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A list of the subjects, on which William Lamb proposes to give lectures in the Salon, about twelve months hence; if Dr. Baker will kindly select one, and give time and opportunity.

1st On the peculiar genius and excellence of Sir Walter Scott, as a writer, particularly as evinced in some of the Waverley novels, poems and life of Napoleon Buonaparte.

2nd On the internal evidence of authorship of the plays commonly attributed to Shakspeare.

3rd On Lord Byron.

4th On John Milton.

5th Almighty God, as the moral governor of the universe.

6th On the unity and harmony of doctrine which pervades Holy Scripture.

7th On the philosophy of Descartes.

8th On the majesty of the Roman Commonwealth.

9th Lecture on the immortality of the soul.

10th Poetical view

11th Rational or philosophical. 3rd Revealed view from Holy Scripture

12th On the fallacies of the inductive method applied by Hume to mental phenomena

13th Association of Ideas.

14th France Past.

15th " Present.

16th " Future.

17th On Poetry.

18th On the discoveries of Lagrange and Laplace.

19th What the poets have said on Insanity.

20th On Homer.

RETREAT
K/17/2/10

REMEMBRANCE.

Tho time may pass and years may fly,
And every hope decay and die;
Though every joyful dream be set,
Yet thee I never can forget.
Though distant thou, yet still my heart,
From love and thee can never part.

William Lamb,

from

his affectionate Mother.

Mr Kitchen will oblige his Humble Servant
William Lamb, by attention to the following particulars
1. Not to speak to, or of me (in my hearing) by my Christian name, or to address me in the second person singular*
2. Not to say or do anything (or make any request to, or give any orders) respecting me, which may be by any possibility, construed, in any possible way, to imply any inferiority, of social position, wealth, rank, connection, personal influence and importance, Learning, Piety, Courage, Personal Beauty, or any other desirable thing in myself to any other being existent.
3. Not to ask me whether, I am comfortable? or whether I enjoyed anything? or offer me any corporeal sustenance at periods intermediate, between meals.
4. Not to come into a room where I am with your hat on.*
5. Not to combine and associate me in any way with any others.
6. Not to suffer me to come in contact with, or vice versa, Servants or others who are liable to commit themselves in such a manner, as to place me in the following awkward Dilemma. viz (Either to avoid incurring their resentment by a dishonourable silence; or to rebuke and report them to you in a way that may expose me to unpleasant effects.
7. Not to place your hands on me, or bring yourself into absolute contact with my person.
8. Not to allow any such practices in others over whom you have any authority
9. Not to introduce me to or speak of me by name to any, but such persons as are thoroughly respectable & highly connected

* I waive this rule in favour, and by way of exception of such persons as have conscientious scruples against the usual customs of the world, and can give reasonable evidence that they, invariably govern their own standard in the cases of others however high may be their rank or social position.

10. Not to use the epithet (Young Man) when speaking of me, or omit the generally reckognised appelation (Gentleman)

11. Not to let me print blank of my Lands, nor the plain absolute truth at all times, without some reasonable degree of reservation.

12. Not to allow me to be informed suddenly, of any death, Marriage, or any other disaster which has taken place in my family.

13. Not to introduce me into the company of Women, unless Piety, or Decency, or business &c; absolutely require it.

14. Not to trouble me about genealogies of obscure individuals, or to argue with me against Ancient established customs & Usages, Religious & Civil. &c.

15. Not to instruct me in any thing, but in such wise as the following (12. that I may delude myself with the vanity of having discovered) what you in reality have informed me of.

16. Not to neglect to inform me (in a very cautious manner) of any changes you may be making which may affect myself. and so to qualify them as to render them as little obnoxious as possible.

17. Not to neglect to inform my friends in time in case of my being taken ill, in such a manner as to render my speedy interment after death necessary that they may have time to inter my body as they shall think fit.

15th to 17th September 1854

Finishing evening. William Lamb.

William Lamb.

William Lamb

With his Sister Jane's

dear Love.

William Lamb

with his Mother's dear love.

14.9

The property of W. Lamb

1 Clockmakers hammer
1 Watchmakers do
1 Drill stock and drills hand
1 small anvil for vice
1 Watchmakers vice

A rough sketch of the expenses &c of
Mr Sam's intended Trip to Scotland.

Start from York on Tuesday July 26th at 3.15 p.m.

