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THE  
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GALTON FAMILY

BRITISH MAKE  
arranged by

ELIZABETH ANNE WHEELER

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The following is taken from Memorials of the Old Square, Birmingham, by Joseph Hill and Robert K. Dent. 1897.

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Joseph Farmer was connected with the square from its formation. In 1702 the shop at the corner of Bull Street and the Minories was in the occupation of Joseph Farmer, and as early as 1701 his name is alluded to in the records of the Society of Friends. In after years he was the Treasurer and among the most opulent of that body. In the year 1711 he married Sarah Abraham of Bromsgrove or Grafton, and among the names of the affirming Friends upon the allegiance rolls of 1723 are those of Joseph and Sarah Farmer. Whilst Farmer was one of several iron workers of the town who also became gunsmiths, he was also one of the few who did so upon a liberal scale, and became prosperous. From the time of his marriage he probably lived in the square until 1735, by which time he had removed, as it would appear, to the house in Whitehall's Lane, otherwise Steelhouse Lane, afterwards known as Farmer and Galton's House, and subsequently Galton's Bank. Over the doorway of this house is the monogram of the double initials "J.F." reversed and entwined.

In 1741 Joseph Farmer died, leaving a son, James, and a daughter, Mary. The former, who continued the business, was in 1746 one of the Overseers of the Poor. In the same year his sister Mary was married to Samuel Galton, and they went to live in No. 13, the house at the opposite corner of the Priory. Shortly afterwards, probably in 1748, James Farmer removed to London, and Galton, who would take entire management of the Birmingham business in that year, left the Square to live in Farmer's house.

In London, Farmer met with serious reverses, caused by the calamitous earthquake in Lisbon in 1755. He suffered heavy losses, and became seriously involved, but retrieved his position and again became prosperous. In 1765 he returned to Birmingham, and resided in the mansion then fronting the Lane leading to Hales Owen, now Broad Street, and known as Bingley House where he died in 1773. His widow, the great aunt Farmer of Mrs. Schimmelpnninck, surviving him till 1796. In 1774 their only child, Mary, married Charles Lloyd, of the Firm of Sampson, Nehemiah and Charles Lloyd, the ironmasters of Edgbaston Street. The whole of the children of this marriage, eleven in number, were born in Edgbaston Street, but upon the death of the widow Farmer in 1796, the family removed to Bingley House. Charles Lloyd died there in 1828 and his wife in 1821.

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Of their children, Charles the eldest, the "Poet Lloyd" married in 1799 at Edgbaston, Sophia, daughter of Samuel Pemberton, and had several children. His brother James, the second son of Charles, after his Father's death, lived at Bingley House, and had many children, the only survivor of whom was the late Thomas Lloyd of the Priory, Warwick, whose only daughter married her Cousin, Sampson Samuel Lloyd, Junr., now of the Priory. Of the daughters of Charles and Mary Lloyd, Priscilla married Dr. Christopher Wordsworth, brother of the poet Wordsworth, and was the mother of Charles, Bishop of St. Andrews, and Christopher, Bishop of Lincoln. Olivia, the second daughter, married Paul Moon James, the Partner in Galton's Bank, and Agatha, the seventh daughter married James Pearson of Birmingham.

At the expiration of the Lease, Bingley House was pulled down, but in 1849 an exhibition of manufactures was held there, and was visited by Prince Albert. The great exhibition of 1851 was the conception of the Prince after this visit.

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BRITISH MAKE

Cambridge Nov. 17.

The following members of Trinity College, Cambridge, have been elected Honorary Fellows:- Mr Balfour, Mr. Francis Galton, Sir William Harcourt, Lord Macnaghton, and Professor F. W. Maitland Downing Professor of the Laws of England.

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Copy of letter from the Master of Trinity College, Nov. 14, 1902.

My dear Frank,

Many happy duties have come to me in my life, but few happier than that of now informing you, by the direction of our Council, that we have today elected you an Honorary Fellow of the College under the Provisions of our Statute XIX, as a "person distinguished for literary and scientific merits."

We are electing at the same time Mr. Balfour, Sir William Harcourt, Lord McNaghten and Professor Maitland. Our other Honorary Fellows, since the death of Bishop Westcott and Lord Acton, are Lord Rayleigh and Sir George Trevilyen. Need I say how it delights me to think that all your long and brilliant services in the cause of many a science should again link you in the later years of your life with the College to which, as I know, you have always been so loyal.

Believe me,

Very affectionately yours,

H. MONTAGUE BUTLER.

P.S. Since writing the above have just seen the award of the Darwin medal ! Very delightful.

Note. To be elected an Honorary Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, is a rare distinction for a man who has not been previously an ordinary fellow or who is not a Professor resident in Cambridge.

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Will of HUBERT GALTON dated 1618, extracted from the principal Registry of the Probate Diverce and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice

In the Deanery of Sarum

In the name of God Amen ye eleuntly day of February in the yeares of the raigne of o<sup>r</sup> Sraigne Lord James by the grace of God of England France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith etc the sixteenth and of Scotland the two and fiftieth Anno 1618 I HUBERT GALTON of ~~Winterborne~~ Kingston in the County of Dorset Husbandman revoking all former Wills and deeds of guift and being in bodily health and in good pfect remembrance thankes be given to the Almighty God therefore doe here now make and ordaine my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following First I commend my Soule unto Almighty God my creator and redeemer by whose death and passion I hope to be saved and my body to be buried in Kingston Church yard under w<sup>ch</sup> little tombestone lyeth my predecessors by my Mother's side as appeareth by their names thereoppon written Item I give towards the repacon of my p<sup>ch</sup> Church of Kingston 2<sup>s</sup> v<sup>d</sup> Item my Will is that all my debts that I doe owe unto psn or psns according to a note hereunto annexed if it bee not already payed by my lifetime betweene the day of the date of this my last Will and the day of my death whensoever it shall please God to appointe shall bee paid w<sup>th</sup> in one yeare or lesse after my death at the discretion of my overseers For the payment of w<sup>ch</sup> debts I doe hereby give them full power and authority to sell such of my goods as will yeelde most and may bee best spared viz<sup>t</sup> my sheepe as I doe judg will yeelde most and may be best spared and what they doe doe herin I doe ratify and allowe to bee as good as if I myself were liveing Item I do give unto my daughter Theophila the XX<sup>ti</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> is due unto mee from Raginold Abbott uppon his bond to bee paid at the end and terme of his lease as appeareth both by his bond and lease and if the said Theophila my daughter doe dye before the day of payment of the said XX<sup>ti</sup> that then I will give X<sup>ti</sup> of the XX<sup>ti</sup> unto my son Hubert Galton and the other X<sup>ti</sup> I will give unto my daughter Agnes Galton Item I give unto my said daughter Agnes Galton twenty pounds more besides the tenn pounds given w<sup>ch</sup> is uncertaine to come unto her Item I give unto my sonne Raginold Galton XX<sup>ti</sup>

