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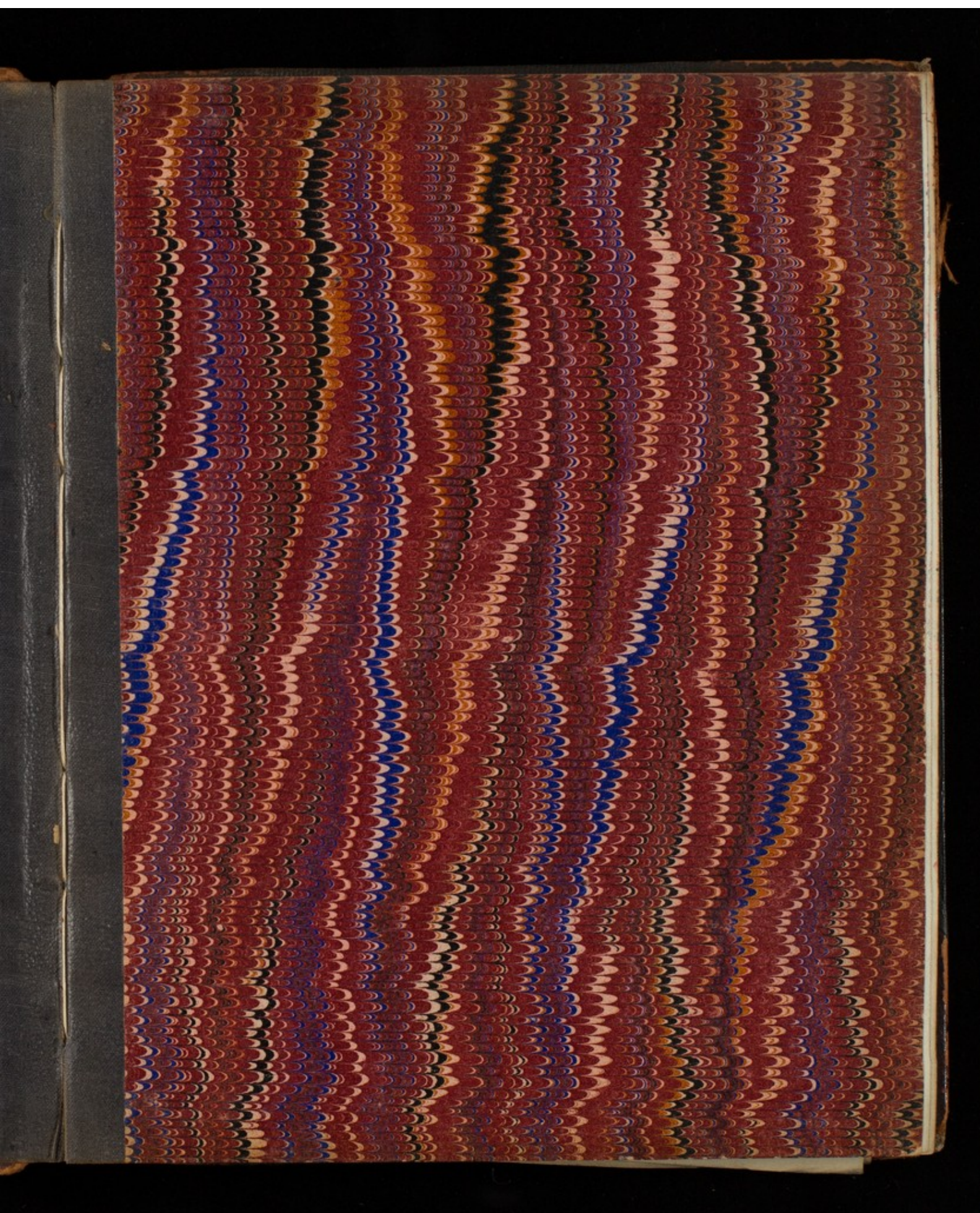
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NETHER COURT
 GOVERNORS' VISITORS BOOK
 1893 — 1912

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1893. ¹
July 17.

Convalescent Establishment was opened. The
following Governors with Staff of Officers present
Edward H. Kirk
H. A. det Balke
G. F. Nainisight

Sept. 20. Edward H. Kirk
G. F. Nainisight

Oct 23 Visited Ketchikan Court & found every
thing satisfactory except the water
supply, ^{which} was highly charged with
rust. I saw the water Co. who
promised to see to the defects.

Red H. Vandern

I visited Nether Court on Monday 13 Nov: 93 and saw
the Matron Miss Waters who reported to me that all
was well and that she found no undue difficulty in
the management of the Home and that there was nothing
to bring before the notice of the Committee.

The water supply is now all right: the discolouration
appears to have been due only to rust in the pipes and
to Nether Court being at the end of the service supply.

There were four inmates of the Home.

I noticed that the fence of the paddock is defective
and it appears that the cows of the next door
neighbour graze in this paddock and appear
to have done so under the last tenancy; in return
Mr. Kenneth the neighbour ^{occasionally} supplies seed to measure &c.

Because the fact, that the cows can come
without entering fully enclosed land, might
afterwards lead to a question as to rights of pasturage

I think it better to bring this question before
the Committee

E. H. Hodgkinson

1 Dec. 93

on Thursday Dec. 14th I
paid a visit to Ketter Court
& was very much pleased with
all the arrangements made
for the patients. Miss
Waters reported that every
thing was satisfactory and
had no question to bring before
the Committee.

A. J. Powell

Dec 22. 1893

I postponed my visit to Ketter Court to the
end of January, when I was seized with influenza
and was unable to go there. —

Edward W. King

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Feb. 6. 1894.

I have to report for the information of the
Board and Committee, that this being the
month appointed for my visiting the
Court, I yesterday went there, not having
given any previous notice, and went
over the entire house with Miss Waters.
I cannot say too much for the order, and
cleanliness of every room.

There is nothing urgently required in the
way of structural improvement or alteration.
Mr. Baird has notes of a few things, such
as a new door for the apple house &c,
recommended by the Foreman.

There has been no call for medical aid
since December (Scunao Day) when Dr. Ryan
came out of his turn, to visit Miss Cole;

Now returned to S. Luker.

The rooms at the top of the house are damp, which should be remedied before occupation.

Since the gas stove has been put in the Hall, the damp has ceased there.

Two telephones have been erected within the last fortnight, the one to Ramsgate, the other to the 2 lodges.

The shrubs by the side of the entrance door should be lopped next month, as they are getting bare at the roots and are very obstructive of light in the Master's sitting room.

The Head Gardener, Johnstone, has had influenza, but will probably be at work again this week.

The Matron would much appreciate one permanent nurse, I suggest Miss Blakeley (the daughter of a medical man) who came from S.^c Lukes.

She would also like to know what arrangements have been made when she goes for her holiday. She has one or two friends of her own whom she could thoroughly trust to carry on the work, providing she might have them down a week or two before, to instruct them in it.

There are at present only 4 Patients, all of whom were cheerful, & more than contented with their surroundings.

H. P. de Baltho

19th March 1894

I had arranged to meet Mr. Hainwright, the visiting Member of Committee for this month, who however was unable to attend.

I found everything both inside & outside the house in most satisfactory condition.

Miss Waters again urged the question of the appointment of a permanently resident Attendant, who could in her absence conduct the housekeeping, and keep the accounts.

Miss Waters reported to me that an Attendant had admitted, in conversation with the Cook, having boxed the ears of a patient. This may be an untruth, or a mischief-making exaggeration, but should be enquired into.

I am about to submit to the Committee

an application on the part of Miss Waters to
be allowed to have a friend to stay with her
occasionally, and gave her permission, without
prejudice, to ask her Mother to stay with her
for Easter. -

Samuel W. Kirk

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April 14th 1894.

Visited Messrs Clark this afternoon & found everything satisfactory, except boiler to Kitcheners which was under repair & nearly finished. I think it would be desirable to have the gutter in front of the house re-cemented, to keep the basement dry. I would recommend a trial of the Octopus anti-incrustator in the boiler of Kitcheners to prevent incrustation as the water is very hard. Miss Waters expressed a wish to have a friend occasionally as she had done to Mr. Pitt. I assented to this provided she reported to the

Board when this took place. Her mother did not stay with her at Easter & she informed me, she had had no visitors up to the present time. She expressed a wish to have Miss Edith Blakeley as permanent assistant

Wm. H. Seiden

17th June 1894

I visited Ketter Court today, and

26th May 1894

I visited Netter Court on Saturday 26th May 94.
 & found the Home progressing satisfactorily and
 saw the matron Miss Waters who reported to
 me that all was well and that there was nothing
 to bring before the notice of the Committee with the
 exception that she would like to know whether
 she could take a holiday soon & as to be back at
 Netter Court in time to arrange the fruit etc.

There are 8 inmates & apparently all are
 doing well.

With reference to my Report dated 17th Nov^r 93
 last I notice that the fence of the paddock is
 still defective. — E. H. Hopkinson. —

12th June 1894

I visited Ketter Court today, and had an interview with Mr Kennet, who expressed his willingness to sign an agreement explicitly stating the terms on which he enjoys the privilege of pasturing on our meadows.

