

EXTRACTS FROM THE 1912 DIARY OF GRACE MACKARNESS

In 1912 only the youngest of Grace and Charlie's children, Roger, aged 17, was still at school. Margot had married Bob Booker in 1907 and they had two children; she also had a stillborn baby this year. Hugh seems to have been ill and gone on a voyage for his health. Elfie married Francis Hughes in April 1912. Guy was at Oxford. Cuthbert left for India in November, to take up a post in the Indian Forestry Service.

Cuthbert became engaged to Eileen Godfrey, eldest daughter of Dr Godfrey who lived in the house opposite. Cuthbert and Eileen told their children that they had been secretly engaged for some time before this; Eileen had to wear her engagement ring on a chain round her neck, hidden.

Cuthbert and Eileen did not marry – or see each other again - for three years after he left for India.

Aunt Jue, who died in July 1912 aged 75, was Miss Julia Sophia Mackarness, the youngest of Charlie's aunts.

Violet and Elma Godfrey were Eileen's younger sisters.



Family group, around 1912

Bob Booker Cuthbert Hugh Francis Hughes

Margot Charlie Grace Elfie

Guy John Mary Roger

Wednesday 3 January

Charlie went over to Kirby Misperton in Dr Thompson's car, to see Chancellor Hutchings, & took Elfie & Roger with him. A worse account of Mrs D.W. I paid calls in the afternoon before going with Cuthbert & Guy to an amusing 'Guessing games' party at Alice Thompson's. Elfie went to a musical party at the Godfreys' after dinner. Late Evensong. S S Prizes.

Thursday 4 January

Elfie had breakfast in bed. Cuthbert had a ride. Roger went on the sands in a mizzle to play hockey, but it cleared after a while. Elfie went to her singing lesson. I went round to the school & at 5 we had the S S Tea followed by the Magic Lantern: 113 only sat down to tea. Elfie & the 3 boys went to the Keymers to dine & had music afterwards. I went to the Comts' [Communicants'?] service. Elma came in to say goodbye.

Friday 5 January

.... Miss Knowles died

Elma went to the R. College of Music, & Mrs G went to London with her. Cuthbert went out hunting & Roger, Eileen & V Dawson went to the Meet at Hayburn Wyke. Charlie went to York. Litany. I went into the town in the afternoon. Evensong. Guy, Roger, & Eileen went to the P N E U. Twelfth night dance at the Grand.

Saturday 6 January

I went to Church at 8 & 10.30. Later the day turned out pouring wet. I drove to the Committee Meeting at Miss Green's & then went to the G F A Lodge & paid Miss Brown a visit before going to a Hearts' party at the Bakers'. Miss Wise drove me home. We went a party of 9 to Olympia in the evening & saw some very good cinematograph pictures of the South Pole expedition, & others: Dr G & Eileen & Vera Dawson & Charlie & all the rest of us – 2 cab loads.

Wednesday 10 January

Charlie went to York at 8.55, & in the afternoon to Kirby Misperton for Chancellor Hutchings' funeral. I went to a meeting at the G F S Lodge. In the afternoon Eileen & the boys went for a dog walk & I paid calls. Late Evensong. Eileen came in & we played card games.

Thursday 11 January

Guy, Roger, Eileen & I saw off Cuthbert for the Forest of Dean at 10.35 – the Speech House Hotel, Coleford, Glos. Rainy. I was able to tell the boys about Father's resigning Knoyle. In the afternoon I paid a lot of bills. Evensong. Guy, Roger & Eileen went to dine at the Cadmans' & go to see 'Tantalizing'.

Friday 12 January

Interesting letters sent on for us to see from people about Father's resignation. Litany. The boys took out the dogs in the afternoon & I paid bills. Evensong. I played for Roger to sing in the evening & then for Guy.

Saturday 13 January

An interesting letter from Mai about their house-hunting expedition to Bournemouth. Roger played in a Badminton tournament at the Grand, & Guy took out the dogs & went to tea at the Godfreys'. I went to the Committee & then to a PNEU meeting at Mrs Alderson-Smith's.

Tuesday 16 January

Charlie went to Barnston by the 11.17. I paid the books. Roger played hockey. The boys & I took out the dogs in the afternoon. Aunt Jue was ill & I went in to see her. Packing. Eileen came to dinner & she & the boys went to 'The witness for the defence' at the Opera House.

Thursday 18 January

Celebration. Roger stayed in bed to breakfast with a headache. Some snow. I went to a G F S House Committee meeting at Miss Green's, Gwen Barker came in in the afternoon. Charlie, Roger, & I went to the John Taylor's party at the Pr. Of Wales, good conjuring &c from Maskelyne & Devant's. Charlie left after tea, before the 2nd part. I went to see Aunt Jue. Roger went to 'Romeo & Juliet' with the Wises.

Tuesday 23 January

The day turned out fine. Charlie went to Northallerton at 8.55 & Roger to Ganton at 10.35 with Eileen. R left his food behind so I rushed up to the station with it. Paid the books. I went to see Aunt Jue before going to an interesting C&CCS meeting at the Victoria Hall, Dr G in the chair. Evensong. Roger went to the Opera Ho. with George Howard. Charlie celebrated for Mrs D W after 12 o'clock.

Friday 26 January

Packing for Roger. He & I went to Aunt Jue's. By the 1.17 Charlie saw Roger off to Radley. Later I took round all my monthly papers. Evensong. Everyone but Fanny went to the Victoria Hall & Charlie took the chair at a Welsh Disestablishment Lantern Lecture given by Mr Wilton: not a large attendance but a good many men. Sleeting.

Saturday 27 January

I had offered to go to Ling Cottage to Margot who is laid up with certain threatenings, but she is better & does not think it worth while, though she is very grateful. I went to see Aunt Jue before luncheon & in the afternoon went to a very lengthy Committee meeting. Eveningsong. I went to see Frank Deighton – not long come into my district.

Thursday 1 February

Snow showers in the course of the day, heavy towards night. I went to see Aunt Jue. I went to a party at the Philips' & won 4th prize (with another lady) in a commercial guessing competition. I went to the Commts' service – very few there.

Sunday 4 February

I went to the usual services. Eileen & I had a short walk, looked on for a little while at tobogganing & then I went to see Aunt Jue. Mr Stewart had a friend & did not come to luncheon. We had all the Milvains to tea.

