

Extracts from  
The Diary of Grace Emily Mackarness

1901

In 1901 Grace was 45 and her husband Charlie, Vicar of St Martin's on the Hill, Scarborough, was 51. Margot was 18, Elfie 14, Hugh 16, Cuthbert 11, Guy 8 and Roger 5.



The family in the mid 1900s

Elfie  
Cuthbert      Margo      Charlie      Grace      Hugh  
                                 Roger                      Guy

**Saturday 4 January**

Charlie went to York for the day. The children played hocky [sic] on the sands with Mr Roberts, Frn.v. M.<sup>1</sup> & others. Cold, in the afternoon & evening foggy. I called on Lady Cayley. Evensong. Margot, Hughie, Elfie & Cuthbert went to a dance at the Prince of Wales – given by Mrs Steble – in

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<sup>1</sup> *Fraulein von Münchow, the governess*

masks & dominos: black masks & pale blue (M) and salmon pink (E) art muslin, & red (H) & old gold (C) satin. They enjoyed it very much.

### **Sunday 5 January**

The 4 children who were out last night had breakfast in bed & Margot spent the day in bed as she was not very well. A cold day but fine. I went to a small tea party at the Austens'.

### **Tuesday 8 January**

A cold day & some snow. Charlie had to go to York at 10.40 & was not home till the evening & at 7 had to go to a Sch. Board Meeting. I paid the books. I went to ask after Miss Frances Wilson & paid her a visit. Hughie, & Cuthbert (after snowballing on Oliver's Mt. with the other children – except M - & Fr v. M & Jane) joined me in West St & we paid a long visit to the Joys, Mr Joy showing us his beautiful collection of butterflies: we had tea there. Hughie went to a rehearsal at the Grammar School. Some snow.

### **Wednesday 9 January**

Charlie went to York at 10.40. The boys went out & had some fun in snow, though it was not deep. Preparations for the parties. The little children's party began at 4.30 & lasted till 7, but they were not all gone till some time later: it went off most successfully. Mrs Godfrey<sup>2</sup> & Mr Roberts were very helpful. Charlie was at tea but had go [sic] out afterwards. He had a meeting at 8. Hughie went to a Rehearsal. Margot, Fr v M & I went to Evensong. After supper M & I tidied the toy cupboards of which some of the little children had made havoc.

### **Saturday 12 January**

A mild day. I went to the Celebration. Mr Roberts, the 5 children, Fr v M & others had a game of hockey on the sands. Hughie, Cuthbert & I went to the Edwards' about clothes for the acting & then to the town for a moustache. Evensong.

### **Sunday 13 January**

Margot & I went to church at 8. Charlie preached in the morning & Mr Pemberton at night – Charlie going to Wheatcroft. Mr Roberts came to luncheon. Hughie & I went for a walk, Cuthbert kindly going with Guy & Fr v M to church, Roger was not quite the thing. Miss Richardson & Miss Raines dropped in to tea, & Col. Hill & Major Pollard came to supper.

### **Friday 18 January**

A misty morning. Charlie went to school. A busy time packing. By the 1.17 train Hughie started for Marlborough., Charlie & Cuthbert seeing him off. I took Roger to Mr B M in fear & trembling but he had 2 teeth stopped without a murmur. Evensong. Margot had her girls in the evening.

### **Saturday 19 January**

Mr Roberts took Elfie out for a bicycle ride. Margot had breakfast in bed with a cold & headache. The 3 boys went on the sands. A wet afternoon. Cuthbert, Guy & I went to tea & a good magic lantern at the Grand given by Mr Bruce & much enjoyed it. Margot & Elfie had tea & spent the evening at the Saverys'.

We were grieved to hear the dear old Queen is very ill.

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<sup>2</sup> Mabel Godfrey, whose family lived opposite St Martin's Vicarage. Her husband was Dr Frank Godfrey.

**Monday 21 January  
birthday**

Theodore's<sup>3</sup>

A mild day & some rain. Tidying up in Hughie's & the Bishop's room. Mr Pemberton came to luncheon. Preparations for the Choirboys' treat. Elfie & Cuthbert went to the Godfreys' in honour of Violet's<sup>4</sup> birthday. Fr v M & Margot went to tea at the Hardmans'. The Choirboys' treat went off [sic] thoroughly well: Elfie & Cuthbert stayed to the end & Guy till past 8. Mr Pemberton came in for part of the evening.

**Tuesday 22 January**

Dr Godfrey came to see Elfie's back & pronounced that she must lie for an hour on the back board daily & not bicycle for a time. E: C:&G came down the town with me. Meeting at Mrs Kitson's about the magazine club. ....

The dear Queen died

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Meeting about Rescue work in the evening at the grammar School addressed by Mrs Pemberton. Tea & coffee afterwards in the lower school.

**Saturday 26 January**

Guy had spots which Dr Godfrey pronounced to be chickenpox so I isolated him in the Bishop's room & Elfie & Roger were excluded. There had been snow in the night but it turned to rain in the course of the day. I went to see various people to get a teacher for Elfie's class. Margot & Mabbie went to tea at the Cattleys'. Evensong. I sat with Guy at intervals. C & I slept with Guy in the Bishop's room.

**Sunday 27 January**

A furious wind. Margot & I went to Church at 8. Charlie in the morning & Mr Pemberton at night preached about the dear Queen & the Church was a sight with the people in mourning. We had the dead March in Saul after Matins & Beethoven's Funeral March after Evensong, & Chopin's as the Voluntary at night. Mr Roberts came to luncheon and came in again in the evening, Mr Bolland coming to supper. I took my boys' class in the vestry & M & E were forbidden to go to school, & poor Elfie only went to ch. in the afternoon sitting down in the chairs.

