

15. Thursday.

Went to Forest Lodge this afternoon. Home by 4.10 train. Fred Rossitter here to dinner and stayed the night. Edie is much better for the change.

16. Friday.

Did not go to hospital. Went with Norman to funeral of Mrs Old of Waverton (who died yesterday) at St Thomas Cemetary. Walked from there to St Leonards station.

News came today of Roberts' unopposed entry into Bloemfontein where he was "acclaimed" by the citizens. The Free States appear to have had enough of the war, but I dont think it is over yet.

17. Saturday.

Today was proclaimed a public holiday (St Patricks day) in honour of the great work the Irish regiments have done in S. Africa. The Queen has ordered Irish regiments to wear Shammrock in future on StP's day. Home from town early (11.30 train). Edie Rossitter left today.

18. Sunday.

Very hot morning. Southerly in evening. At home all day. Flo came up last night and stayed till this afternoon. She is looking thin and worn after her first few weeks of probation at the Hospital. Jack better.

19. Monday.

Very hot sultry weather. Home by 4.10 train.

20. Tuesday. At P.A.H. Posted letter to Harry to South Africa.

Still very oppressive weather.

21. Wednesday.

Home by 1.10 train.

Cool southerly change with rain last night.

Am getting Ellies paddock cleared by O' Donnell of all felled timber preparatory to ploughing and sowing with grass seed.

Mrs Hooke staying here tonight.

22. Thursday.

Came home early today by 1.10 train as I had a couple of men attending to a couple of leaks in the roof.

Spent afternoon tying up plants.

23. Friday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon.

Ellie and I dined at the Adams at Turramurra other guests were Mr & Mrs Thompson Mr & Mrs Tom Robin & Mr & Mrs Wade.

Adams has a phonograph which afforded us much amusement.

24. Saturday.

Took a holiday today as Kerry the photographer came up to photograph the house and I wished to be at home. He took two outside views, one from N.E and one from N.N.W. aspect and two interior views one of hall and one of Ellie's room. Florrie Hooke came up to stay till tomorrow.

25. Sunday.

At home all morning. In afternoon I took the 3 boys for a walk to McCullochs at Turramurra to see his flowers especially his dahlias of which he has the best lot in the colony. He gave us some flowers, also some rose cuttings. Also went into Hinders & saw his pheasants and other birds.

26. Monday.

Plague is spreading. Energetic measures are at last being taken to cope with it, and a large area about Sussex St has been quarantined and is being cleaned and disinfected.

27. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

Eric has a very bad arm after inoculation with Haffkeries plague serum on Saturday.

28. Wednesday.

Home by 4.10 train.

29. Thursday. Home by 4.10 train.

30. Friday.

At P.A.H. Home via North Sydney where I went to see Dr Vallard of Bowral who is ill at the manse.

Steady rain set in unfortunately for me before O' Donnell has got the grass seed sown in Ellie's paddock. His contract time was up on Wednesday. Bessie Hooke came up to stay.

31. Saturday.

Went to Jarvisfield by 2.28 pm. train. Raining. Harry met me and Meta Antill at station. All well, Saw letters from Jack & Ted from S. Africa. Jack is in the thick of the fighting and doing grandly.

APRIL 1900

1. Sunday.

At Jarvisfield. Wet Day. Hail in afternoon. Other guests are Meta Antill, Enid Burt, Miss Wiegall Mildred, & Christian Wade Brown and Celia Brown who is almost one of the family as she lives there always.

2. Monday.

Returned to Sydney by 8.6 train bringing Aunt Jessie with me, a most phenomenal event. She

resisted all persuasion to leave home for years but we laid a deep plan and persuaded her that a tooth that was troubling her urgently required immediate attention. I took her to Norman's and left her there calling for her later and bringing her on here by 1.10 train. Found all well at home.

3. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. Home by 5.50 train. For first time travelled in electric tram which began running as far as Newtown yesterday. It has been running to Railway station for some months.

The North Shore cable tram has just been converted to electric also.

Heavy rain from midday onwards.

Phyllis came home for the night so that Aunt Jess might see her.

4. Wednesday.

Took Aunt Jessie in with me this morning. She went to Norman had her tooth out and went thence to Lassetters.

Home by 1.10 train. Planting clover amongst the buffalo in front lawn.

The rain has seriously interfered with O' Donnell's job of planting grass in Ellies paddock.

Nothing done since middle of last week, just as he had finished the ploughing.

5. Thursday.

The plague continues. Over 60 cases now with many deaths.

The British at South Africa had another bad knock. They were ambushed near the Bloemfontein water works and lost 7 guns and had heavy casualties.

As customary they appear to have had no scouts" not thinking there were any of the enemy between them and their objective viz their base at Bloemfontein. One would think that they would have profited by experience ere this.

6. Friday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon.

O'Donnell finished harrowing and spreading grass in Ellies paddock but had only begun to roll it when very heavy rain set in, about 4 O'clock and lasted all night.

Brian brought my Macintosh down to the station for me.

7. Saturday.

Showery in morning and again in evening

Held off in afternoon. Syer here this afternoon.

Bull

8. Sunday.

Heavy rain at intervals all day. Syer here again this afternoon as he found yesterday something wrong with the hall clock. He took it away with him to put right. First fire of the season this evening.

9. Monday.

No rain but damp and threatening, ground very wet. Another flare up with Bella Pelotti this morning in consequence of which we have definitely decided that they must go, and they are to leave this day month.

Bad news from S. Africa. 450 prisoners taken by the Boers at Reddersburg in addition to the 450 odd taken a few days ago at Koornspruit.

10. Tuesday.

Heavy rain set in midday again and lasted till evening preventing paddock from drying sufficiently to roll in the grass seed. At P.A.H. this afternoon. Hughes absent.

11. Wednesday.

Cold day. Strong westerly. Home by 1.10 train. Training roses on verandah wall. Ellie out visiting.

12. Thursday.

Had to go to P.A.H. this afternoon to see an emergency case. Afterwards called on Dr Corlette and Dr Herschel Harris. Home by 5.50 train.

13. Friday.

At home all day. Ellie took the children to church at Gordon. They did not get home till after two and Ellie was knocked up and remained in her room for the rest of the day.

Syer came up this afternoon bringing the clock which he had taken away to repair.

I was all day training the passion fruit vine (which grew on the palisading of the old manure heap, along the top of the trellis shed I have constructed.