Wednesday 7 February

Charlie went to school. Thawing. I went to see Aunt Jue. Litany. First N U W W Committee meeting at 12.15. I paid calls & then went to the organ recital: Eileen was the violin soloist & played very well. Charlie went over to the Cattleys'. Late Evensong.

Sunday 18 February

I went to the usual services. I went to see Aunt Jue. Charlie went to York in the afternoon (starting after I had gone to school) in Mr B M's motor to preach in the Minster & sleep at the deanery. I had Elsie Keble to tea.

Tuesday 20 February

I went to see Aunt Jue. Visits. Charlie did various bits of work but was not himself, & after tea I found his temperature over 100 & went for the Doctor. Dr Thornley came & prescribed: it is evidently 'flu. Dr G came later but did not see him as Dr Th. had been in. I went to the Social but did not stay very long. I slept in Charlie's dressing room.

Monday 26 February

Charlie heard from Hugh at last

I spent the day in bed & felt pretty stuffy. Dr Godfrey paid me a visit. Elfie went down the town on trousseau business. The clergy came to luncheon.Mrs Ostler's funeral, but Charlie did not go to the Cemetery Charlie & Elfie had tea with me.

Friday 1 March

Some rain in the course of the day. Darell Carey gave an excellent address at the midday service followed by the short Intercession Service. The Coal Strike has begun. A very successful Working Party.

Wednesday 20 March

Church at 7.45. Attempts at sleet. I went to see Aunt Jue after the Litany. More presents for Elfie. Elfie & the boys met Eileen by the 3.45. I did various things.

Elfie went to tea at the Keymers'. Evensong. Mr Hutchings came & preached at the late service. Cuthbert saw him off at 10 o'clock.

Friday 22 March

I went to Church early. The Bp of Hull took a Confirmation for the Q M S girls in the mornings. Darell Carey gave his 12.15 address & then he & the Bp went off at 1.17. A well attended Working Party: Miss Thompson & I read. A very interesting Welsh Disestablishment Protest Meeting at the Londesborough at 8 to which the boys & the Godfreys, & Eve Taylor & I went: Charlie & Dr G on the platform. Sir W Worsley an uninspiring chairman, but v. good speeches from the Bp of Hull & Mr Lane Fox.

Saturday 23 March

A fine day. Guy & I went down the town. Cuthbert & Guy went to Ganton with Eileen & Dr G in the motor. I went to the Committee Meeting & then to see Aunt Jue. Elfie went to tea at W M Lodge & came back with an emerald & pearl safety pin brooch. Evensong. Guy dined at the Howards' & went to the Opera House with George. Eileen was alone & we had her in after dinner.

Tuesday 26 March

I paid the books. Elfie had heaps of presents. She went to tea with Aunt Jue & then up to Q M S. The boys went up to the Links. I went in the town. Final G F S Meeting at 5. At 8 the Brahms' Requiem was performed in Church & was very good. Bruce Steward sang the baritone solos & Miss Botterill the soprano.

Saturday 30 March

I took my monthly papers round in the course of the day. Charlie went to York at 1.17. I went to the Committee. Mr Keymer took Elfie to Forge Valley in his side car. We were sorry to hear of Ella's having tonsillitis. Evensong. I went to see Aunt Jue. Elfie went over to the Godfreys' to sing.

Saturday 6 April

Fine but windy. Canon Romaine Hervy left at 8.25. Decorations. Presents poured in for Elfie. Elfie, C, G, Eileen & I took out plants &c. Late Evensong.

Monday 8 April

A terribly windy day. The boys went out to Staxton to see the motor trials & were out practically all day. The tables were put up in the drawingroom & servants' hall. Preparations. Elfie had a motor drive with Dr G. She paid Mr Ashby her final visit. I met Roger who arrived punctually at 3.45. Evensong. Charlie & Elfie met Francis, Geraldine Hughes & Bertha Scott. Dinner late. Putting out presents. Francis slept at the Gs.

Tuesday 9 April

Sleet & even attempts at snow showers, but it got better. Great preparations. A huge tent was put up in the garden. The band arrived & played in the diningroom. Detective Yeoman came & took charge. Reception from 3-4.30 & 4.30 to 6 (nominally). Tea in the tent. Another reception at night 8.30 to 10, nominally, but people left before 10. Rose did all the catering.

Wednesday 10 April

A day of preparations, telegrams, & arrivals. A lot of people came to see the presents before luncheon, Deighton, Mrs Horton, the sisters, Dr Godfrey &c. Flora Savery was married at 2 o'clock, the boys & I went to the Church, & Eileen too. By degrees Dr & Mrs Roland Hughes, the Rev G H & Mrs Hughes, M & May Hughes, Nell & Daisy, Hermann & Ella, 'Geoff' Lunt, Mother & Mai, arrived, the 2 last not till about 10 o'clock.

Thursday 11 April

Elfie's & Francis' wedding

A good many of the party came to the Celebration. Meals in the servants' hall. There were snow showers & it was cold, but the sun came out. A lovely wedding; Elfie & Francis very happy. Charming bridesmaids' dresses: Eileen & Violet, Geraldine Hughes & Bertha Scott, 'Geoff' Lunt best man. Photographs by Cromack. Wedding luncheon 12, & the pair left in Dr G's car & caught the 1.17, going to Marlborough for 2 nights. I went with sisters to Brigham's & to Aunt Jue's with Mother. Music at night.



Friday 12 April

All the Hughes faction & Mother & Mai left at 8.25, Charlie & the boys seeing them off. Ella & I packed Elfie's clothes. Tonks' packers packed in the drawingroom. Nell & Daisy came to luncheon & Ella & I had a drive with them to the Cemetery & Marine drive. Ella & I paid Aunt Jue a visit. I had lumbago.

Saturday 13 April

My lumbago was better. The boys saw Hermann & Ella off at 8.25. The packers worked away. Nell & Daisy came to luncheon, & later Nell picked me up at the G F A Lodge where I went to a meeting & we drove to Wheatcroft; Charlie cycled there & we went in to the Church. Evensong. The whole of our party & Daisy, & all the Gs & some others went to see 'Bunty pulls the strings' at the Opera House & much enjoyed it.

