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Went to Lewes in a Fly with Susan & / George Harrison & was kindly received / by aunt and cousins. Walked out and / saw the castle which much pleased us./ in the afternoon St. Mary joined our / party & we had music in the evening. /

Jan 23. Went to Mt. Harry about 4 miles / from Lewes from whence we saw the / sea. George Harrison walked to / Brighton over the hills & we returned / to Lewes. This we named the cousins mountain walk.

Jan24 Walked through Leicester Fields, / a most delightful walk. This we / named " The peaceful Land". In / the evening heard Mr Jones at the / Tabernacle.

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Jan25 This day we went a very plea - / -sant walk to Mt. Cabon we first / descended a sweet valley where we / were entirely surrounded by hills & / could see nothing else. We then / ascended Mt. Cabon from whence we / had a delightful prospect of hills &/ valleys with Lewes in the distance. / In the evening Mrs John St Mary & Anne Dicker came to tea.

Jan 26 We walked through the village/ of Southover & by a sweet stream / with trees. St Mary went with us / we repeated poetry & enjoyed our / walk greatly as wereturned we / went over a mill. Before we / took our walk we went to see / Mr Gideon Mantle`s museum wh. / is one of the finest collection of / fofsils in the world. We called this / days walk "The parting walk" /

Jan 27 We took a sorrowful leave / of Cousins & returned in a Fly / to Brighton George Kennion / met us at a place called Farnham / about half way between Brighton /

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and Lewes. We found Uncle & Aunt / well but Mrs Newman very poorly.

Feb 1. In the evening we went to Mrs / Catleys were we met the the Winters and Kennions.

Feb 2 A very rough sea. We walked / on the Esplanade the wind was very / strong but we enjoyed it much. /

Feb 3 In the morning we walked / to church in the evening we went / in a Fly heard two delightful ser- / -mons from Mr Markland.

Feb 4 Went into the town for Aunt / Mrs Weston died at 5 this morning /

Feb 5 In the morning practised & / drew, walked out with the Kennions / In the evening met a large party / at Mifs Wakes.

Feb 6 After breakfast went on the / beach afternoon to Mrs Barbers.

Feb 7 Went on the beach, walked / with the Kennions & Anne Dicker / afterwards called on the Mifs / Lowthorps worked and read in the / evening.

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Feb 8 Worked & drew & practised till / 10 o'clock took a short walk with / Minnie Scutt who returned home & spent the day with us.

Feb 9 In the morning read & drew / walked on the beach with the Kennions / Afterwards walked with Mifs Baker / went to Mrs Barbers in the evening.

Feb 10 Mrs Newman was confined / about 1 o'clock this morning. / A very stormy Sunday went in / a fly to church morning & / evening./

Feb 11 In the morning read & / drew, walked on the chain / pier with the Kennions & went / underneath it. The sea most grand. /

Feb 12 Went with Uncle & Mifs Thackeray to see the wax works /

Feb 13 Spent the day at Mrs / Scutts had a very pleasant day /

Feb 14 In the morning we / went to hear the Bohemian /

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Brothers sing at the Old Ship. / They sung most wonderfully & sweetly./ They were dressed in green jackets & / trousers with a broad leather belt round / the waist & a large buckle in front / they wore broad rimmed black / hats with a feather in each. / altogether with their sweet voices / they had a very imposing effect./ We dined at the Wigneys where / we met Grandmama Hamilton.

Feb 15 Read in the morning / called on Grandmama & / went with her to see Mrs Jame- /- son an old friend of Mammias / on our return home we were / very agreeably surprised to find /

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Cousin Dicker waiting for us / The Kennions soon joined our / party and we afterwards walked / out together. /

Feb 16 Went to Morrises about / some skreens for Aunt. Grand- /-mamma dined with us./

Feb 17 Went to church morning & / evening heard Mr Martland / 6£ collected in the / morning for the distressed Irish Clergy

Feb 18 Walked out with Aunt / & Uncle & went to see their / garden afterwards walked on / the esplanade it was delightful. /

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Feb 19 Went to see the Dyke with / Susan & George it is a most / beautiful on the Downs / about 6 miles from Brighton./

We went in an an open Fly when / we were there we saw the / hounds & huntsmen they added / much to the beauty of the scene / as they flew past us with the /

hounds in full scent. The descent to the Dyke is very steep / & though we quickly descended / we found the ascent much / more difficult we had a very / pleasant excursion amidst much / grand & beautiful scenery & returned highly gratified.

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Feb 20 Ash Wednesday. Went in / the morning to Dr Everards / chapel as we turned the corner / of Waterloo Street the wind / which was extremely violent / took us completely off our feet & though Mary & I & Mifs / Baker who was with us held / each other fast we were swept / along with extreme violence / till after much difficulty / and danger we got hold of / some rails where a baker & / a police officer came to our rescue / & with their assistance we / proceeded to the chapel. Uncle /

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went at 10 o'clock to London . In / the evening we & Mifs Thackrey / went to Mrs Bradbury Winters. / A young lady Mifs Jane Dawson / was there who sang very / beautifully we had a very / pleasant evening but I unfortunately lost my bag & handkerchief.

Feb 21 In the morning drew / and practised walked with / Mifs afterwards met the Kennions & walked with them /

Feb 22 Walked with the Kennions / Called on the Elliots walked / with Mifs Baker went with /

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George & saw a picture of / Napoleons death at Brittons /

Feb 23 Walked with Aunt / called on Mrs Fletcher and / Mifs Thompsons went to [?] / - rings to buy some ivory buckles. In the evening went / to the Barbers.

Feb 24 Very wet. In the morning heard Mr Martland / in the evening Mr Young.

Feb 25 In the morning we / read drew & wrote home / afterwards the little Martlands / came and we walked with / them on the sands

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Feb 26 Susan Kennion spent / the day with us & George came / in the evening we looked / at some of Uncles Fossils.

Feb 27 In the morning went / to the Martlands Chapel / afterwards we walked on / the Terrace & in the evening / we went to the Winters / where we met Mr & Mrs / Young & Mifs Baker & Mrs / MacKintosh .

Feb 28 Went to the Albion /

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Bazaar windy the Kennions came to bid us Goodbye.

Mar 1 got up early to see / Susan pass in the [??? / ??] She went to Romsey. / walked three miles before / breakfast. In the evening / we drank tea with the / Elliots very pleasant evening.

Mar 2 Walked with Aunt / and Mifs T. Aunt and I called / on the Barbers we afterwards / met Mrs Martland and walked / with her.

Mar 3 Went to church in /

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the morning, Mary staid in the / evening with Mrs Lewis and heard / Papa was in town.

Mar 4 Went with Mifs T / to the Old Church on the / Hill. Saw Mammass old / house where she lived / when young. Saw the New / Baptist Chapel and burying / ground. Met George & / walked with him to the / Esplanade./

Mar 5 Walked to Hove be- /-fore breakfast, Mrs Newman / went out for the first time / in the carriage we rode/

Page 14 to Rottingdean . Mary & I in / the Barouche

Mar 6 In the morning before / breakfast walked to Aldrington / told Mrs Newman churched / at the Chapel Royal, went to St. James afterwards went / about shopping /

Mar 7 Called on Mrs C, / Elliott with whom we had / some pleasant conversation / walked on the Esplanade ,

Mar 8 Went to St, Marys & / heard Mr H.C.Elliott / afterwards took a delightful / walk on the downs.

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Mar 9 Went to Glaziers & Kemps / for Aunt. It snowed. Uncle / came home to our great joy / in the evening.

Mar 10 Went to church in / the morning & heard a delight- /-ful sermon – from church / we attended the sacrament / in the evening I stayed with / Mrs Newman Mr Hawes preached. /

Mar 11 Took a pleasant / walk on the Downs /

Mar 12 Mifs Hutton dined / with us /

Mar 13 In the morning went / to St James afterward took

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a pleasant walk with Minny / We went up to ,the old Church / & stayed some time in the / Church yd. & then on the Chalybeate Hill. A few friends / climbed with us , Mr Hanson, / Mr Hood , Minny & Scott, / George Kennion – we had a / pleasant event/

Mar 14 Mr Hodson Holdsworth / came in the morning to look / over Uncles minerals / afterwards we went to Kemp- / -town & then walked with / Mifs Baker

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Mar 15 In the morning we went / to St. Marys where we heard / Lord Arthur Harvey son of / the Marquis of Bristol. / We were extremely pleased. / We then called on the / Winters were we met / Dr & Mrs Winter. Our Grandmamma, / J.L..& Mrs Fletcher afterwards / we took a delightful walk / with Uncle over the Downs.

Mar 17 Wet day went to church / morning J L went.

Mar18 Mr & Mrs Newman came / on Saturday we all walked /

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to the marine library after-/wards on the Esplanade. /

Mar 19 Mr Holdsworth was ; here all day sorting min-/erals . Mary & I went to [????] with Mr & Mrs Newman

April [?] Mrs & the Mifs Dawsons Mifs Johnstone & Mrs Hudson / dined with us Mr & Mrs / Winter & George , Misf Louise / Thompson came in the / evening.

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April 19th left Brighton with / much regret & arrived at / Clapham about 9 this evening / after a very pleasant journey

April 20 Mr & Mrs Little / dined with us /

April 21 In the morning / we all went to Mrs Bradleys / in the afternoon I & Isabella / went to Mr Daltreys chapel / in the evening we all went/ to hear Mr Good. Mary was / confined with a cold.

April 26 Mary went to / Southwark with Mrs Potts / Charles, Willy & Isabella who /

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left us for a walk I Elizabeth / & Aunt went to Wandsworth

April 27th Aunt & Uncle – Elizabeth / Mary & I went to town / Eliz & Aunt went to Mr / Ettys as Eliz was sitting / for her picture. Uncle / took Mary and me to /see some London [lions?] / We saw Westminster Bridge / Westminster Hall where / we saw three courts sitting / The court of Common Pleas / & the Kings Bench we saw eleven / Judges and many barris- /

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-ters in their large powdered / wigs. We then saw the / Abbey though we did not / go inside we then proceed- / -ed to the House of Commons / which we had a good view / of from the Strangers Gallery / We then passed the New / Commons which is built on / the site of Carlton House / we then walked through / the Park which we admired / very much we next / visited the National Gallery / a collection of the paintings /

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of the modern Artists who / I was much pleased with / as it was the First Picture / Gallery I ever saw. We then / saw the Travellers Club / House wh. is a splendid / building we then went / to Mr Ettys where Aunt & Elizabeth were waiting for / us & we all went / to see the wonderful micros- / -cope we then returned / home highly pleased.

April 28 Went in the morning /

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to Mr Bradeys in the evening to Mr Good.

April 29 Walked on the Com- / -mon went to the village / returned home where we / found Mrs Taylor waiting / to see us Mrs Pierson called.