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Item I give unto my sonne Richard Galton XX<sup>te</sup> for the w<sup>d</sup> payment of the lx<sup>te</sup> last given by me unto my three children last named viz<sup>t</sup> Agnes Galton, Raginold Galton and Richard Galton shall bee paid out of all my goods that I shall dye possessed of after my debt is paid and if there bee not sufficient goods enough left after my said debt is paid to make upp the said sume of three score pounds given by mee unto my said three children namely Agnes Galton Raginold Galton and Richard Galton That then my Will is that forty and two acres of eareland w<sup>th</sup> the peece of meadowe in the Stubles and the pasture for as many sheepe horses and beasts as Raginold Abbott and Richard Harris doe holde of mee shall bee putt out by my overseers for soe many yeares as will make upp the saif sume of three score pounds and what my said over doe in letting the said grounds to that end I doe hereby give them full power and authority after the said Raginold Abbots lease and Richard Harris lease bee expired and ended provided alwaies that none of my household stufte and goods w<sup>thin</sup> doors shall be accounted lyable unto payment of the said lx<sup>ti</sup> but that it shall remaine wholly unto my executor and my Will is the said Agnes Galton Raginold Galton and Richard Galton shall bee paid their said legacies of XX<sup>ti</sup> apeece amounting to lx<sup>ti</sup> when they come to their severall ages of xxi yeares and not before And of any of the three children last named fortune to dye before they come to the age of xxi yeares then their said portions of twenty pounds apeece shall remaine to the survivor or survivors. Farther my Will is that if my son Hubert Galton when he cometh to the age of xxi yeares will finde sufficient security to pay unto his sister Agnes Galton Raginold Galton and Richard Galton his two brothers their said portions of XX<sup>ti</sup> apeece before given by mee unto them when they come to their severall ages of xxi yeares apeece to the likeing of my overseers That then the said Hubert Galton shall have all my goods whatsoever which I have all appointed for the payment of the said lx<sup>ti</sup> and that none of my grounds shall bee let as before I have appointed for the satisfying thereof but that it shall remaine wholly both goods and ground unto my said sonne Hubert Galton Otherwise if security bee not given then the said goods and ground shall remaine to the payment of the said lx<sup>ti</sup> as is before set downe and my said averseers to see it paid as I have appointed them and their authority therein to stand good as I have before appointed Item I give to my wife ~~Eleven~~ five pounds to buy her a bed to lye on Item I give also and allowe unto my said wife the little chamber in my new dwelling house behinds the streete doore and convenient roome to make her fire either in the hall or kitchen durning the terme of fourty yeares if John Galton and Hubert Galton my sonnes or either of them shall ~~long~~ <sup>live</sup> soe long and that also my said wife soe long shall live sole and unmarried Provided alwaies that she neither let

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or set this Chamber afore given to any other nor to entertain any other w<sup>t</sup>ever except it bee in case of necessity in her sickness Item I give unto my sonne Hubert Galton my lease of the tenement wherein I nowe dwell w<sup>th</sup> all the appurtenances there unto belonging to bee enjoyed by him after my death dureing his owne life and my son John Galton's life when he cometh to the age of twenty yeares and if it fortune the said Hubert Galton my son do dye before he cometh to the age of twenty yeares then my Will is and I doe likewise give my said lease of my said tenement with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto my son Richard Galton to be likewise enjoyed by him when he cometh to the age of twenty yeares dureing my son John Galton's life and if my son Richard Galton doe dye before he cometh to the age of twenty yeares then my Will is and I doe likewise give my said lease of my said tenement w<sup>th</sup> all the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto my son Raginold Galton to be likewise enjoyed by him when he cometh to the age of twenty yeares dureing my said son John Galtons life and if my said son Ragnold Galton doe dye before he cometh to the age of twenty yeares then my Will is and I doe likewise give my said lease w<sup>th</sup> the appurtenances thereunto belonging dureing my said son John Galton's life unto Agnes Galton my daughter Item my Will is that if it doth soe happen that my sonne Hubert Galton doth dye before he cometh to the age of twenty yeares by whose death my lease doth remaine to my sonne Richard Galton that then the said Richard Galtons stock of twenty pounds shall remaine on to his brother Ragnold Galton and Agnes Galton his sister to bee divided betweene them and she likewise if Richard Galton doe dye before hee cometh to the age of twenty yeares by reason that my said lease doth come to my sonne Raynold that then both his stocks of twenty pounds and Richard XX<sup>ti</sup> shall remaine to Agnes Galton and Theophila Galton my daughters to be equally divided between them if they bee both liveing and if there bee but one of them liveing that then she shall have the whole Item I give unto my godson Frauncis Galton my sonne's childe tenn pounds to be paid when he shall accomplish the age of fifteen yeares The residue of all my goods not before given and bequeathed my debts and legacies being first paid I give and bequeath unto my sonne Hubert Galton whome I make and ordaine my whole executor of this my last Will and testament and if he doth fortune to dye that then what other childe soever hee or shee bee that liveth unto hee or shee cometh to the age of twenty one yeares to enjoy my lease of my said tenement in order as is before set downe and given and named by mee that hee or shee shall be my executor and bee thereof possessed by virtue of this my last Will by reason that my Will is that hee or shee that hath my lease of my tenement shall likewise have all my other goods and householde stuffe in and about my house not before given and appointed to any other use to begin withall



In WITNESS whereof I have hereunto put my hande and seale the day and yeare first above written and for my friends in ..... If I might bee so bolde to trouble him herein for the good of my children I doe request Mr. Thomas Strangwaies gent John Galton my sonne and Thomas Crosse of Strickland to bee my overseers of this my last Will and testament and if shall please Mr. Strangwaies to take the paines for the good of my children I will thank him and my children bound to pay<sup>3</sup> for him to be that everyone may have their due and portions according to my true meining and that Mr. Strangwaies shall bee the Principall man both in council and direction in all pointes and that without him there shall bee nothing done and what my said overseers shall doe in all points according to the true meining of this my last Will I will hereby give them power and authority to let and ste anything in as large manner as if I were living for the raising of my children's stock And that my wife my executor and my children bee contented with their doings as I have written as I hope they will

By mee (signed) HUBERT GALTON

THOMAS STRANGWAIES      JOHN GALTON      THOMAS CRIPPS  
 RAYNOLD ABBOT      RICHARD CRUMPLEHERE      JAMES TREWET

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Footnotes:-

1. This name is spelt Raginold or Reynold indifferently.
2. Howard Galton says £80 in those days equalled £4,000 now.
3. Probably "pray" in the original.



DARWIN

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OR,  
CREST, a demi griffin, sejant, VERT, holding in his claws an  
escallop OR.

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THE MANOR HOUSE, HIGH HAM.

