

Diary of William Mitchell

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to be readable.

In this diary William Mitchell introduced his own shorthand for some common words. These have been expanded in the text reproduced.

Most obvious symbols used by William Mitchell in his diaries.		
that or who	\ were	\ when
/ the or who	Ɔ came or come	
— place or way	— where	— road
/end or cattle	@ horse	3 or c collection
) selection	Ɔ paddock	o children
✓ creek	(o) there	

It should also be noted that capital letters are not always used for names or starts of sentences as we use them today. The punctuation is also different in that a comma is often used to end a sentence. If I make comments they included as [this].

6th July 1879

In the morning I went to the government office, or rather land office to see the Minister of land. I was told I could see him after 10 o'clock. I had a stroll down by the bay & had a look for George Robinsons & didn't find it. I then went to see the Minister & was told I would have to state in writing what I wanted to see him about, & that I had better see M^r somebody whose name I forget I waited a while & then spoke to a messenger who thought I write what I had to say & send it in a letter, & I thought so too. I came home, got a prospectus from the Mutual Provident Society

I went to Parleyment & heard
Sir Henry Parkes speech on the reform
of the upper house, he was very mild
had good language although
he has not got the greatest gift of the gab.
Fitzpatrick replied to
Sir Henry's speech; they were hours
on the floor each of them. I was in
Parliment both before and after
tea.

17th I wrote a letter to the minister
of land in the morning respecting
Martin the Glen Innes land agent
& posted it after dinner. I gave a
proposal to the Australian Mutual
provident society to insure my
life for £500 & then went to
parliment. I heard Garret
stammer & flounder through

a long address in favour of an elective council. Captin Onslow was moving about the house as if to slack them out & get the house counted out, attention was called to the state of the house 4 times during the evening & the general number in their seats was abt 12 instead of 21 & at one time it was I think 8, but as soon as the sergant rang the bell members came in at all doors & made up a quorum & the member went on with his adress, Captin Onslow made a speech in manner & substance like a man two thirds drunk abt men rising to the top like skum, Oliver Cromwell, & anything else to

make fun he had the house
laughing all through, & the speaker
in his chair although he screwed
his mouth & covered his face
with his hand had to burst
out laughing at last, Onslow
when speaking of unfit members
etc. I thought he spoke respecting
himself. I think he badly
wants boiling down or something
else. Mr Burns who I
take to be a conservitive ass
although he like Capt Onslow
were sitting & spoke on the oposition
side of the house talked a lot
of rot although he is well
able to speak & it might go
down with those who knew
nothing to the contrary of what
he was saying, he has a great

patch of firmness & plenty
of self esteem on his head.
Mr Cameron who sat behind
the government spoke in favour
of one chamber only, he is a
good speaker & spoke good
sense although I don't quite
agree with him. I could not
help respecting every thing he
said it was minus that
conservative twaddle which
Mr Burns indulged in, & nonsense
like Onlsows.

Mr Farnell spoke a long time
with only abt 10 members to
listen to him he has a politican
head looks rather fine along the
eyebrows & a sharp nose,
an expression similar to Albert
Meurant on the face, he seemed

rather confused in his manner
for a great political leader,
but was sharp withall in his
manner, he spoke approvingly
of the action of the council in the past
& disaprovingly of Sir Henry Parks
asking the advice of the Assembly to
bring in a bill to reform the council
he thought he should do it if
he thought it necessary &
they would deal with it but
would give no opinion on it
now.

I dont admire the heads in the
Assembly firmness & self-
esteem in very conspicuous on
a lot of their heads I think
Fowlers statesmens head
is a good profile of theirs
my opinion of them is that

they would hold a great deal higher opinion of themselves than any one else would hold of them, they look very well fit for dominereing tyrants, there is some who I think very ordinary heads, probably most of their brains is in sheeps heads, I saw one fellow reading something. I thought it might be my letter. I was at the Assembly before & after tea.

18th I went to the insurance office in the morning & was examined by the doctor, after dinner I had a stroll in the domain & in the botanical gardens, in the evening

I went to the School of Arts
& saw a paniramor of Newzealand
the painting was rather of a medium
class so I thought, but there
was 2 or 3 grand ones, it
looked when the painting was
drawn past behind it
there was one that looked like
seeing away in the distance twas
worth a shilling to see.