14. Saturday.

At home all day. Planting in clover amongst the bare spaces in the buffalo on front lawn. Ellie away all day at her mothers. Very tired when she got home.

15. Sunday. Easter.

Ellie knocked up. I took the 3 children to church at Turramurra in morning. Uncle Tom here to dinner. In afternoon he and I went to Lorne mother having telephoned that she was anxious about Uncle George

who is evidently very ill.

16. Monday.

Public holiday. At home all day.

17. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. This afternoon.

18. Wednesday.

Lunched at Club. Home by 2.40 train. Mr R.G.H. Walmsley who is thinking of opening a boys school at Wahroonga came up with me, and I showed him round the place. We got out at Turrumurra and we walked from there. He had afternoon tea here.

19. Thursday.

Dr & Mrs Foster James Thompson (whose family are away) and Syer dined here this evening. Mother came to me in town to say that Uncle George who is really very bad persists in refusing to go to the Hospital for treatment and will not even come down to Lorne to sleep where they can look after him but persists in sleeping in in his old den at the wooden cottage. I sent a strong letter to him by mother urging him to do as we all wished.

20. Friday.

Uncle George died this morning. Mother going out to his cottage about daylight very anxious about him heard him groaning and getting no answer to her calls sent for Norman & Eric who broke open the door and found him lying on the floor near the window unconscious. They carried him down to the house but he never regained consciousness and died about 11. I wired Uncle Tom. In afternoon went to Lorne. The immediate cause of death was coma following on septicaemia the result of purulent cystitis which he refused to have properly treated preferring quack remedies.

21. Saturday.

Uncle George's funeral at 3.15 from Lorne to Gordon cemetery Uncle Tom got down at one o'clock. Afterwards Uncle and I with Norman and Eric made a rough search in his den & found Savings Bank book for £119 odd also £22 in cash, an immense number of tools and some photographic material.

22. Sunday.

At home all day. Uncle Tom, Dr & Mrs Alister Bowman and their little girl were here from 11.30 to 5.

23. Monday. No entry.

24. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

25. Wednesday. NO ENTRY.

26. Thursday.

Home by 2.40 train.

Mr Walmesley here to dinner. He has definitely decided to open a school here.

I wrote Mr Page giving notice of my intention to move my 3 boys at end of present quarter.

27. Friday.

At P.A.H. Dined at Club, and attended meeting of B.M.A. afterwards. An elaborate paper was read by Dr Tedswill on bubonic plague which still goes on claiming an average of 2 or 3 fresh cases every day.

28. Saturday.

This afternoon visited C.H. Hayes place after walking along Burns Road with him and discussing proposed improvements to the road.

Forty three years old today. Ellie gave me a Macintosh & the children various little things.

29. Sunday. NO ENTRY.

30. Monday.

This afternoon Ellie came into town and we interviewed numerous married couples who came to my rooms in answer to advertisement. We had a cup of afternoon tea in town and came home by the 5.30 train.

War in Africa. Raising of the seige of Wepener by the Boers is the latest. Roberts still at Bloemfontein. Mafeking unrelieved. Buller doing nothing. Harry's Bushmen near Salisbury.

MAY 1900.

1. Tuesday.

Early lunch Went to Lewisham to funeral of

" Aunt" Emily Willey who died yesterday morning aged 90. Several of the Johnstons there. Did not follow to Rookwood but returned to P.A.H.

Plague continues. Several fresh cases each day. It is now in Brisbane, Roakhampton & Auckland.

Melbourne is free so far.

2. Wednesday.

Home by 1.10 train.

3. Thursday.

Home by 2.40 train.

Man named Joseph Hill 32 High St Waverley came up to look at place with view to engagement as gardener.

Ellie and I dined at Joselands other guests being Mr & Mrs Toohy & Dr & Mrs Hay from Crows Nest North Sydney

4. Friday.

At P.A.H.

Bought wire doormat at Horderns (8/9) for hall door.
Wrote engaging John Danes (69 George St Redfern)
and wife to come next Wednesday in place of
Doninic and Bella Palotti.

5. Saturday.

Very wet all last night and up to midday.
Prof. & Mrs McCallum here to afternoon tea.

6. Sunday.

Ground very wet and nothing possible in garden.
Edith and Flo Hooke here this afternoon: discussing project of
opening a branch of school up here with a view of ultimately
moving here altogether.

7. Monday.

Home by 2.40 train.
With Dominic fixed up rail for beating carpets.

8. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

9. Wednesday.

Dominic and Bella Poletti left this morning after 16 mns
service. Dominic has been a hard working willing hand
honest sober fellow with not very much knowledge of flower
gardening but has done his other work well. His wife has not been so
satisfactory having an awful temper and being very
insolent & vindictive.
John Davies and his wife came midday today in
place of the above. Raining nearly all afternoon.

10 Thursday.

Beautifully fine clear cold day.
Home by 2.40 train. Miss Dibbs calling on Ellie
The boys had a school paper chase as far as Normanhurst.

11 .Friday.

First frost of the season this morning and thin ice on the gutters
At P.A.H. this afternoon.
Roberts has begun to move on north from Bloemfontein and
the Boers are scattering before the British troops. The
Australian and New Zealand troops are distinguishing
themselves. Harry with the N S.W. Bushmen is somewhere
between Salisbury and Bulawayo. Mafeking still unrelieved.

12. Saturday.

Nellies birthday. 5 years old. She has a party of small
children this afternoon. Lovely day cold crisp & clear.

13. Sunday.

Syer and Rosie Turner here this afternoon.
Glorious day.

4. Monday.

Brian's birthday. 10 years old.

Received this morning the sad news of death of Uncle John Macquarie Antill aged 78. He died at Jarvisfield this morning Aunt Jessie is still very ill. I feel the loss of Uncle John more than I should that of any man outside my immediate family. He was a grand old man, so intensely humane honourable, upright, kindly, genial, a splendid example of the simple country gentleman now rapidly dying out. He was endeared to me by the affection of long happy association from early childhood & I shall severly miss him. He was also co Trustee with me of fathers estate.

5. Tuesday.

Mallam left this morning. Mrs Mallam returned from Mudgee where she had been to visit her mother. Mallam met me in town and they came together to my rooms to say goodbye.