Edward H. Kix

26 July 1894

on this date I went to
Nether Court and was
pleased to find everything
in satisfactory order
There were 8 patients in
residence

Miss Waters reported that
all the inmates were well
& enjoying their country
life.

A. J. Powell

I visited Nether Court on Saturday.

29th Sept. and was very well pleased.

with the excellent state of every thing there.

Mrs. Malin. had nothing to report. but

drew my attention to the want of some

heating apparatus in the Conservatory.

without which she feared they would lose

all the flowers during the winter

"Scott" the under gardener. proves a very useful servant and I think it was time

that he had an increase in his wages.

and would suggest an increase of 3/- a week

i.e. from 15/- to 18/-

The fence of the Paddock is still defective

& should be looked to.

G. S. Hainwright

I visited Nathan Court on the 6th Inst
 & went over the premises. I found everything
 satisfactory. I am of opinion that the
 removal of the window stops is desirable,
 I am of opinion also that it is expedient
 to give the roof of the grape house one
 coat of paint to preserve the wood
 during the winter & that the outside
 of this house should be painted &
 repaired next year.

Jed^d Stoddard

Oct^r 19th 1894

visited Nathan Court and found everything
 in order. -

Walter McHiffe

15th Nov 1894

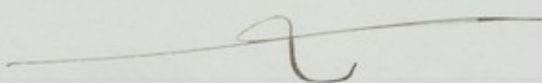
Visited Arthur Court & found all in order
28th June 95⁻ W. H. P. M. J. P.

I visited Arthur Court on Saturday 9th March
The things were in order and there was
nothing to report. I recommend that the
hand of the clock be kept over the
corner of the house be secured.

G. E. P. M. J. P.

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I visited Nether Court on Monday
morning the 29th April. I found every thing
satisfactory. The Vaseys want repainting
- outside, very badly.

Fredrick Astenden


May 3rd 1895.

I visited Nether Court on Thursday the
23rd May 95 & found everything in order
& the house itself very clean. There
was nothing to report to the Committee.

24th May 95.

E. H. Hodgkinson

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I went to Nether Court on Wednesday June 26th
and had every reason to be perfectly satisfied
with the Patients, Grass, Garden &
Grounds

H. P. de Baltho

June 28th 1895

Visited Nether Court on Monday 30th Sept
found every thing in excellent order.

The removal of the large limb of the
Sloe Tree hanging over the corner of the
house is a very great improvement

E. J. Haines Esq

I visited Nether Court on Saturday
 Oct. 19th 1895 & found everything
 satisfactory. I think the roof of the
 conservatory near the house should be
 repainted.

Wm. Hovenden

I went down to Nether Court on Wednesday
 Nov. 20th 95 & found everything throughout
 the house in perfect order.

22nd Nov 95.

E. H. Hodgkinson.

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I visited Nether Court on Monday
Evening Dec: 23rd 1895. I found
everything satisfactory but there was
only one patient. Miss Waters was
away & had been absent since Friday
& I understood she was not expected
back till Monday the 30th Dec:

Geo. Stovenden

Jan: 3rd 1896.

Visited Nether Court on April 7th 1896
& found everything satisfactory

Geo. Stovenden

April 10th 1896.

We visited Nether Court on Wednesday
 23rd May, and found every thing in
 excellent order there was nothing that
 to report

G. S. Wainwright
 Edward N. Kirk

Visited Nether Court on Monday 17th and
 found everything in good order. Miss Hicks
 more and more pleased with it, Every day;
 but she is very anxious to have some more
 trees cut down near the Avenue. The
 Engineer Dawe, had a fire practice, which
 I remained to see: on a whistle being
 blown, one of the Gardeners undid the
 Horse Box. All the maids appeared in
 Rubber boots, & screwed, unscrewed and
 worked the Horse with perfect ease.

The smaller Bucket-ladders were then produced, & worked by the Patients, and three small ladders were connected by the attendants enabling the Fire man to reach the Roof

~~At Det Bath~~
August 21st 1896

I visitedether. Court on Wednesday.
16th Sept. in company of Mr. Nic. &
found every thing in order. It would
be a great improvement if the two
Hex. trees near the Drawing Room.
were removed. also the one on the
Lawn

G. D. H. H. H. H. H.

18 Sept 1896.

I visited Kether Court on Oct. 12th
 I found everything satisfactory. I
 approved of Miss Hicks' application to
 remove her sitting-room to the front
 first floor room. Also that some of the
 trees should be cut down. The inside
 of the greenhouse want painting.
 I recommended that the standard
 fruit trees in kitchen garden be
 removed.

Ed. J. Vanden

Oct. 23rd 96.

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I went down to Mether Court on Monday
23rd Nov: 96 & found everything in very good
order & satisfactory condition

30th Nov: 96. E. H. Hodgkinson-

I visited Ketcher Court on Thursday
18th November 96 & found everything
satisfactory

I also inspected the new dust
shoot & proposed site for a dust
destroyer, and I am strongly
of opinion that such a shoot &c
will be detrimental to the health
of the patients at Ketcher Court. I
would recommend energetic measures
to remove the nuisance

Red. H. V. Cullen
/

Dec 19th 1896.

I visited Kether Court on Monday 15th March and found every thing internally in very good order. As regards Victoria things I would recommend the following to be done

Remove large Syc Tree on the lawn facing the Drawing Room also Rockery & fern bank near the same windows.

Orchard boundary wall to be rebuilt where fallen down

Repair Chimney stacks & flaws in plastering on face of house

Also think it time that we placed a fence enclosing the Cottage near the farm entrance gate

The condition of the small farm yard just outside our Kitchen requires

attention, with if possible its removal.

The "Dust heap" was proving a great nuisance by reason of the smell.

G. D. Macmillan

19th March 1897

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I visited Nether Court on the 12th Inst. I inspected the house throughout which was in good order excepting the walcott room which was under repair. The kitchen larders & passages have been distempered. The wall recently blown down was being rebuilt. The conservatory has been painted inside & the wood work repaired. I recommend that the outside also be painted.

The rockery near the house is being cleared away. I still am of opinion that more of the trees should be cut down.

I inspected the duck shoot on the adjoining farm, there has been a very considerable accumulation of refuse since I visited it in December last. In

view of the coming hot weather, I strongly
advise that immediate steps be taken to
cause the nuisance to be removed.

The central chimney stack has been
found to be in a bad condition and is
under repair:

Miss Sticks was away on her holidays.
I saw the patients, they expressed them-
selves as very comfortable & contented.

Med. H. S. Under

April 15/1897.

I visited Nether Court on Monday 17 May 97
 & found everything in the house in very
 good order; and externally much more
 sunlight by the removal of the tree.

With regard to the adjoining farm the
 yard had been cleared out.

I would suggest that the opening in our
 boundary wall against this yard should be
 closed up by a gate or otherwise.

As to the "Jest heap" so called of the
 Racegate Town Council, I found the wire
 fencing which is above the wooden fence
 was completely covered in places with
 dirty paper. A photograph would
 probably show this clearly. On the
 Jest heap itself I found ^{apparently} animal &
 vegetable decaying matter & fish

21 May 1897. E. H. Hodgkinson.

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the September 1897 - Report
Home visited by Mr. A. C. Powell

I visited Resher Court, Saturday afternoon, April 23/98. I found everything in order. I saw the six patients, who were pleased with their surroundings.

The doors to the garden & orchard want repairing & painting very badly.

I would like to see the some of the trees in front of the house cut down. Miss Hicks was out.

Red Hovenden

April 25th 1898.

I visited Netter's Court on the 30. Sept 97
 & found everything in good order.

I am very glad to be able to report that
 the Manor informed me that the Langyatt
 Town Council have ceased to deposit rubbish
 on the dust heap & that it is not now
 a nuisance. Unfortunately a dog which
 begins to bark at five o'clock in the morning
 is kept on the adjoining farm & causes a
 great deal of annoyance to the Manor & to
 the Patients. There does not seem to be
 anything else which requires attention.

E. H. Hodgkinson

1st Oct 97.

I visited Ketcher Court on Dec^r. 23rd 97
 and everything appeared to me to be
 in good order. The patients expressed
 themselves as very pleased. There
 seemed to me indications of the
 dust keep being removed.

Miss Hicks was not in.

Red Stovenden

Nov 5th 1897.

For Report of Visit on 23rd April
 1898 - Vide Page 32.

I visited Nether Court on the 25th May 1898, & went over it with the Secretary Mr. Baird & found everything in good order in the house itself. There appear to be however the following six points which require consideration.

No. 1. As regards the Commissioners' recommendation

that, in case of fire there should be a second staircase from the 1st floor to the 2nd floor.

It appears that one could easily put up in continuation with that which leads from the Hall to the 1st floor.

A door to shut off smoke can easily be fitted on the second floor.

I would suggest this being done at an early date.

No 2. Whether or not it is necessary to add a room on to the dining room; as the Master Miss Hicks considers it would be

desireable. I can only submit this as a question for consideration as regards desireability and cost.