April 30th We had the / great treat of going / to the Mafs Meeting at / Exeter Hall – such a treat/ we seldom had . Sir / Robert Inglis in the chair / We heard the following /great men speak /

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The Bishop of Chester, the / Bishop of Winchester, the /Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry , Lord Chumley, / Baptist Noel , Mr H Stowel, / Mr Bickerstaff etc. etc . / After the meeting we /went to see the model / of a copper mine which / was very amusing we / then returned to Clapham / where Mr John Clarke / dined with us/

May 1st Walked on the Common / Mrs Potts and Mary called on /

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Mrs Martland & then we all / called on the Hollinsworths / where we saw a very beau- / -tiful picture by [Rufsell ?]

May 2nd Mary went to town / to attend a lecture on geology / I walked with Aunt in the / garden & in the evening we / went to a meeting in Clapham / Schoolroom for instructing / the Irish in their own / language. Lord Roden was / in the chair /

May 3rd In the morning we / called on Mrs Pearson who was / out & on the Robert Winters , / Mrs Hutton & Mrs Greaves dined

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here Mr Etty came in the evening.

May 4 Soon after breakfast we / went next door to Mr Wilsons to / see his grounds & beautiful / conservatory the carriage came / here for us & Aunt & Uncle / & Eliz Mary & I went to town. Aunt / & Elizabeth went to Mr Ettys Uncle / Mary & myself went first to West- / -minster Hall we wew we again / saw three courts sitting we then / passed through the Hall to the / House of Commons we sat in / the Speakers Chair we then / went into the House of Lords / where is the throne we saw the /

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Woolsack & the fine tapestry which / hang round the house . It represents / the Spanish Armada. / Afterwards we went to Westminster / Abbey wh. delighted us much we / were 2 hours & a quarter in going / over it but to give any description / of it wd. be pointlefs (see the Book) / We then went through part / of the park to see the New / Palace wh. is building we then / went through one of the grand / Bazaars & then went to Bond / St where we found Aunt & / Elizabeth waiting for us. /

May 5 In the morning we went / to Mr Bradleys we stayed the Sacrament in the evening we heard Mr Good /

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May 6th After breakfast we crofsed / the Common Aunt & Uncle / & Mary called on Mrs Jameson / Mr Martland called in the morning /We went about 2 to Mrs Pierson / She took us to call on Mrs Hiblet / Jane [a???] ,Mifs Brandon / and Mifs Stephenson dined / there . Fanny & Ellen Salter / came in the evening we saw / some pretty models of the [? elgin] / marbles likewise of the Car- / -toons returned in a Fly.

May 7th Went to Clapham with / Mrs Potts . Mr Hollinsworth, his / daughter & his niece dined there , likewise Mr & Mrs /

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Cummins.

May 8th At 10 o'clock we set out / for town in uncles carriage / Uncle & Aunt , Mary & I. First / we went about shopping wh. / took some time we then called on / Mrs Clarks where we nooned. / we then went to the Colofsium] where we saw some fine / Statuary, the panorama of / London supposed to be seen / from the top of St Paul`s , / the old ball & crofs from St / Paul`s, the conservatories, the / Fountain, the Swiss Cottage, / the grotto etc. etc. but I have / not time for a particular /

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description but I was very / much pleased with them / after that we went to the Diorama / in Regents Park where is / exhibited a view of Paris from / Montmarte & of Campo Santo of Pisa, Italy, the latter / was admirably done. The painting is by Bouton. We / arrived in Lombard St. a / little before six we then / went to see New London / Bridge & Lady Chapel a / peculiar & singular ele- / gant building till lately / concealed from /

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view & in a perilous condition / but by the exertions of a few / individuals it has been rescued / from oblivion and restored / to primeval beauty .we then / returned to Mr Ettys where / we met Mr Wm. Etty & Mifs / Twycrofs we dined about / half past six spent a / short but pleasant evening / the carriage came about / nine and we arrived / safely at Clapham Common / soon after ten o'clock. /

May 9 Went to see the Exhibition attended the / Geology Lecture /

May 10th I walked with Mrs /Potts to Lady Louisa de Spain`s /

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They all dined at Mrs Britons / except Elizth & myself Mr Greaves / came in the evening he showed / us some wonderful magneti- / cal experiments .

May 11th In the morning we set / out for Blackheath in Uncles / carriage Aunt ,Mrs Potts& Elizth / inside M & I on the Barouche. / First we went to the Dulwich / Gallery wh delighted us much / we preferred the old masters / greatly to modern ones , we / had the pleasure of seeing / original painting of the Madona / & child by Murillo wh is indeed / beautiful we then went to Sidnam / a very pretty place where Mr & Mrs /

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Hutton reside we then went to Blackheath / where we were kindly received by / the Towlers. Mr Towler took us to / see the Park we called on Mrs Wm. / Towler and then went to see Greenwich / Hospital a delightful institution / we left Blackheath about ½ past 5 / and returned safely home a little / after seven where we were sorry / to find our long absence had / occasioned some anxiety ,

May 12 in the morning we went / to Mr Bradleys in the evening to Mr / Goods Text Exodus 15 . 26 /

May 13 Went to the village call- / -ed on the Robert Winters found / Mrs W. had gone to Park Place /Mr Good and his sister dined here

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May 14 Called on Mrs Bradley / M Uncle & n Aunt called on Mrs / Jameson . I and Mrs Potts called on Mrs / Staples, the Millers & their party / dined here with Mr & Mrs Philipps /

May 15 Very hot, sat in the garden / reading. Mifs Lamb returned and / she dined with Elizth at the Black- / -burns. After dinner we had a / pleasant game of bowls in the / garden /

May 16 Aunt and Elizth went to / town to Mr Ettys & to attend the / geological lecture we stayed here ;

May 17 Mrs Potts, Aunt M & I / went in the carriage to Collyers / Wood where the Millers reside / it is a pretty place with a / profusion of lovely flowers, Mr & /

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Mrs P Aunt & Uncle dined at the / Hollingsworths and we younger / ones went in the evening

May 18 M & Isabella went to Clapham /

May 19 Went to St James as we left / church it poured with rain in / in the evening we went to Mr Goods Ps 47.3,4

May 20 Left Clapham soon after 10. / First we went to Battersea over Batter- / -sea Bridge into Chelsea where we / saw the Pantechnicon wh. is a most / wonderful building containing all / kinds of shops, in one department were four thousand / carriages of various descriptions, we / there saw likewise a diorama repre- / -senting the falls of Niagara. We then / went to the Zoological gardens where /

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we arrived a quarter before two we / spent two hours there very pleasantly / it is a very amusing sight, we then / went to the London University / to see Charles Martland but he / had left we were glad however to / hear that he had obtained the / golden medal the first prize in / Chemistry. We went to the Ettys / to dine arrived a little after five / a very kind welcome . Mr Wm. Etty / & Mr Oliver dined there . Mrs Dimos and Mifs Turner came in the / evening we left Lombard Street / a little after nine pafsed Lady`s / Chapel and arrived safely at / Clapham Common /

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May 21 M & I called on Aunt Mart- / land & on Mrs Winter where we / had the pleasure of seeing Susan / again , Mifs Abrams, Mifs Walker, Mifs / Mr & Mrs H. Bradley dined Mr Good came in the evening.

May 22 Left Clapham soon after / 10 Went through Battersea then into / Harley where we called on the Clarkes / we then went to Hackney saw Mrs / Mack[????]& some other people./ we pafsed through Clapton to / Stamford Hill where we called / on the Mifs Collins had a pleasant / walk in their garden wh is a / very nice one we then after calling / on two or three other people went / to Mr Castellanes who resides in / Uncles old house at Clapton /

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where we dined & returned home / about eleven

May 23 The Potts went to town / to Mr Cartwrights, Mr Ettys etc. M & I / Aunt & Isabella went to Clapham, / Heard of Mrs Frosts illness. /

May 24 Aunt, M & I went to Clapham / called on Mrs Powis purchased some / drapes. Mr Potts & family went to town / I wrote to Hull also to Mrs Newman.

May 25 Walked to Battersea called / on Mrs Triton who had just lost her / father in law, in the evening M, I & Elizth / went in the evening to dine with / the Robert Winters where we spent / a pleasant evening. /

May 26 Walked to church in the morning & evening to Mr Bradleys & Mr Goods /

May 27 Went to Clapham called on / the Holmsworths /

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May 27 M & I went out with Aunt we / called on the Winters, Mrs Powis and / Mrs Pierson . Mr Lamb and his fami- / -ly & Mr Good dined here.

May 28 In the morning we went to / Clapham called for little Barry / Good who spent the day with / us, Susan, Louisa Winters , Mr J /Clarke dined here. /

May 30 They all went to town except / M & I . we walked to Clapham / returned home where Mr Bradley / called, We then went to Mrs Win- / -ters where we spent some time / and then walked with Susan, /

May 31 Began to make hay in / Mr Potts field. Stayed in the garden / till nearly one when we went in / the open carriage to see Lady / Grosvenors picture gallery. Mr & Mrs / Staples dined here. /

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June 1 Stayed in the garden Mrs R / Winter called with Mary , Emma / & Adelaide. After dinner we went / to Mrs Groats where we spent a pleasant / evening & met Captn & Mrs Joseph Groat /

June 2 In the morning we went to Mr Bradleys, in the evening to / Mr Goods. /

June 3 After breakfast we had / the disagreeable business of packing / about 12 M & I went out to call / upon Aunt Maitland & to / pay Mifs Alanhursts bill Elizb. / went with us after our ret- / -urn we walked in the / garden whilst Uncle Aunt / and Mrs Potts went to make / some farewell visits we had / a very sorrowful parting from / our dear friends who /

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had been extremely kind to us during / our happy visit and left Clapham / about half past six arrived / at Blackheath a little before 8 /

June 4 In the morning we went / to the Greenwich Hospital where / we sat some time by the / water side and at one we / saw the old sailors dining / they had large m[???] of soup / with beef in and loaves of / bread we returned home & / afterwards went into the park with M & Aunt & / Mifs Jones likewise did some / Shopping, after dinner we / called on Mr W.C. who walked / home with us /

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June 5 Went in the morning to the Naval school where we saw / the boys exercising in the Gymnasium / afterwards we saw the boys / & girls at dinner we returned / home & after luncheon went in / a pony chaise to Elton where we / saw a fine old ruin formerly the / palace of Prince John but now / converted into a barn it is / surrounded by a moat & beau- / -tiful ivy covered walls our horse, / not being one of the kindest of / its race, we procured another / carriage & returned home. Mr & / Mrs W.C. dined with us & after / dinner Mr & Mrs Barnard / joined our party /

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June 6 Went with Aunt in a pony / chaise to Mrs Shaws afterwards went / to Greenwich with Aunt & Mifs James /

June 7 In the morning Aunt and / Mrs C went to Woolwich Mr & Mrs J. / went to

Greenwich dined at Mr / Barnards /

June 8 Went to town with Uncle & Aunt first we went to the Water / Colour exhibition with wh. we were / much pleased we called on Mrs / Clarkes. We went to the Panorama of Stirling called on Mr J.Clarke / & Mr W. Etty