After leaving P.A.H. this afternoon went to Croydon to see a patient with Abbott. Came home by Hornsby whence I walked home along the road as I found I should have to wait nearly an hour for a train.

6. Wednesday.

Took Brian Guy and Jack to Picton by 9.30 train to attend Uncle John's funeral. Norman went too and many old family friends from Sydney. There was a large gathering at the vault on the hill. The path up was oozy wet from all the rain we have had including showers last night. After the funeral we went to Jarvisfield again for a hurried lunch and returned to Sydney by the 3.36 train. I saw Aunt Jessie for a few minutes. She is still in bed but is getting better and is now considered out of danger. Saw mother there.

7. Thursday.

Strong gale from S.E. to S.W. sprang up, during the night and continued during the day with heavy driving rain. Came home by 2.40 train. Staked up some trees which had blown over. Received a letter from Harry written on board the "Maplemore" before reaching the Cape. Mother had a letter from him written some weeks ago at same time & I have already had a postcard from him written some weeks later between Bara and Salisbury. Wrote Harry tonight.

8. Friday.

Gale continues but not so much rain today. Some squalls very violent reaching 60 miles per hour. At P.A.H. in afternoon.

9. Saturday.

Rain continues. Wind lulled this morning but came on again very heavy at midday and continued all day and up

14. Monday.

Lovely weather.

Home by 2.40 train. Mr & Mrs Hayes came over to look at garden. Ellie in town shopping.

Lord Roberts has occupied Kronstad some distance north of Bloemfontein (and which on the occupation of Bloemfontein by the British was proclaimed by the Free states as temporary capital) without serious opposition.

15. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon. Home by 5.50 train.

Heavy shower in afternoon, and raining again heavily at bedtime.

Plague continues; about 3 to 5 fresh cases every day. The scare in Sydney has greatly subsided but it is still very great in the country. Melbourne has now had a few cases as well as Brisbane, Auckland, Perth and doubtfully Adelaide.

Mr Thomas Owen a local resident died today.

16. Wednesday.

Southerly weather showery and cold

Home by 1.10 train. All afternoon planting out bulbs given me by Miss Walker Jones.

17. Thursday.

Wet day. Cleared up in evening.

Ellie and I went to a musical evening at the Gillespies.

Mr & Mrs Vane & Mr & Mrs Bruce went with us in Kings hired wagonette.

While at the Gillespies the great news was telephoned to us that Mafeking was relieved. The news was received with great enthusiasm and thankfulness and before leaving we all sang "God save the Queen". Baden Powell by his gallant defence has made a heroic name for himself.

18. Friday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon. Great enthusiasm in town today over the news of the relief of Mafeking which appears to be true although not yet officially confirmed.

At the Club at lunch Cecil Darley one of the Vice presidents proposed the toast of Baden Powell and we sang "God save the Queen".

Mungo and Toby McCallum came up this afternoon to stay a few days.

19. Saturday.

News today confirmatory of relief of Mafeking came about 11.15 and great excitement and enthusiasm resulted. Cheering singing of National Anthem and other songs; pealing of Post Office and other bells and firing of guns from Dawes point & warships. Childrens party here tonight.

20. Sunday.

Beautiful day fine clear and warm.
Loosened ties round pinus insignis trees.
Florrie Hooke came last night; went this morning .Is
meditating building a school room on land adjoining ours.

21. Monday.

Miserable cold wet day. Great contrast to yesterday.
Home by 2.40 train. Ellie at Mrs Sargoods.
Mungo and Toby McCallum left this morning.
Plague continues 2 or 3 fresh cases every day.
Buller has reached Langs Neck. Further
confirmation of relief of Mafeking but very scanty
particulars.

22. Tuesday.

Raining in torrents all day.
At P.A.H. this afternoon. In evening went to
Club to dinner given to new President Frank Suttor
Home by 1115 steamer.

23. Wednesday.

Today was proclaimed a public holiday to
celebrate the relief of Mafeking but as it poured
with rain all day the celebration had to be
postponed till Saturday.

24. Thursday.

Another pouring wet day. Public holiday. Stayed at
home. Cleaned out workshop and made a gate for
duck house.

25. Friday.

Still pouring with rain. Over 10 inches have fallen
since Tuesday morning. At P.A.H. this afternoon.
Two feet of water in cellar.

26. Saturday.

Rain gradually cleared off today and the
demonstrations in honour of relief of Mafeking
were able to take place. I came home by 12.20 train.
Working at duck house in afternoon.

27. Sunday.

Fine morning but in afternoon rain began again from
S.W. and continued all night. Ellie and Nellie and
I went to Lorne to afternoon tea, and just escaped the
rain coming home.

28. Monday.

Some rain this morning but it cleared away during the day.
Home by 2.40 train.

In evening Ellie and I and the three boys went to the Sargoods, to see a very good display of fireworks postponed from last week on account of the rain. A large number of people there both children and grown ups'

29. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon. Home by 5.50 train.
Beautifully fine day.

30. Wednesday.

Beautifully fine day. Attended meetings of Bimbo G.M. Coy and Kronshil Copper Coy this afternoon. Consequently not home till 5.30 steamer. Bimbo Coy in which I am a small shareholder has just been paying its way but it has been decided to increase capital so as to work more economically and make the mine more payable. The Kronshil was one in which father was interested. Nothing has been done for 25 years but now that copper is dearer & improved methods of getting the copper and the gold which (in Kronshil) is associated with the copper there is a prospect of the property which is freehold being profitable.

31. Thursday.

A few showers during forenoon. Fine later on. Lunched with Mallam at the Metropole. He came up with me by 2.40 train to stay a few days. His wife who has been with him on a holiday trip to Adelaide has gone to Mudgee to see her mother. We are anxious about Uncle John who has been ill for some weeks with bronchitis and congestion of the lungs. Aunt Jess who has also been very ill is getting better but Uncle John is still very weak. A trained nurse was sent up to him yesterday.

JUNE. 1900.

1. June Friday.

Was late at hospital this afternoon as I had to go to Croydon to see a case with Dr Abbott. Picked Mallam up at the hospital and came home together. Roberts has got to Johannesburg.

2. Saturday.

At home all afternoon. Mallam dined in town with Worrall and stayed there all night. Uncle John reported improving but Aunt Jessie causing great anxiety.