No 3. Some definite conclusion seems to be necessary as to what is to be done with the cottage at the South West corner of the land. It is at present out of repair. It appears desireable to decide either that it should be let, or should be furnished and used for male patients as suggested to me by the Secretary Mr. Baird. A decision on this point will enable the question as to repairing the Fences also to be settled.

The necessity for this was explained to me by the Secretary.

No 4. The question of fences appears to me important as mentioned in my Report of 13 Nov. 1893.

No 5. A lawn tennis ground for a Club is being

laid down close to the East wall. If used,
it will probably be detrimental to the orchard.

The question as to whether anything can be
done to prevent this requires consideration.

No. 6. The manure yard is again beginning
to get into a bad state. —

E. H. Hodgkinson. —


27 May 1898. —

Mr. Rex & Mr. Lounsbury visited the
Court in July.

Sept. 30. 1898.

I visited Herber Court on the 22nd inst. and again on the 24th, and found everything in most perfect order. I should be glad if some provision could be made for the accommodation of a few male Patients, & must fully endorse Mr. Hodgkinson's remarks in Paragraph 3 of his Report. The flagstaff is much out of repair, and the small piece of fencing between the S.W. cottage & the kitchen garden wall very dilapidated.

Percy de Bath,



I visited Nethor Court on Oct. 23rd
 I found Everything in order. I think
 the time has arrived for painting
 the outside of the house as the
 paint is getting into bad condition.
 I inspected the lodge which is
 suggested to be used for small
 patients. I think this measure
 wants very careful consideration.
 The accommodation is very
 limited - only sufficient for three
 patients & this of a very inferior
 description. The lodge is opposite
 to a large stagnant pond.

Edw. H. Sturges

Oct. 24th 1898.

The following is a list of
Count in North

I visited Neshen Court on Saturday afternoon April 8th 1899. I saw Miss Hicks & the patients, the latter expressed themselves as very happy & comfortable. All seemed to me in perfect order.

I went into the matter of the proposed outside iron staircase & I quite approve of Mr. Buid's plans. However I would prefer the purchasing of this property, the building of a new house suitable for male & female patients, I am sure this would be a great improvement instead of patching up the present house

Red Hovenden

19 May 99.

I visited Nether Court on Monday 15 May 99 & found it apparently in very good order.

The Matron suggested that a window or light in the Bath room door would be desirable as the stairs there are so dark.

She proposes to put a Patient and nurse in the room over the kitchen.

There is at present one Patient sleeping on the top floor.

The Matron says that Nurse Rawlings is very satisfactory & has tact with the Patients.

E. H. Hodgkinson.

Mr Perry de Bach June 27. 1899

I today visited Hether Court with Mr. Baird & found everything in a highly satisfactory condition. The outside iron staircase was in course of erection & the main cesspool was being cleared out.

Perry de Bach.

See 162 in Book

July 21. 1898

123, VICTORIA STREET,
S. W.

On Wednesday 19th July I
visited Nethercourt, where
I found everything in proper
order, and the grounds in
full beauty.

I own to being surprised
at the appearance of the
outside stairs now completed
which is capable of being
positively ornamented

Bath June 27. 1899

See 16, de B...

when creepers are trained
up them.

Their utility in case of
fire, I cannot help thinking
desires to be proved when
so gathered intellects are
^{stimulated}
~~depressed~~ by flames!

Miss Hicks very
earnestly requested that
she might have another

byade supplied to her;
as, at present, there is only
her own, and very frequent
application is made by
the Patients who delight
in seeing it, & she fears
allowing them to go out
unattended

A. P. de Bathe

1899

I visited Nether Court on Saturday
 7th Inst. I found everything in order.
 Miss Hicks complains that the kitchen
 range will not heat the water effectively.
 I have told Mr Baird what I think is
 the cause. The Hall ceiling would be
 better if whitewashed & the outside of
 the house wants painting badly. The
 manure at the farm next door smells
 very strongly. If this could be remedied
 it would be well. I was pleased at
 the new staircase but I think the door
 at the top should open outwards.

Red Hovenden

OCT 11th 1899.

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Mr. Percy de Rache visited
Rache Court on two occasions
in March 1840 & March

1841

I visited Kether Court, yesterday, April 19th. I found everything satisfactory. The outside of the premises should be painted as soon as possible. This is imperative. I recommended that a gas-gauge should be placed near the water. This will enable Miss Hicks to check the pressure. Miss Hicks informs me that she could accommodate three male patients. If this can be safely done I would recommend this being adopted. The papering on the walls is in many cases in a bad condition & wants seeing to. The door to the new iron staircase should, I consider, open outwards. I recommended that a new window be placed in the drawing room. The W.C. in Scott's house wants

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to be supplied with water.

Red. Stovenden

April 20/1900

I visited Nether Court on the 21st May 1900
and found everything in a satisfactory condition.

The proposed new window in the drawing room
would apparently be an improvement.

Miss Hicks finds the inspection of the fire apparatus
rather troublesome I would suggest that the
Inspector be informed that he is expected to go
alone to Nether Court without taking any friends.

I think it would be well to put the playstiff
up which is at present lying on the glass.

E. H. Hodgkinson

25 May 1900

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Sw. Henry, the Father visited
in July 1700

Mr H.C. Henry visited in July?
1700

Visited Kether Court on Saturday. 21st July 1900
and found everything in the house in excellent
order. I think the chimney breast outside of the
drawing room would materially interfere with
placing a window on left of fire place nor
do I see with ^{the} idea under any circumstances
for many reasons

G. S. Humphreys

I visited Kether Court on Wednesday
 October 17th 1900. Internally everything
 was to my satisfaction. Externally the
 painting to the main buildings was
 nearly finished but the outbuilding
 were not being painted. Most certainly
 the greenhouse in front garden should
 be repaired & painted as also the
 outbuildings in the rear. It would
 be well but not absolutely neces-
 sary to paint the iron work in front
 garden, also the garden seats.

Red. Hovenden

(J. Hovenden)

on Monday January 28th 1901 I
visited Nether Court, and found every
thing and body in excellent order
Miss Kidd's health has improved
and all the patients were cheerful and
uncomplaining. The only want seemed
to be another Recreation room, which
I hope, now that the home is our own,
may be afforded

H. de Bather

I visited Nether Court on Saturday 27th April.
I found everything satisfactory. I saw
several patients & they all seemed pleased
with the place.

I strongly recommended the ~~removal~~^{falling} of
the 6 lime trees in front of the house, as
this will give better light & air and will
improve the view. Also I recommended the
~~removal~~ falling of the mulberry tree by the side
Entrance.

When the present tenant is removed
I recommended that the Entrance gate to
cow-yard be fastened & the old Entrance
to the cow-yard be re-opened.

The dining-room wants repapering.

Res^d Hoveenden

May 1/1901

I visited Nether Court on Tuesday 21 May 1901
 & found everything in a satisfactory condition.

Miss Hick's asked permission to have a
 friend to stay with her a few days to which
 I assented

E. H. Hodgkinson

²⁾ 31 May 1901.

P.S. The above refers to the house itself, but
 as to the property; I would point out that the
 question of defective fences, to which I first drew
 attention in my report of my visit on 13 Nov 1893,
 appears now to be more important than ever.

The question is also mentioned ⁱⁿ paragraphs 3 & 4 of
 my report 25 May 1898.

I think that not only should our boundaries
 be clearly defined with regard to the yard near
 the house itself, but also near the cottage in

the South West corner of the grounds.

I would suggest that one or more Members of the Committee be deputed to see to these matters definitely: and also that there should be a map clearly defining our boundaries which should be always accessible here at St Lebes. I adhere to my suggestion as to the flagstaff mentioned on my visit on 21 May 1900

E. H. Hodgkinson

21 31 May 1901.

My dear
Mrs. Baird

10, ROYAL CRESCENT,
RAMSGATE.

My dear Baird

Please make my
Excuse to the Chair for
non-appearance tomorrow.

Being here, I visited
Nether Court, and saw
Miss Hicks who expressed

herself very comfortable,
& happy, with a full
house - The place looked
extremely nice & pretty

Yrs truly

A. P. de B. the

August 5
1907

I visited Kether Court on Wednesday, 14th inst and found everything in good order. As regards cutting down trees I would suggest taking the Ilex on right hand of Front door entirely away.

The Ilex on left of Front door ~~req~~ requires very carefully pruning where it over hangs the building.

I should also cut down the third tree on the lawn next to the present ^{now} ~~one~~ of four stumps, this tree has no shape and would allow its neighbour to grow out. Sundry other trees over hanging the Tennis Lawn & Carriage drive want judiciously lopping. I would also suggest that the garden attached to the Cottage

at farm entrance be enclosed with
a suitable fence. When we get
possession of Cowfold it will be necessary
to build up a wall where now
there is a gate leading into the Bull pen
and taking down the wall in front
of the back kitchen.

G. E. Macintosh
15 Aug 1901

I visited Kethercourt on Tuesday the 15th Inst. & found everything satisfactory.