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Copy of letter to Francis, Art Library.  
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My dear Sir,

I return the procelain plaque with the protrait of Dr. Erasmus Darwin which you were good enough to lend me. I consider it very interesting and believe it to be made at Derby. The medallion is in biscuit (unglazed porcelain body) in which Derby excelled. The ground is glazed over the rich dark blue much used at those works. I showed the plaque to Lady Charlotte Schreiber who also considers it Derby and compared it with a medallion, another protrait in her own collection, which is marked with the usual Derby mark incised in the paste. On reference to Harlem's account of a Derby factory published 1876 I find that a well known modeller employed there, Coffee, who did excellent work for biscuit figures and protraits, executed a portrait of Dr. Erasmus Darwin. This fact may be taken to confirm the opinion I expressed to you that the plaque was produced at the Derby works probably towards the end of the last century.

Yours etc.

(Signed) R.H.SODER-SMITH

October 1884.

BRITISH MUSEUM

About the year 1900 Francis gave up the Chairmanship etc., of all the Societies owing to his deafness. He received the following letter from the Meteorology Society:-

Meteorological Office,  
63 Victoria Street,  
London.

9th May, 1901.

Dear Mr. Galton,

The new body of Directors of the Office held their first meeting on Wednesday, 24th April. In the letter from the Royal Society notifying their appointment, there was a paragraph intimating that the resignation of your seat on the Council had been accepted. It was only natural that the first act of the new body should be to recall the long period during which you have occupied a seat, either on the original Meteorological Committee, or the Council, and to endorse with the emphasis arising from their fuller knowledge of your work, the appreciation which the President and Council of the Royal Society recorded in their letter. It therefore becomes a duty, by which I am no little honoured, to convey to you the feeling of the Council upon the termination of your official services as a member of the body on which we have so long worked together. This task I undertake with a full sense of the difficulty of adequately expressing the extent to which the work of the Meteorological Office is indebted for its success and utility to your services which have extended over thirty-four years.

It is no exaggeration to say that almost every room in the Office and all its records give unmistakeable evidence of the active share you have always taken in the direction of the operations of the office. The Council feel that the same high order of intelligence and inventive faculty has characterised your scientific work in Meteorology that has been so conspicuous in many other directions, and has long become known and appreciated in all centres of intellectual activity.

With the Office entering upon a new phase of its service to the Public it is impossible for the Council not to feel that the work of the past 34 years has only opened the way, as all good work does, for further developments. I am confident that you will still be interested in the success of the undertaking, in which you have had so great a share, and the Council will value in the future as they have done in the past, any suggestion you may make about the work in the Office.

Believe me , very faithfully yours  
RICHARD STARKEY (Chairman)

Copy of a letter from the President of the Anthropological Institute  
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Innisfail Hill Road  
Cambridge

24 June 1901.

My dear Mr. Galton,

I have been commissioned by the Council of the Anthropological Institute to ask whether you would do us the honour to deliver the Huxley Lecture this Autumn or early winter, and at the same time to receive the Huxley Medal.

We would like in this way to emphasise our appreciation of the value of your researches, which have placed biological data on a prime mathematical basis. You have been the pioneer in the Mathematical School of Evolution, and Anthropology has benefitted enormously, not only by your own investigations, but by those which you have directly and indirectly instigated and inspired. Who then is better fitted to discourse to us than a Pioneer Investigator in one corner of that field of which in other departments Huxley was a brilliant exponent.

We sincerely trust that you will add another self denying good deed for the sake of Anthropology, and will favour the Institute, and benefit our Science, by according to our urgent request.

Believe me, my dear Mr. Galton,

Yours most faithfully,

ALFRED C. HADDON



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We remained at Tenby till the 23rd January, the children improving in health. We had many pleasant little parties, at the Wedgwoods, Macintoshes, and Isaacs, whose children played with mine. We took Jenkins, the Conchologist with us to Gilter Point and other places, and learnt much from him, and he packed up the children's shells, which arrived safely. One great amusement to Eddy and Lucy was a fine dog belonging to Mr Morris the Grocer, who generally sat on a chair in the shop. They gave him a penny, when he walked gravely to the Confectioner, a few doors off, and brought back a bun in his mouth, but he always expected the bun to be given back to him.

We were grieved to leave the sea, we had enjoyed our stay so much. There were several curious customs at Tenby, at Christmas and the New Year. Little boys went to every house as Mummings. They acted a Play, but without speaking, something like St George killing the Dragon, and they would come night after night and repeat the performance. Another custom was, a Sailor dressed up was carried about, high enough to look in at the windows, and everyone was expected to give him a trifle. On New Years Day, boys went round knocking at every door, and when the maid opened it, with a brush in some water, squirted it in her face for good luck.

An old woman, a great beggar, came to our Cook, and

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said if she did not give her something to eat, she would bewitch her, and frightened her very much. The people were very honest, it was not necessary to lock the house door at night. They would cheat you, but would not steal.

We left on the 23rd, and arrived at my Mother's house in Leamington, where we staid some days, and saw many of our friends. The Hubert Galtons were staying in the town. The children went to see the Militia Parade. Erasmus commanded them.

31st January, James Moilliet brought Sophie, to leave her at Miss Gauthorpe's School, and dined at my Mother's.

February, Mrs Samuel Gurney died this month. She was an excellent woman, always doing good. She took much interest in the Nurses' Institution, which Mrs Fry had originated.

6th February, we returned home. I forget whether I mentioned that when Eddy had scarlet fever and was recovering, I let him have our terrier, Viper, in his room to play with. Mrs Sparkes, who took care of our House while we were away, told us the dog became very ill soon after we left, his skin red and hot with fever. He evidently caught it from Edward, he never had health after.

In March, we went over to Leamington to meet Francis and Louisa at my Mother's, and on the 15th they spent two days with us, and we drove them to Charlecote.

26th March, Harvey and Sophy Sitwell came to us, and

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we all went the next day to Norton, to Dr Lloyd's Sale. He had died just before and left several good Collections of all sorts. Mr Sitwell, knowing how much I should prize it, bought the Portland Vase, which was there, and gave it to me. They left the next day.

Sophy Moilliet came to spend her Easter Holidays with us, and that week, Lucy kept her birthday, and the Annesleys from Haseley came to spend it with her.

In April, we met our old friends, Mr and Mrs Horner, who visited my Mother.

In May, Emma went to the Gurneys in London, and we all went often to spend the day with my Mother.

14th May, Mrs Molony(Lucy Wheler) died.

15th May, Amy Biggs had a little girl, Constance.

22nd May, we came for some days to my Mother. Saw the Hubert Galtons and many friends. Edward dined with the Militia and Erasmus.

On our return home, 2nd June, the children set up a breeding cage and a pair of canaries, which were a great amusement to them.

June 4th, Mrs Edward Arkwright (Robert Sitwell's daughter) died, leaving three little girls, the ages of mine.

8th June, Erasmus went with his Militia to Aldershot.

19th, little Edward kept his Birthday, the Cartwrights, Camerons, Miss and Lucy Gregory dined with us.

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22nd, went to a Picnic at Wellesbourne. There was one every year, and they were very pleasant gatherings. All the neighbouring families attended, Woodmasses, Philips, Bracebridges etc, etc. There was Archery, and a luncheon. Every Lady provided one dish. Miss Ryland's Butler, who for many years had been in Mrs Kemble's service, knew me, and amused us much by <sup>handing a dish,</sup> whispering, "It's Amber Pudding Ma'am, and very good." It was brought by Miss Ryland, and quite deserved Denton's commendation.