3. Sunday.

Mallam returned in morning. Syer Walmsley & a Mr Clark here in afternoon. Took Walmsley round to see some empty houses likely to suit him. While away Drs Sinclair, Gordon MCleod and McDonald Gill called.

till near 9 p.m. in driving torrents. Impossible to move out of doors this afternoon. Read.

10. Sunday.

Showery and lowering all day. Spent morning in tying up plants which had blown over. The grounds saturated. I sank half way up my knees in the lower part of orchard when going in to it this morning.

11. Monday.

The gale revived again today blowing hard from S.E. & S.W. with a great deal of rain.

Came home by the 2.30 boat (2.40 train)

American barque Harvester totally wrecked on Seal Rocks. Crew took to boats and were all picked up by a passing steamer.

Pretoria has surrendered to Lord Roberts.

Plague is decreasing.

12. Tuesday.

Another wet day and no sign of clearing.

Up to yesterday we have had 41 inches of rain this year and the average is only 49 inches.

At P.A.H. this afternoon.

13. Wednesday.

Showery and miserable weather. Home by 1.10

train. By dodging the showers managed to tie

up some of the roses along the front verandah walls.

Florrie Hooke here this afternoon.

Walmesley came to dinner to discuss some matters in connexion with his proposed school here.

14. Thursday.

Showery dull and depressing weather continues. We

have had 9 days of rain now following an interval of 4 fine days, preceeding which we had 12 inches in 4 or 5

days. We have not seen the sun for over a week. There

is no wind now and the clouds hang about overhead

dark and low. Professional work is depressing slack

attributable in part to the wet weather and partly to the fear of the plague which deters country and some suburban people from coming into town. Home by 2.40 train.

15. Friday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon. Ella and Ellie there seeing Flo.

I had to go to Croydon to see a case with Dr Abbott and was too late to catch train home before dinner so

dined at Summerlees and came home by 9.30 train.

Find day but dull and threatening.

16. Saturday.

Fine morning but commenced to rain again heavily early

in afternoon and continued all afternoon and evening
Spent afternoon fixing up and concreting gate post in back
yard which had come over through softening of ground through
rain. Got wet through. Ellie and Phyllis at "practice Club"
at Miss Gibbins at Chatswood. Flo Hooke here ; accepted tender
for clearing her land.

17. Sunday.

Soaking rain without intermission all day till nearly
5 o'clock. Carpentering in workshop. Flo Hooke home
this evening.

18. Monday.

Fine day but rain still apparently hanging about
Home by 2.40 train. Mother and Ella came up
Mother came in here after visiting Iirshams rose
nursery. Ellie and Ella called on Mrs Harley Antill
at Mrs Wades (she is Mrs Wades cousin).

19. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

20. Wednesday.

Fine morning. Heavy rain in afternoon. Home by
1.10 train.

21. Thursday.

Fine in early part of day but raining again in
afternoon. Home by 2.40 train.
Phyllis' and the boys schools broke up. Out of 12
subjects Brian the youngest boy in his class
a second and a third. Jack got 5 firsts. Guy did
very badly all round. Phyllis did very well.

22. Friday.

A fine day at last. At P.A.H. Foreman had a
Caesarian section. Home by 4.50 train.
Mungo McCallum came up to stay.
Ellie and I went to a progressive euchre party at the
Wades (next door) Ellie got an attack of palpitation and
I had to bring her away just as play had finished.
Traill kindly drove her in his trap.
I won the ' Booby' prize.

23. Saturday.

Another fine day except for a light sprinkling this morning
Tobby McCallum came up to stay. Worked at duck house
Ellie in bed all day. We were to have gone to the Tooheys
this evening but did not go.

24. Sunday.

Fine day .Very warm. Syer here this afternoon.

25. Monday.

Fine day .Very cold.

Home by 4.10 train.

Start made with clearing of Mrs Hookes land next door, preparatory to building a school room.

26. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. home by 5.30 train.

Ellie and the children and Mrs Sargood and her children went to a picnic at Lovers Leap"

27. Wednesday.

Home by 1.10 train. Pruning ornamental trees

Ellie had about a dozen visitors.

The children with Mabel(housemaid) to look after them went for a picnic to Bobbin Head. Mungo McCallum & Guy rode their bicycles. The others walked.

28. Thursday.

Busy day. Work has been pretty brisk during last few days.

Home by 4.10 train. Ellie came by same.

Strong westerlies for last few days and very cold.

29. Friday.

At P.A.H. Dined at the Hospital and attended meeting of B.M.A. afterwards. Home by 10.40 train.

Very cold. Westerly winds continue.

Mungo & Tibby McCallum left. A start made with erection of Flo Hookes school room next door. Home by 12.31 train. Working at duck house.

The children had a bonfire.

JULY. 1900.

1. Sunday.

Fifteenth anniversary of our wedding. Glorious day. No wind Rita and Stanley Ridge here this afternoon to tea.

Wrote Harold.

2. Monday.

Working at rooms till 4.30 at $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly accounts.

Home by 5.30 train.

Walmesley who moved up here today , here to dinner.

3. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

Ellie and Marjorie Hinder came to stay.

Raining again today.

4. Wednesday.

Continuous steady rain all day. Ground was just beginning to dry after last wet spell and

now it is soaking wet again.

Lunched at Club and went to North Sydney and saw Dr Ward re his eyesight which though he has opacities in his lenses is wonderfully good for his age. He was 81 last Sunday.

5. Thursday.

Raining all day. About midday wind which has been from W and light chopped to E.S.E. and blew a living gale. I came over in $\frac{1}{2}$ past two boat and I think the sea in the harbour was heavier than I have seen it since the celebrated "Dandenong" gale. Wind moderated by evening but steady rain continued all night.

It is raining over every square mile of the colony
Received a case of plants from Dunedin a present from Dr Lindo Ferguson.

6. Friday.

rainy and squally all day. Phenomenal weather in country. All southern and western telegraph lines are down. Bathurst train blocked in zig-zag by snow which is in places 8 ft deep. Two feet deep in streets of Bathurst Snowing all over mountains. Floods at Goulburn, Wagga the Nepean etc.

At P.A.H. Ellie and I were to have gone to the McCallums this evening but were prevented by the weather.

7. Saturday.

A little rain today; dull and lowering. Home by 12.30 train. Planted out some of the plants from Dunedin, though really the ground is too wet for planting. Ella & Marjorie Hinder left for Lorne. Jack went with them to stay till Monday.