I quite agree to Mr. Wainwright's recommendations dated August 16th last.

I again strongly recommend the removal of the five other trees in front of the house. This alteration will very much improve the view & will let in light and air to the house.

Also I recommend that both doors to the Cow-shed be blocked up & to clear the way the wood work at back of Bull-yard.

Besides removing the wall at rear of kitchen I recommend that the old & useless buildings, now getting into bad repair, between the stables & kitchen, be pulled down. This

will make a good clear space & entrance to the Cow yard.

I recommend that the gate placed by the ^{Mr. Philpott} late tenant, to the entrance to the Cow-yard be purchased from him.

I recommend that a new window be placed at the West end of the Drawing-room. This will make the room much more cheerful.

Miss Hicks complains that she has much difficulty in getting the laundry work done & would like to have this work done on the premises. I recommend that the present stables be converted into a laundry. This would be more convenient than the present mode, & would be safer from a sanitary point of view & I think more economical. The Cow-yard would then be used as a drying ground.

Geo. H. Vanden
Oct 16 1901

I Visited Nether Court on
the 23rd January 1902 and Went
over all the Property I found
the House & Rooms in Very
Satisfactory order and the
Patients all seemed happy
and comfortable
the Laundry work was being
Effectively carried out
in the newly adapted Building
I think this is a most
useful addition to House
I certainly think another
window is necessary on
the West End of the Drawing
Room as suggested by
Several members of
the Committee and this
ought not to have Expensive
Cost

I cordially support the
Recommendation ~~of~~ made
by ~~my~~ members of the
Committee as to the need
of a Recreation Room
for the Patients which
is especially needed
in winter and when
funds will permit I
hope this may be carried
out. The yard on which
the old cow shed stood
is now clear it is a fine
open space and of great
value I should think to
the Home the Boundary
wall should be raised
about 3 feet higher all
round to render the place
private the trees selected
for felling are all down
and much hopping has
been done Signed H. C. Kemp

Report for April 1902

I visited Nether Court on ~~Saturday~~ Friday the 4th April 1902 in the evening & found everything satisfactory. I am very pleased with the improvements. The drive to house wants regravelling - the path is very much cut up. The wall which will form the new boundary to the cow yard wants finishing & raising. I still press for the new window in Drawing Room. I strongly recommend the removing the iron fencing each side of the drive to house except where it protects the lawn & the lodge. Also to remove the iron oak quickset hedge & to put up fencing to match the other fencing in the front.

Wm. H. Stoddard

Report for March 1902

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I visited Nether Court on the 19th March 1902. There appear to me to be five points which require attention: and in the following order of importance

- (1) The boundary and fences of the property should be fixed.

I wish again to call the careful attention of the Committee to this as I have already done on several occasions as by my Reports of 13 Novr 1893 (page 2.) 25 May 1898 (page 35) and 21 May 1901 (page 56).

I am glad to see that the definition of the boundary in the North West corner has resulted in the acquisition of the open piece of ground, formerly used as a manure yard, and which until quite recently was not even in our possession.

I would now point out that the boundary at the South corner of the land is still undefined & may therefore be in dispute before long.

With reference to this subject of Nether Court, I would again suggest that it would be greatly to the convenience of members of the Committee if a suitable map of Nether Court were kept in a frame on the table for reference and so placed that all the members could see it.

(ii) Secondly: I would suggest that the Committee should carefully consider whether they desire to buy the land to the West, which I understand is likely to be sold for building purposes.

At a reasonable price it might be desirable to buy the land to prevent any arrangement of it which might be detrimental to Nether Court.

Minor points

(iii) Thirdly The boundary wall on the North West should be raised; and the newly occupied piece of ground should be levelled; and I propose that

it should be formed into a cinder court; so that it would be generally dry and suitable for lawns tennis etc.

(iv) Fourthly I think the ^a window in the South West wall of the Drawing room would be beneficial.

(v) The fifth point is that a Recreation room seems to be desirable as suggested in the Report of the Medical Officers page 30 Report for 1904. If this were built two walls on the newly occupied ground could be utilized.

Of the above 5 points; I consider 1 and 2 by far the most important

E. H. Hodgkinson.

31 May 1902

I visited Nether Court on the 23rd instant, and found everything in satisfactory order.

There can be no doubt of the great improvement to the drawing room, effected by the piercing of the two windows on the West side: the much needed light admitted will add greatly to the cheerfulness of the room. The hedge from the lodge towards St Lawrence has been, I fear, too long neglected to be ever of any service in keeping out trespassers; it may be found necessary to erect a paling similar to that on the

other side of the Lodge. The iron hurdles at the sides of the Drive are more unsightly than ever: if it should be decided to purchase new and more substantial ones, many of the old ones could easily be repaired by an ordinary blacksmith so as to be available for fencing the garden &c at the Lower Lodge and other places on the estate.

I am of opinion that tree cutting in the meadows should be continued from time to time; many of the elms are rotten & hollow: a very large branch had fallen off one of them the night previous to my visit, when there had been no

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bind; indicating considerable
risk to the patients.

Edward K. Dix

30 June 1902

I duly visited Kether Court on Saturday last, June 28^d, being my turn on the rota. I found everything in good order and the Convalescing Patients very contented. I note the man who put in the Windows has not yet finished the Window frames, that is to say not painted and grained to match, nor has he finished off the plaster, and I saw that several of the palings around the Estate were partly broken away at the bottoms. It would be well if we could have these made good as any mischievous person could by putting their hand

through, break the next one and thereby soon make a gap into our Property. I think everything else is in first rate order and reflects very great credit on the Officers and Staff for the efficient manner in which their various duties are performed. H. Kemp

29 July.
1902

I visited Kether Court yesterday Tuesday 28th July. and found every thing in the house in perfect order

I certainly hope no more ^{will} be cut down. What has been done has certainly improved the place ~~opened~~. It is not but any further clearance would spoil it

The proposed enclosing of the top of the

Main staircase with glass is in my mind unnecessary & useless. It would impede ventilation and be of little use in case of fire. The distance from the end room on the left of staircase is only some three yards away from the door that shuts off the main staircase & if any one was in that room & smoke was coming up the staircase they could pass from that room to the next through an inside door & Le Ren only a yard away from the dividing door. This would also be some helpfully in passing the same up.

The question of replacing the hedge by an oak paling I think had better be reconsidered a hedge being preferable to an oak paling and with some care & attention I think the hedge might be maintained for some time longer. The outside paling of the garden

cottage wants attending to.

G. P. Macinwright

I visited Nether Court yesterday the 23rd Sept 1922

The points upon which a decision should be
arrived
at are the following

- (1) The question of enclosing the top of the main staircase with glass. This after careful consideration appears to be unnecessary, as a door can be easily placed between the second and third rooms from the North Wall of the house. This will give free access from the north room, through the other rooms, to the other part of the house, and the outside staircase. I suggest that some hand grenades be

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kept in suitable positions in the house in case of fire.

(2nd) The fence at the ^{South} north east of the ground must be attended to, either by replanting or by substituting a new fence.

(3rd) The fruit trees appear to require renewal; it is desirable that this should be arranged for.

(4th) The Tennis court will probably be very beneficial when finished.

The ^{new} windows in the drawing room greatly improve it. —

E. H. Hodykinson

24 Sept 1902.

I visited Kether Court on Friday the 17th Inst. I found Everything satisfactory. I strongly advise the fencing being put up as ordered by the Board in preference of mending the present hedge. The latter seems to me impossible,

The funds of the Hospital having improved I am of opinion that the time has arrived to build a wing to the house containing a recreation room on ground floor (which is much needed) with bed rooms over.

Ed. Horwood

Oct. 20 1902

on Tuesday Nov^r 25th I went
with Mr Baird to Ketter's Court
There were 8 patients then in
residence.

I certainly advise the continuation
of the oak fence along the main
road, with a gate at the end
wide enough to admit a cart.

The old hedge is past repair
The fence at the cottage end must
be repaired & made good and
the hurdles along the drive
reset.

The conversion of the greenhouse
into a recreation ^{room} will be taken
in hand at an early date

A. J. Powell

I visited Nether Court on the 20th March 1903.
 A decision has not yet been arrived at, as
 to whether a door is to be placed between the
 second & third rooms from the north wall of
 the house in case of a fire. The question
 of the danger from fire having been mentioned,
 I reported upon it in my visit of 23 Sept 1902.

The hand grenades also mentioned have
 been supplied; and tried successfully.

The fruit trees also mentioned, still appear
 to be required.

Everything in the house appeared to be in
 perfect order.

In the laundry some new slates are wanted
 and the ceiling has slightly broken away.

When an opportunity occurs it would be well
 to finish the Tennis Court

1 April 1903.

F. H. Holykinson

I visited Kether Court on Tuesday
May 5th I saw most of the patients
they expressed themselves as very contented.
I saw Miss Hicks. She was still
confined to her room. She stated
that she was getting better. I would
suggest that the detached greenhouse
have two coats of paint on the
outside to prevent the rotting of the wood.
It is, in my opinion, desirable to have
the new fencing erected as soon as
possible. Generally I am pleased
with the condition of things at
Kether Court.