Wednesday 17 April

Celebration at 7.45. Daisy, Miss Thompson & I went down to the Lit. Institute for the S P G Sale, & Alice Hogarth joined us there. It was briefly opened by Mrs Good. Down again in the afternoon: Charlie came later & had tea. Not well attended. Miss Brown came on for the evening. The Gs came in after dinner & we had a musical evening. Eclipse of the sun – very good.

Sunday 21 April

Glorious again. We all went to Church at 8 & 10.30. Charlie preached about the Titanic disaster & we had the Dead March. A walk before luncheon. CHS & Bob Russell came to luncheon & Capt & Mrs Walker to tea. Charlie went to Wheatcroft & Daisy & I to S. Martin's.

Tuesday 23 April

A beautiful day again. Charlie left for Beverley for his Visitation at 8.22. The boys bathed. I paid the books. Roger & I went to see Aunt Jue. Cuthbert & Guy went to the Wisers' for l.t. Calls. Evensong. The boys went with the Godfreys to a Dance (Conservative) on the Spa.

Wednesday 24 April

I went in the town for shopping & then to see Aunt Jue. The boys & Eileen went to Cornelian bay & Violet & I followed later & we all had tea. Both the dogs ran away & never came back till night when Jack woke me & I let them in about 2 o'clock. Eileen & Violet came in after dinner till 9.30 & we played Poker P.

Thursday 25 April

Celebration at 8. Matins 10.30. By the 1.17 Cuthbert, Roger & I saw Guy off for Oxford. I sat with Aunt Jue while Annie went to the dentist. Later I went to pay some visits. Charlie came home by the 6.33.

Saturday 27 April

Fine. By the 1.17 Charlie, Roger & I saw off Cuthbert for Oxford: I did jobs in the town & then went to the Committee Meeting. Roger played golf. I went to see Aunt Jue.

Friday 3 May

Charlie went to Q M S. Packing for Roger & Charlie & I saw him off for Radley at 1.17. Then I shopped & went to 178 Prospect Rd and paid Miss Little a long visit. Went to see Aunt Jue. Evensong. Eileen, Jock Lewis, Gwen Barker, Emmie Noyes, & I went to a good concert at S Nicholas Hall in aid of the Ida House.

Saturday 4 May

Charlie took opening prayers at Bramscote. I got my lettuce & parsley seeds planted at last. Committee meeting. Eileen, Violet & I went to an At Home at the Tathams', before their daughter's wedding. Later I went to see Miss Bankent & Aunt Jue. Evensong.

Tuesday 7 May

By the 8.55 Charlie & I left home, the Godfrey family coming out to wish us Goodbye. At York I saw Charlie off in the motor for Bishopthorpe before leaving for Oxford where Cuthbert & Guy met me ... Sad news of the birth of a stillborn baby boy at Eton on Monday ... Daisy & I went out between tea & dinner & called on Lady Hawkins amongst other things. Guy came to dinner.

Friday 10 May

Packing. A good account of Margot. Daisy & I went to S. Philip's before luncheon & Dr Biggs was there & showed us the new window &c. Cuthbert & Guy saw me off at 1.54 for Petersfield. Ada was out but had left a note, & Arthur came in to tea & a chat & wd have met me but I turned up by an earlier train than they expected. Ada taught me some new kinds of Patience.

Saturday 11 May

A lovely day. Ada & I went down to Petersfield for shopping & looked in on Arthur. In the afternoon Ada & I looked on at l.t. at the Club where Arthur was playing & then met Charlie by the 5.16. Charlie & Arthur had a cycle ride. I sat out & read. I had a cold. Patience.

Tuesday 14 May

I was busy most of the morning working at an evening bodice sent by Miss Marshall unwearable: also packing. Arther came back. By the 5.16 Arthur saw us off for Havant where Francis & Elfie met us. We slept at the 'Bear' but spent our time at 10 Fairfield – a very nice house – where F & E have made good use of their wedding presents.

Thursday 16 May

We went to Church at 8 & 11. I helped Elfie clean silver. Charlie gave F & E a chair for the study. In the afternoon we had a delightful expedition to Chichester, Charlie & F bicycling one way. We went to Evensong at the Cathedral, & after tea went over some charming old almshouses & met Canon Masters the chaplain. Mr Taylor came in in the evening. E & I played Patience.

Friday 17 May

After breakfast I went back to the Bear & packed & then shopped with Elfie. Finally F & E saw us off at 12 o'clock for our last visit to Knoyle. We got to Semley at 3.47 & I drove up & Charlie had a cycle ride on his way. Mother & sisters were at Bournemouth & only Father at home. Mr & Mrs Lewis of Fonthill called & had tea. Father took us round the garden. Mother & sisters came back soon after our dinner.

Tuesday 21 May

Sisters & I did some more sorting in the night nursery. In the afternoon everyone went in the parish, Beatrice & I together, & then she & I – in rain – burnt a lot of old things in a bonfire. Dorothy Carleton came to tea. Mother & I played Colorito. Reading & Poker P. in the evening.

Saturday 25 May

By the 10.32 I went down to Sherborne & was met by Elsie & Michael. Charlie turned up by a later train & we were in at luncheon with the boys at Lyon House when he arrived. Theodore & Elsie took us over the house after luncheon. We left at 3.2 & hoped to meet Reggie at Templecombe but he missed his connection. Cuthbert & Guy had arrived by the time we got home, & Cuthbert drove the pony carriage down & met Reggie by the next train. Mai had her band practice at night & we went to listen.

Monday 27 May

Lovely. Cuthbert & Guy went off by the milk train, sisters nobly getting up & seeing them off. I helped sort out library books in the schoolroom. Father, Mother & I had a drive in the afternoon round by Fonthill & to Linley Mill. Mr & Mrs Noel & Miss Crealock came to tea.

Tuesday 28 May

Reggie went to Gillingham by the 10.32 on business for Father. Mai & I paid a few village visits. Mother & I drove out in the afternoon & did some parochial calls. After tea Mai beat me at croquet. I helped a little at a bonfire in the field. Colorito & Poker P. A delightfully warm day.