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June 9th Sunday In the morning I / Uncle & Aunt & C went to Mr / Shepherds chapel . Mr & Mrs J went to / Greenwich in the evening we went to / Greenwich Mr Etty, Mr & Mrs W.C came / in the evening /

June 10th In the morning Mr & Mrs Bowler / & Mifs Swift went in a pony chaise / to Woolwich M & I on the box. We / delivered our order on our arrival / & accompanied by a soldier as a / guide first visited the arsenal / where we saw a convict ship / and saw some of the criminals / leaving the vessel for a transport / wh. Was about to sail for Botany / Bay we then proceeded to one / of the store houses where we / saw an enormous number of / bridles, saddles, horse collars, / bits, whips etc. etc kept in readiness / in case of war. We then went / to the Model room where we / saw some Gunpowder wh. is /

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Composed of salt-petre & sulphur / thoroughly purified, cannons of various / sizes, a model of the fire ship etc. etc. / we returned home. M & I went / to Greenwich with Aunt & H.James / we found it very hot after dinner / we walked on The Point. /

June 11 A Cloudy day M & Aunt / called on Mrs J Weston Mr & / Mrs Barnard. Mr WC & Mrs / Greenside dined here. /

June 12 M & I, Mifs Jones, F, Bow- / -ler & Mrs B went this morning / to the Beulah Spa in Norwood. / It was fancy sale for the / Infant Scholars there was a / great deal of company & a / musical band wh made / it very pleasant place the /

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Garden consists of walks / cut in the woods we returned / about ½ past 5 . Mr Etty dined / here after dinner we took a / delightful walk first on the / point afterwards in Greenwich / Park /

June 13 In the morning I & Mary went with H.J to Greenwich to / buy some Ribbon for Aunt & / being caught in the rain we took / refuge with Mr.W.C. when it was / finished we returned we dined at / Mr W.C where we met Mr & Mrs Mallett. Today I read "Family Portraits" an account of three of L.Richmonds children /

June 14 After breakfast we packed / up and then walked to Greenwich / called on Mr W.C.& likewise /

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Did some shopping we were / caught in the rain and we retur- / -ned home. After dinner Aunt / and Mrs C went up to Greenwich / to call on Mrs Mallett & [mr????] / M & I walked out. First we went / to see the Cavern a natural / curiosity supposed to have been / used as a hiding place for / bandits in the time of the / Saxons likewise as a store / place for the smugglers it / consists of many kinds of / chambers with numerous passages / leading from one to the other / so low that we were obliged / to bend nearly double on / passing through them the / woman who showed it to us /

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lighted many candles as we / pafsed along wh. gave it a / very picturesque

appearance / after we we left the cavern we re- / -turned to the top of Blackheath / Hill where we took a pony / carriage and proceeded to / Morden College which is a / college for decayed merchants / initiated by Sir John Morden / It is calculated to support 40 / individuals each has two / pleasant rooms and 40£ /per annum. A little girl / showed us the chapel and / dining room. Mr C being / acquainted with one of the / merchants he took us to / see him he appeared most /

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comfortable we then returned / to the carriage and took a / pleasant drive round by the New Church, across the Heath & by Legh Church home / we then walked on the Point where we met Mr & / Mrs W.C. M & I took a pleasant / walk with Mr W.C. on the other / point & then we returned / home. Tomorrow we intend / leaving Blackheath for / Brighton. /

June 15 Left Blackheath about / 12 o'clock , when we reached / [??????] part of carriage broke / but a very civil man who was / at work near the place lent / us a hammer & nail , the / injury was soon repaired and /

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proceeded on our journey . / Passed through Croydon Cookfield etc / The country looked very lovely we / arrived at Brighton soon after / seven

June 16 Windy and wet in the / morning. Went to church in a Fly / heard Mr Martland 84 Ps.1.7. ' In the evening walked to church Mr M. John 11 32.33 a very pleasant / walk home in the evening.

June 17 In the morning worked / about 12 M & I went out called on / Mrs Winter George walked home / with us. Stayed at home till / dinner time. Mrs Hanson, Mrs Catley / & the three young Martlands / called after dinner Uncle / Aunt M & I walked out we / found it very windy. /

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June 18 After breakfast Aunt M & I / walked out we went to Mifs Wes- / tons, Hacks Hanningtons, called on / the Martlands Charles M. showed / us some curious chemical exper- / -iments. At two o'clock we met Uncle / on the Old Stein and went to- / -gether to the garden returned home / about ½ past 4 . After dinner I /read one of Mr Martlands sermons / to Aunt and before tea we all / took a walk on the Esplanade. /

June 19 In the morning walked / and read . Mrs Winter, Mrs Fletcher / & Mifs Dicker called. At two we / went to the Prayer Meetig at / Mr Barbers afterwards called on / Mifs Johnson returned home / Walked on the Esplanade / between dinner and tea. / After tea I read to them /

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June 20 In the morning helped Uncle / wrote to Mifs Thackery, M to Mrs New- / -man, Aunt wrote to Mifs Colins & / Eliz-th Potts. We went out about three / saw a very pretty cottage and garden / belonging to Mr Bloomfield the upholsterer. / Went to Hanningtons & Bonners / M & I drank tea with the Winters / quite alone. A particularly pleasant / evening

June 21 In the morning worked / wrote etc. / After luncheon went out / Uncle took a shower Bath we / called on the Todhunters, left a / sermon at Mr Martlands etc. etc. / called for Uncle as we passed / the Baths & all walked home / together. After dinner worked & / read. /

June 22 After breakfast worked wrote etc. / M & I went to Mr Walwyn to get / someone to assist Uncle to bin some / wine. About 3 M, I & Aunt went

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out went to Mifs Wisdoms to Hacks etc. / Took a Fly from the Levens and rode / to Kemp Town then down again / to Brunswick Terrace.

June 23 Sunday Wet. Took a Fly / to St. James heard Mr Martland / Mr Mitford read, walked home / In the evening Mr Martland / preached again a delightful / sermon. Mr Mitford read Eph.4.32. /

June 24 In the morning we / called on Mr Catley, then onto Mrs / Haddingtons House, After luncheon / called on Mrs Barber, Mrs Winter, / Went to Hacks, went to look at / the Free Church wh. is building / then to the Park & Pump Rooms / Called on Grandmamma H & / returned home . After dinner we / walked on the Esplanade where / Uncle soon joined us

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June 25 Immediately after breakfast / we got ready and took a Fly as far as / the Old Church, that we might see / Mifs Anne Sober & Mr Allan Chatfield / married, Mr Martland married them / and Mr Milford gave the bride away / it was a most interesting ceremony / quite painfully exciting, We went / into the Town and after shopping / called on Aunt Dicker, & Mrs Fletcher. / After dinner went to Aunt Dickers / and took a very pleasant walk / with them to the Chalybeate and / towards Hove, George joined us / and we returned to tea came / home about ½ past ten and / found them all in a fufs [con????] / the pictures so I take the opportu- / -nity of writing my journal /

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June 26 In the morning worked / wrote etc. About 12 the weather / being showery we all went in a / Fly & called on some friends we / went to the Martlands where we / stayed some time went to the / Todhunters where we left Uncle / and called for Mr Martland / who went with us to Mr Barbers / to the Prayer Meeting we afterwards / called on Mrs Robinson & then we / returned home I wrote to Mamma / Directly after dinner we went to / Aunt Dickers we all walked to- / -gether to the Crescent & spent a / pleasant evening on our return / home we found Mifs Jane and / Mr Joseph Lamb who have come / from Clapham today and are / going with their friends to make / the tour of the Isle of Wight /

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June 27 Finished packing about 10 then the / Lambs called about 12 Uncle came in / and said that owing to the weather / & his numerous occupations he had / decided to stay till tomorrow. We wrote / to Hull friends & then walked / on the Chain Pier Esplanade / where the band was playing. After dinner we walked on the / Esplanade met Mr & Mrs Win- / -ter who were astonished to see / are still here called on the / Dickers they were all gone to see / Mr [????] except H. left a / book at Mr Jeffersons & shortly / after returned home /

June 28 Left Brighton about ½ past / nine passed through Hickstead, Crawley / Reigate Croydon London / to Stamford Hill where we were / kindly received by the Mifs Collins /

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After dinner we walked in the garden /

June 29 After breakfast walked in / the garden looked at the bees / in glass houses worked & read. Mary / went with Mifs Collins & Mifs I King- / -rose to Stoke Newington in the morning Mrs Wilson & her baby / came Mr & Mrs Wilson dined / here after dinner went in the garden.

June 30 In the morning we / went to Hackney 3 miles distant / and heard Mr Box preach / at the Baptist Chapel in that place / "Say unto the children of Israel / go forward" Text in the afternoon /read and walked in the garden / John Clarke rode over In the evening went to Islington to the / church where Daniel Wilson / used to preach heard Mr Parker Romans 8.25 /

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July 1 After breakfast we worked and / read etc. we then walked in the garden / violent rain about four a storm with / thunder and lightening came on ./ Mr John Clarke dined here, after / dinner we walked in the garden / again and found it very pleasant / An eclipse of the moon took / place about 11 before which we / had music , we had the treat / of hearing Mifs Colins play on the / Harp whilst Anne Kingsbury / accompanied on the piano, we saw / the eclipse from the stairs and / likewise from our bedroom / window we watched till near / half past 12 /

July 2 Mary walked with Aunt / and some of the others to the river / Legh we worked, read, settled / accounts etc. etc. walked in the gar- / -den dined half past six at /

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Mr Josiah Wilson a pleasant event we / heard a pianoforte so constructed / that it played admirably by itself / likewise a lovely musical box / which played sweetly. A long and / odd discufsion took place after/ tea on the subject of [?illing] / Mr W. showed us a sleight of / hand trick with three thimbles / and a peppercorn we puzzled / with a key on a string and / the lovers knot returned home / about 11

July 3 Mary went with Aunt and / Uncle to call on Mrs Birkett & / when they returned here, about / three they went out to make visits / they called on Mrs Dawson and / then went to Mr Trueman at / Walthamstow. I walked in the / garden and then went with the /

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Mifs Colins, Mifs Kingsbury and Mr / Charles Colins to Mr Trumans where / we dined after dinner we walked / in the garden which is remarka- / -bly beautiful and laid out with / great taste we then had music / and returned in the two ca- / rriages about 11

July 4 In the morning I went out / with Aunt and Uncle we / called on Mrs Wa[??]ey And Mrs / Potts on our return we went / in Mr Wilsons Carriage to see / Ch[???]ton church six miles from Clapton a romantic place / beautifully covered with ivy we / returned through Epping Forest / which we were very much / pleased with and enjoyed our / ride very much indeed / afterwards we walked in the gar -