1st day. Spend the greater part of the day in viewing the principal sights and objects of interest in Edinburgh & Neighbourhood.

Demand Expenditure if Required.

The Castle.
Holyrood House.
Inside of Church of Iron Grey where Ellen Walker the original of Heart of Mid Lothian is buried
&c
&c

Scotts Monument.
Obsevatory
Hume's Monument.
&c
&c

During the Evening go as far as Melrose, see Melrose Abbey, and Abbotsford and all the objects of interest there paying the Keepers for the sights, and either proceed by a late Train into Perthshire, or take Beds near Abbotsford, arriving however next day in Perthshire, viewing the principal objects such as Loch Catharine and the scenes mentioned in the Lady of the Lake, proceeding back to Edinburgh that night in time for the Train to York at 8 a.m. but should it not be necessary to return until the 5.55 P.M. Train, could see other places omitted for want of knowledge of Locality, should like to be economy and the Bigs of Age, but want of time &c I fear will not enable me to do so.

Over.

		£	s	d
Expenses to Edinburgh		1	10	0
Tuesday Tea Teas		"	3	0
+ breakfast " + Beds		"	4	0
Wednesday " Breakfast		"	3	0
" " Dinner		"	3	0
" " Tea		"	3	0
" " Beds		"	4	0
Thursday Breakfast		"	3	0
" " Dinner		"	3	0
" " Tea		"	3	0
" " Beds		"	4	0
Friday Breakfast		"	3	0
after 5.35 PM. Dinner		"	3	0
Tea		"	3	0

For seeing sights in Edinburgh. Abbotsford &c &c days 10. 0
Railway Expenses to Abbotsford. Perth. &c &c Luckay. 1. 10. 0
Incidental Expenses " 10. 0

£ 6. 2. 0

Wm Lamb

RETREAT
6/19/1935

RETREAT
K/17/2/10

An account of Mr Lamb's and
H. I. Sallis's journey to Scotland,

Started from the Retreat at
25 Min past 2 o'clk on the Aft.
of Tuesday the 26th July. arrived
at York Station about 3 P.M. waited
on the platform until ¼ past 3
When the Excursion Train came in
took our seats. and started at
¼ 6 ~~4~~ P.M. arriving in Newcastle
at 7 o'clk just one hour later
than the time specified in the Bills
starting from Newcastle at ¼ to
8 instead of ¼ past 6 as specified
our fellow Travellers in the same
Compartment were Two young Men
from Huddersfield going into
Scotland and a Lady friend
& her two daughters. whom she

had been fetching from Acworth
School, they only came as far
as Berwick. Mr L enjoyed the
ride very much indeed very quiet
& polite. Rained nearly all the
way from Berwick having started
from there at ¼ to 11 P.M.
Mr Lamb saw the sea for the
first time in his life before
getting to Berwick with which
he was very much pleased.
Noticed at Berwick two little
Boys selling water at Berwick
Station 1 per glass. Mr L had
a sleep between Berwick and
Edinburgh it being very dark
and nothing to interest him
arrived at the Ticket Platform
Edinburgh exactly at one of the

Wednesday Morng. by the time they collected the Tickets and drew us into the Station it was near 2 o'clk there was a great rush for Cabs it being raining hard at the time, we got a Ticket Porter to come and shew us a Temperance Hotel we tried at two or three but they were all full in Consequence of two other Excursion Trains arriving the day before. but at last were lucky in finding a very nice Comfortable place. Hoggs Temperance Hotel, we got some Tea, by the time we finished it was nearly 3 o'clk Cam engaged a double bedded room for myself and Cam which cost 1/4 to 6 o'clk. after we had some Breakfast and

started by the 1/2 past 7 Train
to Melrose, arriving there about
1/2 past 9. engaged a Car to
take us to Abbotsford and back
6 Mile distance for which they
charged an exhorbitant price
M^r L enjoyed Abbotsford very
much indeed it being such
a beautiful place, saw every
thing of interest in and about
Abbotsford came back and
saw Melrose abbey, got some
dinner and started to Newtown,
walked from there 1 3/4 miles
through some splendid scenery
to Dryburgh abbey, a much
larger abbey than Melrose but
not in such a good state of
preservation, walked back to

Newtown. took Train for Edinburgh
arriving there about ¼ to 6 o'clk.
Walked about Edinburgh. saw all
the principal objects of interest
until 9 o'clk. went to our
lodgings got Tea & Bed at 10
W & I very tired & stiff.