8. Sunday.

Dull and cloudy but no rain. Planted out some more of the plants from Dunedin. Rosie Turner here in afternoon. Edie Rossitter and her little girl came to tea and spent night here. Phyllis & Guy walked to Lorne and back.

16. Monday.

Fine cold day. Home by 2.40 train.
Ellie and the children at a picnic given by herslef & Mrs Sargood in Galston Road.

17. Tuesday.

Very cold day. Frost and ice this morning.
At P.A.H. Home by 5.30 train.
Florrie Hooke left.

This evening had to go in to Florrie Hookes ground next door to complain to Craig of his burning off good wood Got Wade and Joseland to come as witnesses.

18. Wednesday.

Frost and ice again.

Home by 2.10 train.

Working at duck house.

19. Thursday.

Just as the soil was beginning to get workable after all the rain we have had it commenced raining again during the night and continued very heavy and without intermission all day. Came home by 2.40 train.

Ellie spent day at Woodstock with her family.

News of the massacre of the foreign legations at Peking confirmed. The allies after a desperate fight or succession of fights have succeeded in taking Tientsin.

20. Friday.

Heavy continuous rain all night and all day today.

In late afternoon it eased off a little.

Having a headache and feeling seedy and the weather being so miserably wet and cold I came home by the 1.10 train instead of going to the Hospital.

21. Saturday. NO ENTRY.

22. Sunday. No entry.

23. Monday. NO ENTRY.

24. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

25. Wednesday.

Fine day but too warm to last. Wind N.W. & quite hot. Dispensed with fire this evening.

Haigh came round this evening with plans of proposed church.

Arranged with Barnes of Chatswood to make tennis court grass for £14.

26. Thursday.

fine day .Home by 2.40 train.

27. Friday.

At P.A.H. Hughes absent.

Dined at Club and attended monthly meeting of B.M.A.

Barnes began his job of making tennis court.

28. Saturday.

Home by 12.30 train. Replaced some fruit trees that died last year in orchard probably from too much wet. Also planted a cherry " Napoleon" and some gooseberries.

Phyllis Guy & Brian went to Lorne for some oranges.

Florrie Hooke here.

29. Sunday.

Syer here this afternoon. Also Eric who rode up on his bicycle

Both stayed to tea. In afternoon they went for a walk with the

3 boys. Florrie Hooke went home. Phyllis went with her. She is very keen on school and likes to go down on Sundays so as to get an early start on Monday morning.

30. Monday.

Home by 2.40 train.

Planted a plum tree from Lorne. And a Queensland Honeysuckle.

31. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

After a fine week rain began again tonight.

Caught Roper taking milk this morning. Blew him up and told him I was disatisfied with him generally.

AUGUST. 1900

1. Wednesday.

Rained all night but ceased this morning.

Home by 1.10 train.

Craig finished clearing Florrie Hookes ground.

2. Thursday.

Fine day but threatening. Ellie in town servant hunting as Mabel Guy is going to leave.

Home by 2.40 train. Continued pruning grapes.

Postcard came for Phyllis from Harry from Mafeking.

3. Friday.

At P.A.H.

4. Saturday.

Syer here this afternoon.

5. Sunday.

No visitors. Walked to Turramurra with the 3 boys to call on Dr Sinclair. He was not at home. Called on McCulloch. Got a root of Princess of Wales violets from him.

6. Monday.

Boys started doing regular work.

Guy milks and attends ducks. Brian does fowls & Jack the boots.

7. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

8. Wednesday.

Home by 1.10 train.

S.W. squall with light rain this evening.

Planted some early rose potatoes.

9. Thursday.

Find day again. Home by 2.40 train.

Ellie and I and 3 boys attended a lecture in the Presbyterian church by Dr Mantle (our new curate) in aid of funds of our proposed new church. Subject was chiefly American humour. Some musical interludes were given by Mr & Mrs Lumsden. Vocal with guitar accompaniment. Mable Aurthyr (housemaid) left and Lena - came in her place.

10. Friday.

At P.A.H. Home by 5.50 train.

11. Saturday.

Home by 12.30 train.

Roper and his wife cleared out this afternoon without notice and let in all the local tradesmen. I had paid his wages up to date.

12. Sunday.

Warm day. Ellie away all day at North Sydney looking out for a laundress for tomorrow.

13. Monday.

Private cataract extraction (Phillips) at St Kilda this afternoon.

14. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

Mrs Geo Harris came here today to be operated on for chronic glaucoma.

Mother had letter from Harry. He had been in the fight at Rustenberg, and was alongside Capt. Machettie when the latter was wounded.

15. Wednesday.

Home by 1.10 train. Operated on Mrs Harris.

Nurse Jeanie Bell nursing her.

Beautiful weather.

Am still without a gardiner.

16. Thursday. NO ENTRY.

17. Friday.

Suffering from lumbago. In consequence did not go to hospital

Got a man to do a couple of days work in garden.

Barnes finished tennis court.

18. Saturday.

At home all afternoon.

19. Sunday. NO ENTRY

20. Monday.

Private operation at St Kilda House. Preliminary iridectomy on O' Sullivan of Tumut.

21. Tuesday.
At P.A.H.

22. Wednesday.
Home by 1.10 train. Am still without a couple
Got a man in today for one day. Even casual men are
scarce.

23. Thursday.
Home by 2.40 train. Dr Jarvie Hood came up with me &
gave chloroform to J.R. Carey whose left eye I enucleated
for supposed sarcoma, at my private residence. Nurse
Jeanne Bell still here nursing Mrs Harris who is going on
satisfactorily.
Dry westerly weather for last 10 days. Lumbago still
troubling me.

24. Friday.
At P.A.H.

25. Saturday.
Home by 12.30 train.
Went into town again by 5.48 train to Annual Reunion
of Old Grammar School Boys, held in the big school room.
Sat between Harry Antill & Norman.

26. Sunday.
At home all day. Syer here in afternoon. Some
difficulty in hiding Carey whose voice penetrates the house
He is desirous that everyone should know of his operation
Mrs Carey came up to see him. Showery in morning
Planted some *paspalum dilatatum* roots Harold sent me.

27. Monday.
Engaged a married couple (G & Mrs Nunn to come
next Saturday.
Have 2 men working here for the day. Olsen and Chamberlain. The latter
finished planting the *paspalum*.