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-den read etc. till dinner time after / dinner Mifs L. Collins and Annie Kings- / -bury went to Newington to purchase a / tea hotwater boiler for Aunt whilst we / walked in the garden we looked at / the bees etc. etc. came in tea, music, / packed up & went to bed,

July 5th We left Clapton this morning / with great regret having spent a / very happy week with our kind / friends. We set off about ten / and arrived safely at our lodgings

/ in Adam Street Adelphi they / are just opposite Wrights Hotel / soon after we were a little / settled we went out on the / Terrace soon we saw Uncle who / took us to see some pictures / which were to be sold on the / following day some were beautiful / we saw one large picture -very / curiously done in Mosaic work / having eaten a bun we went

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to the British gallery where the first room is at present / filled with Sir Joshua Reynolds / pictures the second with Sir / Thos. Lawrences the third with / Wests it was a very interesting / exhibition returned home through the Park Uncle having / left us to go to Richmond where / he dined we returned to / our lodgings dined afterwards / walked with J.C. on Waterloo / Bridge. Mr Etty came at tea / time and Uncle returned / about 11

July 6 After breakfast / worked etc. about 12 Uncle / went to a picture sale, about / three M& I went out with / Aunt walked on the Adelphi / Terrace & returned home Aunt / being fatigued. Stayed at /

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home. We walked with J.C. en-/ -quired at what time the Lowther / Arcade was open pafsed through / the Horse Guards into St. James / Gardens where we sat down / and rested for some time. Returned to dinner, after / dinner we walked out again / down Regent Street & to the / Crescent as we returned the / shops were most brilliantly / illuminated came home at / 1/2/ past nine very tired /

July 7 After breakfast we all / five went in a coach to Chel- / -sea, which is about two miles/ distant from our lodgings / to hear the Revd. Mr Blunt / Mark 2.3 we were all very / much pleased indeed / we walked home again / after dinner I wrote notes /

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of the sermon read to Aunt & / went about six in a coach / to St. Johns Bedford Row to hear / Baptist Noel Phil 3.12 we / were very much gratified with / his sermon also walked home / J.C. read Sharon Turners / Sacred History to us in the evening

July 8 After breakfast we worked / wrote etc. I read some of British / Painters aloud, took a few turns / on Adelphi Terrace before dinner. After tea we walked down / to Mr Wm. Ettys in Buckingham / Street where we saw some / curious ancient armour etc.

July 9 About 12 we went out / went to see Hungerford mar- / -ket a most noble building / lately opened went to some / picture sales bought some

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clogs for Aunt went to Mr Clarks / Harley Street to speak about Un- / -cles carriage standing in their / coach house. I having been so / careless as to leave my parasol / in the confectioners where we / had taken ices we were obliged / to return for it as we came / home we went into Howels / and James which is indeed / a most splendid place / returned home by the Park / I forgot to mention that we / went to Beaumonts to fix / on a carriage for our Welsh / Tour and succeeded in obtain- / -ing one which was both suitable and elegant, After dinner / M & I walked with John on / Waterloo Bridge /

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July 10 Aunt was very poorly and / in bed all day we were going / to meet the Potts at Mr Ettys but / on account of Aunts illness the / party came to dinner here / M & I walked for an hour on / Adelphi Terrace the Potts arr- / -ived about five and we /

spent a pleasant day they / left soon after nine Mr Etty / likewise dined here /

July 11 Aunt much better came down / stairs soon after breakfast. M / & I walked with John in Re- / -gent Street called at the jewellers for M`s buckle looked / at some very handsome gold / embroidery at the house in / Bedford Street & after dinner / we walked again on Water- / -loo Bridge with John.

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July 12 After breakfast Uncle and / Aunt went to the sale rooms / to bring home two Canalettos wh. / Uncle had purchased the day / before they took them to Mr Ettys / where they are to stay during / our absence. M & I walked on / the Adelphi Terrace we all dined at Mr Ettys the Potts and / John made up the party, Mr B / Newman came in the evening / he had so much conversation / that we could not get away / till 12 though they were all / very tired and sleepy.

July 13 th We were busy this / morning in changing the / carriage boxes we stayed at / home till after dinner when / M & I went with John into / St James Gardens. Mr Etty, Janes / party & Tom came in the evening

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We heard today that we should / be prevented going into Hertford^{sh} / & Aunt wrote to Mr Newman / to say that she hoped we sh^d / be with on Friday or Saturday

July 14 unday In the morning / went to Mr Blunts Chelsea / We walked through the park / then being tired we got into / a Hackney coach heard a / delightful sermon Luke 5 . 27. 28 / walked home through Picca- / -dilly. In the evening we heard / Baptist Noel John 15. 4 walked / home.

July 15 In the morning we worked / etc. about three M & I went with / John to the National Gallery were / we were much pleased afterwards / we took a few turns on / Adelphi Terrace Mr Roberts /

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the architect dined here and / afterwards we looked at some / of his sketches taken in Italy / Sicily, Switzerland, The Tyrol / etc. which occupied the whole / evening very agreeably. Mr Etty / joined us after dinner.

July 16 In the morning / we worked and read about / one M & I went with John / to the Lowther Arcade where / we saw many curious exper- / -iments amongst others the / steam gun, combustion of / steal a loom for weaving / ribbons, various methods for / preserving life on the sea / when ships founder, we like- / -wise saw several of Martyn / Pichwards curiosities of various kinds /

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Whilst there we had the plea- / -sure of meeting Charles Colins / we returned about three & / then went out with Aunt / After shopping we walked / on the Adelphi Terrace /

July 17 Soon after breakfast / Aunt M & I went out got into a coach & drove to the / British Museum we first / visited the marbles & sculp- / -tures which were very beautiful / and we saw some Grecian / & Egyptian antiquities urns / jars & mummies etc. we then / visited the room where the / Indian & South Sea Islands / curiosities ara kept next the / stuffed animals & those pre- / -served in spirits, fofsiled remains, /

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Minerals, ores etc etc. we saw of / every kind & variety beautifully / arranged we

then descended / to the Kings Library where we /
were joined by John it is in-/deed a most splendid apart- / -ment after leaving the /
Museum we walked a / little way then got into a / coach went to the confectioners
/ & then to the Bazaar Soho /Square where Aunt bought / some presents for the little
/ Newmans etc. etc. we then took / a coach home where we had a / great settling
of accounts / Whilst we were at dinner / Mr C Hamilton came in / and afterwards Mr
Etty & Tom / Having heard from Mr /

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Robarts that the effect of Hun- / -gerford Market when lighted / with gas was very fine
and / much like an Italian scene / M & I went about ten o'clock / with John to see it
& were much pleased . /

July 18 _Soon after breakfast / Uncle went to the city Aunt / and M went out
shopping / Whilst they were out Mr C. Ham- / -ilton called on their return / we
packed up etc. etc. . The Potts / called in for half an hour / After dinner M & I went
with John / to walk on Waterloo Bridge.

July 19 Got up early finished / packing, came down to break-/fast about ½ past
seven expect- / -ing to set off by eight, but were sorry to find Uncle /

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had been poorly during the night but as he was then better he / deferred the journey
till later. / Mr Walter Etty came to bid / us goodbye we left London / not without
sorrow about half / past ten passed through Ken-/sington Turnpike through Ealing, /
Southall, Gerrards Crofs, Woodburn / High Wycombe, Stokenchurch / [**Tilsworth? –
miles off their route**] to delightful Oxford. / The weather was rather show-/-ery but
extremely pleasant / & we all enjoyed the journey / very much. Mr W^m Etty ac- /
companied us. The road / & the different views we / passed through was extremely /
beautiful on arriving at Oxford / after looking after beds at the /

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Mitre where we took our / abode for the night we sallied / forth to visit parts of this in- /
-/teresting place we first visited / The New College saw the / Chapel which is very
fine & / remarkable for its beautiful / painted windows, The Hall / where the students
dine when / there are some good pictures, / The Gardens which are elegant / and
very pleasant, We next / visited Wadham College foun-/-ded by Mr & Mrs Wadham /
Statues of whom are placed / in front of the chapel visited / the Hall & Gardens We
also / slightly looked over Jesus Coll, Queens College St Marys Church / etc. etc. we
then returned to / the Inn took tea & I am / now writing my journal /

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July 20 Breakfasted half past 8 after-/wards we went out and first took / a cursory
view of the Physic Gardens / We then visited Magdalen College / near the entrance
is placed an / old stone pulpit in the wall w^h / is very curious. The chapel which / has
lately been greatly restored / by Mr Cottigham where there is / an uncommonly
beautiful old / memorial of W^m Waynflete Bishop / of Winchester. The Library is also/
very good and The cloisters fine / Herb Garden and walks are / bounded by the
Cherwell. This / College has undergone the least / alteration of any. It is remarkably
/monastic in its character for a / University College. It is opposite / Queens. A statue
of Queen Mary /is placed over the gateway. The /carving on the chapel is done / by
Gibbons and remarkably hand-/-some. Placed over the altar / is a curious picture of
the Saviour /

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Burnt with a hot iron on a sur-/-face of wood. In the anti chapel / is a monument of Sir

W^m Jones / giving laws to the Hindoo and the / Mohamadan. The hall is one / of the finest in the University / Good library with an orary in it. / All Souls Coll. Over the centre / is placed a fine Sun dial / by Sir Christopher Wren. In the / Chapel over the altar is a / picture by Mings representing / Christs appearance to Mary / in the garden. In the anti chapel / is a monument of Judge / Blackstone by Bacon. This / college covers much space / Radcliffe Library. A fine / circular room. A large collec-/tion of books and some fine / specimens of marble from / Italy we went out on the / leads and had a beautiful / view of the panorama of /

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Oxford. The view looked / beautiful. The old colleges arising / in ancient splendour and the / spires and towers altogether form-/ed a most majestic scene. / Bodlian. A noble library full / of valuable books and many / beautiful and very curious fine / manuscripts. In the picture gallery / we saw the portrait of Sir Thos. / Bodley. A fine statue in / bronze of a man in armour / some good pictures and some / models. The library itself is in the / form of a Roman T. We slightly / looked at St. Marys wh. Is chiefly / remarkable for its beautiful / spire. We lastly visited Christ / Church College which is chiefly / used by the nobility. The Hall / is fine. The cathedral very old / and majestic remarkably / for its beautiful polished / marble floor. The Christ /

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walks are very delightful / after having seen so much / to delight and please the / taste and gratify the eye we / returned to our Inn and / after dinner set off about three / We pafsed through Witney and / North Leache and arrived / safely at Cheltenham about / eight where we were very / kindly welcomed by dear / Mrs Newman and her little / tribe

July 21

In the morning we / heard Mr Brown likewise / in the afternoon And Mr / Banking at the Old Church in / the evening though Mary and I .and W^m were so badly situated / we could hardly hear /

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July 22 Rainy morning about two we went out called on Mifs Clarke / went up to the Montpellier spa / After dinner we walked to / Pittville.