**Tuesday 29 January**

Snow & sleet at intervals. I moved Guy into my room. I paid the books. Read to Guy. Cuthbert has chickenpox at school! & Clara is evidently annoyed with me. I hunted about & finally got one of the Dawsons to take Margot's Toy class. Evensong.

**Wednesday 30 January**

A mixture of weather, frost, snow, rain, thaw & at night another fall of snow. I took Roger out for a little while. I read to Guy. A few calls. Late Evensong, & then – after a long wait, the undertaker being very late – Mrs Waterhouse's coffin was brought into church & there were some prayers, a hymn &c.

**Thursday 31 January**

The roads were in a very messy state as the day went on. I went to Mr B M & had two teeth stopped: Charlie went in the afternoon. I read to Guy. Evensong.

**Saturday 2 February**

I went to the 7.15 Celebration. A thaw ...

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<sup>3</sup> Theodore Milford, Grace's younger brother

<sup>4</sup> Violet Godfrey, the middle sister

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At 12 o'clock was held an impressive memorial service for our dear Queen. There was a large congregation of people in mourning .....  
Connie Monson came to tea & stayed talking to me afterwards about Aline &c .....

### **Tuesday 5 February**

Charlie had his Boys' Bible Class instead of Monday. Snow & sleet part of the day, but partly fine. Guy went out with the Godfreys. Fr v M, Mr Roberts, the girls & I went up to hear the King proclaimed at the Town Hall: the proclamation was inaudible where we stood in the crowd but we heard the Bishop say a prayer & heard the trumpets &c. Charlie had a wedding & after a hasty luncheon left at 1.17 for Oxford. A good G F A Meeting. In late to Evensong.

### **Saturday 9 February**

A fine day. Guy went out morning & afternoon with the Godfreys. Mr Roberts came in after luncheon & had a photographic afternoon with Margot & Elfie, & tea with me. I paid calls. Evensong. Found Charlie safely arrived when we got in from Church. Mr Roberts came in & developed. Charlie went to the Old Town Hall in the evening & presided at a Popular Concert, got up on Temperance grounds: he was to say a few words in the middle.

### **Monday 11 February**

Charlie had a meeting at 12 so the clergy only came in to luncheon. Guy came down & began lessons again but Roger had chickenpox & had to stay upstairs in the nurseries. I had rheumatism in my left shoulder, so got Dr Godfrey to prescribe for me. Bp Scott arrived at 3.43 & at 4.30 he & I had tea at the Vicarage to meet the Bp of Newcastle who was very friendly. Charlie had to be at the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the Children's S P G Meeting at the Grand & then went to a Sch Board Meeting before coming to the big meeting at 7.30: there was a good attendance in spite of snow: W Worsley, & the Bps of Newcastle & N China spoke. I played the hymns. Aunt J<sup>5</sup> drove Bp Scott both ways & Mr Roberts walked with us & came to tea afterwards.

### **Friday 15 February**

I went to the Celebration. Charlie went to school ....  
Miss Wilson was buried in the afternoon. I went to the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the service, at S Martin's ....  
I played with Roger. Calls. Charlie had his class. Evensong. Margot went to supper at Mrs Sims'.

The King & Queen opened Parliament for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.

### **Saturday 16 February**

A thaw. I played draughts with Roger. Household business. I called on the Nunneleys. Early tea & then Fr v M the girls & I went to the Mechanics' Institute where we were joined by Mr Roberts, & heard an amusing paper by Mr Bosville on 'Why some methods of music making bore me,' followed by a short concert. Mr Roberts & M & E did a little developing. Dinner early & Charlie left for York at 8.5.

### **Friday 8 March**

I went to the Penitential Psalms. Charlie went to school. I went to the Litany & had the pleasure of telling Mr Roberts of the appointment of his dear Bp of Stepney to London ...  
We were grieved to see the death of a boy at Marlborough .....  
I helped cut out work at the Lodge. Evensong. Charlie preached at the Guild Service. Elfie's cold was better & she went to her Bible class & Evensong.

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<sup>5</sup> Julia Sophia Mackarness 1836-1912, Charlie's aunt. Superintendent of Yorkshire House of Rest for Ladies

### **Friday 15 March**

I went to the Penitential Psalms & Celebration. Charlie went to school. Damp. I went to the Litany. In the afternoon I helped a little with the cutting out at the Lodge. Major Norris telegraphed 'Would gladly come tomorrow afternoon for Sunday if quite convenient.' Evensong. Charlie & I went to the School of Art Prizegiving in the evening, Capt Bower took the Chair & I gave away the prizes: we looked at the exhibition of drawings afterwards.

### **Tuesday 19 February**

A blustering day with sleet or snow showers. Major Norris left by the 8.35 train. I paid the books. I went to see Willie Loxley & paid some calls. Evensong, after which Mr Roberts came in & developed with Margot & Elfie. Clara wrote to say that Cuthbert has whooping cough! Working party at the Lodge: Charlie came in to close.

### **Tuesday 26 February**

Some snowstorms but a good part of the day was fine. I paid the books. We were sorry to hear that Father has gout & sisters bad colds. Margot went with the Bulcote girls to Filey where they just lost a hockey match. I paid bills. Evensong. Mr Roberts came in to develop. Final working party in the evening, Aunt Jue & I read, Miss Thompson not being there: Charlie closed.