Thursday 30 May

Reggie left by the 9.31. A beautiful day. The Club people came up between 11.30 & 12 & escorted Father, Charlie, & Mr Noel to Church. C & I sat with Miss Colson in the Knoyle House seat. Afterwards Father & Mr Noel were marched up again, &

then – with Mr Williams, who had come from Chilmark – went to the School for the dinner. Charlie & I went to Clouds & had a very pleasant luncheon with Mrs Wyndham, Miss Preston (her niece) & Miss Borrow (her secretary). B & I went to see Miss Minns. More looking through things & then the bonfire.

Saturday 1 June

I helped turn out & sort the contents of one of the hall chests. Mother, sisters & I drove to Mere in the afternoon & looked at patterns of material for the drawingroom furniture covers. Showery. I went to the Nisbecks' & Willy Snooks'. Helped with the bonfire. Colorito with Mother. Poker P with Father & Mother. Hugh was to start in the Zeeland. [A Google search reveals that the Zeeland sailed from Antwerp to New York.]

Tuesday 4 June

A lot of rain during the day. I helped sort a lot of things both morning & afternoon, & finally Beatrice, Mai & I had a bonfire & got rid of a lot of things. Mr & Mrs Shorland of Tovant came to dinner for Mai to hand over G F S [Girls Friendly Society?] Sick Fund things to her. Mai had a delightful present from the Choral Society & String Band – a gunmetal watch & little bow to fasten it on.

Wednesday 5 June

Packing. Mrs Wyndham & Lady Elcho came to say goodbye before the latter left – to motor back to London with Mr Balfour. I helped a little with turning out in the smoking room. About 12.15 we left the beloved old house: it was horrid going. Mai came as far as Mrs Cross' with us. We left at 12.51, went to see Emmie Walters during a wait at Salisbury, had a short walk at B'stoke, & arrived at Windsor at 5.55. Elfie was at Eton to our great delight: F was away, so Margot sent for her.

Thursday 6 June

M had breakfast in bed(room), but soon came down. Charlie went to London for 2 meetings. Elfie went out with Nurse & the children & then we 3 sat out till the children went to bed: John can walk very well now, & talk too. I saw Elfie off in the afternoon, & then had a short walk. Charlie had a ride after he came back. Mr Brinton & a cousin came in. We sat in the study after dinner.

Friday 7 June

Margot came down to breakfast. It came on to rain, so we M & I - & the children sat up in the study with a fire, being driven out of the drawingroom by the piano tuner. Mrs McNab came in, & - in the afternoon – Molly Evans. Charlie & I had a walk before tea & went up to the Terrace of Windsor Castle. The children marched so prettily & Mary sang very sweetly: John, too, finished off lines of nursery rhymes very well. Then Mr Neiles dined & he taught me a good new Patience.

Monday 10 June

Heard that Hugh's ship, the Zeeland, is expected at 9 tomorrow morning. Charlie had a wire from Dr Cuff with a bad account of Aunt Jue so went off home at once.

Margot & I went to Caley's in the afternoon. After tea we had the children in the garden.

Tuesday 11 June

I went to Church at 7.15. Lovely. Margot & I went to Windsor & I left at 11.53 for Paddington. Then by taxi to Charing X where I eventually met Hugh safely. I was introduced to Dr Birckhead. H & I went to 21 Montpelier Square: F away for the night (& Amy as I knew) but Mary the housemaid looked after us. H went to send his heavy luggage home, & I had tea & an egg. Talk with H who is the better for the voyage but not well. Finally he saw me off at 5.45.

Wednesday 12 June

Molly Evans came to draw the 2 children. Margot & I went to the Cemetery & put flowers in the cross on the little baby's grave. Much relieved to get a wire saying Dr Birckhead would come next day to luncheon. Rain came on. I played with the children in the nursery. Mrs Heygate called & had tea. Bob & I had a walk after the children went to bed.

Thursday 13 June

Dr Birckhead came to luncheon & talked very fully & frankly to Margot & me about Hugh to whom he has been very kind. Margot, Nanny & the children & I drove to Burnham Beeches & Bob & 2 boys, Houston & MacKewan, bicycled: we had tea at Macro's in the garden. Charlie wired to say he was going to Oxford for 2 nights.

Saturday 15 June

Charlie wrote to say that Hugh was going home with him that day, so I shortened my visit & went too, joining them both at King's C, Charlie having been to see Dr Birckhead. Home safely but the house cleaning was not all done. Charlie went to see Aunt Jue.

Sunday 16 June

Some rain but it cleared. Dr Godfrey came & thoroughly examined Hugh & considered that he need not be operated on at present at any rate. H came to Matins & Evensong with me. He & Mrs Godfrey & Eileen went for a dog walk & I went to see Aunt Jue & found her much changed. CHS came to tea. H went to see Aunt Jue in the afternoon.

Monday 1st July

Charlie went up to Q M S &c to say goodbye to the Old Girls, & then to see Aunt Jue. He went to Hull & Ena left by the same train. I went to Mr Ashby's twice. I went to see Aunt Jue. My At Home day: we were able to be out in the garden. Guy wired to say he had passed mods.

Tuesday 2 July

Very wet. Charlie was to have celebrated for Aunt Jue but she was too ill. He went to see her before going to York. I went later but she was asleep so I went after luncheon & read to her. Hugh & I meant to meet Guy at 3.48 but he turned up by an earlier train. Hugh & Guy & the Gs had strawberries at Constance Twiss'. Evensong. Music after dinner.

Saturday 6 July

A fine morning. Charlie went to Orleton. Aunt Jue had a bad night & was weaker, I only went into her room for a minute. I went to the Committee Meeting & called on the Prestons. The boys played golf. I gardened. Guy went to see 'The Grotesques'.

Monday 8 July

Charlie went to Northallerton after going to see Aunt Jue. Except for one shower the day turned out beautiful. I did a good deal of writing for Charlie & Hugh in the course of the day. We were delighted to hear that Cuthbert had safely got through his geological exam. I went to No. 19 & had a talk with Edith & saw Aunt Jue though she was asleep. Calls. Evensong. Gardening.

Tuesday 9 July

Charlie went early to Northallerton. I paid the books. I went to No. 19 but did not see Aunt Jue who was very ill. I went to the Pageant with Archdeacon Lindsay as they had a spare ticket & I did not know if I should be able to go next day. It was an extremely pretty sight & I enjoyed it immensely. Guy went to the theatre with the Godfreys, Frasers &c. Charlie was round at No.19 till between 10.30 & 11.