28th, the children were highly delighted, the Canary hatched some young ones.

30th June, met the Cameron Galtons at my Mothers, and brought Isabella and Katharine Powlett back with us for a few days, and we all dined one evening at the Bracebridges at Morville. July 18th, took the children to Leamington to see a Balloon go up. Another day we took the children to <sup>an early</sup> dinner at Miss Gregory's at Barford.

23rd July, we were all invited by Mr Staunton to come and drink Syllabub under the cow, in the hay-field. It was a lovely day, hay carrying everywhere. When we got about a mile from Longbridge a heavy pelting shower came down in torrents. We put the children under the apron to keep them dry; and went on to the Stauntons, and had luncheon there. It rained the whole time, so the hayfield and syllabub were out of the question. On our return, when we had gone a

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mile, the road was quite dry, sun shining, hay carrying, not a drop of rain had fallen. It had been heavy from Longbridge to Warwick.

The Sitwells came to us for two days. In August, took the children to spend a day with the Annesleys at Haseley.

6th August, three more Canaries hatched.

25th, Frederick Wheler came to stay, and went with us to dine at Mrs Ryland's, where we met Mrs Bailey, Mr Russell's daughter. We also dined at Mr Mark Philip's.

2nd September, Erasmus came from Aldershot, and spent the afternoon with us. I do not think I have mentioned that when Erasmus commanded the Militia, a young man, Mr C. joined, and his Mother begged Erasmus to see he was not persuaded to drink, as it was a failing in the family. The Father being given to drink. Erasmus promised he would, and that evening announced to the Mess that he meant to be a Teetotaller, and invited others to join him, which this young man did, and was not ashamed then to do, and was saved.

The beginning of September, Hesketh and Amy Biggs with their Baby spent a few days with us. We took them to Lunch at Edstone, and to see the Church at Charl<sup>l</sup>cote. On the 8th, we all spent the morning with my Mother at Leamington, and then went on to stay with the Sitwells at Leamington Hastings for the shooting.

All this spring and summer we had been very anxious about

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the War. Lord Raglan had died from overwork and grief at having failed to take THE REDAN on the 18th June. Every day the first question was, "What news is there?" Herman Galton, who had for some time been working in the Trenches, was invalided home. I talked to my children and made them interested in all that was going on at Sebastopol, that they might remember the War, so that they were as eager for news as we were.

On the 9th September, I was in my bedroom, when little Edward (five years old) rushed into the room, saying, "Sebastopol is taken," and capered about. I ran downstairs and found the news had just arrived, and the child having heard it, ran up to tell me, and most thankful we all were. It was taken on the 8th September. The bells rang all the evening.

Agnes Wheeler came for a few days and Robert Sitwell. We dined with the Henry Biddulphs and met Sir Theobald Biddulph and his daughter, Vyners etc.

Constance Biddulph amused us with a trick she had played her Uncle Henry Vyner, who had a habit of saying "Lor!", in every sentence, "Lor, what are you doing?" etc., so she took Lucy Biddulph into his bedroom while he was out shooting, wrote "Lor" on a bit of paper, and put it in his night-cap, another paper with "Lor" inside his bed, on his pillow, brush, comb, soap, everything he used, so that whatever he took up, he saw, "Lor" in large letters. I do not remember whether

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it cured him. She was a very nice amusing girl, she married her cousin, Sir William Parker, some years after.

Sophy and I called on the Morewoods at Ladbroke and found Mrs Morewood's Father and Mother, Lord and Lady Byron there.

On the 22nd we went to stay with Frederick Wheler and his sisters at Dunchurch. While there we called on Robert Batt, who was at Mr Congreve's School.

28th, we returned home.

Oct. 6th, Adèle (Cameron Galton) was confined of a daughter, Ethel.

Nothing particular happened, all went on much as usual. In October, Elizabeth spent a few days with us, and on the 30th we all came to my Mother's on a visit. My Mother kindly wished to give Lucy some dancing lessons, and I took her every other day to Mrs Torre, who for many years taught dancing. She was a Miss Elliston, her Father had the Opera House in London I think, for some years. She married Mr Torre, who was of a good family, but idle and did not work, so instead of living in the society he was in, she was obliged with her daughter's assistance, to give lessons in dancing to maintain her family. I should think every Lady in Warwickshire from my age to Lucy's, had learnt to dance from Mrs Torre. Lucy also during this <sup>visit</sup> week took some lessons in French.

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While with my Mother, Emma returned from London.

6th November, Miss Lucy Sitwell, sister to Harvey Sitwell died.

While in Leamington I saw many <sup>Ad</sup> friends, Miss Cameron, Miss Charlotte Blair, Miss Alston, Miss Wilkinson, etc. and I made the acquaintance of a very agreeable Lady, Miss Cameron, a descendant of Dr Archibald Cameron, who was executed for joining Prince Charles. Miss Cameron of Lochiel introduced her to us. She spent some years in Leamington, and we saw much of her and her nice young sons.

13th November, we returned home, Lucy had had eight dancing and several French lessons.

15th November, the children went to Church to see Miss Bromfield married to Dr Kingsley. They returned very full of what they had seen. Eddy told me it was shocking, Mr Cameron had to tell the MAN every word he had to say. Evidently thinking "the man" should have learnt his lesson better.

On the 15th November, Lady Gould, Mrs Attye's sister died, Mrs Attye's eldest daughter had always lived with her Aunt, but now came to live at Ingon.

On the 25th November, Mrs Attye died at Ingon Grange. She had been partially out of her mind for some years, and a Miss King lived there to take care of her, but left the Miss Attye's at their Mother's death.

5th December, Mr Charles Barclay of Berry Hill died.

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His son Arthur, at my Uncle Mr Barclay Alladice's death, became head of the Ury Barclays, my Uncle having no son. Ury was sold, to our regret, to Mr Baird, after being some hundred years in the Barclay family. Mr Baird blew up the old house with gunpowder, it being too strong to pull down any other way, and he has built a large house in its place. Ury is about a mile from Stonehaven, Kincardineshire.

16th December, my dear Great-aunt, Mrs Hudson Gurney died after a long illness. She had been a very kind Aunt, and we regretted her much. She was never told that Ury was sold, it would have distressed her so much.

Our friend, Mrs Foley, who was Miss Wyndham, lost five of her little children in one fortnight at this time from scarlet fever! She and her Mother lived some years in Leamington, and she used to ride with us.

17th December, went to my Mother to meet James Moilliet and his young Swiss Wife, and on the 22nd went again to see my Mother, Francis and Louisa, and brought back with us Mademoiselle Herbert, a German Governess to teach Lucy during the holidays. The children liked her, and it was a great help to me having her.

22nd December, Mrs Theodore Galton was confined of a son - Hubert.