### **Saturday 30 February**

We woke to find it raining & the snow much of it disappeared. The children went out after the rain stopped & had a good walk. Developing in the afternoon. I paid calls, & then the girls & I went to tea with Mr Roberts. Evensong. Margot went to the final working party. The 3 Godfreys came in & we played card games in which Mr Frere, when he arrived, soon joined in.

### **Wednesday 3 April**

A milder day though a very high wind. Elfie & Eileen<sup>6</sup> came to Church with me early. I went to the Litany, Psalms & Reading. In the afternoon I did some shopping. Charlie had his Confirmation Class. Guy & I went up to the station & met Hughie who arrived safely at 5.16: he won the solo singing competition. I went to the Address to Church workers &c which Mr Frere gave. We all went to the service at 7.30 when Mr Frere again peached.

### **Monday 8 April**

The day was mostly fine though there was a heavy shower in the morning. Hughie played in a hockey match on the sands. Matins at 10.30. We had some amusing games of pingpong Mr Frere, Mr Roberts, Mabbie, F v M: M: H: G: & I. The clergy came to luncheon. Mr Frere played & sang. Cricket in the garden in which Mr Frere, Mr Roberts, Fr v M: & eventually all of us but Charlie played. Evensong & carols. Charlie & Hughie had a cycle ride. Music in the evening – Mr Frere & I played duets.

### **Tuesday 9 April**

I went to the Celebration at 8 & to Matins at 10.30. Charlie went to the grammar School. We had a Pingpong tournament, Mr Frere, Mr Pemberton, Mr Roberts, Fr v M, M, H, E, & I, which Margot won. Mr Frere left by the 2.35, Charlie, Margot & Guy going to the station with him: his visit was delightful. I took Hughie & Elfie to see Dr Godfrey & he found Elfie's back quite straight & gave her leave to bicycle: he ordered throat paint &c for Hughie. Visits. Evensong & carols.

### **Wednesday 10 April**

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<sup>6</sup> Eileen, the eldest Godfrey daughter, who later married Cuthbert

A fine day. I went to the Litany. Paid the books. Charlie, Mr Roberts, Hughie & Elfie rode to Throsenby where Charlie called on the Hebdens, & then to Scalby where they all had tea with the Cattleys. I went down to watch a hockey match on the Sands in which Margot was playing, Bulcote v Miss McCallum's girls: Bulcote won, 2 to 1. Calls. Late Evensong. Margot went early to bed with a neuralgic headache.

### **Monday 15 April**

### **Cuthbert's birthday. 11**

Showery. The clergy came to luncheon. Fr v M, Guy & I went to Ayton by the 1.46 & walked to Forge Valley where the clergy & M H & E met us, bicycling. We picked flowers & then had tea at the cottage. Coming back Fr v M, Guy & I missed the 5.51 so took refuge with the Simpsons who were very kind & gave us dinner & we left by the 8.41 & were met at Scarborough by Charlie & Hughie: Mr Roberts & the girls had cycled out to look for us.

### **Tuesday 16 April**

A fine day. The children & I went down the town before luncheon. Charlie had a busy day, grammar School, Baptism, Hospital &c. Calls. Evensong. Hughie went to stay with Mrs & Syndenham Moore for a day or two because of Cuthbert whom I met by the 6 o'clock train. I isolated him from the other children in case of infection from whooping cough. Ned & Arthur Austen came in at 9 o'clock for a smoke.

### **Thursday 18 April**

I went to the Celebration.. Charlie & I went off by the 11.15 to Sewerby Hall to the Lloyd Greames' for the Bridlington Festival. Mr Savile arrived with us & Kitty & Mr Stapleton were there already.

*Right: Frederick Stapleton, Vicar of Seamer, and his daughter Kitty.  
Photos: thanks to Helen Cooper*



We went to both Concerts, morning & evening & much enjoyed them. The Elijah was performed in the afternoon & a Funeral March & a miscellaneous Concert in the evening, Wagner, Beethoven, Coleridge-Taylor &c. We were introduced to Mr Francis Harford who sang very well: Miss Agnes Nicholls, Mr Gregory Hast, & Mrs Burrell also sang.



### **Friday 19 April**

Home again after a delightful time by the 9.35 – 10.25. Elfie had fallen on the stones yesterday & had slight concussion but she was better today. Hughie came with me to see Miss Roberts. She & Mr Roberts, M & E & Mr Pemberton went to the Beverley Missionary Exhibition. Eva Swayne came & had a chat in the garden. Evensong. The Beverley party got home between 1 & 2.

### **Tuesday 30 April**

A morning of packing, paying books &c. Charlie saw Hughie off at 1.20 for Marlborough, & then I picked him up & we drove to the Parish Church for Kathleen Walker's wedding with Mr Partridge. A sea roke came on while we were in church & lasted for the rest of the day. The Bp, Charlie, & Mr Stapleton took the wedding. We went to the Reception at the Grand. Evensong. Miss Roberts came in. Mr Roberts & the girls developed. Charlie & I dined at the Grand at the Leasowe Walkers' invitation.

### **Wednesday, May 1**

I went to the 8 o'clock celebration & to 10.30 Matins. Guy & I went down the town. The girls went to tea at the Café with Mr & Miss Roberts. I had a game of croquet with Cuthbert before going with

Charlie to the Randolphs' to meet the Dean of Ely & Mrs Stubbs: I only stayed a short time & then went to a tea party at the Sissons'. The Roberts' came in & we played Ping pong. Late Evensong.

#### **Saturday 4 May**

Fr v Munchen left at 11.15 for Germany, the children seeing her off. A busy day of packing and tidying – especially in the study. Evensong. Mr Roberts & Elfie developed. I played croquet with the boys.