Got up at 5. got Breakfast
and started by the Train to Perth
rather regretted after we went
there. it being so very far from
Edinburgh, and not many objects
interesting to W & I as he does not
like the Commercial part of a City
or Town. We then took Train from
there to Stirling the same Ticket
doing for both places. passed the
Bridge of Allan a fashionable
Watering place and a delightful

Spot. we arrived at Stirling saw Stirling Castle which is the principal object of interest there, we then took a ticket to Dumblane, saw the Cathedral, and Dined there, proceeding by another line of Rail to Callander, passing Dunne, Dunne Castle, and the Braes of Doun, arriving at the Trossachs Hotel, from thence he walked 1/2 mile through a narrow pass called Beal an duine, arriving at the one end of Loch Katrine took a Boat there passing Ellens Isle, and the Mountains Benan, and Benvenue, and the Goblins Cave. Grot. further on we

see the Mountain Beanchoil.
Letter, Edralzachdach, Strongar
alty, Ardmacmiin. Coilchvar.
& Portnanellan. on the right hand.
on the left Glasschoil. Calozart.
& Benochan, Ben Lomond appear-
ing in the distance. Mr L being
delighted with the scenery here.
we arrive at the further end
of the Lake we arrive at
Stronlachair Hotel, here
we find there is no Conveyance
to take us back to Edinburgh
that Night, Mr L is very
wishful then to see Loch Lomond
& Ben Lomond so we are inform-
ed that there is an Hotel on
the Banks of the Loch we pro-
ceed there passing Loch Arklet

Loch Cow & Lochard.
arriving at Inversnaid
Hotel we got some Tea
and proceeded to see the
Cascade of the Arkill
and Rob Roys Cave, &c &c
returning to Inversnaid Hotel
we went to Bed. got up
at 5 o'clk. got Breakfast,
and Walked back to Aber-
nachlachair Hotel by the
Waterfall of Ledeard, we
then took the Boat across
Loch Katrine, found we
were too soon for any Convey-
ance to Callander. determined
to Walk. passing the Bridge
of Turk, saw the falls of
the Turk, went and saw

Mrs Ferguson an old Lady
living at the Bridge of Turk
who weighs 30 Stone, stands 5
6 feet 2 inches high, on our
way to Callander fell in with
a very nice old Man one of
the Earl of Moray's Gamekeepers
he walked with us about 3
Miles and gave us a deal
of useful information with
regard to Agriculture &c &c
arrived at Callander and took
Train back to Dunblane to
catch a Train to arrive in
Edinburgh in time for Cook's
Train, but found that there
was nothing that would get
us in in time, for which I
think Mr L seem pleased

as he was so Bunched up
that he could not bear the
fatigue of Travelling all
Night. by the time we
arrived Cork Train had
left ½ an Hour. I was
very much vexed fearing
that it would cause
anxiety at Home of
something happening. but
when I saw the tired
looks of all I did was
certain that it would
be too much for him to
travel all night and cruel
to force him to it. we
then went to our Lodgings
got some Tea. and went
to Bed. got up at ½ past

to Alk. got some breakfast and started by the 8 A.M. Train, & stopped to Berwick by 20 Minutes past 11 A.M. We enjoyed this Ride very much as we had such a beautiful View of the Sea the Rail running quite close to it in some parts. We arrived in Newcastle at ¼ past 3 P.M. having to stop there until ½ past 4 P.M. before the Train started again we went into the Town and got some Dinner, we arrived in York 10 Min to 9 P.M. walked up to the Retreat arriving here about ½ past 9 P.M. I am afraid that

many parties are very much misled by Cooks Excursion Papers, as the most expensive Conveyances and other things are not mention, some of the Charges in the Route being very exhorbitant If we could have returned from Loch Katrine on Thursday Evening and got into Edinburgh on Friday Morning we should have saved 50/- expenses. but it was impossible to do so. as there was no Conveyance of any Kind. being contrived by the Hotel Proprietors of those part to be as inconvenient as possible."