July 23 Called on Mrs Newman / & Mrs Gurnet went to the Baths / afterwards to Park Place Aunt / & Mrs N called on Mrs Parry. After / dinner we walked to Pittville.

July 24 M & I went out before breakfast / Mrs N joined us & / we went to the market with her/ about two we walked up / to the Montpellier spa Mr /Newman unexpectedly left / us for town after dinner / Uncle M & I walked in the / evening to Pittville. Mrs N poorly

July 25 M & I walked with W^m to / Prestbury where he wanted to see a / patient afterwards we went to Pittville.

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July 26 Took a walk before breakfast / after breakfast M & I went with / Uncle & Aunt on the [E ?om] road / to look at the Malvern Hills the / day was not clear but they / looked very lovely we returned / through Pittville walks reached / home about one. M & I & W^m went to / the gardens again before dinner / and sat a long time under our / accafsia tree. The rest of the / party spent the evening with the / Williams whilst I staid with Mrs / Newman

July 27 M & I rose early to sketch / the Bridge Before dinner Aunt / Uncle M &

Margaret went / out Aunt called on Mrs Lucas .In the evening M & I & W^m went towards Pittville.

July 28 In the evening we /

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went to Mr Browns church Romans 8 / 25. 29. we staid the sacrament / In the afternoon Mary & I Margaret & / Edmund went again to church we / heard Mr Brown. In the evening we / went to Cheltenham Chapel where / we heard a nice sermon from / Mr Hunter of Bristol. Mr Newman came home /

July29 Rose early M & I went with / W^m to Pittville to sketch the pump/ room.Aunt & Uncle went to the wells / Before dinner M & I went to Old Wells walk / Walked with Uncle & Aunt in the evening / heard of the band /

July 30 M & I & Aunt & W^m went to the / Montpellier Spa & heard the band / play. About two M & I took a pleasant / walk on the Esom Road a long / way past the turnpike we took some / sketches we went & walked with / Rosa Gurnet about seven & took / tea there we had music Mr W^m / Henry Gurnet accompanied his / sister on the flute. Wrote to Isabella. /

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July31 Uncle left for town at eight / In the morning wrote to Isabella / & about teelve M went to walk / with Mr Gurnet , Aunt & I went / about shopping. Aunt, W^m M & I called on Mrs Kennedy she / was out but we saw her / daughter afterwards Aunt, Mrs N. / M , I & Edmund went out in a fly we / went first to Lechampton and then / to Charlton. In the evening we had / another fly & Mr N.,M & I & the four/ children rode in a Fly we went on the Esom road as far as Cleeve /

August 1 Rose early, breakfasted at 8 / and immediatly afterwards we / set off for Cirencester, 15 miles from / Cheltenham our party were Mr & Mrs / N. W^m, Aunt, M & I , Margaret & Ralph. / arrived after a pleasant journey about / 11 Mr & Mrs N. then went to make / some calls & the rest went to /

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look at the church wh. contains some nice / monuments & some chapels. M & I began to / sketch but Mr & Mrs N. shortly returned / and we set off to go over Lord Bathurst`s / Park wh. We enjoyed and admired very / much when we had gone a few miles / we reached the woodhouse a fine / picturesque ruin where we took our refreshment & M & I sketched proceeding / onwards through the Park we reached / Sapperton where we saw the old / church & by a steep descent obtained / a view of the Tunnel wh. is two miles / & a half long, returned back to the / turnpike & through the Park home. / passed close to a large herd of / beautiful deer & by the the Swiss cottage / or Queens lodge, stopped at Mr New-/march`s who kindly received us to dinner / and at half past six set off home / the evening was lovely as the whole / day had been and we arrived at / home about nine /

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August 2 Went with Aunt to the wells / she took the waters after breakfast / M & I set off for Lechampton as / we wished to sketch the church wh. / is very pretty returned about ½ past 2 /Aunt & Mrs N. went out shopping / Mr N`s mother, Mrs N & Mrs Lambert / dined here . M & I went in the /evening with Mifs Lucas to a meeting of Mr Close`s held /in the Infant school wh. we liked / very much. W^m came for us to walk / home. Mr Bennett likewise dined here.

August 3 Went in the morning to the Montpellier Spa heard the band / after

breakfast we drew etc. After nooning we walked I & Mrs N. went / out in a fly with the four children / afterwards went with W^m to meet / Aunt & M at Carlton house but / they were not there for they had / gone to Prestbury to see the church / After dinner Aunt Mrs N M & I

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went out shopped & walked up to the Montpellier wells

Au 4 Sunday. In the morning we went to Mr Browns, In the afternoon to the Free / Church where we heard Mr Close c[h]atec-/-hize the Sunday School children. In / the evening we heard Mr Close at the / Old Church.

Aug 5 Uncle returned & this morning / M & I had a pleasant walk before / breakfast to Presbury heard from / home after nooning we went out with / Aunt & Mrs N. they called on the Gurnetts & / we walked as far as the Duchefs of St. Albans / dined afterwards walked on the Evsham / road to Mrs Tills the laundrefs.

Aug 6 In the morning before breakfast / M & I walked to Pittville after breakfast Aunt & Mrs N. went out to make calls / M & I went to Lechampton hill / we went to the top from whence we had / a most lovely prospect we found it / rather lonely especially amongst the / pines on the brow of the hill but we found that " there is a pleasure in / the pathless wood" . After finding some /

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nice fossils wh. abound amongst the / Lechampton Quarries we descended by / a circuitous path at the back of the hill / finding our way with some difficulty / we hurried home though much fatigued / fearing that they would be uneasy at our / long absence. We all dined with Mrs Newman S^{nr} had a pleasant evening.

Aug 7 Before breakfast we went to the / Montpellier well heard the band / play very sweetly after breakfast we / packed etc. etc. after dinner Mr & Mrs N. / came to bid us good bye we then walked / out with Mrs N. to the druggists afterwards / towards Pittville tomorrow we intend / leaving Cheltenham at ten for Malvern

Aug 8 Left Cheltenham soon after ten / Mrs N. & W^m accompanied us we first changed horses at Tewksbury where / we were much struck with the old / Minster wh. is very fine, next at / Upton arrived at Malvern / about two where we were most / kindly received by the [M?] Clarks / after taking some refreshment /

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we all set out to ascend the hill / Uncle on horseback the rest of the / party on donkeys and much indeed / we enjoyed ourselves we gained the / top whence the prospect was most / beautiful and then dismounted / and walked down some precipitous / and slippery descents we visited the / Witch wh. is a road cut through the / rock we passed through it on the rocky / sides of it there were sweet harebells / growing, our ponies being led down / met us we remounted and reached / home about half past 5 After dinner / we went out and procured two / beds for Uncle & W^m the rest being / provided for at Mrs Clarks we then / walked by the church. Uncle, Aunt / and Mrs N returned home, M & I & / W^m walked up the hill again & / then returned home having visited / St Annes Well Aug 9 M & I rose at 6 & went out to / sketch the church, the carriage was / ordered at 10 & we left our dear /

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friends with great sorrow and left / Malvern wh. is a lovely place changed horses at Ledbury an old town of a rather small size – next stage / was as far as Hereford where we visited / the Cathedral wh. pleased us much / its external appearance is plain but

/ handsome & mafive. Inside the / Saxon style of architecture prevails / wh. is not often to be met with / at the end of the Cathedral is a chapel, / dedicated to the Vigin – now a library / the books are all chained to their cases. In this chapel are shown some / very curious old relics. In the vestry / we saw a very ancient map of the / world on vellum. The cloisters / are very fine. After leaving Hereford / we proceeded to Hay. The Wye now / opened up to us & wound by the side / of the road we travelled sometimes / following close to our side & then / wandering away amongst the fields / & woods. We arrived at Hay about / 5 & Uncle welcomed us all / to Wales. Leaving it we pafsed / through the village of Glasbury /

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was magnificent / Mr Bradley has the living of this place / he visits it once a year. A fine / castle rose here amongst the trees / situated at the foot of a hill. The / road now became most beautiful. On one / side the Wye flowing now silently now / rushing impetuouly on the rocky bed / & high above it the lofty hills covered / with woods, on the other side bold rocks jutting / out amongst the trees & many lovely with / flowers at their feet and sometimes the hills / rising nearly perpendicularly to an immense / height above us. We arrived at Bualt a little before [?] o'clock we procured two bed-/-rooms & a comfortable sitting room we / talked with a nice Welsh woman / at the turnpike & walked a little / way up the town returned to our / Inn the Lion & after tea read some / account of the places we intend / visiting tomorrow.

Aug 10 Rose soon after five, Left Bualt / at ½ past 7 . Crofsted the bridge & / then we entered Radnonshire still / following the course of the Wye./

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The morning was misty when first we set out / but it gradually cleared away first from / the tops of the mountains when the effect / was both uncommon & grand for the / mist remaining on the middle & lower / parts of the mountain looked like / clouds whilst the towering summits / appeared as if rising above them we . pafsed through a most lovely & fertile / vale through wh. the Wye wound its / course. But alas the sky became / overcast & soon the rain came down / in torrents we sheltered ourselves / with the hood, umbrellas and Uncles / waterproof cloak notwithstanding wh, / we got wet after an hour and a half / pafsed in this manner we arrived / at Rhayader about 11, 14 miles from / Bualt & had a comfortable fire / made by wh. we soon dried & warmed / ourselves & then breakfasted. The Inn was a good one (the Red Lion) / We left Rhayader about one being / obliged to take 4 horses on account / of the roughness & hilliness of the road / we went by the old road to Hefod The weather had cleared up & the /

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scenery was magnificent. Our road / wound up a high mountain on one / side of it were steep bold rocks / rising perpendicularly above us on / the other a precipitous descent down / into the valley beneath where the little / huts & cottages were seen thinly scattered / whilst high mountains were on the / other side of the vale. We continued / ascending for four miles amongst a / continual change of most grand scenery / the numerous mountain streams / often crofging our path & rushing in / long waterfalls down the valley where / they joined the Illion & afterwards the / Ithwith. During this stage we first / met with the inhabitants who spoke / the Welsh Language only. Near the / Lead mines the scenery was very / wild & majestic & immense mafses / of slate were thrown on the mountain / side & in the bed of the river. As we approached the hills though equally bold appeared more / verdant & cultivated in many / parts richly wooded with pines & / fir trees we reached the Hafod /Arms wh. is a very comfortable Inn /

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and soon after set out with the guide / to see the Pont y Monach or Devils / Bridge after crossing it we descended / a steep narrow path wh. we thought / rather perilous until we found our-/-selves nearly underneath the bridge / and surrounded by the wildest & al-/-most horrific scenery the water rushing / down with violence & impetuosity their / fall only broken by immense masses / of rock the steep banks on either / side covered by dark trees and / shrubs and the deep arch of the / bridge over our heads altogether formed / a scene so grand & striking as filled / our minds with astonishment and / awe. After having ascended / the bank we crossed the road and / descended on the other side we [??] / a very fine waterfall the whole / fall being two hundred & eight feet / and near it the entrance to the / Robber cave where formerly two / Robbers lived with their sister and / infested the neighbourhood as plunderers. / They were at length however taken /