#### **Monday 6 May**

Charlie went to Beverley. The joyful news came of dear old Humphrey's<sup>7</sup> engagement to Miss Marion Smith. A busy day. A good many people called. Packing.

#### **Tuesday 7 May**

Mr Pemberton came in to say Goodbye before taking the Celebration. Mr Roberts helped carry down the boxes: Cuthbert & Guy went in the 1<sup>st</sup> cab with Jane – who left at 8.25 – Laura & Roger in the 2<sup>nd</sup> cab: Charlie & Elfie rode up, & Margot (with her hair up) & I walked to the station, Mr Roberts coming with us as far as the bridge. We left for Knoyle at 8.35, Mrs Sims, Mabbie, & Mabel seeing us off: we came by the 3.45 from Waterloo so getting to Semley at 7.51: Charlie & Elfie rode up. Beatrice & Mai<sup>8</sup> welcomed us, Father & Mother being still in Bath.

#### **Wednesday 22 May**

A beautiful day. Ella & I wrote, read, & played duets. In the afternoon we drove to Brenttor to call on some people called Neame, & in getting out to open a gate Ella strained her foot & turned quite faint. We bandaged it up first at the Post Office & then the Neames were very kind & it was properly done up there with methylated spirit & a bandage. Hermann & I played croquet before dinner.

#### **Thursday 23 May**

Another lovely day though very windy. Ella did not get up to breakfast so I read prayers. Later she got up & sat in her little room. Hermann<sup>9</sup> & I drove to beyond Petertavy in the afternoon & then went down to the Tavy where he fished & I read: it was quite lovely. We had our tea by the river. Ella was better when we got back.

#### **Sunday 2 June**

Charlie & I went to S Philip's at 8 & at 11.0 to Holywell after which we wandered about in the lovely cemetery. Frank came to luncheon. Sat out in the garden. Humphrey & Marion came to tea & afterwards Charlie & Humphrey & Marion & I walked about in the garden: the fiances are thoroughly happy. Marion seems a nice little thing. Charlie, Daisy<sup>10</sup>, Humphrey, & I went to Evensong at New College.

#### **Wednesday 5 June**

\*A lovely day. Mother was allowed out again. Charlie, Daisy, & I went to luncheon at Ch Ch [Christ Church] with Frank: then Charlie fetched his bicycle & rode to Cuddesdon. Daisy & I shopped, called on the Randalls who were in (the ladies), & Lily Sumner who was away, & finally went to a grand party at the Ansons', All Souls', Blue Hungarian Band, Magdalen Quarttette [sic], & heaps of people. (\*I went to the early Celebration)

#### **Monday 10 June**

#### **Daisy's birthday**

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<sup>7</sup> Humphrey Milford 1877-1952, Grace's youngest brother

<sup>8</sup> Two of Grace's sisters. The others were Ella and Violet.

<sup>9</sup> Rev William Hermann David 1860-1929, Ella's husband

<sup>10</sup> Charlie's sister Katherine Mackarness 1862-1946

A lovely day. Charlie & I went down to New College, & met Kit<sup>11</sup> & Violet, Humphrey & Marion & Huss gave us a sumptuous luncheon in the Common Room, after which we adjourned to the garden. Then Charlie left & went for a drive with Mother & Daisy. We finally went to Somerville where V & I went to Marion's nice room: I like M very much. Mother & I went to evensong at S Philip's. Daisy & I went to a very good concert in the Town Hall: Mrs Kendal recited, amongst other things, & a Mr Irving sang very beautifully.

### **Wednesday 12 June**

Charlie & I were driven down to the Academy & saw it very comfortably: we met Miss Skirrow, & Dr Ince. Charlie went to a meeting in the afternoon at the Nat Society, & then Min<sup>12</sup> & I drove down to Westminster in spite of rain & picked him up & we did some shopping. Finally he went to see Mr Bodley.

### **Friday 14 June**

Bernard & Geoff had their breakfast early & went off to work while we were at breakfast. Min sent me in the carriage to see Mabel Wright who was delighted to see me. After luncheon Charlie & I left, & he dropped me at Euston while he went on to Kings X en route for Scarborough. I went by a splendid train to Rugby & drove to Church St, where Violet & others played l.t.<sup>13</sup> Dan & Matt were in the garden when we came back.

### **Wednesday 19 June**

A much warmer day. Elfie played cricket in the garden with Dan. Violet & I went out before luncheon & read in the Temple Reading Room. Kit treated us all to ices after luncheon. Violet, Elfie & I played croquet & then were driven in by rain. Violet went to tea & instrumental music at the Donkins'. I presided over a tea party of Elfie, Dan, & Agatha & Hester Dewar, after which we played games. Godfrey came in. After dinner Violet & I went to the Music School for a 'Patience' Practice: I took my work & listened.

### **Friday 21 June**

Elfie took some family groups. Packing. Violet cycled down to the station & saw Elfie & me off by the 12.50 to Scarborough: we changed at Leicester, Derby, Sheffield, & York & at York joined Margot, Guy, Roger, & Laura. Charlie met us at Scarborough & also Mabbie & Mabel. Fr v Münchow greeted us at the Vicarage, where everything looked clean, & fresh, & the garden bright & pretty: it was good to be home again.

### **Monday 8 July**

A glorious day. Annie Simpson was over on a trip from Middlesborough & came to see us, & we had her & her fiance – Joseph Taylor - & her little niece to dinner with the maids. Mr Roberts came to luncheon. I took Roger to see Dr Godfrey. Mother & I took the 2 little boys on the sands where Roger paddled & Guy sailed his boat: Laura & Jane met them in the Holbeck Gardens & Mother & I went to Mrs Johnson's to tea. Mabel & Sybil & Mr Roberts came & sat in the garden with us. Margot went to supper with Mabbie.