Geo. Hosce Dew

May 6th 1903.

I duly paid my tota visit to Nether Court on June 30th and found everything in good order with the exception of a few items which I think should be looked to quickly, for instance, the iron railings down the carriage way are in a very bad and delapidated state, particularly where the tree fell on them, there are also slates wanted on the wash house which should be done before any bad weather sets in.

There is not sufficient water in the Hydrants & I think this matter should be pressed on the Water Company.

The Recreation Room has not yet been commenced, if it is to be done I don't think any time should be lost.

I think a new carpet is necessary for the Drawing Room the present one looking very old & faded. otherwise everything is in good order.

Miss Hicks was not very well & was still on her back in an easy chair, & did not look at all well. I think that if the Committee could grant her a few weeks' holiday it would do her good and send her back strong & well.

H Kemp

I visited Nether Court on Friday Oct:
23rd & found everything to my satis-
faction. I believe that the various alter-
ations going on will be found, when
completed, to be great improvements especially
the new recreation room.

Reverend November.

Oct 27 / 1903.

I visited Nether Court on Friday April 22nd
& found everything to my satisfaction. The
new recreation room is a great success but
the S East windows of roof want to be in
some way protected from the sun. I
recommend sending stores from Red H.
& charging at cost price to Nether Court.
There is ample provision for storing
in the cellars. The iron fencing to main
walk wants repairing. I recommend
that the door from Hall to Drawing
room be reopened so that visitors
may be received by patients in this
room.

Red Hovenden

April 25th 1904

I visited Hether court on the 7th Inst,
and found every thing to my satisfaction.
The recreation room is a great success.
The weather was very bad indeed, raining
very hard when I visited the house, but
this room was quite cheerful & nearly
all the patients were in the room.

Wm. H. Hovenden

October 12th 1904

We visited Lutterfont yesterday,
& were very pleased with the
condition of everything there.
The question of Voluntary Boarders
was discussed with Miss Hicks
who informed us that with
the present staff or at the most
with one additional servant,
four Voluntary Boarders could
be accommodated - she would
gladly welcome them -

A. C. Powell

May 10. 1905

I visited Kether Court on Sunday morning
the 22nd Inst. I saw all the patients. Every
thing seems to me satisfactory.

I consulted Miss Hicks about closing
Kether Court for the winter. She quite
approves but suggests that it would
be better to close the establishment
on 1st Nov^r instead of 1st Dec^r & reopen
1st April instead of 1st May 1906.

She suggests that the staff be discharged
except the gardeners & that one of them
& his wife take up residence in the
main building.

Miss Hicks will undertake to look
after Kether Court while it is closed.

Rea. Hovenden

Oct. 24th 1905.

I visited Keshen Coast on Saturday
the 28th April last. I found everything
satisfactory. The iron fencing wants repairing
where the trees have fallen. The alteration
in the tables in the dining room I
consider is an improvement. The
conservatory wants painting outside,
especially the roof. There are only four
patients.

Gen. Howland

May 1st 1906



THE QUEEN'S & HIGH CLIFFE HOTEL,
CLIFTONVILLE, MARGATE.

8/7/06

Dear Mr Baird
I duly paid an official
visit to Her Majesty's Court on
Saturday the Tree falling
did damage and lucky
for us it did no more
Had any one had
been in the way it would
have killed them but
is all cleared away Miss

I visited Ketcher Court on Friday the
12th inst. I found everything, in my
opinion, highly satisfactory, so much so
that I am at a loss to suggest any
improvements. I saw the patients & they
expressed themselves as very happy &
contented.

Reed. Hovenden

Oct. 15th 1906.

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Re. H. H. H.

Oct. 18

Miss Hick wanted a small
Notice put up at Lodge Gate
directing Visitors to patients
to ring at front door so
that she should know
who came as it was only
a 1/2 or so and very kind
wanted I told her to have
it done I think you
will agree I think we ought
to get a few new paint
Jars to replace the
brown out ~~ones~~ ones
I can only say that
all credit is due to
Miss Hicks for the

Splendid remains
in which she
keeps the Institution
I can writing it is a
Beautiful pen

With all
best wishes

Yours Truly
H Kemp

I paid 10/-
to go toether it
and Bang

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12th inst. I found everything, in my
opinion, highly satisfactory, so much so
that I am at a loss to suggest any
improvements. I saw the patients & they
expressed themselves as very happy &
contented.

Res. Hovenden

Oct. 15th 1906.

I visited Ketcher Court on the 19th Inst.
I found everything satisfactory. I saw
the patients. They ~~to~~ expressed themselves
as very pleased with their surroundings.
Miss Hicks wants three new carpets
for bed rooms on top floor and one
new carpet for the morning room to
replace those which are really worn
out. I consider this request reasonable
& recommend it to the Board.

J. A. Novenden

April 20th 1907

I visited Kether Court yesterday - the
29th Inst. Everything seems to me very
satisfactory. I saw most of the patients they
expressed themselves as very comfortable and
happy. The new Carpets are a great
improvement & give a very comfortable ap-
pearance to the rooms. I noticed that the
kitchen is getting in a bad condition for
want of painting. No one has visited
Kether Court since I was last there in
April. Miss Hicks is very disappointed
at the absence of interest in her work
on the part of the Governess.

Reed Hovenden

October
April 30th 1907.

Visited Rether Court on Monday.

25th Nov. Not having been down there for at least two years I was very much struck with the general order, condition and cleanliness of the whole place & I think it reflects great credit on Miss Hicks. The place has been sadly denuded of trees and I should suggest the planting of some on the furthest lawn.

27. Nov. 1907.

G. E. Mainwight

yesterday I visited Wethercourt
where I met Mr Board, to inspect
the house and grounds, and bid
farewell to Miss Hicks, who
has now left to start a nursing
home on her account, after a
faithful service as Matron
for over twelve years.

I found everything in capital
order. The Patients were all
out in the grounds enjoying the
delightful change of weather.
I am of opinion that the question
of adding to Wethercourt for the
accommodation of more patients
or private Boarders depends
entirely on the course adopted

by the Governors in the near
future. as regards the acquisition
of a country estate in the
neighbourhood of London.

A. J. Powell

25 March 1908

I visited Nether Court yesterday April 29th I saw the patient who expressed themselves as being very comfortable & happy. Miss Dick stated that she was very pleased with her position and surroundings. The exterior of Nether Court wants painting & especially the tinery. I reported the latter on my last visit October 30th last. The parlours room wants repapering & the ceiling whitening & paint touching up. Rain comes in the recreation room. The hot water service needs overhauling. The kitchen and the whole of this floor wants new linoleum laid & the kitchen wants the ceiling whitewashing. Miss Dick thinks that it would be more economical if stores were sent to Ramsgate through our contractors in London instead of purchasing locally.

I recommend this. Rain comes in through
the roof of the laundry. This should be seen
to. The cellar wants whitewashing & some
repairs. I recommend that this be done.
Servants bed rooms want papering & ceilings
whitewashing.

Re at Stovenden

April 30th 1908

I visited Nether Court on Monday the 25th May 1908,
& inspected the house throughout & found it in
good order. I saw several of the Patients
who appeared to appreciate their surroundings.

The painting & other works in the interior of
the house, recommended by Mr. Howden, are being
carried out. I found the telephone wires
& bells were being put in good order, this is very
desirable.

Several of the large trees (Elms) appeared to be
dead. Planting of new trees should be taken
in hand at the proper season.

E. H. Hodgkinson

27 May 1908

17, CROMWELL GREEN, S.W.

FAIRFAX COURT, S.W.

Caused by caterpillars among
the Cabbages.

One of the Elm trees in the front
garden is reported to be
likely to fall. In wind, the
ground around it is said
to undergo upheaval.

Yours faithfully

Thomas H. Maberley

The covering of the pit in
the orchard, which had decayed.
A new & safe covering is needed.

Something should be done to
replace the donkey. Perhaps
a pony & trap would be found
economical in saving labour.

Several fruit trees appear
too old, and others do not
seem to have been properly
pruned. Some advice is
needed in the garden. It is
terrible to see the devastation

July 26th 1908

To the Home Committee,
St Luke's Hospital.

Gentlemen

I visited Nethercourt yes-
terday and found every thing
in good order there. One Lady,
Miss Flight, alone appears not
to be progressing as well as might
be hoped for.

Inside the house the kitchen

and back premises have
been recently painted & the
cellars whitewashed, satisfactory
a small hanging cupboard
is wanted for the room upstairs
and the floor of a cupboard
in the wall on the upper landing
is swept through decay, and
should be repaired. A new
knife machine is much needed

to replace the present one which
is worn out.
Outside, the house requires paint-
ing, and the steps necessar-
ily to be raised to admit rain
by the roof, on account of the
overlap of the steps being inter-
ferent as I suppose.

The painting of the Greenhouse
both inside & outside is de-
sired.