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up for committing murder and executed. / we then returned to the Inn & spent / rest of the evening in finishing sketches etc. /

Aug 11 After breakfast we took a postchaise / from the Inn & proceeding along the Llan-/-idloes road for a mile & a half arrived at the / church of [?????]kenwyn a Mr Edwards read / & preached seeing some English present / he kindly read the second lesson & the / Gospel in English, the sermon and the / rest of the service were in Welsh. After / it was over we went down to the / Parsons bridge where the wild gran-/-deur of the scenery was calculated / to lead the mind from nature up / to nature's God, The bridge itself / consists of two rude pieces of timber / thrown across a frightful chasm / with a wooden rail on one side / only whilst underneath the waters / of the Rheidol form a boiling / whirlpool & roar with a thundering / noise. Tradition supposes it to / have been erected by a clergyman / to enable him to preach at the / two churches he had under his / care & this bridge saved him a / round of many miles /

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The chaise was waiting for us and / we returned to the Inn. I read to Aunt / till after dinner time. Afterwards we took / a delightful walk going on the Hafod / road we saw in the vale a little / hamlet consisting of two or three / scattered cottages & a bridge thrown / across a rushing stream wh. looked / very pleasant we quickly found a / pathway down the hillside and the / spot quite answered the expect-/-ations we had formed of it at / a distance we wandered about / it and found some very picturesque / waterfalls & the wild flowers were / lovely. After tea Mary & I walked / out again. /

Aug 12 We rose at ½ past five / & went out to sketch. Breakfasted / at 8 & then went to see the Hafod / estate celebrated as the seat of / the late Thos. Johnes Esq. (see <http://www.hafod.org>) / The entrance / to the grounds is through a wide / stone arch beyond wh. the carriage / road winds to the right through / a noble avenue of trees till a / sudden turn round a rock /

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brings the house in view. The man-/-sion is not very large but is built / in a suitable & elegant style. The / library which is a very good / occupies four rooms it is a collection / of valuable manuscripts & books but / the house is not at present shown / to strangers. Having procured a / guide who was formerly a servant / of Col. Johnes we proceeded to visit / the grounds wh. are very extensive / We first saw the American garden / wh. formerly belonged to Miss Johnes. / Then winding through a wood / we came on the wild banks of / the Ystwyth on wh. we continued / to walk the rocky banks on either side / some bold & naked & in other / parts richly wooded or grown

over / with heath & ivy whilst numerous / cascades & waterfalls dashed / loudly
below amidst mafses / of slate & rock. We continued / our walk for four miles & then
met the [????] & went to see the / church wh. is a plain & simple / structure. At one
corner of the / churchyard enclosed by iron /

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railings and and planted with / flowers is the burying place of the / Johns family. Mifs
Johns died in / 1811 aged 27 Mr Johns died at /Exeter in 1816. They were both buried
/ at Hafod. The whole of this splendid / estate has been lately purchased / by the
Duke of Newcastle / for 62,000£. We returned to the / Hafod Arms & having got fresh /
horses and the carriage being / packed we set out for Aberystwyth / 12 miles the
road was very pleasant / we looked into the valley of Rheidol / almost all the way
when you / reach the top of the hill the ocean / & Aberystwyth in the foreground /
suddenly open on the view with / a very pleasing effect the town / is small but clean
though / not striking & chiefly consisting / of lodging houses. We drove Evans / Hotel
the Kellevue on the Crescent / where we found very good acc-/omadation we
then went out / took a stroll on the beach /

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in hopes of finding some Aberystwyth / pebbles but we were unsucefsul / we then
went a little way up / Constitution Hill & sketched the / town but it was so dusty &
steep / we were glad to descend returned / to the hotel & dined afterwards / we
went up to the castle wh. / is a very fine old ruin of consider-/able extent & appears
to have / been a fortrefs of great strength / It was rebuilt by Edward I in / 1299 . From
this spot the Welsh / mountains are seen to great / advantage Cader Idris & on a
/clear day Snowdon being / distinctly visible.

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Before breakfast M & I / went out to sketch the castle. / We left Aberystwyth at half
past / ten. After travelling about seven / miles the sea again burst on / our view with
Town & Aberdovey / on the shore the hills rising / at the side and stretching / out in
a long line, it looked / very lovely.

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We pafsed beneath Dovey Castle / just then the view was very fine / indeed the
richly wooded trees / beneath the castle & above our / road and the stream which /
flowed just beneath us formed / a scene truly beautiful. We / went by the New road to
Mackynl-/lth 18 miles the latter part / being made of slate was very / rough so that
we did not ar-/rive at Mackynllth till near / four. Whilst the horses were / changing we
visited the old / Parliament house in wh. it is / said Owen Glyndwr summoned / a
Parliament in 1402 & accepted / from their hands the crown of / Wales. A spacious
doorway is / the only trace of its ancient / grandness. Leaving Machkynllth / the rain
came and so Mary / rode behind wrapt up in / Uncles cloak and we had the / hood
up & journeyed on amid / the most delightful country/ We pafsed a very sweet place
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to water the horses and then / began to ascend a long hill. I think four miles but not
at / all steep. Uncle and I walked it / up the scene was very fine / Cader Idris towering
in gigantic / strength the hills on the other / with the wild goats straying / amongst
their rocky homes in the / distance the little lake with / the hills beyond shining in the /
sunshine altogether formed a scene /

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It was the / fair day and consequently rather / bustling we went into the church / yard but it was too dark to see / the inside of the church.

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Aug 14 After breakfast we all set out in / a car to visit the waterfalls having passed / the Town Hall we passed through a beauty-/-ful wood the hills & mountains looked / very fine Cader Idris lifting his noble / head in the distance we passed on thus / very cheerily for 5 miles when we found / three ponies & one horse waiting for us / having mounted & put ourselves under / the direction of Mr Richard Pugh the / guide we pursued our path towards / the waterfalls having rode three miles / & a half we left the ponies at a small / house & walked over some fields & descended some steep paths we crossed / a rough bridge & soon reached the / elegant waterfall of Rhaeadr Mawddach (see <http://www.geograph.org.uk/photo/1029392>) This stream falls down a rock between / 60 & 70 feet in height it is thrice broken / on its descent. The rocks & trees form an / amphitheatre around & foreground is / finely broken by large pieces of rock /

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We retraced our steps as far as the / bridge & then turning on a narrow path / to the right soon reached the fall named / Pistyll Cayne or spout of the Cayne / Another stream rushed down a vast / rock about 200 feet high Uncle & I took / a hasty sketch of it & then returned / to the cottage mounted our ponies & / descended the hill returned to the / high road & then turning to the right / through a gateway ascended a steep / rough path through a thick wood whilst / we heard the noise of water rushing / beneath the scene was wild & / grand & the waterfall rushed onwards / with a furious violence we then descended & walked by the side of the rushing stream wh. is broken / into a thousand cascades the / whole was beautifully picturesque / we again mounted & rode as / far as the house where the car and / horses were put up as we returned / home we alighted & visited Cymer or Kymmer abbey (see <http://www.castlewales.com/cymer.html>) This is situated / about one mile and a half from /

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Dolgelly near the banks of the Maw / A fine avenue of sycamore trees led up to it / It was founded in 1198. The monks were / of the Cistercian order. The east end of the abbey is most perfect & through its thick / covering of ivy may be seen three beautiful / lancet windows returned to the Inn & / dined afterwards took a pleasant walk / on the Barmouth road in the evening we / wrote our journals finished our sketches etc. /

Aug 15 Before breakfast M & I went & / took some sketches. At first Aunt & Uncle / had decided to give up going to Cader / Idris but in kindness to us as the day / looked promising they changed their plan. / The car was again ordered to the door / & at half past ten we set off. We / went by the Towyn road for about / three miles & a half when having passed / a pretty little lake called Llyng / Gader one & a half from Dolgelly. / Our ponies & horses were here waiting / for us & we mounted accompanied / by Ralph Mr R Pugh & two boys & began / to ascend the mountain when we had gone a little way up the prospect / became very pretty & the higher we /

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ascended the lovelier the prospect became. / The hills & mountains rising on the

other / side of a sweet & peaceful looking valley / We had a very fine view of the sea between /the mountains and Barmouth at 11 miles distant/ looked delightful. To the North we beheld / the mighty Snowdon towering in the distance in the west we saw the whole curve / of the Bay of Cardigan bounded at a great / distance by the Caernarvon mountains / and when near the top we beheld the / Wrekin on the distant horizon. The / Weather had been very clear so that / we saw all the prospect delightfully / but just as we reached the summit / a descending cloud enveloped us complete-/-ly in mist & instead of the varied & / grand scenery wh. had surrounded us / we seemed standing alone on an / isolated rock we had by this time / dismounted & after clambering up some / rough rocks gained the topmost summit / of this grand mountain we then went / into a little rough cottage made / for the convenience of the cold & weary / where we dined. The clouds then /

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partially pafsed off and we soon after /commenced our descent not without some little fear we walked some way & then rode, our ponies were very sure footed / and descended the declivity in / safety & after reaching the bottom Aunt / & I got into our Irish car & Mary & Uncle rode home on horseback. We /reached the Golden Lion about five / after a most delightful excursion of / six hours & a half. Having rested / a little we went out & walked about / Dolgelly wh. is a very nice comfortable / town built rather peculiarly the houses / seem quite unconnected built here / & there but they look clean& comfortable / we then walked on the Machynlleth / road from where the town looks remark-/-ably pretty the rest of the evening was / employed as usual in writing journals / finishing sketches, settling accounts etc. /

Aug 16 Left Dolgelly, which we all agree / is a delightful place, about 10 When we / had come a little way from the town we / stopped & Mary & Uncle took a sketch / of Calder Idris. More lovely & romantic /

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scenery I cannot imagine than that through / which we pafsed. The Maw now became very / wide & washed one side of the road / and on its opposite bank the hills & mountains / were rising & Cader Idris towering in all its / pride & glory above them whilst light / grey clouds were resting on its summit. On / the other side of our path high rocks rose / boldly & abruptly partially covered with heaths / the yellow furze and various coloured / mofses & lichens. The scenery was completely / like Switzerland. As we approached / nearer Barmouth the river became so / wide & appeared so mountain locked that / it looked completely like a lake. But a / turn in the road soon showed us / the sea and the junction between it / and the river. We reached Barmouth / at 12 & we were all so delighted with / the place & the surrounding scenery / that Uncle decided on remaining / here until the next day. We then / walked out we went on the beach / wh. is remarkably fine & almost covered / with shells. Uncle took a shower bath / & we ascended the hill on wh. the tower / is built the houses are built one / above another so that when you /

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stand at the door of one you may almost / look down the chimney of the one below / returned to our inn the Corsy Gedal Arms/ & dined afterwards M & I went out & /sketched the church Uncle & Aunt soon / found us & we took a very pleasant / walk on the Dolgelly road. The glow of / after sunset behnd the distant mountains / & the island of Bardsey was very splendid /

Aug 17 We had intended on leaving Barmouth / today but Aunt being very poorly Uncle / decided on taking lodgings & remainig / here for a few days. Accordingly Uncle / procured some very pleasant ones a / little way out of Barmouth on the /

banks of the river and we left / the Inn wh. was not particularly / comfortable about one o'clock / M & I took a walk before dinner / M & Uncle after. /

Aug 18 We all went in the morning / to the Chapel of Ease at Barmouth where / there was English service we heard a / truly gospel sermon from Mr Jones the / vicar

Aug 19 Mary & I went to see the old Parish / Church wh. is situated two miles on the / Harlech road we returned by the sands /

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After dinner we took a pleasant walk on / the Dolgelly road & gathered wild / flowers from the pastures We had a peat fire.