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January 10<sup>th</sup>, we had the great sorrow of hearing of dear Mrs Hadley's death, at the age of 83. It was a GREAT GRIEF to my Mother and all the family, who were much attached to her. She was a Miss Parker, natural daughter of my Grandfather Darwin. She and her sister set up a School at Ashbourne, where my Mother and Aunts, Sitwells, and most of that generation in Derbyshire were educated. Miss Parker married Mr Hadley the principal Surgeon in Derby, and left one son Henry, and one daughter Eliza, who died unmarried.

My sister Emma went soon after my Aunt Gurney's funeral to St James's Square, by Mr Gurney's wish, to divide my Aunt's jewels etc. according to her written instructions, and she stayed there with Maggie Abercrombie till the 2nd February, when she returned home. My Aunt left me the set of Amethysts which I gave Lucy on her marriage.

16th February, our friend Miss Louisa Manners Sutton died suddenly of heart disease.

6th March, we came to stay with my Mother who kindly gave Lucy several dancing lessons from Mrs Torre, I also engaged Miss Arnot to give Lucy a lesson in drawing every day while we were in Leamington.

7th March, Erasmus returned to his Regiment of Militia, which was stationed at Armagh in Ireland.

20th March, returned home and brought Sophy Moilliet with us for her Easter Holidays.





5th April, Miss Arnot came to teach my children, she was Scotch and very pleasant with them.

In April, Edward and I went to Dunchurch to keep Mr Wheler's 90th Birthday. He was wonderfully strong for his age, but this summer he began to fail gradually.

On our return home, we found Reginald and <sup>Darwin</sup> Mary who were at Edstone.

The measles at this time broke out in the village, and I refused Mrs Cartwright's invitation to spend Lucy's birthday with her children, fearing taking infection to hers, and on that day, Lucy, who had been all day in excited spirits became ill in the evening, and on the 26th broke out with measles, and on the 29th, Edward broke out with rash. They both had the complaint thoroughly, with much cough. To amuse them while they were recovering, but could not go out of doors, I taught them how to make artificial roses and pinks with tissue paper, which did not try the <sup>w</sup>eyes. They enjoyed making them, and succeeded really very well. Mr Farmer of Warwick attended them.

3rd May, Mary (Herman) confined of a girl, Margaret, (Pussie).

On the 4th May, we were inexpressibly shocked to hear that Mrs Cartwright had died after a few hours illness at Preston Bagot. It was only a few days before she had said

how very well she felt.

As the children were not up to much schooling, I settled with Miss Arnot to leave. She had been very kind to them during their illness.

18th May, old Mrs Vyner died at Leamington.

29th May, there were grand celebrations for Peace.

5th June, Mr Samuel Gurney died. He was Head of "Overend and Gurney, a strict Quaker, but a most kind genial liberal man. He was a brother to Mrs Fry, and helped her liberally in all her Charities. He was a very kind Father, and the loss to everyone was great. He died in Paris, on his way home from Italy, where he had gone for his health.

16th March, Miss Herbert, the German Governess came for her holidays.

Lucy Gregory and her Aunt came to keep Eddy's birthday.

In June, we spent a day with the children at Welcome and another evening, we went late to Snitterfield Bushes to look for Glow worms and little Eddy was allowed to sit up to go with us.

26th June, Jane Wheler married Mr Brydges Willyams of <sup>Carnarvon</sup> Carnarvon.

7th July, there was a Poultry Show at Leamington, to which we went, and sent some poultry to it, but I do not think they got any notice.

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9th July, a very pleasant picnic at Wellesbourne, to which we went.

19th, spent the day with my Mother and brought back Katharine Powlett with us.

22nd July, was an eventful day in my children's lives. When we drove out that day, we met a man with a nice little pony in his cart. My husband stopped, and asked if he would sell it, which he was ready to do, and we bought it, to Lucy and Eddy's great delight. Eddy had no fear, and soon managed the pony and rode well. Lucy was not so brave, and was sometime before she felt comfortable riding. The pony always tried to go one way at the top of the hill, when Eddy wanted to go the other, but Eddy would not be beaten, and gained his point, and was very proud of having done so.

29th July, took the children into Court at Warwick to see the Judge, and hear some trials, and then went on to see my Mother.

My Husband and I went to a grand breakfast given in the Jephson Gardens to General Wyndham, who had distinguished himself in the Crimea. It was very well attended.

2nd August, Miss Herbert left the children and returned to Miss Field's School, the holidays being over.

4th August, we spent the day at Pillerton with Mr and <sup>Henry</sup> Mrs Mills.

August 2nd, Lucy had a fall from her pony, she was not

hurt, but was very frightened.

We spent a day with my Mother to meet Hesketh and Amy Biggs.

Spent a day with Mr and Mrs Torre, she was a Wilmot, and married Mr Dixon of Cheshire for her first husband.

We dined at the Bracebridges at Moorville.

29th August, Mrs Schimmelpenning died aged 77, she was my Father's eldest sister, she had no children, but a Miss Hankey, a cousin of hers, lived with her and inherited all she had to leave.

1st September, dined at Edstone to meet the Cameron Galtons.

10th September, went to Leamington Hastings for the shooting, and found Agnes Blumenthal staying there to learn to speak English, daughter of General Blumenthal.

11th, called at Dunchurch and found Mr Wheler well, and it was settled we should come there with the children when our visit at Leamington Hastings was over.

12th September, we called at Frankton, and heard that Armand was gone to join his Ship H.M.S. Ariel.

15th, the Frank Moloneys and Captain Wilmot came to stay.

16th, we called at Dunchurch, and at Bilton on the Washington Hibberts. We found Mr Wheler well as usual, Mr George Hume was there, and at dinner noticed a change in Mr Wheler's face. That night he was taken ill with Diarrhoea. He became

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worse the next day, took to his bed at night, which he never left again. We did not hear of his illness till Sunday, the 21st. My husband went the next day to Dunchurch, and continued going there every day. His Father had no pain, but gradually sank away, and on Tuesday, the 24th September, he died at 4 o'clock in the morning. Edward went again on the 25th, and on the 26th we all returned home, dining with my Mother on the way, as I had to stay late to order mourning.

My husband went on the 29th to Leamington Hastings, to attend the funeral at Dunchurch, the next day, and returned home the day after.

Mr Wheler was in his 91st year, and a wonderfully strong man for his age. He never wore (never had) a great coat, never had a fire in his bedroom or dressing-room, and managed all his affairs himself. He was very lame from an accident many years before, but could walk very well with a stick. I always found him most kind and pleasant.

12th October, Mr Brewin died. He was husband to my Aunt Sophia Galton. It was a marriage very much beneath her, but he made her a good husband, and she was much attached to him. He was buried in the Quakers' Burial Ground. Darwin and Francis attended the funeral.

October 22nd, Adèle (Cameron) Galton, confined of a Boy, Cameron.

23rd October, Lucy Wise of Cubbington married Dr Butler.

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7th November, Amy Biggs confined of a boy, Walter.