### **Saturday 13 July**

The day turned out lovely. We had a most successful Cayton Bay picnic in the afternoon, Mother, Emmie, Mrs Sims, Roger & I driving & M E G Mr Roberts, Fr v M: Mabel Ellenshaw, Katie<sup>14</sup>, Sybil & Eileen walking. After tea on the shore we all paddled except Mother & Margot. Mr Roberts came in to develop in the evening.

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<sup>11</sup> Henry Christopher Bradby, Violet's husband

<sup>12</sup> Mary Coleridge nee Mackarness, Charlie's sister. Wife of Bernard, Baron Coleridge

<sup>13</sup> Lawn tennis

<sup>14</sup> Katherine Haverfield, Charlie's cousin, who lived and worked with 'Aunt Jue' Mackarness

### **Wednesday 17 July**

It was very worrying to decide what to do for the best as to Hughie & the scarlet fever at Marlborough. A very hot day. Litany. Mother & I went to some shops, Emmie Noyes came to luncheon. In the afternoon Mother & I went to see Mr Dippie's lovely garden & he gave us tea & sent us home with beautiful flowers. We then went to a tea party at the Randolphins'. Late Evensong: Mr Williams played.

### **Monday 22 July**

### **Charlie's birthday**

I went to the Celebration. There was some rain for a wonder. Mr Pemberton came to luncheon. I called on Mrs Alderson Smith who gave me some lovely sweet peas. Evensong. Charlie had School Board meetings. The children had a half holiday & the little Godfreys came to tea. Fr v M Elfie, Guy, Eileen & Miss Bagnall went to see the fireworks.

### **Tuesday 23 July**

Damp, but it cleared. I paid the books. The Archbishop of York & Lord Mountgarrett came to luncheon at 2 o'clock; Charlie, Margot & I had it with them, the rest before. At 3 was the formal dedication of Queen Margaret's: M & I drove up with the Archbishop. There were a lot of people & it went off very well. After the short service the Archbp, Lord Mountgarret, Prost Talbot, Charlie, Sir W Worsley, & Canon Body spoke. The Dean of York came back to the Vicarage & he, Charlie, & Major Norris (who arrived in our absence) smoked in the garden.

### **Tuesday 30 July**

A very warm day. I paid the books. Charlie & the girls & Fr v M had luncheon early & then started for Stainton Dale for the School Treat. Parking. I met Hughie by the 4.28 & we had tea at Rowntree's Café, then we sat out in the St Nicholas St Gardens & finally left at 6.15 for Mrs Carr's 1 Granville Mt Scalby. After a meal at 7 & unpacking we had a stroll & then sat out in the little garden. Then card games & bed.

### **Wednesday 31 July**

A lovely day. Hughie & I went out & did our shopping & then went for a beautiful walk & sat on the top of a hill. In the afternoon we went on the Scarborough road on the chance of meeting Charlie but we had had tea before he appeared on his bicycle, having waited to start the Infants' tea before leaving. We gave him a good tea before he started home again. After he left we bought a paper & had a stroll. After supper we played Ping Pong over a board in the kitchen & then had card games.

### **Thursday August 1**

Leave came from Dr Godfrey through Charlie for us to go home tomorrow – there having been no fresh case at Marlborough since July 17. Hughie & I went out for a walk & finally read in a field. We called on the Cattleys who were very friendly & we spent the afternoon with them playing croquet, having tea &c. The girls fetched us again in the evening & we sat out & then Hughie & Judith played Ping pong & finally H & I.

### **Friday 2 August**

Packing, & off by the 10.3 for Scarborough being seen off by 2 of the Cattleys & little Evelyn Maclagan. Elfie & Cuthbert met us & the 2 boys walked up together. It was very nice to be home again. I paid some calls in the afternoon. Evensong.

### **Saturday 3 August**

### **Minnie's & Nellie's Silver Wedding Day**

A warm day. Fr v Münchow went away for a holiday engagement Margot, Elfie & Guy seeing her off. Charlie, Hughie & Cuthbert bathed. The boys gardened in the afternoon. Calls, & tea at Miss Thompson's to meet Mrs Tew. Evensong. Weeding. Margot & Hughie played Ping pong.

### **Monday 5 August**

### **Ella's birthday**

The day kept fine. Hughie & Cuthbert bathed. I had an interview with Mrs Learoyd about Fr v M. Mr Pemberton came to luncheon. My At Home day & I had a fair number of people – out in the garden. Margot & Hughie went to Wheatcroft Cliff for l.t.: & Guy & Roger went to spend the afternoon with some children belonging to the Wises.

..... The Empress Frederick died .....

### **Thursday 8 August**

I went to the Celebration. Hughie & Cuthbert went to the Circus, mainly at Cuthbert's expense. Elfie went with Miss Bagnall & the Godreys to an Instrumental Concert by Miss Sloman (Mrs Prior): Margot & I went for part & then came out & went to the Alderson Smiths' where Margot had some l.t. Mrs Holden (Mrs A A's sister) drove me home Margot & Mabel following later. Hughie went to see 'In the Soup' at the Spa. Very warm. We sat out late.

### **Friday 9 August**

Charlie went up to the station with Mabel who left for Crickieth. Another warm day. I went into 3 weeks' mourning for the Empress Frederick. Calls in the afternoon. Evensong. Charlie went to the Sea Bathing.