	Expenses.	£	s	d
26	Cooks Ticket	1	10	0
	Ginger Beer on journey	"	"	6
	Ticket Porter	"	"	6
27	Rail to Melrose	"	6	"
	Car & Driver to abbotsf^d & back	"	7	6
	Toll Gates	"	1	"
	Seeing abbotsf^d & grounds	"	4	0
	Melrose Abbey	"	2	0
	Dinner & attend^ce	"	3	6
	Ginger Beer	"	"	6
	Seeing Dryburgh Abbey	"	2	0
	Visitors of abbotsf^d &c	"		6
	Paid guide at Edinburgh	"	2	0
28	Rail to Perth & Stirling	"	18	0
	Rail to Dumblane	"	4	0
	Dinner & attend^ce	"	3	6
	Car^d forw^d	£	4	5	6

		£	s	d
	Bro forw^d	11	5	6
28	Dumblane & Callander	"	7	"
	Callander to Roads	"	5	"
	Steam across Loch			
	Katrine	"	5	"
	Loch Katrine to Benlomond	"	5	"
	Tea at Inversnaid Hotel	"	3	"
	Beds at do	"	4	"
	Breakfast do	"	3	"
	Attendance	"	3	"
29	Steam back across			
	Loch Katrine	"	5	"
	Ginger Beer on our			
	walk to Callander	"	"	6
	Callander to Dumblane	"	7	"
	Dumblane to Edinburgh	"	12	"
	Expenses at Edinburgh			
	as per Bill	1	3	"
	Car forw^d	£ 8	8	"

		£	s	d
	Bro forwd	8	8	"
29	Waiter	"	2	6
30	Rail to York	1	14	9
	Dinner at Newcastle	"	2	6
	4 Glasses of Ale on the whole Tour	"	"	6
		£ 10	8	3
	Recd Cash	7	"	"
		3	8	3

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Account among many of my other Felonies
rapes and Murders of the Journey to Scotland
in 1845 as near as I can remember it

Having seen the Duke of Wellington and he gave
me out to be a Diabolical Assassin send I
might accompany the Queen to Blair Athol
Balmoral, and
I perceived at the first station a Policeman
accompanied me I knew he would give me in
charge of a magistrate, I therefore took a dagger
or Stiletto out in his heart at the first station we
stopped at, I served two or three others the
same so the last wished a gentleman to water
me got out himself not wishing to lose his life
I ran the dagger into the Gentleman and sent him
quietly to sleep so quietly that he never moved I
then took from his purse about 5 £ and got off
the policeman returned to the carriage the Gentleman
never having got out one one remarking the
Gentleman never got out, the policeman went to
not liking to speak to the Gentleman he always so
quietly as if still alive, and I having killed him he
did not like to be spoken to when as the policeman
afterwards told me they found him dead I went
and gave 30 £ of the Gentlemans money to a charitable institution in Edinburgh, and I went on with the
royal party to Balmoral.

I here I picked a quarrel with the Earl and destroy
by means of some crocodiles or some creature I put a
bed with three the three daughters in Law children of the
Earl afterwards I went out with one of the men
killed her and afterwards ravished her, laid
the blame on another man who caught us, and
got him hanged killed him by knocking overboard
in a boat afterwards, and the girls sweathear fired
at me and I shot him dead, I afterwards gave the
party the Earls orders to throw the man into the
Sea, which I did so that the Earl got suspected
to be a murderer, the Earl then in mourning transfer
the Estate to Queen his only remaining daughter being
alive, through his death, I then went on with the Queen to
Glasgow, She not liking to stay among so much
bloodshed, The Earl sending me an order or warrant
for Glasgow I wanted to get back to London, but
knew I was locked, unless the Court would more with
me, so I think I killed the constable, said I was the
Duke of Wellington and shot a Soldier dead
with a musket, and caused the others to be wounded
I then under pretence of viewing the theatre caused
them to be laid in their and set the theatre on fire
I then sent them was a telegraphic message from the duke
of Wellington to the effect that there was a conspiracy
against the Queen and she had better move on
to Edinburgh, I then killed a magistrate I think
the Lord Provost and another man, I placed the 50
I had stolen to the duke of Wellingtons account in a