Wednesday 10 July

..... Aunt Jue passed away rather before 1 o'clock in the morning Charlie went round to No. 19 several times & so did I, later. Marion Beckett & her governess stayed to luncheon. Hugh & Guy went to the Pageant: also 2 of the maids. Evensong. C E T S Committee.

Friday 12 July

Early Celebration. Arthur arrived soon after 10: then Fred & Emmie Noyes. A lovely day. Aunt Jue's funeral was at 11.30: we went over from our house, Arthur & Edith, Fred & Emmie, Hugh & I, Guy & Miss Thompson, Harrie & Nurse, & then Annie & Margaret. A beautiful service, H.538 & 140. Archd. Lindsey read the lesson. Arthur & the Noyes came to luncheon, & Harrie & Edith to tea. Arthur left at 6. Evensong. There was a thunderstorm, lasting at intervals from about 6.30 till after 1. Guy went to the Pageant Ball.

Tuesday 16 July

Charlie sent Mr Irwin for part of the time to the Convent. I paid the books. Charlie had Marion Beckwith for her 1st Communion preparation. Sea fog. Hugh, Guy & I

went down the town to pay bills &c, & we saw the mystery picture of the Shadow of the Cross. Guy went to Olympia with the Godfreys. He slept in the tent.

Thursday 18 July

It was arranged that Hugh's operation should be on Saturday. Hugh finished his book in the afternoon & was v. grateful to me for my copying: he & Guy & I went to the Post Office before tea & it was sent off to America. Charlie had his Commts' class. Evensong. We had the teachers in the evening & arranged about the Treat. Guy slept out. Wind & finally rain.

Saturday 20 July

Charlie celebrated & I was present. Hugh's operation was at 8.30 at the Nursing Home &, mercifully, went off well. Charlie saw him in the afternoon & I first afterwards. I went to see Harrie before luncheon & she came to tea. Guy played l.t. I went to a long Committee Meeting.

Monday 22 July

X Charlie 62

Charlie celebrated: I went. Charlie went to Orleton & Holmwood. I read to Hugh before luncheon to which Mr Irwin came. I went down the town: Charlie & later Guy went to see Hugh. I went to see him again. Mr Goodman arrived, & Guy & he went to see 'The Mikado'. Charlie went to the Westlands.

Tuesday 23 July

Charlie left at 8.30 for Skipton to give away prizes at the Gr. School. Cuthbert's letter contained very momentous news. [his engagement to Eileen??] Guy & Mr Goodman bathed. At 11 they went to play l.t. I found Hugh decidedly better. I had a talk with Mrs G after going down the town. I paid Hugh a long visit. Harrie & CHS dined & went to see 'Iolanthe' with me, Charlie joining us. Guy & Mr Goodman went with a large party in the ?gully/galley.

Thursday 25 July

I went to see Hugh. In the afternoon I paid a visit to Connie Monson before the organ recital. Later I went to sit with Hugh again. The boys went to see 'The Gondoliers'. (Harrie came to tea). The Mayor (Mr Good), Mr Turnbull & Mr Moss came to dinner before the successful Gr. School Prizegiving. Pouring rain at night.

Friday 26 July

Charlie went to the Day School Prizegiving. I sat with Hugh, Violet coming with me. Charlie went to Bridlington. I went in my district with monthly papers. Guy & Mr Goodman went out with a friend. I went to the Nursing Home again; Eileen was there. Guy & Mr Goodman slept out in the tent: Hugh had his stitches out.

Saturday 27 July

Guy & Mr G bathed. Heavy rain about breakfast time but it cleared later. Archd. Norris preached at the Q M S Service at 10.30. The Archbp. gave away the prizes at Q M S. Guy went to play cricket at Orleton. The Archbp. & Archd. Norris & Mr Pawsey came to luncheon. We went to the 'Pageant of Queen Margaret' in the Q M S garden: very pretty. Archd. N. came to see Hugh when C & I were there. The Archbp. unveiled a memorial tablet to Bp. Blunt & C went to the service. Guy went to a dance at the Grand.

Tuesday 30 July

Rain storms. Charlie went to S Martin's Lodge & to Q M S. I did some writing for Charlie after paying the books, & then went to see Hugh. Guy came down to luncheon, & in the afternoon he & Mr Goodman & Eileen went for a walk. I paid calls. Charlie went to tea & to read at Q M S. We had the 3 Godfreys & 2 of Violet's friends, Mary Elder & Kathleen Macgonigle in for games after dinner.

Wednesday 31 July

Mrs Fletcher & Miss Macnab came & helped me cut bread & butter. I went to see Hugh. At 1.27 we started for Snainton for the School Treat: we had a good deal of rain & a very bad field, but a successful time on the whole. Tea in the very nice Schools. We found Guy & Mr Goodman gone to the Theatre when we came back. (Hugh got up for the first time except that he was carried to the sofa on Tuesday when his bed was made.)

Thursday 1 August

Guy & Mr Goodman started in rain for Wales by the 8.30. We were delighted to hear that Violet has a little girl born on Tuesday night. I went to see Hugh before luncheon: a successful Infants' Treat at the School. I went to see Hugh again. Charlie went to the Sea Bathing [Infirmity]. I went to the Commts' Service. Charlie read to the Ladies at the Lodge.

Thursday 8 August

X Bob & Margot's wedding day

Early gardening. The day kept fine. Hugh got up late & spent the rest of the day in the morning room. A visit from 'Tommy'. Eileen came in twice, & we played card games in the afternoon. I did a little gardening. Francis wrote to say that Elfie was in bed with a slight chill. Picture hanging with Charlie.

Sunday 11 August

Cuthbert turned up very early in the morning. Roger, Marion B & I went to the Celebration, & all of us (but H) to Matins. Cuthbert brought home a Zymophone & showed it off to an admiring audience of Godfreys &c. C H S came to luncheon & Dorothy Dawes (Armytage) to tea. Charlie went to Wheatcroft & took Marion. I went alone to Church: we sat out in the hall & Charlie read to us.

Monday 12 August

Guy, Roger & Eileen bathed. Mrs Hebden took Hugh for a drive. Mr Keymer came to luncheon. The 3 boys went to Bramcote & played l.t. with the Godfreys &c. Charlie left for Bishopshorpe, & just before he left Francis & Elfie arrived – unexpectedly early. Tea in the garden. Music in the evening. I gave leave for some smoking in the drawingroom.

