on just as we had commenced play so we had to abandon it.

Am subpoenaed to give expert evidence in a case Buren v N. Zealand Accident Insurance Coy, a disputed case of injury to eye.

7. Thursday.

This afternoon went to Turramurra by train with Dr Clark. We strolled on to Wahroonga and back by train from there. Tiley here this evening. He wants me to buy half of

Carters property ( formerly Livos ) adjoining his house ( The Lodge ) and to build myself a place on it.

8. Friday.

At P.A.H. This afternoon. Had a bad headache all day. Heard today that Aunt Susie ( Campbell ) has cancer of the stomach.

9. Saturday.

This afternoon Ellie and I started off with intention of going to Chatswood by train, but on reaching Milsons Point it was raining so we went into town and bought some books at Dymocks, had a cup of tea in the Arcade and came home again. After tea we went down to Moxhams shop and bought a present book for Edith's birthday tomorrow.

10. Sunday.

Ellie and I went to Lorne to dinner by train to Lorne and home from Lindfield. Syer was there. Before tea went up to Tileys and had a look at the ground he wants me to buy and build on. Don't think the proposal will suit me as I hope to give up general work over here and then I shall not want to live in centre of town.

11. Monday.

Raining nearly all day.

Wm. Crammond was rude this morning so I gave him & his wife notice from Thursday week.

Was unable to go to P.A.H. this afternoon: was hanging about Supreme Court all the afternoon expecting to be called as witness in case of Buren v. N.Z. Accident Insce. Coy. but was not called. Released at 4 came home and had a short game of tennis.

13. Wednesday.

Did not go to rooms till 12,20. Waited at Supreme Court all morning with Evans, Maher and Bowker and after all they did not want any evidence from me. The Company won the case. Busy after that till tea time.

Flo and Bessie Hooke have just received the announcement of their having passed the Senior Trinity College London music exam. Flo passed with honours.

14. Thursday.

Busy at my rooms this morning. Not much doing in North Shore. Played tennis this afternoon. Edith Hooke here to tea.

15. Friday.

At P.A. Hospital this afternoon. Went to bed early as I was out at Gores Hill last night.

16. Saturday.

This afternoon we played the Strathfield Club on their ground and beat them 6 sets 43 games to 2 sets 34 games. Lindon and Hall