Aug 20 Mary & I went out before breakfast / but then rain soon obliged us to return / The letters arrived from Bangor we were / detained in the house by the rain / all the morning. After dinner the wea-/-ther had cleared up and we took / a pleasant walk on the Harleck / road

Aug 21 Directly after breakfast we / set off to make an expedition / up the hills we found it very / windy but the different prospects / were very lovely. The afternoon rainy.

Aug 22 Before breakfast Mary and / I took a long walk on the Dolgelly / road. After breakfast we were busy / setting to right packing etc. we all / walked on the sands and found it / very pleasant though rather windy, After / dinner Mary & I went out & sketched / the house of Mrs Roberts were we lodged. /

Aug 23 Left our beloved & singularly rom-/-antic Barmouth at nine and after two hours / pleasant journey arrived at Harlech / We then visited the castle which stands / on a bold rock wh. was sometime washed / by the sea but it has now retreated to some / distance. We were all extremely pleased . /

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It is one of the most entire in Wales. The / form is quadrangular each side measures / 210 ft. & a round tower at each corner / A guide showed us the inside we saw the / place where the portcullis had been, the state / apartments, the banqueting hall & were / much pleased with the spiral staircases / inside the towers . We sketched it and then / left Harlech about one - as we proceeded the / scenery was beautiful bold rocks immensely / high fern covered & heath clad hills & lovely / valleys the river Dwryd winding amongst / them. The prismatic colour shedding / a most heavenly glow over the distant mount-/-ains indeed it was almost too lovely for des-/-cription. We travelled by the New Road wh. is / very good all the way and arrived at Maentwrog / soon after three we drove to the Taney Bwlch / Inn and to our dismay found the house / quite full & no beds to be had. They however / said they could procure us beds in the / village & a sitting room was at libery / so we agreed to stop. We then went to see Tanybwllch Hall belonging to Mr Oakley the view from the terraces is very / fine, we then returned. In the evening after resting we took a pleasant walk on / the old road to [????] It was a lovely / evening and we enjoyed it very much . Returned to the Inn and after supper / finished our sketching & at about ten we / left the Inn in a little open chaise too small to hold all the party so the / boy was obliged to lead the horse.

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We slept at a little village Inn where the / beds & rooms were very small & uncomfortable.

Aug 24 Before breakfast Mary & I took a /pleasant walk along the Festiniog / road. About 11 we set out in an Irish / jaunting car to visit the vale of Festiniog / and the waterfalls after an hours walking / and riding we stopped at Martha Owens / Inn and having procured a guide walked / to Rhaeadr & the Falls of Rhaeadr one / of them was 300yds above and the other / 300yds below the stone bridge They are / very grand though difficult to accefs / & in some parts we pafsed very boggy / we returned to the Inn and then / had the melancholy experience of att-/-ending a Welsh Funeral we were much / gratified to see the unaffected sorrow / and solemnity wh. was visible it was / numerously attended the church was / quite full. We left Festiniog and arrived / at the Tanybwllch Inn having rested a / few minutes we set off to see the falls / of Maentwrog we rode within a mile / and a quarter and then walked / accompanied by a guide and an oldwoman / of 74 we visited both falls & returned / about seven very tired & much / gratified

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Aug 25 Sunday At 11 o`clock we went to the / little church at Maentwrog where there was / to be English service we understood. Mr / Driscoll and Mr Chambers read between / them both being in the reading desk at / the same time and Mr Driscoll preached / He is an Irishman who has been / staying at Festiniog during the summer / and promises to be a good preacher / we were much pleased with the / basis on which the whole / service was conducted. After /dinner we took a pleasant walk / through Mr Oakley`s grounds up to / a stone quarry & returned through the / woods.

Aug 26 Before breakfast M & I went / out. Mary sketched the Inn and I took / the village of Maentwrog it was a / beautiful morning and we after-/-wards took a walk on the Festiniog / road. We left this sweet place / which is in a lovely valley about eleven / and after travelling through grand mountainous / country and through a very sandy / [????] we arrived at Tremadog / about one and walked up to / Mr Maddocks house wh. is very /

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pretty the town is built on land wh. / has been reclaimed from the sea /and there are likewise 5000 / acres of the same ground under / cultivation but we were not part-/-icularly struck with the place Leaving / Tremadoc we proceeded through / a broad road with precipitous / and overhanging rocks wh. seemed / ready to fall on us and do indeed / often fall as we saw by the immense / pieces wh. were lying beneath. / about four miles from Tremadog / we Glaslyn came to the Pont Aberglaslyn a bridge thrown across the Colwyn . /

The surrounding scenery is magni-/-ficent. The road winds along / a narrow stony vale where the / dark perpendicular cliffs on / each side approached so near as / only to leave room for a carriage / and the driver we alighted / and walked on the bridge and / were surrounded with four / children anxious to sell their / spars, crystals, ores etc. Uncle pur- /

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- chased some and we then proceeded / to Beddgelert we found the Inn / very full but procured beds with / some difficulty we then went in / an open carriage and visited two / very sweet lakes Llyn Dinas and / Llyn Gwynant we rode through / 9 miles of very fine country / and back again we retuned to / our Inn The Goat a little before / eight /

Aug 27 After breakfast we took a / short walk in the village and the / environs. About eleven we left Bedd-/-gelert and after travelling about five / miles we came to a very lovely / lake called Llyn Cadair we sketched / it. On this road we pafsed Nan / Plas the seat of Sir R. Williams / and about a quarter of a mile further / Nant Mill a most

beautifully / picturesque spot. As we approached / Caernarvon the Island of Anglesea / begins to appear whist the elegant / towers of the castle are sometimes / visible & then hid from view. /

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Faintly rising in the distance we / saw the mountains of Wicklow / indeed the whole was beautiful & uncommon we arrived at the / Uxbridge Arms a handsome hotel / about two and soon went out to / look around us we first went to the baths wh. are very good ones & from / the town walls wh. we ascended / we had a very fine / view we then visited the castle / wh. delighted us greatly it covers / about two acres & a half the corridors / are remarkably fine we ascended / the Eagle Tower by a spiral staircase / and walked along the battlements / wh. are very fine. We then sketched / the castle after dinner we /walked the sunset was most / glorious /

Aug 28 Before breakfast M & I went / to sketch the castle from the inside / we then returned to the Inn and / immediately after breakfast set out / again on our journey we passed / Dolbardon Lake wh. is entirely /

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embosomed in the mountains and / looked very lovely the slate quarries / are very fine and added beauty / to the scene we arrived at the / Britannia Hotel Llanberis about half / past eleven and then went to see / Dolbardon Castle wh. is however not / much more than a single / Tower in a [???] but very pic-/turesque [???] we took some / sketches and whilst Uncle and / Mary were finishing their draw-/ings Aunt and I took a sweet / walk over a bridge and by a / little footpath on the other side of / the lake at half past one we left / Llanberis passed Llanberis Lake / took a slight glance at the copper / mines then entered the pass / of Llanberis the scenery was now / extremely rugged and with naked / rocks & mountains whose tops / were lost in the clouds we asc-/ended for three miles & at the top / of it found ourselves on the highest / ground between London and Holy-/head we arrived at Capel Curig / about five and took a pleasant / walk through the woods /

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Aug 29 In the morning the weather / was very misty and rainy so we staid / at the Inn and wrote read etc. / about half past eleven it cleared up / and we went in a car to visit / a very fine waterfall. The spouts / of the swallow about three miles / and a half from the Inn we / thought it one of the finest we / had seen in Wales. On our return / from it we had intended setting / out for Bangor but the rain and mist / came again & we were obliged to / stay at Capel Curig but as we / were comfortably situated at the / Inn we did not regret it . We / were so fortunate as to meet / with many friends here. Mr / Sharpe & his companions, the / four Cambridge youths who were / in the same house with us at / Barmouth and others we had / met with on our journey. /

Aug 30 Before breakfast Mary & I sketched / and then took a pleasant walk./ We left Capel Curig directly after break-/fast for Bangor after about four /

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miles we came to Lake Ogwen the / largest lake we had seen in Wales / surrounded by rough, high and bold / mountains at the termination of / the lake was a beautiful waterfall / we then came to the pass of Nant / Ffrancon the valley is very pleasing / and scattered over with little / hamlets or single cottages a great / deal of peat is cut in this valley / and we saw the people carrying / it away on forms made for that pur-/pose for it we then passed by / a circuitous route of one mile / through Lord Penrhyns slate quar-/ries in wh. 1850 men are em-/ployed it was twelve o'clock / and we saw them teeming / from all parts to go to dinner / returning to the high road the rain / came on we passed Penrhyn / castle and arrived at the / Penrhyn Arms where we

remained / (Bangor 15 miles from Cael Curig) / the afternoon was very rainy / we wrote letters etc.

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Aug 31 In the morning we set out to / visit the town of Bangor it is / clean and tolerably large the houses / generally small we saw the / Cathedral wh. is extremely small / & plain but the inside is very / pleasing and the adjoining chapter / house very good, the church / is divided into two parts for the Welsh / and English we then returned to / the Inn and about one o'clock / left Bangor for Beaumaris after / riding for about two miles we / came in sight of the Menai Bridge / which indeed far more than / answered our expectations we / thought it the finest specimen / of art we had ever seen and / quite worth coming into Wales to / see crossing it we passed into / the Isle of Anglesea and / through some very sweet scenery / for four miles and a half & / then we arrived at the Bulkeley / Arms Beaumaris the view from / our sitting room window is en-/

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-chanting looking across the Menai / Straits into Wales, We walked out / visited the Green and the Castle / wh. appears to have been very / strong though not quite so beautiful / and elegant as Harlech & Caenarvon. / We walked till about six when / we returned and dined & then / went out and sketched and walked / on the Terrace. /

Sep 1 Before breakfast Mary and I took / a nice walk on the seashore / at half past eleven we went to the / church wh. was full we heard / the Rector Mr Howel preach we / afterwards walked on Baron the / grounds belonging to Sir Richard Bulkeley / In the afternoon there being a / more English Service we walked on Redhill and afterwards on the cliff.