25th November, we came to stay with my Mother, and Lucy had some <sup>were</sup> dancing lessons, and I met many old friends.

3rd December, I took the children to the Oaklands, to my Aunt, Mrs Brewin, and stayed the night there.

Next day, I took little Edward to Birmingham, to consult Dr Evans, the child had never been strong after the scarlet fever. He frequently had severe asthmatic attacks, and became very thin. Dr Evans put him upon quite a different plan to what the other Doctors did, and he got better from that time. The children went to a Toy Shop to spend some money my Aunt had given them, and we returned to my Mother's at Leamington, and Lucy went on with her dancing lessons.

14th December, I had the children photographed, for the first time, they were Daguerreotypes.

16th, Emma returned from Moor Hall near Birmingham, where she had been staying with Miss Taylor while we were at my Mother's. We returned home the next day.

24th, the children went to a Christmas feast at Mr Phillips to meet his nieces, Caroline and Maggie.

31st, Lucy and two maids vaccinated. Lucy rode with her Papa to Warwick and back.

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THIS was the year of the terrible mutiny in India. In my Diary I find no notes of it, but it was a year of great anxiety and horror.

General Francis Wheler arrived in the Spring for a long leave in England, having been many years in India. He spent a day with us at Snitterfield - before he had been a month in this country he was recalled to India, the Mutiny having broken out.

In January, Miss Philips, Mark Philip's sister, invited little Edward to take a ride on his pony with her. He was very proud of the invitation, but it was a windy day, and the poor child had much difficulty in keeping his straw hat on, and did not much enjoy his ride.

24th, Emma Wheler came to stay with us. Lucy began to take some lessons in Music from Miss Brown.

February 8th, old Mrs Moilliet died at Abberley, she was Mother to James Moilliet, and only daughter of Mr Keir of the Lunar Society, and a great friend of my Grandfathers, Galton and Darwin.

15th February, our friend Charlotte Batt died at Pau, of Consumption after a long illness. She was a Miss Wood, niece to my Aunt Lady Darwin, and while we were at Leamington, till her marriage, she walked and rode with us, and went with us to all parties and dances.

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We had for sometime felt that our children required more education than I had time to give them. Eddy was not strong enough to go from home, so we determined with great regret, to leave Snitterfield and live in Leamington, and put the children to Day Schools. It was a great trial, we were all so fond of the country, but their education was imperative, and we began looking out for a house, but for some time could see nothing to suit.

28th February, we went to my Mother to stay and house hunt, and stayed till the 18th March, visiting all our friends

In April, Sophy Moilliet and the Cartwrights came to keep Lucy's Birthday. Eddy suffered much at this time teething.

23rd April, Jemina Maling died. She was 2nd daughter of Colonel Bromley of Abberley, and wife of Admiral Maling.

13th May, went to Leamington for the day, and went with Harvey Sitwell, Fanny Currie, Caroline and Mary Wheler to see Warwick Castle etc. and then went over the new Jail and returned home.

23rd May, Lucy began with a serious illness, Conjestion of the Stomach and Liver. Mr Farmer attended her, we sent for Dr Jefferson, and she began to recover, but did not come downstairs till the 29th.

June 6th, Miss Anna Gurney of Northrepps Cottage died, aged 61. She was half-sister to Mr Hudson Gurney, and a very remarkable woman. She was paralysed in her legs from infancy



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and could not walk; she wheeled herself about in a chair. She was remarkably gifted and clever, understood Greek, Hebrew and early Saxon languages. She spent her life doing good, took great interest in Missions, but her chief interest was in the fishermen at Cromer. She set up a life-boat, and all appliances for saving life. When a storm arose, she would be wheeled<sup>n</sup> to the cliff, and give all directions and saved many lives. She and her Cousin, Miss Sarah Buxton, who lived with her, travelled to the Holy Land, and elsewhere, in spite of their infirmities, ( Miss Buxton was very asthmatic, ) but their energy carried them through everything. They were most agreeable and interesting women.

June 9th, Isabella Powlett, with Katharine and Norton, came to stay a few days.

Charles Sitwell (Harvey's youngest brother( died at Stainsby, aged 58.

12th, my husband took all the party to Welcombe.

13th, Powletts left. We had a letter from my Mother saying that Mrs Hamilton of 3 Bertie Terrace had died, and my Mother had secured the refusal of the house for us. We went immediately to Leamington, I saw the house and liked it, as it was just what we wanted, and near<sup>t</sup> my Mother.

16th May, Amy Biggs and her children came on a visit.

On the 18th, Amy went to Edstone. Dr Henry Hadley called upon us.

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(not in original) - June 14th, Francis bought 42 Rutland Gate for £2,500.

23rd June, Frederick Wheler came to stay with us for three days. We met Mr Winthrop and two daughters at the Attys.

29th June, we and the children set off <sup>very</sup> early to my Mother to breakfast, and then went with Mr White, the house-agent to 3 Bertie Terrace, and arranged to take it. We returned home at nine in the evening.

6th July, the Rev. Mr Somerville was drowned, I think he was in a ship with one of his sons, the latter was upset in a boat, and his Father trying to save him was drowned. I believe this is correct. Lord Somerville, whom we knew, had two sons. The Rev. Mr Somerville had four sons, and in the space of a VERY few years all were dead, and the TITLE went to the Protestant branch.

8th July, Colonel Francis Wheler spent the day with us, and was, as I have said before, recalled to India on account of the Mutiny. The Sitwells were with us, and stayed till the 11th.

13th, spent the day at Leamington, breakfasted with my Mother, dined with Erasmus, and tea with Adèle. Children went to see the Riders.

15th, spent the day with the Cartwrights at Preston Bagot

July 28th, we went to Leamington to buy carpets and curtains for Bertie Terrace, and arranged with Sandford about

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removing our furniture, and went to see my sister, Mrs Bunbury. She was still living in Milverton Crescent with her little girl. She was always looking out for opportunities of doing good. She invited governesses for their holidays, to give them change and rest, and would teach them German, or how to teach children, and was of great use to them. She was obliged to lie on her back most of the day, on account of her weak spine, but had great energy of mind.

31st July, a confirmation at Snitterfield, and I took my children to see it.

1st August, took Lucy to Birmingham to consult Dr Evans about her, and called on James Keir at the Moilliet's Bank.

17th August, spent the day at Leamington, and took possession of 3 Bertie Terrace.

Lucy was photographed with her bird, and Eddy on his pony. I called on Mrs Robbins about Eddy going to her school.

20th August, Sandford and his man came to pack up our things, and on the 21st, our first load of furniture went off. We went the next day to my Mother, and to arrange matters and returned in the evening, and this we did two or three times a week.

4th September, the 2nd load of furniture went, Lucy and I went to my Mother's to sleep and unpack, and took our cook to help. The next day Edward and Eddy drove over to take us home.

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21st, 3rd load of furniture went. I slept at my Mother's and took two maids to stay in our house, and then returned home. Everything was now gone except the beds we slept in and a few tables and chairs.