### **Wednesday 14 August**

I went to the Celebration. Preparation for our guests. A good deal of rain in the course of the day. Most of the family spent the afternoon at the Godfreys. Charlie, Hermann, Ella, Margot & I went to Ravenscar where we imbibed some good moor air & had a damp time: we came back by the same train as Lionel Stanhope. After tea he, Ella, Margot, & I played croquet. Evensong. Music. Lionel arrived safely by the 9.41. Hughie slept in Cuthbert's bed & Cuthbert in our room.

### **Thursday 15 August**

A damp morning. We had a Ping pong tournament. All the party except Charlie, Ella, Margot & I went to the Circus: we 4 went to the Hospital & Miss Richardson showed us over it, including the new part. We went to tea at the Lodge. Evensong. Some rain. All of us but Charlie, Hughie (who had a cold) & - of course – Roger went on the sands & had an excellent view of the fireworks which were specially good. Elfie slept at the Godfreys'.

### **Wednesday 21 August**

Dr Taylor came to see Roger & said – as Dr Godfrey had done – that he ought to be operated on at once, so we telegraphed to Dr Littlewood, Park Square & made an appointment: Dr Taylor was very kind & so was Dr Godfrey who came in later. Elfie & Hughie went to the L. T. tournament & tea with Mr Roberts. Packing. A lovely day. Late Evensong.

### **Thursday 22 August**

### **Lionel's birthday**

By the 8.30 darling Roger & I came to Leeds, Charlie seeing us off. We went to Mr Littlewood, Park Square, & he arranged to operate today, telegraphed to C & sent us to a Nursing Home, Spring House, Caledonian Rd. Roger & I went out & he bought some toys. Charlie arrived & about 3.20 we saw our darling put off under chloroform & left him with the doctors & nurses: he was kept off under ether & the operation lasted 45 minutes & then the dressing took some time: it was a tubercular growth. C & I went out after seeing R asleep & then C went to the Swaynes & I sat with R & the nurse. R roused from time to time & fretted a little over the bandages or was sick. C came again during the evening. I was not allowed to sleep with R which tried him a good deal.

### **Saturday 24 August**

A day of close attendance on my little Roger reading to him & playing with him. I got out a little in the garden mostly when he had settled down for the night. Mr Littlewood was quite satisfied with him. It seemed a very long day. Reading and Patience. Roger had a good night.

### **Wednesday 28 August**

Some showers at intervals. Mr Littlewood came early & dressed Roger's neck: he was much pleased with the way it was getting on. He praised him for being a good boy when he took out two of the stitches. After luncheon Roger got up & was dressed & we went out in the garden till rain drove us in. Robin came & paid us a nice visit. Later Roger & I went out in the streets for a little. Back to bed.

### **Thursday 29 August**

Roger got up to breakfast. Packing. Mr Littlewood paid his final visit. By the 11.40 Roger & I started for home, Mrs Williamson seeing us off. We got to Scarborough very late & found Charlie at the station & the 3 boys well down the road: we had a rapturous welcome with flags flying. Alfred Hacking was at home: he & Margot & I walked to the Castle in the afternoon. Charlie went to Hull by the 5.20 for the night. Games in the evening.

### **Friday 30 August**

A good deal of rain in the course of the day. Margot had a bad headache so got up late & went to bed early. Alfred Hacking left at 11.45. Margot & I went to look up one of my GFS girls. Evensong – in late. Charlie went to the Sea Bathing. We pulled Roger about in the mailcart after tea & I read to him.

### **Wednesday 4 September**

Charlie took the Celebration to which I went. Charlie gave me a delightful green wooden chair, & the children a spade, rake &c. I went to the Litany & in the Lodge, & played croquet with Chris & Margot. Preparations. Charlie & I paid calls in vain on the Lefroys & Londesboroughs. The children & the Godfreys did some very good tableaux to an admiring audience – Margot helped with the dressing &c, & Margot went to bed early. Cards with Hughie & Chris.

### **Friday 6 October**

Rather dull. Dr Godfrey came to see Roger & his bandage was finally taken off: he only now has a pad of sort of woolly stuff fastened with strips of plaister & a silk handkerchief. Litany. Chris, Cuthbert, the girls & I went for a walk on the sands. Connie Monson came to tea. Evensong. Hughie & Chris went to the Spa to see 'The man from Blankley's'.

### **Wednesday 11 September**

Charlie & Cuthbert bathed. Litany. Elfie had her session at Mr B M's but was only partly done. Guy & Roger had a donkey ride. Charlie & Elfie rode to Throxenby & then to the Cattleys'. I paid a call and went to tea at Mrs Low's. Late Evensong.

### **Thursday 12 September**

A beautiful day. Margot went for a bathe with Miss Smith & being late went back with her to luncheon. I took Cuthbert & Guy to Mr B M's where they had teeth stopped. In the afternoon I went to a Waifs & Strays' Meeting at the Vicarage addressed by Mr Hunt. Evensong. (Fr v Münchow has gone home, her father being hopelessly ill). Mr Pugh came in the evening.

### **Saturday 14 September**

### **Our Wedding Day**

I went to Church at 7.45 when Charlie celebrated. The day turned out lovely. Charlie gave me a beautiful basket of flowers & - I think – fruit, & Stephenson added fruit & tomatoes. Roger was not quite the thing. Aunt Jue took me to a matinee of 'Faust', which I much enjoyed.

Hughie finished & presented his birthday present of a very nice frame.

### **Sunday 15 September**

Roger was still not quite well, but went to Church in the afternoon. We had the Dead March for President McKinley. Charlie preached a very good sermon. Hughie, Cuthbert & I had a walk. Mrs Sims & Mabbie came to tea, & Mr Edward Smith & Mr Hephher to supper.