Sep 2 Before breakfast Mary and / I took a turn in the Castle walls / and on the Green about nine / we left Beaumaris when we / arrived at the Menai Bridge / we stopped and went into the /

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toll house where we bought some / specimens of the stone of wh. the / bridge is built we then descended / by the side of the bridge and / Mary and Uncle went 200 yards / underneath the ground to see the / the fastenings of the chain in the rock / Aunt and I cautiously kept in the / open air we afterwards went under-/neath the arches on the Anglesea / side from whence we had a very / fine view of the bridge and heard / the echo wh. is remarkable but the / wind was in a direction wh. carried the / sound from us. We then went on to / Bangor where we breakfasted / and after staying an hour we set / off for Conway 14 miles we passed / through the villages of Aber and Pen / close by the sea side all the way / the road is cut through the rocks / wh. in some places quite overhang / the road the sea view was very / grand and we saw all the way / Part of the Isle of Anglesea, Puffins / Island and part of the Great /

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Ormes Head. As we approached Conway / the town walls rose very finely and then / the castle. We reached the Inn The Castle / at three and then visited the Castle / & the Town walls. The Castle is decidedly / the finest we have seen, it is most / interesting, Built by Edward 1st 1284 / It stands on the verge of a precipitous / rock.

Opposite the entrance are two / towers the King and Queen towers in / wh. Edward and his queen Eleanor / had apartments. In the latter are / vestiges of a beautiful chapel called The[???] Window, after spending a / couple of hours very happily inside / we crossed the Chain Bridge that / we might have a more distant /

view and returned to the Inn / a little before seven.

Sep 3 Before breakfast Mary and I / went to the castle again and / attempted to sketch it again and after / breakfast we all went and / ascended to the top of the castle wall / & wandered in other parts of the / ruin we saw a very old house /

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Built in 1567 wh. was very curious / left Conway at one, The country / was beautiful the vale was / richly cultivated and wooded / after riding seven miles and a half / we came to a waterfall Porth / Llwd d wh. we ascended with / great difficulty and fatigue / but were indeed amply repaid / we thought it most beautiful / the spray and the rush of the / were very grand we / were an hour & a half visiting / it and then returning to the / carriage came on to Llanrwrst / after procuring beds we walked / out & saw the bridge and / the surrounding scenery which / is very sweet. /

Sep 4 Before breakfast Mary and I / went out sketched & then took / a delightful walk on the further / side of the Conway near Lord Will-/oughbys House after breakfast we /

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set off the vale of Llanrwrst looked very / beautiful it is very richly cultivated / after three miles & a half we came / to Betws y Coed a very lovely spot / the water rushes & falls with great / impetuosity near the bridge we went / underneath the arches from / whence we had a very fine view then / passing through the turnpike we again / entered on the great Parliamentary road / about three miles on we had a / fine view of a waterfall wh. winds / beautifully and almost imperceptibly / amongst the rocks until with a / long and sudden rush it falls / into a large basin from whence / it again falls & is lost in the / vale and woods. Near [C???] / we had a beautiful & clear / view of Snowdon we reached [c?????] (14 miles) a quarter after 12 / and were surprised to find / that they had no horses to send us / on with. At last however we were / obliged to be content with a / pair of cart horses and proceeded / The country here was barren & /

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bleak for a mile or two but the / usual loveliness of the country soon / broke again on our right and we / reached Corwen (14 miles) in two hours / here we visited the church yard / and saw the mark on the wall / said to have been made by a dart / thrown by Owen Glyndwr and some / historical remains on top of / a mountain and likewise very / distant but distinctly seen with / a glass the ruins of the castle Dinas / Bran (<http://www.castlewales.com/dinas.html>) leaving Corwen we went / through very sweet country after / 7 miles we entered the vale of / Llangollen with wh. we were indeed / delighted the heath clad / mountains the lovely vale the / rich woods & the winding of / the river Dee formed a scene / wh. I will not attempt to describe / we arrived at the Kings Head / Llangollen about half past four / & then visited the grounds for-/merly belonging to Lady C Butler &/ Miss Ponsoby who lived in great retirement (

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and then went into the churchyard / after dinner we walked about & / enjoyed ourselves & now the prospect / from our window is really lovely for / the moon is shining brightly above / the hills & reflected in the dark clear / waters of the river Dee wh. flows / close to the windows of the house. /

Sep 5 Before breakfast Mary & I / went out & took a very sweet walk / & immediately afterwards we set out / on our expedition to see Valle / Crucis abbey 2 miles from Llangollen / The ruins are the finest eccle-/seastical ones in Wales we were / much

pleased with it. The whole / length of the church is 180 feet / about 300yds from the abbey stands / Elisegs Pillar about 1000years old / left Valle Crucis soon after one / & Mary and I ascended to / Castle Dinas Bran 1800 feet this / ascent is laborious but quite worth / while on account of the antiquity / of the ruins and the commanding / prospect seen from the top. / Afternoon we took a long walk on the Corwen road. /

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Sep 6 Walked before breakfast about half / past nine we left Llangollen and / continued riding through the rest of / the vale wh, was very beautiful indeed / the whole valley is one scene of varied / lovinefs we pafsed the aqueduct / Wynnstay the seat of the Wynn family / & Trevor Hall, We then left the mail / road & turned to the left that we / might visit Chirk Castle after going / a little way came to some iron / gates of exquisite workmanship through / wh. we entered the park and drove /up to the castle wh. is 800 years old. The / hill on wh .it stands commands / a beautiful prospect and so exten-/-sive that on a clear day seventeen / counties may be seen from it we /went over the inside it is now inhab-/-ited by the Middleton-Biddulph fam-/-ily they were absent we visited / the Entrance hall, old dining room, / drawing room, gallery, King Charles / bedroom saw the bed in wh. he slept, the chapel & we / saw many old pictures and / curious antique cabinets having / no time to lose we set out /

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again pafsed by Chirk saw the aque-/-duct about this time we pafsed the / boundary between England and Wales. / I need not say with great regret for/ who could leave such scenes without / sorrow the change in the whole face / of the country was remarkable it / looked so very flat & insipid after / the lovely mountains we had left / behind. At Ellesmere (18 miles from / Llangollen) we changed horses and / and then went on to Whitchurch wh. / was our next change (12 miles) then / pafsing through Audlem we changed /horses at Woore and then came on / to Newcastle under Lime (14 miles) the evening / was lovely and the crimson streaked /sky looked beautiful over the distant / landscape we arrived at the / Roe Buck about half past seven /

Sep 7 Before breakfast Mary and I walked / as usual and directly afterwards we / again set forward and pafsed through / many miles of manufacturing country / wh. did not look very pleasant / after the lovinefs we have been / amidst so long we changed horses / at Cheadle (15 miles) and then went /

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the next stage to Ashbourne (13 miles) / there we endeavoured to see the/ monument but could not obtain / the key leaving Ashbourne we pafsed / through very pleasant country for / four miles when we came to Dove / Dale where we alighted and walked / accompanied by a guide through / the sweet little minature picture of / Wales it is a beautiful spot the / river Dove wanders through it and / the hills and rocks covered with / dark woods are extremely picturesque / and romantic we wandered in / it for nearly two hours and then / set out again for Matlock, Derbysh. / is indeed a beautiful county / as we rode on we quite fancied / ourselves once more amidst the / the wild beauty of Wales we arrived / at Matlock about half past seven / the road was peculiarly winding / we seemed to turn to the right / or left almost every 20 yards (Ash-/-bourne to Matlock 17 miles)

Sep 8 Before breakfast we walked / went in the morning to the church /

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in Mr Arkwrights Grounds but were / not at all satisfied with the sermon. / The grounds

are very beautiful and / we returned and it rained and / continued for the rest of the / afternoon but in the evening / Mary and I succeeded in getting / as far as the little meeting wh. / was well attended and we were / much pleased. /

Sep 9 Breakfasted at eight / and then we set out to visit / the cavern ascending Abrahams / heights the different views were / beautiful we entered an old / lead mine each with a / lighted candle and proceeded / in due order saw specimens / of the fluorspar, stalactites etc. / we then entered the natural / cavern wh. was illuminated / with many lights and is / certainly very curious having / seen it we came out gladly / into daylight and fresh air / and descended by another /

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path and then visited first / Vallences and then Mawes Museum / and were very much pleased / with the specimens of spar etc. /wh. we saw worked up into many / beautiful and ornamental things / particularly a capital greyhound / in Mawes. returned to the Inn / and a quarter before one we / set out and pafsed through the / town of Matlock the country / beautiful to Chatsworththe / grand residence of the Duke of /Devonshire. The house has late-/-ly been greatly enlarged and / is not yet completed the alter-/-ations have taken place under / the direction of the architect / Sir Jeffrey Wyatville we first / saw the entrance hall. The / Boit Player there placed is / an extremely fine piece of / sculpture pafsing through the / Chapel Gallery it is / completely filled with very /

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Interesting sketches by the old mas-/-ters we came to the chapel/ wh. is handsomely ornamented / the Altar is made of beautiful / marble. The Ante room and / the Painted Ante room in wh. / is a beautiful picture by Renai-/-gle of the old gamekeeper / we then saw the State rooms / wh. are beautifully ornamented / with splendid carvings by Gibbons / Birds, Fish, fruit & flowers all / seem to become as nature / under his hand he stands / alone unrivalled in his art. / Down stairs we visited the / Drawing rooms the Large dining room and the splendid / Library wh. looks like the per-/-fection of one. The sculpture / gallery we saw but it is / not yet complete it is very / large and opens at one /end of the suite of rooms /

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and at the other into the orangeries / the whole house is adorned / with beautiful pieces of sculpture /and the ceilings often painted / and the doorways of fine mafsive/ marble. We then went into/ the grounds at a little dis-/-tance we saw a temple over / the dome of it a fountain / of water rushed and rising / again at the foot of it rushed / on towards us down a long / succesfsion of low steps until / it was lost at the end of it / we walked through the grounds / and came to a part where / there was a small lawn / with a tree in the centre / and a small fountain wh. / appeared dry the guide how-/-ever turned something and / the water flowed and then /

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from all the branches and / leaves of the tree and then / from different pars of the / lawn we saw the water rising / and falling most wonderfully / to our great astonishment we / afterwards saw two more / fountains one of wh. rose to / the height of 92 feet and / fell again most elegantly / the sun shone and the / rainbows were very brilliant / we saw the Italian flower / garden etc. etc. and then / got into the carriage and / went to Sheffield the / ride was very pleasant / we arrived about half past / six then walked about / the town. /

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