The damping of the establishment
lost his life by falling through

I visited Nether Court yesterday 22nd Feb.
I saw most of the patients. They expressed themselves
as very happy. The outside painting is far advanced.
That which is finished looked very nice. I went
very carefully through Mess^{rs} Buryards report on the
orchard & garden. I fully approve of what they
propose as regards the Orchard & West Wall in
Orchard also wall inside ~~the~~ Kitchen garden. This
wall should be repaired before the trees are
planted. I approve of the alteration respecting
the currants & gooseberries. I would not adopt
their suggestion as regards the East wall looking
towards the Park, for two reasons. 1st It is most
difficult to protect the trees from the sheep. 2nd
because we shall have more than enough
fruit without ^{planting} planting against this wall. I would
not adopt their suggestion of ~~re~~ increasing the

number of trees in the park but would plant
fresh trees where the old ones have been destroyed.
I would adopt their suggestions as to the lawn
to flower border.

I saw Miss Dick. She seems quite contented,

Red Haven

Oct. 22nd 1908

I visited Nether Court on Tuesday the 8th Decr 1908
& found the Establishment generally in excellent
order. The only points which appear to
require attention are, the fence requires supports
in one or two places, and the gate post appears
to require renewing. No further repairs
are likely to be required for some time. The
Patients appeared to be very happy & contented.

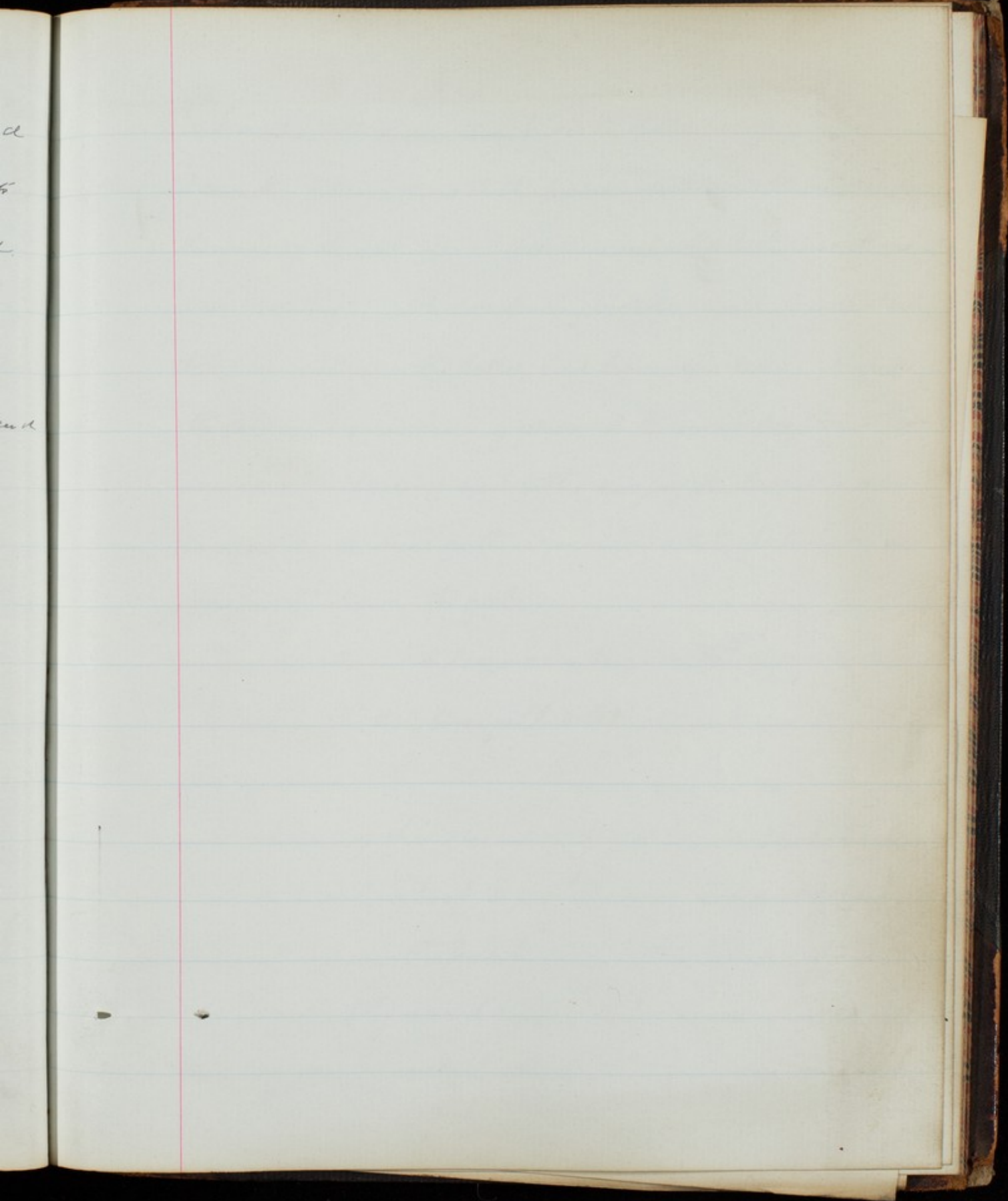
E. H. Hodgkinson. -

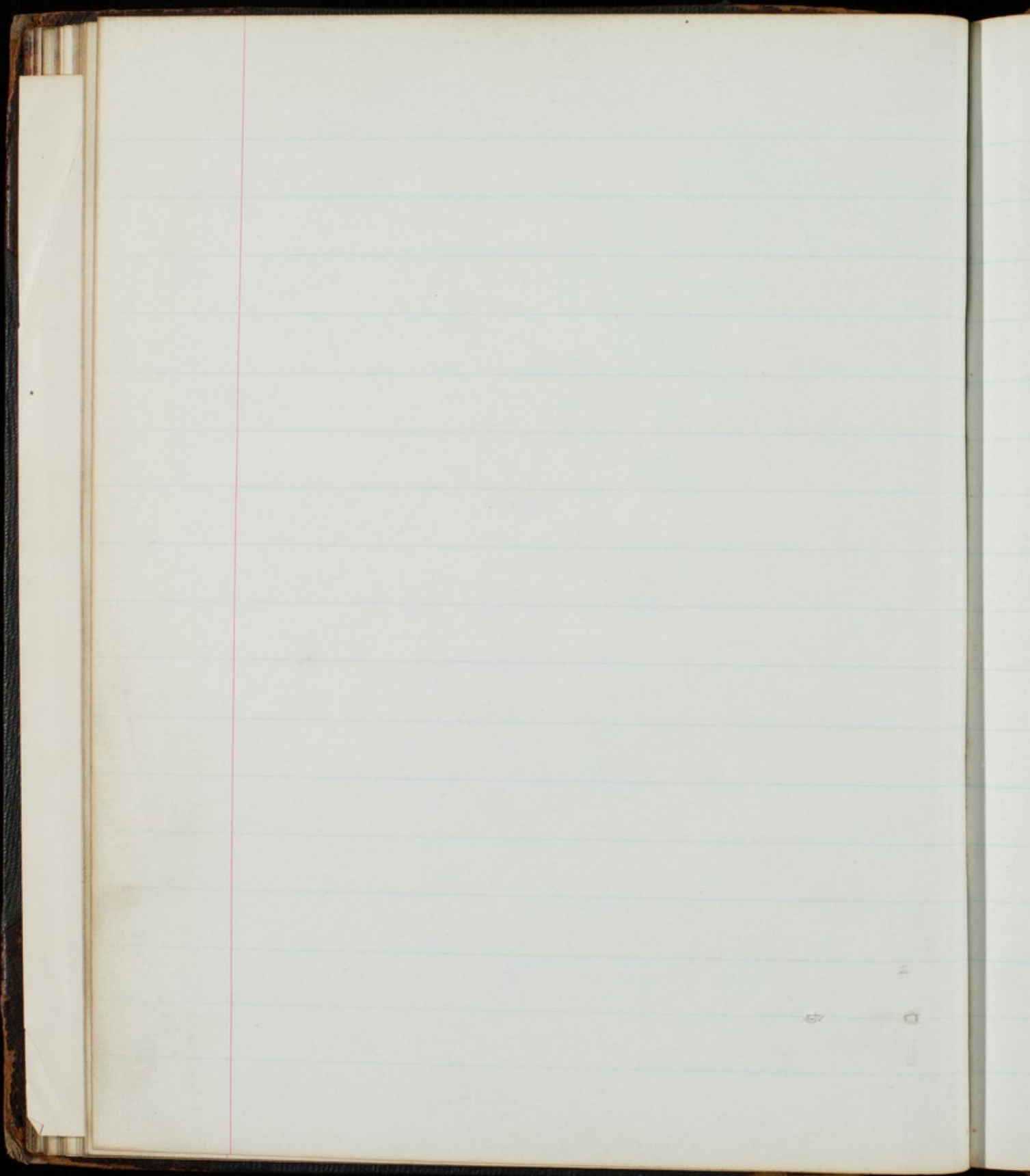
9th Decr 1908.