19th I had a look at the big
fat man in the market on the
morning he looks 40 or less
years old & fresh, when he is
sitting down his legs are spray
open & his belly falls down
between them, I then went
over to the old exhibition building
& saw the legs of the walkers from

under the door, Taylor &
Edwards trying which
can walk the farthest in 48
hours, at home all the afternoon
in the evening I tried several places to get
Fowles on Phrenology applied to Marriage
at several shops
but could not get it, I was at one
place I think a great place for
infallible books, I also tried for
the library of Mesmerism, I had a
stroll through the market & then
I went to Paddy's market in the
inclosure in front of Pats
market there was a couple of men
skiting on Poletics condemning
Parks the government etc, there
was one young man preaching
Christ as a grand saviour,
one that died for us, thank God
there is some on the Lords side in the

midst of the crowd, who preach
& love the savour, there was 2 shows
in tents, swing boats, galvanic
batterys, shooting gallerys,
etc, & a man with micrascopes
I had a look in for 3p I saw a
lot of animacula in water, a
big flea, a weval & some insects
from the rind of cheese, I then went
up through the market, it's a noisy
place with a lot of rubbish in
it I got two books at the door
of the market one, The Priest The Woman
and the Confesional by Father
Chiniquy. & The True Church
letters to the Roman Catholics
of Australia by Rev George
Sutherland, coming home I
got a shirt for 7/6 & a pr of socks
for 1/6

July James Hotel

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20th Sunday

I went over & see Harry
& got directed to the Hoskins. I
intend to go this afternoon,
had a chat with the women
who are jolly creatures one a
widow of 45 or over & the other
18 off. I went to William's
street Wesleyan Church to
hear Dr Kelynak the great
Wesleyan orator. I fancy
I've heard plenty as good
speakers as him, I forget the
text, but when he spoke of
Paul under critical circumstances
saying none of these things
move me it was something revisnry
to me although my mind had
not followed the sermon as much
I would like to, In
the afternoon

I went to see Hoskin he has a small fruit shop & sells on the Sabbath day, I had a long chat & stayed to tea & went to St Andrews Cathedral in the evening & the conductor conducted me behind a pillar so that I could not see the preacher opposite the reading desk which is in the center of the Cathedral There was a choir & probably a clerk or lay reader the lot of them all had on sirplaces they were all males, the chanting was very good, the organ is over the door that I entered, in the side of the building, there is two rows of massive pillars down through the length of the building gave 6 c, there is a good choir in the Williams street church

I visited this morning c[athedral] they
sang a grand tune to an old
long meeter hymn for a chant
21 I [herd] of land in the rock
station 18 from Wagga &
12 miles from Junee
good land on wellington
by going the back road to
dubbo the above information was
received from M^r Dumble
who travelled 4 months to look
for land , he says on the Rock
station is the best place he knows
for me to go, & he also thinks
I could be suited at Wellington
in the morning after breakfast
I went to the exhibition building
the men in a crowd outside the
gate which was opened

just as I got there & I went in
among the crowd unobserved &
had a look through the building
which is very large, there is
gallerys in it & landings higher
up still I was up one of the
domes as far as it is floored
& had a look over the tops of
the houses in town etc, it was
a long way to look down
& seemed a shickery fakema
to me so far off the ground
although I spose its strong
enough. I got out of the
yard at I think 9.40,
after dinner I went to
Hoskins & then to
Dumbles, had a walk
around Darlington gail

just the other side of Woolloomoo
& called in to see for the books on the
way back that I tried to get
on Saturday night.

I saw mifs Bessy Orchard
at Hoskins & had a spell
chatting to her after tea. I took
my saddle to Hoskins & then
went to see M^r Orchard
& had a comfortable evening
there was a M^r Brown an exminister
there & a woman beside Orchard &
his 2 daughters the oldest is
much like her Father the next
has a better balanced head,
just at time to leave M^{rs}
Orchard came in she is a very neat
well formed woman mental
temprement abt the size & build
of Polly Hesby, I think she has

been a very spicy, active, & pretty young & has not transmitted her beauty to her daughters who are stout little blocks, Orchard wishes to be remembered to M^r Trewsen if I see him,