's Bank in Edinburgh or London I forget which, the
policeman when I got back met me at the Edinburgh
Station, and said dont kneep any, its useless expenditure
of human life, I said I dont want to kill any one, but
you no dare said he I will not. I said come into the carriage
with me then, he said no if you perhaps you would send me
to sleep, he said why dont you take my dagger from
me he said dont talk much so he got into another carriage
though he told me he should stop at Edinburgh,
so when I got back to London, I was surprised to find
my old friend the Policeman, I raised my dagger at
him, he said dont kill me, I said I will, he said you'll
be tried for murder, I said no I only do it in my own
defence, he said thank you, I wanted to know, then if you
killed those men I said and if you take me up, I kill you, he
said I shouldnt think of such a thing, I said how
then are such weapons unlawful, he said if no one
taking you before a magistrate, there's no one will con-
vict you they dare not, I said how's that, he said
magistrates are for common offenders, and you are above that
line, but will find it out some day, you've had a chance of
being walked yourself, by one of your own sort but there's
other assassins besides you. or some thing to that effect
I went as soon as I conveniently could to see the Duke of Wellington
at the horse guards, he thanked for the five hundred pounds
but soon found it out, and taxed me with being the thief
and assassin this I denied and said he was a liar, we fought
he with his sword and I with my Dagger and he drove me
I flung back my weapon to me with contempt, and said I ought
wear it as long as I pleased, but might be hanged for it
did as I shared much fear of death, he said with a sneer

the best employment for me would be to go about begging forgiveness of Noblemen whose families I had murdered but if I had any worth I should give myself up to justice, but was not a Gentleman, afterwards I went to the Earl to beg his pardon he granted it me written out at length with his name signed, I said what use is it to me if it will not secure my life, he said, you may go you are as welcome as if I were worthless as you I should die, he said I shant prosecute you, I said do you think me guilty he said you are the assassin, and I said no you have killed your own family, I will kill you and swear that you did it being insane, to I said you, he said no I'll give you satisfaction, fight you a duel, my heart broken, I fell on my knees I stabbed him in the bowels and cut his face shamefully, all on shame on me, I said I do it in my own defence, I must have my pardon granted, I'm insane, you're all frightened at me, they said no, but we won't turn assassins you may kill us all if you will I said and then my self said, you'd better finish me I wish to die, but said one Gentleman you shall first write a confession to me, I said I will, I did so, but wrote no name to it, I took it to the central criminal court then sitting, there at the Bar I said here's a confession, they said he's no signature, I said I'll go and get one, so I went to the Earl and he streaming down with blood, signed a confession of my crimes, not knowing what he did. I resolved he should, now I said I will hang you villain, he said aye pray do, they said it will be murder, I said I

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I wont do it then, he said will none of my servants be kind enough to kill me, I would kill myself if I were not too faint from loss of blood, I said I sware your master, obey you to kill him obey his orders, he said lend your dagger, I said no you will kill me if you get hold of that, he said I will, I said I wont it to kill myself, the Earl then said I sware and take out your dirk and stab me to the heart put me out of my pain and from the taunts of this villain, the Steward drew a clasp knife placed it between the Earls ribs thrust it into his heart, and the Earl expired after a struggle, I with the speed of lightning struck the point of my dagger into the Steward's heart and he too expired after the Earl, the Gentlemen present then said now kill all and then yourself, the proprietor of the house came in and complained of blood being spilt upon the carpet and such horrible proceedings in his house then said why you secure the Assassin I said I'll kill you, if you touch me, he said you may go to me, for I wont risk my life upon such a fellow, they all said you dont think, I said no I'm kill myself, but not with my dagger, but with the law so I ran off into the central criminal court then sitting and said gentlemen I come to surrender myself to take my trial, the Judge said the court has other business, I said so have I want to be going I will plead guilty he said if that's the case you may stand in the dock the other business of the court may be suspended, he committed me he said that you plead guilty to the murder of the Earl

of Balmoral I said not guilty. He said what can do you come here for then, I said to plead guilty to killing the steward the Judge said that is wilful Murder, I said I did it in my own defence and that was corroborated, in my case by other witnesses who swore to the facts already stated I was declared not guilty and allowed to walk out of court, also informed there was an order from the council of state no coroner's jurries were to sit on my cases by an order from the council of state, I having stalled a coroner or two. so no jury that I am aware of has yet sat upon the Earl and his steward, and the Balmoral estate being being destitute of an heir, the heirship according to the law of Scotland in the case of felo de se reverts or felony as the Earl according to the forged statement I put into hands of the Jury reverts to the crown. Now if the Queen or Prince of Wales were to give the Estates by a lawful grant, the last Earl would be still be a felon by the forged stated statement I put into his hands, he being too feint and weak from loss of blood to know what he was about. But the clearest proof would be the establishment of my guilt by my confession if valid, or proof by witnesses if they had all been incompetent.