I visited Nether Court yesterday and found everything in perfect order. I saw the patients they expressed themselves as ^{quite} perfectly contented. There is a dying tree near the house occupied by Mr. Smith. A branch has fallen on the roof and injured it. I recommended that the tree be cut down. Miss Dick wants linoleum laid in the dining room. I recommended this. The under gardeners Tom Scott wants permission ^{to use} of a small portion of the field adjoining the lodge for a run for chickens. I see no objection to this provided the part be fenced in with wire netting.

Wm. H. Stenden

April 20th 1909





I inspected Nether Court on the 4 Nov 1909.

I saw the 8 large trees in the park which were blown down in the gale of the 28th Oct. These were reported to the Committee at the last meeting. The iron fencing was damaged, as were also the telephone wires: the latter had been repaired. I inspected the damaged wood-fencing around the west lodge. The damage to this fencing and to the roof of the laundry was caused by the trees on the adjoining estate falling on our property during the gale.

There are about 8 large elm trees on the adjoining estate, belonging to Mr. Weigall which seem to me to be dangerous.

It was one of this group of trees which broke the fence and fell only about 8 feet from the lodge itself. Several trees in the park seem to be dying, and consequently are dangerous; these should be cut down; and several others leaning over should

be "topped" or lightened.

If Wether Court is to be retained, it is advisable that suitable park trees should be planted to fill up the gaps.

The roof of the East lodge needs a little repairing to keep out rain.

The warden mentioned that the recreation room conservatory was difficult to heat in the cold weather.

The house seems to be in very good order.

10 Nov. 1909.

E. H. Hodgkinson.

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I visited Nether Court today. Every thing
seemed to me to be in order. Unfortunately
Miss Dick had taken the patients out
for a holiday so I saw only the servants.
I think that the lodge should be whitewashed
papered & cleaned.

Fredrick Howden

April 12th 1910.

To the Home Committee St. Luke's Hospital
at the ...

at the suggestion of the Com.

- Impinon to diminish
fire risks, are rendered
Comparatively useless for the
special purpose by being
blocked by furniture, of
which I suggested a different
disposition.

The Matron pointed out that
the smoothness of the floor -
- Covering in the dining room
may lead to falls from slipping
Mattings might obviate this.

Thomas H. Mackenzie

To the Home Committee St Luke's Hospital

7, CROMWELL CRESCENT,
EARLS COURT, S. W.

Aug: 2nd 1910.

Report on a visit to Netherwood
July 30th 1910.

I visited Netherwood on
the above-mentioned date

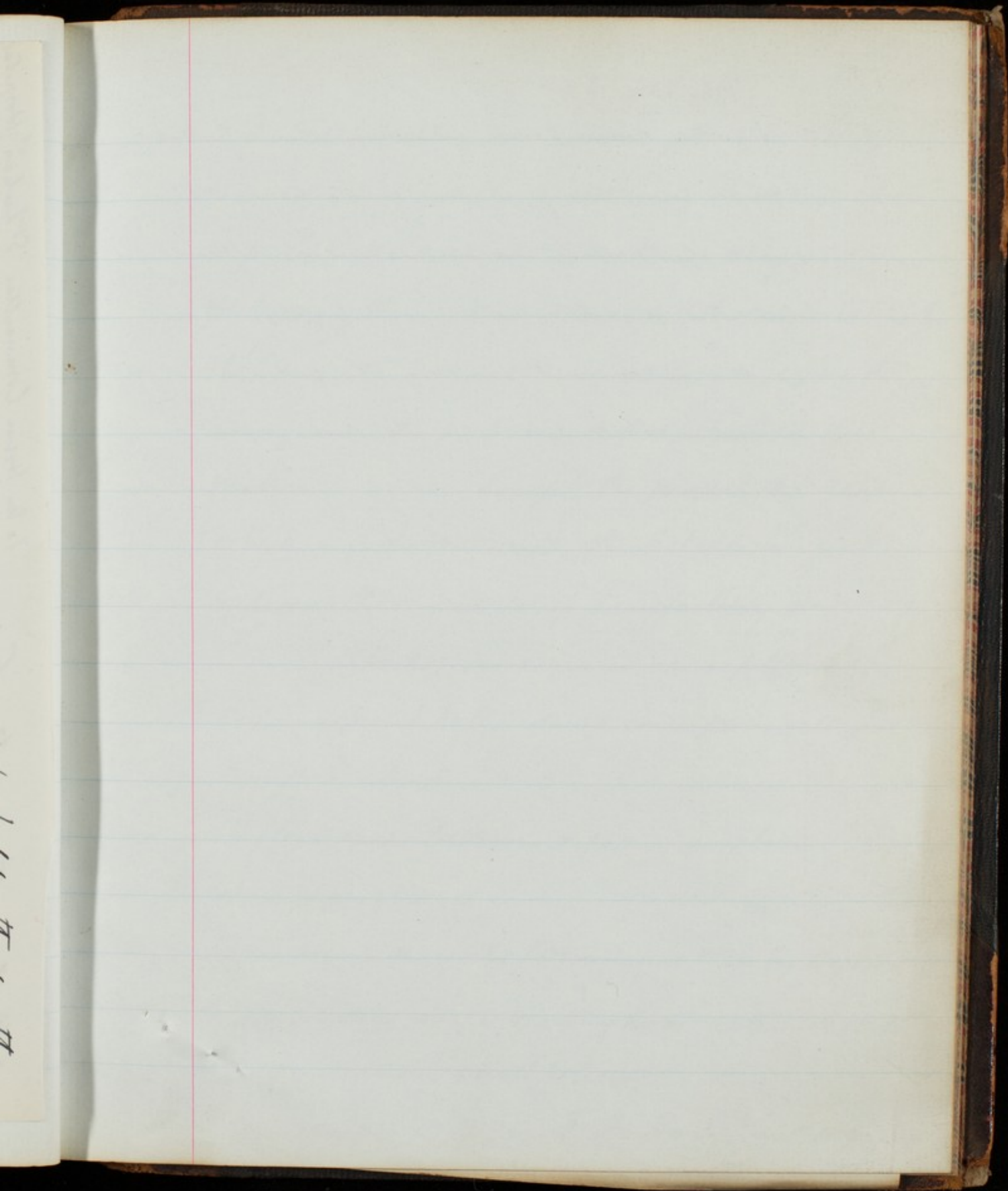
The Lodge which was
damaged by the un-
-ful felling of a tree in
the property of Mr. Weigall,
is now to all appearance
thoroughly reinstated, but
on the Monday previous to

my visit a limb from
another elm tree near
the same spot, quite large
enough to have caused
a fatality, fell into the
kitchen garden. The tree
seemed to me to indicate
rotten wood, and the bough
from which it was detached
overhangs the garden, and
is distinctly dangerous.
On account of the overhanging

it might be held that the
authorities of St. Luke's are
responsible for any damage
which might occur, and
this matter should receive
serious attention.

The pumping out of the
cup-pond by hand labour
continues to be necessary.
Some diversion of the rain-
-water is desirable.

In view of the building I
noticed that the doors
opening both ways in some
of the bedrooms, put up



I visited Nether Court yesterday the 25th inst.
I found every thing to my satisfaction. I
saw all the patients except one. They expressed
themselves as quite satisfied and happy. The
top bed rooms want papering the ceilings
washed & cleaned also the best room in
the lodge.

Red. Stovenden

Oct. 26th 1910

I visited Nether Court on Friday the 23rd, Dec. 1910
& found it in excellent order. The new Matron
Miss Linnette appears to be admirably suited
for making the Home pleasant & comfortable for
its inmates, who all seemed to be enjoying the
arrangements for Xmas & to appreciate their
Matron. Except the few slight repairs
which may be required the Establishment
appears to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The repairs required are as follows;

Ceiling in front hall, damp comes from gully on the
lead flat above.

1st floor spare bedroom repairing in 2 places.

Copper in washhouse.

Top window in the cook's bedroom over the pantry to open at top. }
2 rooms }

Loose; ceiling, paper of sitting room: white wash kitchen.

Fence; various small holes. —

4 Jan'y 1911. —

E. H. Hodgkinson. —

I visited Nether Court on Monday the 17th April 1911,
& found everything in very good order.

Some repairs may be necessary later on.
A new carpet may be required for the ground
floor & landing. On the top landing some
of the bedrooms will require attention.

Over the kitchen the ceiling in the servants room
may want repairing. The top windows
of the other servants rooms should open, they
are now fixed.

The gas bracket in the nurses sitting room
should have a protector over it, or be
changed for an inverted burner. This is
important.

The fence should be repaired.

19th April 1911. E. H. Holykisson.

some old fruit trees, (cherry
I think they are) which,
as they are giving no
signs of fruit that I could
see, might without dis-
-advantage, be replaced
by young trees.

Thomas A. Blakesley

An old dead Wellingtonia
on the lawn, should come down.

T. H. B.

Nether Court Visitation

7, CROMWELL CRESCENT,
EARLS COURT, S. W.

July 4th 1911

On Monday, July 3rd, I

visited St. Luke's Central.