28. Tuesday.
At P.A.H. Home by the new train 5.20 through to
Lindfield that started running yesterday for first
time.

29. Wednesday.
Both my patients Mrs Harris & J.R. Carey and
Nurse Bell left today. (both patients doing well
Home by 1.10 train.

30. Thursday.
Showery all day. Very welcome.
Home by 2.40 train. Planted some trees for Floorie Hooke
in her ground next door.
Terrific squall at 8.30 this evening; settling down to
steady blow afterwards from S.E.

31. Friday.

At P.A.H. Dined at hospital and afterwards attended meeting of B.M.A. followed by a meeting of the profession to pass resolution affirming that the Australian Natives Association is a Society prejudiced to the interests of the profession. Home by 10.40 train.

SEPTEMBER 1900.

1. Saturday.

Home by 12.31 train. G. Nunn and his wife came as gardiner and laundress respectively this evening. They commence work on Monday.

2. Sunday.

At home all day. No visitors except Florrie Hooke.

3. Monday.

Home by 2.40 train.

Four men drowned in capsizing of boat off quarantine station in westerly gale yesterday.

British have gained another decisive victory over Boers in eastern part of Transvaal near Dalman uka. It is supposed that this will finish the war.

The allies occupy Peking where they rescued the legation a week or more ago-- the story of the massacre of the legation thus proved to be untrue, though they were hard pressed. The German ambassadors murder is confirmed.

4. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

5. Wednesday.

Home by 1.10 train.

6. Thursday.

Went into town again with Ellie by 6.45 train to Town Hall where we had several seats in the gallery to see the Fancy Dress Ball in aid of the childrens Hospital. The Sargoods and Parishes sat with us. Came home by 10.40 train. Sargood had provided supper which we ate in the train.

7. Friday.

At P.A.H. Home by 5.20 train. The Wades and Joselands here to dinner. Played cards afterwards. Raining this evening.

8. Saturday.

Picnic at Hawkesbury given by Parish. About 30 there.

Left by 9.37 train via Hornsby. Went in a launch to

Cowan where we picnicked. Home soon after 5. Pleasant day.

9. Sunday.

Mrs Harris came this afternoon. She is going to have her left eye operated on here tomorrow. Mrs Service came up with her and returned. A few showers today.

10. Monday.

Home by 1.10 train.

Did an iridectomy for chronic glaucoma on Mrs G. Harris' left eye here at Graystones Jeanne Bell nursing. Afterwards gave tank in rockery a coat of P. & B. waterproof painting to try and check leakage.

11. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. Hughes absent at races.

12. Wednesday.

Home by 1.10 train. Gave tank in rockery a second coat of interior waterproof paint.

13. Thursday.

Home by 2.40 train. Ellie took Nellie to Norman to have a couple of teeth stopped.

Edith & Florrie Hooke came up to have a look at the school room which is nearly completed.

Mother had letter from Harry.

Walmesley here after dinner.

14. Friday.

At P.A.H. Got away rather early and caught the 10 to 5 train home.

15. Saturday.

Home by 12.31 Syer here in afternoon. Commenced making shallow brick tank in conservatory. Bessie Hook came up with ~~Florrie~~ ^{Phyllis} - this evening. Phyllis stayed till today as she is sitting to Florrie Hooke for her portrait every Saturday morning and in afternoon she was at practice club.

16. Sunday. NO ENTRY.

17. Monday.

Home by special train 2.28 from Milsons Point bringing visitors to garden party at Hon J.T. Tocheys "Innis fail" Came home dressed and took Ellie there. A little rain fell. About 500 present including a large number of Roman Catholic prelates and priests. Met Dr Kenny of Melbourne there.

18. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. Home by 5.20 train.

19. Wednesday.

Attended auction sale at Lawsons this afternoon. of stationary pictures etc from Smarts "Graystones" but did not buy anything. Home by 4.10 train.

20. Thursday.

Home by 2.45 train. Planted some agualies in the tank in rockery.

21. Friday.

At P.A.H. Home by 5.20 train. Thunderstorm with steady rain for an hour about breakfast time. Flo here to tea.

22. Saturday.

Home by 12.30 train. Have had a particularly busy week in town.

23. Sunday.

At home all day. Mother, Edith & Florrie Hooke here to tea.

24. Monday.

Mrs Harris and nurse Bell left this morning.

A few nice showers today.

Small operation at my rooms this afternoon. Afterwards Stayed and worked at quarterly accounts. Home by 5.20 train.

25. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

26. Wednesday.

Home by 1.10 train.

27. Thursday.

Home by 2.40 train.

J. & Mrs Lavender who are staying at Hazeldown were here to dinner this evening.

28. Friday.

At P.A.H. Home by 5.20 train. Ellie Phyllis Brian & Jack at the Hooke girls breaking up party at School of Arts this evening. I worked at my quarterly accounts.

29. Saturday.

Home by 12.30 train. Worked at brick guttering in avenue which I have not been able to get at for some months.

30. Sunday.

At home all day. Broke up crust on surface of tennis court. Couch is just peeping through. Jack Lavender here this afternoon. Ellie seedy.

OCTOBER 1900.

1. Monday.

Eight hour day. Public holiday.

I took the 3 boys and Jack Lavender and his son Phillip &

Frank Syer to Bobbin Head. Drove in King's wagonette to the Point and then got a boat from Shaws. All his large skiffs were engaged so we had to be content with a dingy which only held half of us at a time and consequently the boys did their little fishing from the rocks. Fish scarce. Had a swim Home about 6.30. Flo Hooke here.

2. Tuesday.

Florrie Hooke entertained a number of local ladies at her school room next door to inaugurate the opening of the school this afternoon.

She stayed here all night: with her Jessie Dibbs Charlie Dibbs daughter aged 9 who was one of the performers at the entertainment this afternoon. Several of the Woodstock pupils played and some danced fancy dances.

3. Wednesday.

Hot wind today. Cool light southerly in evening.

Met the 5 children at Milsons Point after lunch and took them to Fitzgeralds Circus near the Railway Station. Not home till 7.30.

Rainfall for September 75% below the average.