Wednesday 14 August

I went to Church early. The day turned out dull & rainy. I tried to find Edith after the Litany but she, & Gertrude & her husband, were out. C & G went to the Hippodrome, & R – later – to the floral Hall with CHS. F & E went down the town, leaving H resting. I paid calls. Edith & Gertrude came in later. Drawingroom fire in the evening. Eileen & Elma came in & we had paper games.

Thursday 15 August

Bathing party. Francis & the 3 boys went up to play l.t. I had a possible maid to see me, Miriam Fairburn. Francis & Elfie went to Ayton & had tea with the Elys. Hugh & I went down the town & I ended up with calling on Lady Londesborough. C G & R & Eileen & Elma went to see ‘The dust of Egypt’ & then fireworks. Charlie came home safely. F & E went on the Esplanade to see the fireworks.



Friday 16 August

Some bathers. Preparations for the Eton party. Dr Godfrey came in to see Hugh, & then took Eileen & the 3 boys to the Scalby Show. F & E & (later) Hugh went to a Classical Concert on the Spa. Charlie & I put up pictures. The Eton party arrived safely by the 5.49. We had the gramophone in the evening.

Saturday 17 August

Guy & Francis bathed. The children went on the sands & some of the party joined them. Hugh came down to breakfast for the 1st time. Marion B sent me some lovely flowers wh. Elf & Eileen arranged. I went to the Rescue Committee & then paid calls. Evensong. Eileen & Elma came in & we had music.

Sunday 18 August

Elfie & Francis went at 7.15, & Bob, Margot & I at 8. Gr. School service – the 1st – very poorly attended. Most of us had a walk. Hugh went to church (Matins) for the 1st time. CHS to luncheon. Margot & Cuthbert took Mary to part of the Children's service. The Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong, Bp Lander, came to tea. He preached at Evensong – a good service – to which F & E, Roger & I went. Charlie read to us in the hall after supper.

Tuesday 20 August

Some of the party went on the sands with the children. I paid the books. Some rain. I gardened. Successful organ recital when Elma played the 'cello very well. Harry & Jean Simpson & Miss Shepherd came in to tea afterwards. We all went to 'Milestones' at the Opera House & thoroughly enjoyed it.

Wednesday 21 August

Margot & Bob, Francis & Elfie, & Cuthbert went to Whitby. Edith [Charlie's cousin?] brought Gertrude, Mrs Rupert, & Ursula Mackarness to see us. Guy & I had a walk. Charlie went to Bridlington. Hugh went to tea on the Spa with the No. 19 party, Roger had tea at No. 5 & afterwards played golf, & Guy went to tea with 2 girls belonged [sic] to the 'Count of Luxemburg' chorus whom he had met at Oxford. Music in the evening.

Thursday 22 August

Some of us went down the town. Cuthbert played l.t. in the afternoon. Charlie & Bob bicycled & the girls went by train to Ayton & had tea with the Elys. Francis & Hugh had a walk & Guy & I joined the children on the sands. F & I went to Evensong. We had CHS to dinner & the 3 Gs came in afterwards - & finally Dr G - & we had a musical evening. A family group was taken after luncheon. [possibly the one shown here]

Saturday 24 August

Celebration at 8. We all (except Charlie) saw off Francis & Elfie in a crammed train at 10.55: & Bob left for the Wall at 11.12. I went to the Committee Meeting & later paid Miss Bankart a visit. Margot went to tea at Wheatcroft Cliff. Edith & the Bendells came to tea. Arthur arrived by the 5.49. Gramophone & singing.

Monday 26 August

The day turned out wet & the children had colds; we had a fire in the drawingroom practically all day. Mr Keymer came to luncheon. Arthur & I had a walk to the Marine Drive where there were glorious waves. Early dinner & everyone but Hugh & me went to see 'When Knights were bold' - & the 3 Gs & Mr Fred Puckle too. H & I read in the hall.

Tuesday 27 August

3 boys & Eileen bathed, & G & R had breakfast with Freda B M & Eve Taylor in one of the Bathing huts. Finer. Arthur & Cuthbert went to the York races. I paid the books. Margot & I went to tea with Miss Thompson. Roger played golf & Hugh & Guy had a walk. Evensong. Roger went with George Howard to 'The Quaker Girl'. Some of the party went to see the fireworks.

Wednesday 28 August

Arthur & Cuthbert went to the York Races & the former went South from there. The No.19 party came to say goodbye. Margot, Guy, Roger, & Nanny went to the Pageant, & Hugh & I went out with the children & Florence. Fine until the performance was over. Margot had a bad headache & went to bed before dinner. The 4 boys went over to the Godfreys' for a musical evening.

Saturday 31 August

The 3 boys & I saw off the Eton party & Hugh at 8.55: Bob & Margot to Ross on Wye, the children & nurses to Elmbridge, & Hugh to Oxford. The boys had a bathe during the morning. I took round all my papers in the course of the afternoon. Roger played golf. Evensong. A fine day. Lily left. The boys went over to the Godfreys' to help sing glees. No.5 was very full for the Gs' silver wedding so so we had Eileen & Elma to sleep here.

Wednesday 4 September

X 56

[Grace's 56th birthday; she records receiving 19 letters and postcards]

Charlie celebrated at the Sea Bathing Inf: & I went with him.. Lovely flowers from Charlie, Cuthbert, the Gs & Vera. Various presents. G F S Lodge Committee. Roger went to the cricket. Cuthbert & Eileen went for a ride. Charlie & I went to the cricket & had tea in the Goods' tent: afterwds joining Rog. The Gs came in the evening.

Thursday 5 September

Roger went up to the cricket for the day. I paid a lot of calls in the afternoon. Hilda Milvain played the organ at Evensong in Mrs Stewart's absence. The boys & the G party went to see 'A Member of Tattersalls'. Communicants' service. Eileen slept here.

['Eileen slept here' is repeated each day until 14 September; she therefore spent between nearly 2 weeks sleeping at her future in-laws' house]

Monday 9 September

The boys & Eileen bathed. I tried to have an N U W W Comtee at 12 but only Miss Bromet came so we postponed it. The clergy came to luncheon. The boys & the G party went out rabbiting. I paid called. Evensong. Freddie turned up unexpectedly in the evening, staying at the Pr. Of Wales for a few days. Eileen slept here.