-escent Home at Nether.

-Court, and found things

generally in very good

order; the ladies all re-

-ported well, and the

Matron, Sister Lucretia,

satisfactorily recovering

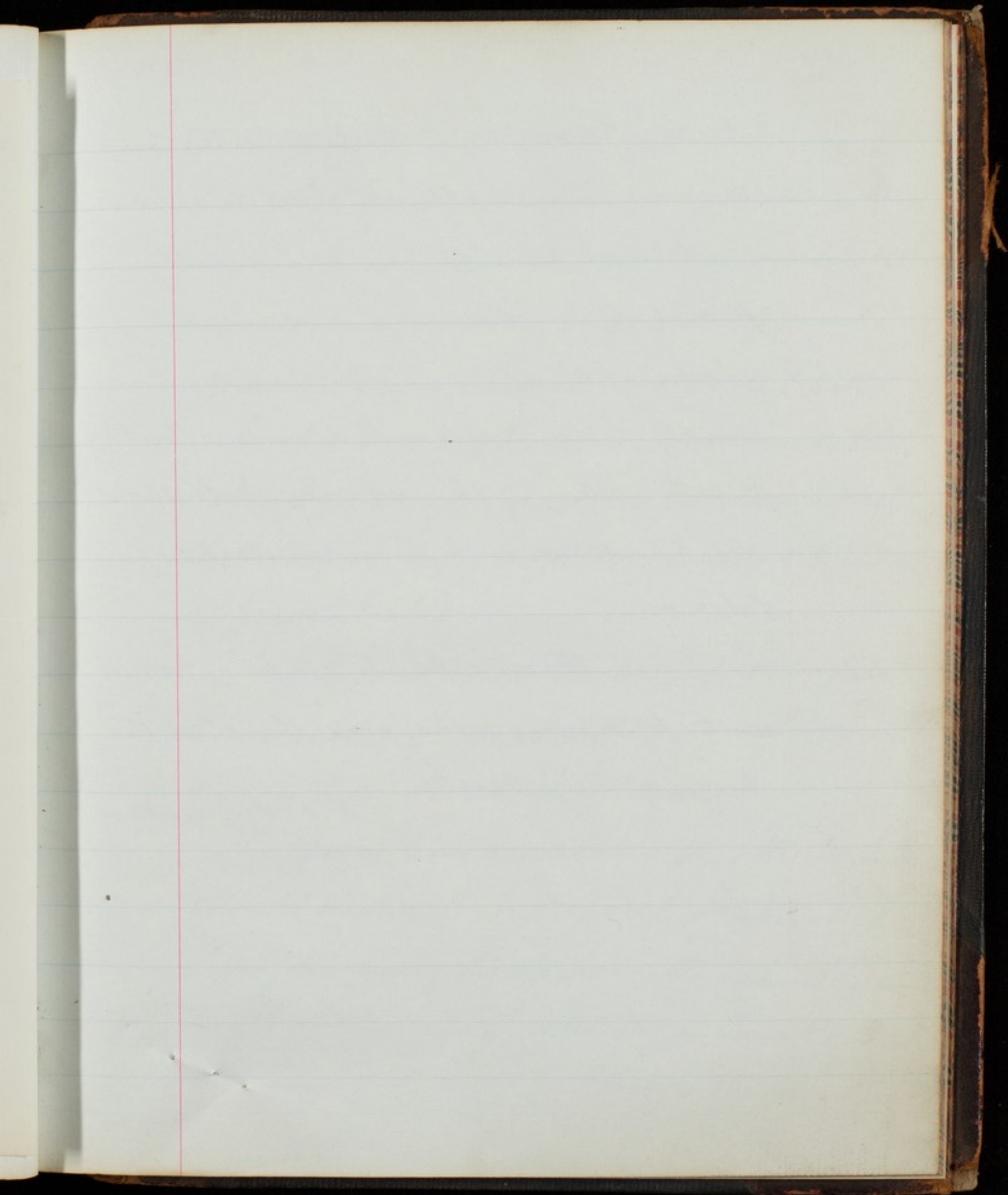
from an attack of influenza.

The painting is said to be nearly complete, but was still going on in the large glass recreation room.

The ceiling of the parage outside the kitchen is not quite in such good condition as it might be, a small matter, and there is the long standing imperfection in the staking

over the entrance hall, which will show its efforts no doubt more in winter than at the present time of year.

The garden is doing well. Tremely well this summer, though some of the growing fruit trees have not yet come into bearing, especially on the North wall. There appears to be no potato disease this year in the garden. In the Orchard there are



On the 6th Nov 1911 I visited Nether Court
It found it in excellent order as usual.

Various repairs had been recently
effected.

Some of the ceiling in the Laundry had
recently fallen & this will require attention
and the ceiling in the Entrance Hall should
also be noticed as it may require repair
later on.

I had the opportunity of going round
with Dr. Rawes who was there at the
time of my visit

E. H. Hodgkinson.

22 Nov 1911.

I visited Nether Court on Monday the 9th Dec. 1912 and found that various points require consideration.

The fence which was put up at considerable expense, is now being broken away; and I happened to see a piece of it on the foot path.

As there are two gardeners living on the estate I think it would be well to let them understand that they are expected to keep a better lookout to prevent this.

With regard to the hot water pipes it appears to be necessary to renew these. This could be done later on about February.

It appears to me desirable that the Committee should have a list prepared, & submitted to them; showing the names of the Patients, the length of their stay, and the amount which they pay. I think the question

of the length of their residence at Methuen Court, especially when the payment is inadequate, should be considered.

I think it may be desirable that a Visitors Book should be kept, showing the names of all visitors including those of the Committee, and of course therefore of the Staff of the Hospital; with the times of arrival & departure. I merely suggest the consideration of this question.

The present Matron Miss Linette appears to keep the Home in excellent order as hitherto.

I did not see Mr. Hawes, who I understand had taken the spare key of the door, & of the lodge gate, as he did not expect to return until late at night. J. H. Hodgkinson.

11 Decr 1912

1) Visit to Netherton.

I visited Netherton on Saturday July 3rd 1909 and found all going on them most satisfactory. The gardens & external premises are in Capital Order, no portion of the kitchen garden being unoccupied. The crops look very much less affected by Caterpillars than on my last visit. The new fruit trees are most of them bearing fruit already, though the plums seem likely to be generally lost.

expanding this year. A garden in the flower
-garden is a bed which the ladies themselves
keep in excellent order.

Within the house one bed room on the top
landing needs papering, and on the landing
at the top of the backstairs there is a chronic
difficulty in keeping the paper on the wall,
due to some little moisture, the cause of which
might be excluded into.

The worst point is the Entrance Hall. This is not within the main building, and has a roof of its own, of which the slabs are not in the best order, being at places cracked or displaced. There are signs of dampness within the hall upon the Ceiling. The walls do not seem to be solid, but to be composed of some artificial material not very thick and inclined to crumble where nails are in-

sent. As the pictures are supported on
rails themselves not being firmly secured
by nails to this material, I do not think
they are very safe.

Miss Dick has received an application from
a local branch of the League of Pity, a charitable
Institution for supporting afflicted female children,
for leave to hold a gathering in the Gardens
sometime in August. I can see no objection to

3)

this as Miss Dick is personally acquainted
with the lady who makes the application,
and I recommend that leave be granted.
I understand that it is not the first time
that such a gathering will have been
held in their gardens.

James H. Bakerley

July 5th 1909.

7 Cromwell Crescent

Earls Court, S. Kensington, S.W.

Submitted
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the
Committee
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St Lukes Hospital

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On Thursday June 20th I visited the West Court.
I examined the ~~tree~~ which has caused the
damage by falling upon the West Lodge in the
falling.

It stood in Mr. Weigall's ground & has been
most carelessly felled, so that indeed it could
hardly have failed to fall upon the building.
The room is wrecked, the bed being covered
with dust, woodwork from the roof, & rubbish.

The consideration of the Cup pools is urgent. They
are working very badly, possibly perhaps by reason

of the late excipior painful. Every day 1 1/2 lbs.
pumping out by hand pump takes place, &
this hinder being very inconvenient in the place,
may possibly take a patent in this quarter
& which the pumped sewage finds its way.

I recommend immediate attention in this matter,
a small cist over the batins in the bath-
-room. As an experiment at least 1/2 gallon
strong soda solution should be poured
down each bath the last thing at night,
& this might be repeated if it is found to
do good.

at this time of year the dampness which I
have noticed in the summer, in the Entrance Hall
& elsewhere, is being much more obvious and
troublesome.

The roof of the Entrance Hall is in bad
order, and the tiles of the wall in the upper
W.C. actually become loosened & fall along
In the latter case pointing of the external
surface of the wall might be beneficial.

In the Laundry a new Ironing Stone is
wanted. The present one was brought from
a local man about two years ago, & its
sides, originally too thin no doubt, have

became burnt through already. I recom-
-mend that a new one should be purchased
& set up, with especial attention to this
point

In all this matter I found everything satisfactory
- only sorry in at Westport -

James H. Stokely.

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