4. Thursday.

Hot wind again today. Home by 2.40 train and went to Mrs Sargoods whither Ellie had preceded me to the after reception of friends on the occasion of the wedding of Mr George Gillespie to Miss Oldfield which took place at the Sargoods early in the afternoon. Ellie being present at the ceremony. In evening Phyllis & Guy went to childrens dance at the Sargoods and on her return Phyllis set fire to the sleeve her muslin dres and had a narrow escape of a serious accident. She had the presence of mind to beat out the flames a mat the only result to herself being a scorched arm.

5. Friday.

Extraordinary change of weather. Rain fell early this morning and was followed by a bitterly cold day. I have caught a very bad cold. Fires again this evening.

At P.A.H. Home by 5.20 train, with Ellie who had been shopping.

6. Saturday.

Cold again today but not so severe as yesterday. Ellie and some others went to a tea picnic to Manly returning by moonlight. I intended going but my cold was too bad so I came home.

early in afternoon calling on way at E. Butcher's Smart St. North Shore to see and arrange about buying a trio of Buff Orpingtons.

7. Sunday.

Hot wind again today. Hose going all day on lawn

(tennis) & flower beds. Walmesley here for an hour this afternoon.

8. Monday.

Cool southerly today. Ellie took Phyllis and Nellie to Norman to have their teeth seen to.

New Railway timetable came into force today. My train in morning now leaves at 8.48 instead of 8.41 as heretofore and as it does not stop between Lindfield and the Point I catch the same steamer 9.20.

Home by 2.50 train this afternoon. Worked at brick guttering in avenue.

9. Tuesday.

Another cool dry day.

Florrie Hooke opened her school " Eldinhope College" here today, in her new schoolroom adjoining " Graystones"

Nellie goes to her as a beginner.

Did not go to P.A.H. Attended funeral at St Thomas' cemetery of Dr Jeff. Hister who died yesterday after a long illness of ulcerative endocarditis at Roseville. W.H. Freeman late manager Bank of N.S.W. Goulburn was also buried at St Thomas' this afternoon.

10. Wednesday.

Home by 2.50 train, brought Brian & Jack (who had been to Norman to have their teeth seen to) with me. Went to Ridge St North Sydney first to a consultation with Rorke. Registered our dog " Waggles".

11. Thursday.

Home by 2.50 train. Worked at brick guttering in avenue.

12. Friday.

At P.A.H. Dined at Club and afterwards met Ellie at Milsons Point and took her to see " what happened to Jones" at the Palace Theatre.

Home by 11.40 train. Not in bed until after one o'clock.

13. Saturday.

Home by 12.50 train. Working at brick guttering.

14. Sunday.

At home all day. Syer here in afternoon and stayed to tea.

15. Monday.

Last 3 days have been cool with southerly weather and no rain.

This afternoon had a cataract extraction at St Kilda. House. (Mrs Dawes of Singleton).

Home by 3.50 train.

Society began some clearing and scrubbing in Ellies ground next door.

16. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

17. Wednesday. NO ENTRY.

18. Thursday.

Hot wind today.

Mr & Mrs Parkes, Walmesley and his new assistant Druce were here after dinner. Druce is an accomplished pianist.

19. Friday.

Another hot wind all day.

20. Saturday.

Another terrible day. A hot N.W. gale with temperature 97 in shade. The roses and garden generally in a sad condition. Hot wind lasted all night.

Mrs J.S. Mitchell died this morning.

21. Sunday.

Hot wind continued all day but not so strong or quite so warm as yesterday. This is the fourth day in succession of hot winds. A thing I never remember before. Southerly came up about 5. Ronny Simpson came over this morning to see our Buff Orpingtons. Edith Hooke here all day. Mother here after tea.

22. Monday.

Cool day at last.

Operation at St Kilda in afternoon. Home by 4.50 train.

23. Tuesday.

Hot wind again today. Mother & Marjorie here. Heard of Flos engagement to a parson Revd. F. Reeves of Annandale. Not altogether surprised.

25. Thursday.

Still hot and dry.

Home by 2.50 train. Doing brick guttering along avenue.

26. Friday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon. Home by 5.20 train.

Phyllis at a concert at the Presbyterian Hall.

27. Saturday.

Another terrible day with hot westerly gale. Ellie in town in morning. Driving home from station with her in Kings cab a rim gave way and the cab collided with a post smashing it but fortunately not hurting us. Fastened wire netting along avenue rail fence. Bessie Hooke came up in afternoon. Walmesley here after tea.

28. Sunday.

A few showers fell last night-- about half an inch in all not enough to do any real good. Syer here this afternoon.

29. Monday.

Home by 2.50 train. Cool day no more rain.

30. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. Slack day. Home by 4.50 train.
A sheep and lamb sent by Vindon of Turramurra
came today.

31. Wednesday.

Home by 1.50 train.

Ellie in bed with attack of (? rheumatic) episcleritis.

NOVEMBER 1900.

1. Thursday.

Ellie's eye better but stayed in bed all day.
Terrible day again. Strong hot wind. Swarm of white ant
flying.

Rainfall for October 80% below average. ^{THE}

2. Friday.

Feverish and sleepless all night. Temperature 100.5 this
morning. Would not have gone to work but had several
important appointments with country patients. Did not go
to P.A.H. Came home by 12.50 train. Feeling a little
better this afternoon. Ellie's eye better.

Sharp thunderstorm at midday.

Phyllis brought a school mate Mildred Jones up to stay till
Tuesday evening.

3. Saturday.

A very little rain fell in night. Cool cloudy day. Feeling
all right again but weak. Prof. & Mrs Anderson Stuart
& son here this afternoon. Also some lady visitors to see Ellie.

4. Sunday.

Cool cloudy day. This afternoon Ellie and I & Phyllis went to
Lorne to see Uncle Will and Aunt Popsy who are staying there.
Crowds of visitors there as usual.

5. Monday. NO ENTRY.

6. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

7. Wednesday.

Home by 1.50 train. Working at a chicken house for
Ellie.

8. Thursday. NO ENTRY

9. Friday.

At P.A.H.

10. Saturday.

Home by 12.50 train. Mungo McCallum here to stay till

Monday. Working at chicken house for Ellie.

Nine of Ellies best Leghorn hens suddenly sick this morning paralysis and convulsions: apparently from overeating .5 died.

I opened the crops of the remaining 4 this afternoon as a forlorn hope.

11. Sunday.

The 4 fowls I operated on yesterday died today in

convulsions. At home all day. Ellie poorly.