Saturday 14 September

Charlie celebrated & I was there. Dull, & eventually damp. Charlie went to York to preache at the training College Festival. Eileen took her things home once more. Committee. Calls. Charlie & Hugh arrived together. Evensong.

Monday 16 September

The clergy came to luncheon. A lovely, warm day. The boys & the Godfreys & Bruce & Mr Sanderson played stump cricket in the square garden & Bruce & Mr S came in to tea in the garden. Randal & Nell arrived at 16 Albion Rd & I went in to see them. Roger went to 'The Mousmé' with the Gs &c. Randal & Nell came in after dinner.

Tuesday 17 September

C & R bathed. Lovely again. I paid the books. Randal treated us all to a delightful trip to Flamborough (Nell of course came too), & Eileen came too: we left here at 1.20 & were home about 7. Randal & Nell dined with us & we played 'Cooncan' in the evening.

Friday 20 September

Charlie & the boys saw off Randal & Nell at 9.17 but I did not go to the station though I went to the house. Packing with Roger. Early luncheon & then we went to the station & Roger left at 1.35 for Radley & Cuthbert at 1.42 for Ganton for the night. I went in the town later & then to S. Thomas' Bazaar. Evensong.

Saturday 21 September

Charlie celebrated at Q.M.S. & had breakfast with Miss Body. I went to Church at 8 & to Matins. In the afternoon I went to the Committee Meeting & later with Charlie to a Drawingroom Meeting at the Austens' for the U.M.C.A. addressed by Bob Russell. A lovely day. Guy wired to say that he was staying till Monday. Evensong. Mrs G & Eileen & Cuthbert decided to stay another night at Ganton.

Tuesday 24 September

The clergy lectures began. In the afternoon Charlie took the lecturers for a walk. I went to the U.M.C.A. Sale at the Austens'. In the evening we had a successful 'At Home' for the clergy &c. Eileen & Violet helped with the music: Barbara Hall played the violin. Glees. Gramophone.

Thursday 26 September

Mother seems getting on very well. Charlie went to Harrogate for the opening – tomorrow – of S. Ethelburga's. A fire escape was put up. H & C & Eileen played golf & Eileen came back to tea. Visits. Evensong. The 2 boys went to the Gs in the evening.

Wednesday 2 October

Some showers. Dr Cuff came to see Alice & then took me over the bridge on my way to the G F S Lodge Committee. I sat up in the morning room after luncheon. The boys & Eileen & I went in the town with 4 dogs, & then I branched off & went to the Hospital & saw Miss Armstrong & the Matron. Hugh taught me Chinese Bridge after dinner.

Friday 4 October

Charlie & I saw off Hugh & Cuthbert for London: Guy was to join them there & they were all to go to the Ivanhoe for 1 night & to Fonthill tomorrow. Dr Cuff found Alice better. Litany. I paid calls in the afternoon. Evensong. Charlie went to the Seabathing.

Monday 7 October

I saw off Charlie at 10.35 for Northallerton, & then Bishopthorpe, & next day Oxford. I went in the town. The Bp of Hull came to a late luncheon & then went to open a small Waifs' & Strays' Home at 6 Belgrave Crescent. My At Home day: very few callers.

Wednesday 16 October

Harvest decorations, hunting up decorators &c. Litany. I was photographed at Brigham's which bored me much. Called on Mrs Gibbons. Tea party at the Skeltons' to meet Mrs Wormald: it was raining when I came back. Charlie came home safely at 7.58. He went to a C E M S Meeting at 9.

Monday 21 October

A fine day. Charlie went to Orleton &c. I had a Parish Tea Collectors' Meeting. Cuthbert is to go to Assam, he has at last heard. The clergy came to luncheon. I paid a long call at the Seacroft Hydes. Evensong. I went to see Mrs Sedman & her new baby. Sleet showers in the night.

Thursday 24 October

A delightful photog. from & of Cuthbert. The great news was spreading so I told the maids & others & wrote round. I went to a G F S House Committee & we appointed Miss Clarke. I opened the S Saviour's sale (2nd day) supported by Charlie & had a lovely bouquet. Tea party at Miss Ellis'. Mr Irwin dined & came to 'The Gondoliers' with us – Philharmonic performance – at the Opera House. Very good.



This (undated) picture could be the one mentioned above

Friday 25 October

Charlie went to W M S. Litany. I paid calls & went to tea with Mrs Turley. Mrs Godfrey & I met the 6.1 train & Dr G & we the 6.53 but Cuthbert & Eileen did not turn up, & finally a wire from No.5 brought the news that they were coming on Saturday.

Saturday 26 October

I was busy over the G F S Rummage Sale at S John's Room: in the morning preparations & setting in the afternoon. Home before 4.30. Gilbert Russell came to tea. Mrs Godfrey & I met Cuthbert & Eileen who duly arrived at 6.1. Pouring rain. Eileen went home to dinner but is staying here.

Monday 28 October

Celebration at 8. Charlie went to Orleton. Matins, after which I joined Cuthbert & Eileen for shopping at Rowntree's. Cuthbert was inoculated for enterse [?] after luncheon so did not go out again. Visits. Evensong. Charlie went to a Medical Mission Meeting. Cuthbert felt pretty poorly & lay down all the evening.

Tuesday 29 October

Cuthbert stayed in bed till nearly tea time: Dr G came to see him & found his temperature a little up. Eileen sat with him. Charlie, Eileen & I had luncheon with Mr Shuttleworth (though Cuthbert couldn't) & so did Mrs G, Violet & Miss Riley. Mr Shuttleworth gave Eileen, Violet, & Miss Riley each a lovely brooch. Cuthbert came down to tea & later had a walk with Eileen & I slipped in to church.

Sunday 3 November

Colder. Cuthbert & Eileen went together to the early Celebration. At 10.30 we three were together. We 3 & Violet & a Mr Teare had a walk before luncheon to which CHS came. Eileen helped Cuthbert pack in the afternoon & I helped him before Evensong to which I went alone. Charlie preached at All Saints.