### **Wednesday 18 September**

A beautiful day. Preparations for the Sale. Charlie came home before luncheon. At 3.30 we had the Waifs & Strays' Sale in the garden, our children having one stall & the Godfreys another & sharing the tea: a very successful Sale, our Box getting £2 8/- & the Godfreys about 8/- more. We had the tea in the house. Charlie left at 4.50 for Willerby but not for the night. Late Evensong.

### **Thursday 19 September**

A busy day of packing for the boys. Hughie took a number of books &c on the chance of being in the VIth and getting a study. Lilian came to luncheon. I heard from Frn v M that she is not coming back again. Evensong. The children let off fireworks.

### **Friday 20 September**

Charlie saw Hughie & Cuthbert off to school at 8.35. Very windy. Charlie was not very well internally. He & I called on Miss Body who was out & then we separated & I went to see the Beckwiths & Mrs Alington: Mrs Alington was out but I paid Miss Jefferson a visit. Evensong. Charlie went to the Sea Bathing where he turned faint in the service but eventually managed to finish. He went to bed early.

### **Monday 23 September**

I took Guy round to the Beckwiths' & he began his School life: he came back quite happy & went again in the afternoon. Dr Godfrey found Charlie better. Margot wrote for Charlie. Aunt Jue came to see him in the afternoon. Between 5 & 6 he came downstairs to his study: Mr Pemberton paid him a visit.

### **Tuesday 24 September**

A lovely day. Charlie was down & having breakfast when Dr Godfrey came to see him. Guy went to school. I paid the books. We were delighted to hear that Hughie is in the VIth. I went to see Mrs Fred Rose. Margot went to bed with a sick headache. Marion & Chris King came to tea with the children.

### **Saturday 28 September**

A lovely bright day. Elfie went to school for the morning only. Margot & I went down the town. In the afternoon Elfie & Guy bicycled. I went to arrange about Fr v Munchow's bicycle, & paid a call on Mrs Daniel. Evensong.

### **Monday 30 September**

Elfie & Guy went to school & Guy came home in great delight at having got full marks conduct (60) for last week. Elfie came home early in the afternoon with a headache. I went to look up GFS girls in the afternoon. Margot went for a walk with Mabbie & later to a Students' Assoc. Meeting with Mary Barber. Guy & Roger went to tea with Vera & Kitty. Evensong.

### **Saturday 5 October**

Margot went to Matins before breakfast. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Rehearsal was at 10, & Mr Swayne left before it was over so we did not see him again. Edgar & Theodore Gibson came & sat near us which was very pleasant. Eva, & one of the Chorus ladies, Robin & we 2 had luncheon at Powlony's & Robin sat with

us at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Rehearsal before which we said goodbye to Eva. We 3 had tea together & Robin escorted us to the station after our delightful time. Safe home & Charlie met us. I had a nasty fall over my box in the dark & smashed my forehead on one of the handles of my dressing table chest of drawers.

#### **Thursday 10 October**

I went to the Celebration. A lovely day. Charlie came back safely from Canon Bodington's Retreat at Helmsley. Margot & I went over to Prospect Rd to the dressmaker. Margot went to the Lecture. I paid calls. Charlie had his communicants' class. Evensong. We watched the Godfreys experimenting with their fire escape.

#### **Friday 18 October**

A telegram came telling of M's safe arrival at Kelly the night before. Charlie celebrated at the 7.15 Celebration to which I went. He went by the 8.35 to York for the consecration of 3 Bishops (E Hoskyns, Burnley; Moule, Durham; & Canon Quirk, Sheffield). I went to Matins. Charlie came back in time for his Bible class but left again at 5.20 for Kilham for a Harvest Festival. I went to a tea party at Miss Nunnely's. Roger went to tea with George Howard.

#### **Monday 28 October**

I went to the 8 o'clock Celebration which Charlie took, & to 10.30 Matins. A very mild day. The clergy came to luncheon. I went to a sale of Christmas cards at Mrs Smith's & to see Mrs Paulet. Evensong. Mr Roberts, Elfie & I went to Mr Williams' 1<sup>st</sup> concert. Elfie was seedy all day but got better at night. Charlie had a Sch Board meeting. Later he went to smoke at Col Kendall's.

#### **Friday 15 November**

Snow on the ground when we awoke. Roger went out in the garden in the morning & made a snow man with Jane: Guy made one later. The Thackerays went out calling both morning and afternoon. Miss Grylls went out most of the morning & left at 1.17 having much enjoyed himself. I paid some calls. We went to tea with Aunt Jue & Katie. Elma<sup>15</sup> came to tea in the nursery. Mr Thackeray preached.

#### **Monday 25 November**

I kept Guy in bed because of his cough. The clergy came to luncheon. I read to the little boys, & then paid calls & went to tea next door with the Burtons to meet Mr & Mrs Uppleby. Evensong. The Bishop of Zululand (Carter) came. Early dinner. Charlie went to a School Board meeting & came in later to the S P G Meeting at the Town Hall to which the Bp & I drove down with Miss Randolph. I delightful meeting: Mr Colbeck, Mr Tudor, & the Bp of Zululand spoke & there was a very good attendance. Mr Pemberton came in to tea. Elf went to Mr Williams' Concert with Miss Bostock.

#### **Thursday 28 November**

Windy & colder: Guy went to school though & Roger out twice. Charlie went to school. He opened the CMS sale of work at the Old Town Hall at 11.30. I went to it in the afternoon after a call on Mrs D W. I sang 2 songs. Charlie left at 5.20 for Beverley .....Mrs Palmes died of an apoplectic seizure ..... I went to Evensong. Major Norris arrived at 8 o'clock.