On the 25th, we left, with sorrow our home, and went to stay with my Mother till our house was ready and all unpacked. We found Emma Nixon, née Gisborne, staying with my Mother, she was my first cousin.

I find in my Diary that during this month of September the following deaths occurred, Miss Katharine Manners Sutton, (the last of the <sup>5</sup>sisters we knew), Mrs Stone, Mercy Cox's daughter, and Mrs Craven, daughter of Mrs Edward Wheler.

We stayed a few days with my Mother, and then settled in to our new home.

October 4th, little Edward went for the first time to school at Mrs Robins. He liked school very much, but said the boys called him "Petticoats", and they were all dressed as boys. I immediately consulted Mrs Mc'Alpine, who had boys of his age, and she kindly lent me a shirt for a pattern, and the tailor and I worked so hard that in two or three days he went to school in Boy's costume, to his great satisfaction.

20th October, Caroline Hume (William Hume's daughter) paid us a visit of some days.

26 th October, Lucy went to Miss Bygrave's school in Milverton Crescent as Day Pupil.

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13th November, Eliza Hadley died of Bronchitis aged 47.

1st November, our old friend Miss Taylor of Moor Green died aged 73.

20th November, heard that Charles Powlett had gained 1st class at Oxford.

25th November, Colonel George Biddulph was killed at Lucknow, during the Indian Mutiny.

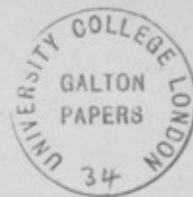
29th November, the children went to a party at Shrublands and another day to Mrs Stewart's children.

17th December, my Aunt, Mrs Gisborne died aged 83. She was Millicent Pole of Radbourne, and half-sister to my Mother and was remarkably handsome.

Lucy's Holidays began 19th December and Edward's on the 22nd.

25th December, our acquaintance, Dr Luard died, he was for many years a Physician in Leamington, but left in 1844. He had several brothers, one was for some time the clergyman at Morley near the Priory.

Some time in this month, Mrs Luard, Dr Luard's wife died, also Mrs Richard Gurney of Norwich.



January 7th, Emma and I went to the Warneford Ball, taking Maryanne Philips with us.

January 13th, we had intended to go to the Hunt Ball, but heard that morning that poor George Bidaulph had been shot dead in Lucknow, we therefore did not go.

15th, all went to Leamington Hastings, where we called on the Powletts at Frankton, and returned home the 21st.

22nd, Edward and I dined at Stoneleigh at Lord Leigh's, met Skipwiths, Mordaunts, Palmer, Miss Ryland &c.

23rd, Peter Hammond's children and the Stewarts came to tea with our children.

26th, we went to Mr Ingleby, our Solicitor in Birmingham, called on James Moilliet and on my Aunt, Mrs Brewin.

28th Lucy's school began. Edward went to London for two days.

30th Mary, Mr Ingleby & a Gentleman with him, came to my Mother, the latter had bought Emma's land at High Ham, & paid the money.

Feb'y 3rd, Whelers, Philips, & Vyners dined with us.

12th went to the Bachelor's Ball.

15th Feb'y, Amy Biggs confined of Sophy Adele.

16. Mrs Hervey Sitwell came to stay for a few days. Went to parties at Stewarts, Roberts, Wises &c.

21st Feb'y. Eddy invited Jameson, Irwin, & Fisher to tea.

March 6th. Mr Southern came to give the children a lecture on our Orrery. Adele & her child, Emily Batt & others came to it.

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Mr Batt & his family came to Leamington this Winter. He had both eyes taken out, but was very cheerful, Emily Batt went out with me to parties.

8 March, Adele left Leamington & went to live at Bognor.

15 March, There was an eclipse of the sun which interested the children, who looked at it thro' smoked glass. We saw two little boys in the road looking for something, we asked what they were looking for, & they said "it was for the eclipse."

On this day we took possession of one of the allotment gardens behind our house, which was a great amusement to us all. We missed a garden so much. There was a nice open shrubbery with trees behind Mrs Isham's house, where we used to sit on fine days. When Lady Wheler's first Husband came to Leamington he bought & enclosed it to our sorrow, it was such a nice playground for the children.

Mrs Clarke had the allotment next to ours, & Eddy helped her to gather her peas. A man kept bees in his allotment, which was an interest to me.

17th March. Mrs Phillips of Edstone became ill & found she could not speak for some minutes. It was a slight seizure, she rallied for a few days, but then became paralysed.

18th Edward to the Assizes, & dined with the Judges.

28 March Francis & Louisa came to my Mother. We dined at Mr Philips  
met Mr Batt, Mr Wood &c.

29 March. Francis & Louisa to London. Erasmus to Aldershot.

Edward to Dunchurch. Mrs Philips much worse

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3rd April. We all went to Leamington Hastings for the Easter holidays. The children rode their pony, which their Uncle Sitwell took care of when we left Snitterfield for them, & were very happy picking violets, & calling on Mrs Goode at her farm.

4 April Lucy Wise of Cubbington died.

We returned home on the 7th, & on the 8th we were grieved to hear of Mrs Phillip's death at Edstone. She was 76 years of age - an excellent woman, & we were all very sorry to lose her. She was Irish, a Miss Weir, & lived many years before her marriage with her Uncle & Aunt Bearcroft at Mere, near Droitwich. She married Mr Phillips, who had Hanbury Hall for his life from the first Mrs Phillips. ~~After~~ After some years he bought Edstone & came to live there.

Lucy began dancing lessons again.

Edward went to London for two days.

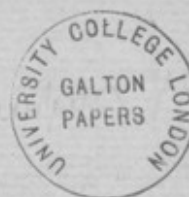
The Whelers & Powletts constantly came over for the day.

23d April. Adele (Cameron) Salton confined of a girl.

24th Lucy kept her birthday, 2 Wises 2 Stewarts, McAlpines, Ash, Graham, & Jephson (schoolfellows) came to tea & to play games.

17 May. Mrs Henry Wheler & Mary came to us for one night. Frederick & the Miss Whelers came to tea to meet them.





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In May, my sister Emma paid her usual visit to Mr Gurney, and Maggie Abercromby in London.

14th June, Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort came to stay at Stoneleigh Abbey, and great preparations were made for the Queen. The Abbey was illuminated with lamps round each window. It was fine <sup>weather</sup> weather, and the Queen went out in front in the evening, to show herself to the crowds, which came to see her. Very early next day, she drove quietly with

Lord Leigh to see the Parks, and then went to Birmingham to open, I think the Aston Hall Grounds. Birmingham was splendidly decorated for the occasion. The Manufacturers one and all, put out their fires for the day, that there might be no smoke. Many of the flags were of velvet, and the posts were gilt. The devices most loyal. One which amused the Queen was: -

"GOD bless Prince Albert, the pride of the nation,  
May he come to no harm when he goes from the Station."