Tuesday 5 November

Charlie went to Northallerton. Mild, & later on damp. I paid the books. Helped Cuthbert pack his tin lined box & he & Eileen went to the station with it. We 3 went down the town in the afternoon. G F S Meeting at 5. Cuthbert & Eileen, Dr & Mrs G & Violet & the Thornleys dined with Mr Shuttleworth, who gave C £10. Dr Godfrey inoculated C for the 2nd time after he came home.

Wednesday 6 November

Cuthbert felt pretty poorly & spent the day in bed, Eileen with him most of the time. I went to a G F S Committee. Dr Godfrey came in to see Cuthbert morning & evening. I went to see Alice Hogarth who was poorly. C M W P: Eileen stayed with Cuthbert.

Friday 8 November

Charlie went to Q M S. Our darling Cuthbert left by the 10.35 for Liverpool en route for India, Charlie going with him & seeing him on to the S S City of Karachi at Birkenhead. Mrs Godfrey came over here to see him start, & she comforted poor little Eileen at first. Litany. Eileen & I tidied Cuthbert's wardrobe. I went to a Philh. Committee. Eileen & I took out the dogs. She & I went to a Missionary Meeting at the Grand. Charlie came home late & brought a good account of Cuthbert.

Sunday 10 November

Celebration. Matins, with 595 which was lovely but trying: Eileen didn't come as she couldn't face it. She & I went for a walk. CHS came to luncheon. I went to little Margaret Alfreda Coulson's christening. The Heywood Jones' failed to come to tea on account of rain. Archd. Lindsay came to supper after preaching & there was a good congregation in spite of a rough night.

Monday 18 November

By the 8.55 we started for Bournemouth, Mrs Godfrey & the girls seeing us off from the door. At Odford we had a few minutes' chat with Daisy & Hugh. We were due at Bournemouth at 5.54 & drove to 2 Richmond Gardens where we found Father &

Mother (both better) & sisters. A delightful house. 'Cooncan' in the evening. Father & Mother went to bed before prayers.

Tuesday 19 November

A fine morning. Charlie gave Father & Mother (& B) a private Celebration after they came down: they have breakfast in bed. Mai wheeled Mother out in a chair morning & afternoon & B & I went too. Father went out in a donkey chair. Some rain, but it cleared. Annie Ridley came to luncheon & Canon Inman to tea. Charlie went to see Mr Dermer, & he & sisters & I also met him as we went to Evensong (5.30) at S Peter's. 'Cooncan'.

Wednesday 20 November

It was a joy to hear from our dear boy. We all went out except Charlie, Father in a donkey chair & Mother in her chair. Charlie left for Oxford by the 2.9. Mai & I went for a walk with Kim & Beatrice to see a consumptive girl. Mother & Mai went out to tea. B & I went to Evensong.

Friday 22 November

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I went to the 8 o'clock celebration at S Peter's. We 3 gave Father & Mother a pot of heath & Mother some lilies of the valley. Lovely day. Sisters went to the station to see Ethel Gordon. We all went out before luncheon, chairs & walkers. It turned dull but was quite mild. Mrs & Daisy Glyn from Wimbourne called. B & I returned a call but found the folks out: Mother & Mai called nearer home. B & I went to Evensong.

Saturday 23 November

We came across Kitty Miles when we were all out, & Archdn. Lear & also an Archdn. & Mrs Hayward. In the afternoon we went to a good concert in the winter garden, sisters & I in unreserved & Mother & Annie Ridley in reserved seats. Mdme Melba sang well, 'Comin' thro' the rye' was specially charming.

Monday 25 November

X Bob

I was grieved to hear of the death of Ena Moore
Beatrice & I went to see Annie Ridley but owing to a mistake of her's went the wrong day & she was out
Terrible tragedy in Bob's & M's house – the murder of poor Annie by her sweetheart...
Rain in the afternoon.
Mrs & Miss Dunn came to tea & also Mr & Mrs Noel & Miss Crealock.

Thursday 28 November

Frosty & colder but fine. Mai & I left at 11.23, she for Ashtead & I for Havant, parting at Southampton West. I ought to have changed at Cosham but didn't know it so went on to Portsmouth & had to come back. Francis met me, & then Elf. Elf & I had a walk before tea. I taught her Cooncan.

Saturday 30 November

We all went to Church at 8 – Francis celebrating. Packing. By the 12 o'clock train I left for Marlborough, Elfie & Francis seeing me off. I had a good journey & found Ella waiting for me. Very cold, & I was glad to walk up from the station. Dorothy MacDonald came in later & stayed till nearly dressing time. Patience in the evening.

Monday 2 December

A lovely morning. Ella saw me off at 11.29, & I only changed at Cheltenham & York & at York was met by Charlie. Early dinner & special Missionary service at 8 with address from Archd. Lindsay. Eileen came in & sat with me while I unpacked & read me parts of Cuthbert's letter & stayed to prayers. Snow on the ground as we came up the line & some here.

Tuesday 10 December

A lovely day. I went down the town both in the morning and afternoon. Charlie was all right again & very busy. Evensong. Charlie went up to QMS for a service at 9 for the Mistresses. We were very glad to hear that Hugh got through his groups safely & takes his BA on Saturday.

Tuesday 24 December

In the early morning – 5.35 – Roger arrived from London (after playing hockey at Fulham) & was met by Guy: they went to bed & had a rest. A busy day. Decorations – taking out plants &c. A little rain. Later Evensong. Fine & windy.

Wednesday 25 December

The boys & I went to the 8 o'clock Celebration & to Matins & H & I to 5 o'clock Evensong. Mr Keymer had breakfast with us & CHS, luncheon, & tea. A shower in the afternoon but it was mostly dry & fine till about dark: it rained as we went to evensong. Family walk. Presents & crackers in the hall before tea. Read in the study in the evening.

Thursday 26 December

X Violet

A good deal of rain. Matins. I went to see Mrs A W in the afternoon. H & R played hockey in the garen & G went out for a walk with Elma & 'Willy'. Charlie went to the Hospital Xmas tree. Evensong. Roger went with the Gs to a dinner & dance at the Grand.

Monday 30 December

Charlie, Roger & I & nearly all the Godfrey party saw Eileen off at 10.35 for her year's Norland [nanny] training. I went to a meeting at the GFS Lodge. The clergy & Mrs Keymer came to luncheon. Hugh & Roger played golf. I went to a Hearts' party at Mrs Carroll's. Roger went to a dance given at Ashley's Boarding House by the Hastings Fowlers.