#### **Tuesday 3 December**

Charlie went to school. I paid the books & shopped in the town. G F S Meeting in the afternoon. The Marriners called to say goodbye. Mr Longridge arrived during the afternoon. Evensong. Mrs Ellershaw & I went to an entertainment at the Londesborough got up by Miss Feilder for the Soldiers' Families: Elfie came later with the Miss Wises to a reserved seat: some things were good, especially the Tableaux but Miss Fortescue recited horrid things. Home late. Margot was to go to her 1<sup>st</sup> grown up dance.

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<sup>15</sup> The youngest Godfrey sister

### **Monday 9 December**

Cold & some snowy sleet. Guy & I went down the town before luncheon to which the clergy came. Calls. Evensong ..... Our dear Mrs Maidment died on Friday night ..... Elfie & I went to Dr Ely's Concert on the spa & much enjoyed it: 'Hiawatha's Departure' & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Act of 'Tannhäuser'.

### **Friday 13 December**

I went to the Celebration. A terribly windy & rainy day & Elfie was told not to go to school again in the afternoon. I went in (late) to the Litany & stayed for Mr Pemberton's lecture. Elfie, Cuthbert & I got Christmas cards in the afternoon. Evensong. Elfie, Cuthbert, Guy, Eileen, Violet & I went to the School for a Lantern Lecture – Waifs & Strays – by Mr Hunt. A very small congregation at the Guild Service which Mr Pemberton took.

### **Saturday 14 December**

Another blustering day & Roger could not get out. There was a wreck on the shore & Cuthbert went down to see it. He & Guy joined me in the town after School in the morning. Christmas card doing up in the afternoon & evening. Evensong.

### **Sunday 15 December**

Calm again at last. I went to the 8 o'clock Celebration. Mr Pemberton preached in the morning. Mr Roberts came to luncheon. After my class Cuthbert & I went on to the shore & - with hundreds of others – looked at the wreck of the Satellite of Dover. Snowing in the evening. Mr Roberts preached a very good sermon.

### **Tuesday 17 December**

Charlie went to the Celebration & then came back for his breakfast but I had mine early. Elfie & Guy went to school. Dr Godfrey came, & then at 9.30 Dr Maingay & Dr Taylor & our dear Cuthbert was operated on for adenoids & bit of his left tonsil removed: it was done in the Bishop's room on 2 tables put lengthways across the window. Charlie & had only a few minutes' waiting before we were able to go back, & Dr Godfrey soon carried Cuthbert back to bed: he said 'He is a plucked one'. I sat with him in his room. Dr G brought him some lovely grapes. Elf & G went down the town before luncheon & Elf & Roger in the afternoon. Aunt J & Katie came in. Dr Godfrey came in & had tea. Elf went to the W M breaking up.

### **Friday 20 December**

Dr Godfrey came to see Cuthbert. Guy & Roger played in the snow in the garden. Margot & I helped with the decorations. Litany (late) & Mr Pemberton's Lecture. Shopping with M & E. Mr Pemberton came to tea. Guy & I went to meet Hughie at 5.16 but he did not come till 6: I left Guy at the station & the girls joined him. Hughie is grown. Guild Service. Unpacking.

### **Saturday 21 December**

Dr Godfrey gave leave for Cuthbert to go out which he did – with something over his mouth – between 12 & 1. Hughie went to Seamer for an 'Ici on parle' &c rehearsal by the 2.40 train. The girls & I went down the town. Evensong. Christmas business. (x I went to the 7.15 Celebration & to Matins).

### **Monday 23 December**

A busy day. M, H, E, & C went to skate on the Mere taking their luncheon. Guy & Roger slid in the garden. The skaters came back between 3 & 3 & Hughie & I went down the town together. Shopping. Evensong. Charlie & Margot went out shopping. It came on to snow. We opened the Knoyle box of presents &c.

### **Wednesday 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**

A fine day. Margot, Hughie & I went to the 7 o'clock Celebration. A great giving of presents. The whole family went to Matins, when Charlie preached a very good sermon. Mr Roberts came to luncheon & tea & Aunt Jue & Katie to tea. The whole family of us went for a walk on the spa & watched the splendid waves. Christmas tree & present giving. The girls & I went to Evensong & Carols. Mr Pemberton came in & paid us a late visit.

**Thursday 26 December**

A fine day. I went to the 8 o'clock Celebration & to Matins. The children went on the sands & played hockey. Hughie went to Seamer for a rehearsal. Margot & I called on the Nugees & the Austens & found them all at home. Ned Austen is engaged to Mrs Tottenham. I took Roger & Elma to a Christmas tree at Miss Randolph's: Miss Foare drove us back. Hughie & Elfie went to a party at the Broadwoods'. Charlie read to the ladies at the Lodge.

**Saturday 28 December**

I went to Matins. Some of the children played hockey. It came on to rain. By the 1.45 Charlie, Margot, Hughie & I went over to Seamer & most of us had a very wet walk to the school where, to a small audience, 'White lies' & 'Ici on parle Francais' were performed, Hughie acting (very well) in the latter. We came home with Egie, & Major Brockwell. Guy & Roger (with Laura) went to a party at the Barkers', & (at 7) Elfie & Cuthbert to one at the Godfreys', to which I went in & helped play.



**Photo from August 1904**

					<b>Hugh</b>		
<b>Guy</b>	<b>Cuthbert</b>	<b>Roger</b>	<b>Guy</b>	<b>Grace</b>	<b>Margot</b>	<b>Cuthbert</b>	
			<b>Elfie</b>		<b>Roger</b>		