12. Monday.

Prince of Wales birthday kept as a public holiday

today under the recently passed act that public holidays

shall be kept up on the following Mondays.

The 3 boys, Mungo McCallum and I went to Middle

Harbour. We trained to Killara and walked thence to the

head. Had a swim and then a very rough long walk in search of

fresh water. Walked back in afternoon to Lindfield whence

Mungo returned home. In evening Phyllis got up some impromptu

charades in Florries school room. Norman here, also Syer & Mr & Mrs

McCulloch and a lot of children.

13. Tuesday.

At P.A.H.

14. Wednesday.

Small operation at St Kilda House this afternoon.

Hot wind. Thunder storm in evening with very little

rain. Southerly came up during night.

Drought continues. Of the six dry springs we have had in succession this is the worst.

15. Thursday.

Ellie town shopping and seeing after a new housemaid.

I came home by 2.50 train.

Working at chicken houses.

Thunderstorm this evening; very little rain.

16. Friday.

At P.A.H. Hughes tells me he has got six months leave

and is going to England. Walmsley announced today

his intention of giving up his school here and starting at

Randwick.

17. Saturday.

Showery from midday. After dark thunderstorm with

a few heavy showers. Ellie in town this morning. Home

with me by 12.50 train. Edith Hooke came at Tea time

to stay.

18. Sunday.

Splendid & welcome steady monsoonal rain. Thick

driving showers all day mostly from N.E. In evening distant thunder and very heavy rain all evening till bedtime.

19. Monday.

Soaking showeres all day. 3 inches had fallen here up till this morning. Papers report phenomenal thunderstorm yesterday in Sydney and immediate neighbourhood. At Balmain especially fall was unprecedented. Whole streets denuded of metal and even paving stones washed away and rush of water so great that steamers could not make the wharf. Darkness ~~light-~~^{like} night. We did not get this heavy rain here.

20. Tuesday.

Showery nearly all day.

At P.A.H.

21. Wednesday.

A little rain this morning but it cleared off towards evening and appears to be now finished. We must have had nearly six inches altogether. Home by 1.50 train. Working at chicken yards.

22. Thursday.

Fine day. Home by 2.50 train. A Mr Gill from Roads Department and Murdock secretary of our local progress association met in Burns Road and talked over with me some of the details of work that is being done there. My trouble is that I want the crown of the road spread to its former natural level so that the water wont be thrown back on my land as it is now. Ellie at a picnic given by the Adams of Turramurra steam launch from the Quay to Middle Harbour.

23. Friday.

At P.A.H. Slack afternoon and managed to catch the 3.50 train home. Ellie in bed all day with bad bilious attack.

24. Saturday.

Weather settled fair. Home by 12.50 train. Phyllis came to have her sight tested. She appears to have myopic astigmatism. Will have to use Atropine in the holidays. Jack Stevenson here repairing roof blocking out sparrows from building & hunting for white ant. Found none.

25. Sunday.

Syer here this afternoon and to tea. Ella & Rose Turner here to afternoon tea. After tea walked down to see a cow a Mrs Watt wants to hire. Agreed to take it from tomorrow at 5/- a week till my cow calves.

26. Monday.

Had a nice treat today. I appeared at North Sydney Police Court at 10 o'clock to appeal against the Water Sewerage Boards rating of the separate allotments in the Lorne subdivision on the ground that having already paid rates on the property as a whole and as it was now and always had been one holding they could not rate the allotments separately. Had to wait (with exception of interval in middle of day till a quarter past seven when the magistrate ruled in my favour by striking out all the cases hinting that the assessment should never have been made. It was just an attempt as bluff as the officials on finding I was appealing offered to strike out the cases but I declined this saying I would get a magistrates decision.

27. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. this afternoon. Home by 5.20 train.

28. Wednesday.

Had a small operation at my rooms after lunch then met Ellie at Quay and went to St. Stephens church Phillip St to wedding of Miss Daisy Brown - daughter of J.L. Brown of Methuen Bowenfels to Mr Trevor Jones first officer of the Orient Coys S.S. "Orniuz" -- afterwards the company went to the Australia Hotel. Home by 5.20 train. Mrs Gother Mann came up to stay a few days with us.

29. Thursday.

Home by 2.50 train.

Bought 4 hanging baskets for conservatory. Great preparations going on in Sydney for the landing of the first Governor General of Federated Australia (Lord Hopetown) on 1st January.

30. Friday.

At P.A.H.

DECEMBER. 1900

1. Saturday.

Mr & Mrs Carey called here this afternoon. Apart from this interruption working at chicken houses.

2. Sunday.

Had to spend nearly all day fixing busted wire as the new cow I hired last Sunday got through the wires round paddock and eats the hedge and ornamental trees.

3. Monday.

Nunn had to knock off work today.

4. Tuesday.

At P.A.H. Nunn still ill.

5. Wednesday.

Mrs Nunn gave me a fortnights notice. Nunn still ill.

Wrote him that he should give me notice not Mrs N & that a months notice was required. Later in the evening as he refused to let his boy do some necessary work I told him that rendered him liable to dismissal. No reply to this note. This afternoon attended cricket match on University Oval between Syndey Hosp. and P.A.H. Umpired for time ; left early.

6. Thursday to 11. Tuesday. NO ENTRIES.

12. Wednesday.

G. Nunn and wife left today or rather left my service since they do not leave the cottage till tomorrow.

Cunningham divorce case exciting great interest. It has been on since last Monday week. Cunningham sues the Rev. O' Horan secretary to Cardinal Moran for £5000 as corespondent.

Viva voce ophthalmic exam this afternoon from 2-6 Maher co examiner. Dined with him at Union Club afterwards. We got through about half the candidates today.

13. Thursday. NO ENTRY.

14. Friday.

Cunningham divorce case finished. Jury disagreed.

15. Saturday.

John Blackie & wife came as gardener and laundress

Syer here this afternoon & evg.

I went to Gillespies at Warawee to bring Phyllis & Guy home from childrens party at 10 o'clock.

Lord Hb. etun landed this morning. Procession passed my rooms.

16. Sunday.

Very hot day.

17. Monday.

Terrible day. Very hot wind till bedtime. No sign of southerly.

Have 2 extra men in working at flower gardens.

18. Tuesday.

Strong southerly came up during the night and today has been cool & cloudy.

See by paper that yesterday's heat was the record for

December 104.1

The four elder children in town all day with Violet