The Queen was much gratified with her reception, the next day, the 16th, she left Stoneleigh to Lunch at Warwick Castle on her way home, and was to pass through Leamington, where great preparations began. The Town was covered with flags, devices and flowers. The Shopkeepers emptied their windows of goods, and placed rows of seats for visitors, some threw out balconies. Campbell of Monzie in York Terrace hung out little flags like eagles, holding a device in its bill, such as: -

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"And will ye no come back again?"

At the top of Lansdowne Place, a scaffolding was put up for all the schoolchildren, who had been drilled for some days to sing the National Anthem together. We had seats at the Charitable Repository, and little Edward carried his flags <sup>I took the children & all the maids there in good time,</sup> there in good time, my Mother and husband remaining to take care of their houses, and a Bath Chairman in the Terrace to help.

It was an immensely hot day. At one o'clock we heard the guns fire at Stoneleigh, as a sign Her Majesty had left. Soon after the Procession arrived, first the High Sheriff in a carriage and four, coachman and footman with large nosegays. The Queen and Prince were in a carriage and four. Lord Leigh as Lord Lieutenant of the County rode close to her carriage. There were several carriages following, and those families who were invited to the Castle to meet her, all very gay.

The Queen bowed more like a person bowing to her friends, in the kindest and most pleasant way, and we were quite sorry when it was over. After seeing Warwick Castle, the Royal party went to the Station for London. Just after they left, a tremendous storm of thunder and lightning began, and lasted some hours. I never saw a more magnificent sight than that storm. Fireworks were let off in honour of that day, but they looked so poor in comparison to the lightning. The young Powletts and Cartwrights lunched and went with us.

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I forgot to say, that several of the principal families were invited to Stoneleigh one evening to meet the Queen; Dr and Mrs Jephson were asked by the Queen's desire. The Doctor was ill and could not go, but Her Majesty spoke to Mrs Jephson, and asked after her Husband.

In the holidays, Miss Hewitt gave the children some drawing lessons.

28th June, we went to Ingon to stay with the Miss Attyes. We had a pleasant visit, seeing old friends, rich and poor at Snitterfield, and our old walks. One day we went a picnic to Welcombe, a large party given by Mr Philips.

5th July, Eddy was very poorly with one of his Asthmatic attacks, great difficulty in breathing, they generally lasted for some hours, warmth relieved him most.

On the 15th July, my Mother made us a present to enable us to go to the sea, and we went that day to Rhyl, and took lodgings near the sea. There are capital sands and good bathing, plenty of donkeys for children to ride. We found Miss Eliza Sitwell in Lodgings, she told us she always took the rooms under and over her bedroom, that she might have no noise. Eddy's schoolfellow, Harry Fisher was with his family near Rhyl, and came over to play with him.

18th July, my cousin, Mrs Parker (Darwin of Shrewsbury) died.

Lizzie Holcombe was with Miss Sitwell, and we saw much of both.

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24th, the children and Harry Fisher, went in a steamer to Bangor, passing Llandudno, Conway etc., saw the Bridges, and had a pleasant day. Coming back it poured with rain. We had only my parasol. Luckily I had a wide waterproof Cloak on. The three children sat close to me, and I wrapped the cloak round them, heads and all. The maids met us with umbrellas, and we got home.

26th July, Mr and Mrs Caril Worseley came to Rhyl. She was Sir Francis Darwin's eldest daughter. He was an excellent Man, but very blind. The Matthew Wises arrived, and her children and mine played together on the sands every day. My husband went home for the Assizes, and then returned to us.

Our Cook, Hannah Hickson, not being well, I sent the maid we brought home, and the cook came in her place. She sat on the rocks knitting, and heard a Lady say, "That is the first Welshwoman I have seen knitting, I thought all did."

August 5th, Emma Nixon, (daughter to Mrs John Gisborne) who was staying in the neighbourhood, came to visit the Worseleys for some days, and we saw much of them every day. We all, children, Worseleys and Emma Nixon, went to see Llandudno and Conway. We walked round the Ormes' Head at Llandudno, and saw Conway Suspension Bridge.

8th August, Sir Trevor Wheler, who was staying with the Wynne-Yorkes at Duffryn Aled, came to see us, and on the 12th, we and the children spent the day at the Wynne-Yorkes house,



where we met Lady Wheler.

The house was in a valley with steep hills all round, and seemed away from everybody, a very handsome house with two wings.

On the 17th, the Worsleys left, and on the 19th we left, after spending four hours seeing Chester, we went to Platt, near Manchester to visit the Worsleys. They took us to see Sir James Watt's wonderful Warehouse, full of all manner of goods. One place full of silks of all kinds, another full of Boy's caps, and all wonderfully cheap, but could only be bought wholesale. They supplied shops everywhere. I remember a boy's cap was charged ninepence; <sup>Widesale</sup> at a shop they charged one and six or two shillings. It was an immense building, and they seemed to sell all sorts of goods.

The next day we went to see the Blind Asylum. All were at work, one little girl, who was blind, deaf and dumb, interested us much. She was actually sorting Printer's types and putting them in their right places by touch and made no mistakes. She was very intelligent, and able to be taught many things.

23rd August, we left the Worsleys and returned home.

2nd September, Eddy came to tell us he was put in a higher class.

September, my husband went for a day or two at a time shooting at Leamington Hastings. The children being at a Day

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school I could not leave them.

I spent a day with my Aunt, Mrs Brewin.

17th September, the Hubert Galtons came to Leamington, and we saw them often.

18th, Sir Trevor, Lady Wheler and Agnes Wheler dined with us, and they often came to us while they were in Leamington.

We heard that Mrs Bowen, Louisa Galton's sister, had died in Sierra Leone. She married the Rev. Mr Bowen, just before he sailed there as a Missionary, and in less (I think) than two years, both fell victims to the climate.

In October, Francis and Louisa came to my Mother on a visit. The Wises of Shrublands and Stewarts came to drink tea with my children.

21st October, Edward and I spent a day at Dunchurch with Frederick and his sisters. Sir Trevor Wheler went with us. We lunched with the Hibberts at Bilton Grange.

25th October, my Mother and I went to Claverdon, to see the Tablet to my Father's memory, which had just been put up in the Church. We lunched at the Vicarage with the Clancys.

4th November, my Mother and Emma went to London. Emma's maid, Clark married.

18th November, our friend Mrs wood was taken ill, a slight paralytic seizure. I went every day to see her.

My Mother came home with Emma.

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Colonel and Mrs Davies came to Leamington for the winter he was in a terrible state from creeping paralysis, not being able to use hands or feet; he liked society, but could hardly be understood when he spoke. Mr Philips, Mr Russell, we and those who knew him well invited him and Mrs Davies to dinner at our houses, which amused him. It was a sad trial to his wife, who after his death married Lord Hampton and lived at Westwood near Droitwich where we often saw her.

This month, Miss Margaret Speirs died, also <sup>and Sir</sup> Mr Joseph Bailey, who had married Miss Russell.

<sup>Mr Charles Aukington (S. F. Wall) died. 4. Dec. r</sup>  
In December, Donald Cameron of Lochiel died, he was son to our friend Mrs Cameron, and she was daughter to Sir Ralph Abercrombie.