22 I took my swag to Hoskin's & then left for Bathurst @ 9 am, it seemed like stations near all the way for severil miles, when we passed severil paddocks of Oranges before reaching the zigzag which was not as near as fine a sight as I expected, the line rises after passing the zigzag & there is some cuttings with strait walls that look well, there is some little

tunnels I think on the way,
the land is inferior in the
ranges grows very little
grass, & a lot of rubbish,
& poor timber it looks as
if it is near all free stone,
there is pretty hanging rocks
that are natural, went through
4 tunnels came down the hill &
a grand zigzag with
several arched bridges of
free stone, the tunnels were all
lined with free stone passed
good land the last 10 miles
before I came to Bathurst,
I stayed at Stuar
Exchange Hotel which
I think very good, there no
coach to Hillend
tomorrow paid
James 2/ this morning

for my fare last night,
had small share of roast
beef, cabbage very small
& spuds & bread, with cup of
tea for dinner at the railway
refreshment room for 1/3 I intend
to describe the — when I come
back,

23 there being no coach to Hillend
today I agreed to walk with
George Kieve but he was too
tired to go to day & I had
a stroll round town & out to
the back of it I did not think
much of the land although
it bears a the name of being
very good, perhaps it is better
farther back than where I was the town

is laid out square & although
there is severil good houses they are
scattered & there is plenty of room
for others between them, there is 2 or 3
good streets, severil churches &
Her Magesty has an Hotel
there, I saw some of her boarders
at work about a block of land
in the center of the town, with men
with rifels protecting them,
there is a town hall, market etc
there, the country around is rolling ridges
with very little timber on them,
I saw one engine on the railway that
is a great deal larger than the others,
there is a neat little station & a
goods shead there & I hear a deal
of traffick, in the evening I offended
a man by saying the squaters came
out convicts in the course of argument

nocked up enough his knees
failing on account of
rumatizms, although he
took the lead to start I think
I was best at the finish because
I did not feel tired although
I had done enough I think
we came long 36 miles enough
& I find the light boots
easiest carried when I am
not climbing ranges or ?
of them Bob did not know
me when I came in at first
. received a letter from Father

25 I was a little stiff &
my feet a little soar although
I couldnt find any blisters
on them. I was stiffest abt
the neck & shoulders on account
of the weight of the wet

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macontosh & damp coat on
all day which made the travelling
heavy. its a cold dirty day I
stay at home all day & Bob
stayed home from work. in the
evening I went Bob to the singing
M^r Solway the Banker beat
the time. M^{rs} Boone played the
harmonium, we were in all 3 men & 4
women present, the singing prety
good & the time very good

26 the day a sort of half fine
I went over to the town in the morning
but it was 2 cold & damp
to stay out I got lolies for the
youngsters & came home, in the afternoon
I went to town with Bob it
has a dalapated appearance
the black letters on the buisness

signs are near white again
& the place appears to be going
down too much to fit the houses
up, the town has a crooked street
& houses that want painting
or pipe claying afresh to make
it look shipshape. got stamps
& stayed home in the evening

27 Sunday

I went to class with Bob
we were only abt 6 men at
the meeting in all, there was sunday
school after I think abt 50
children & plenty of teachers,
the school was conducted right
enough but the time is short
in the morning on account
of the service @ 11 o'clock,
the secratery asked abt Charley

Blewett who was a member of the church here & secretery of the S school, we had a good sermon from IX Psalm 1. the minister looked like a dressed ghost he was very white & thin has bad health, was at school in the afternoon it is a good school but there was no class of young men as I expected to find, the minister preached again in the evening, I like his sermons very well, wrote & posted a letter to Father,

28 wrote a letter to A A meurant stayed at home most of the day, but had a stroll round the hill the other way from the town the hills are steep but not heavily timbered

& poor feed on them, in the evening before tea I went with Bob & got some long grass for bed for pigs, home all the evening.

29 I went down to Bobs claim in the morning & back to dinner & went down again. I went down through the claim they have like a lot of leaders some places they come all together & make a great big reef, they got from 8 to 16 feet of quartz and slate together but it is poor, its slate country, under hand holes they let turn themselves after they get down a foot & put 2 hammers on him, there is lots of claims on the line down the hill from Bobs, that have been

floated for large sums one claim
with abt 150 1/2 ft on the line of reef was floated
for £160,000. the wim rounds on
several claims took near all the
width of the claim, most of the rich
patches of gold was got within
a little more than 200 yards
on the same line, but in different
veins, Bobs claim was floated
for £25,000 but was never any
good there was 1 or 2 claims between
his & the rich patches & there is some
claims above him, he is working in the
only blow that has been found
without making a patch some
were, I had a stroll with W^m
Pascoe down the leads, went in
& had a look at the star of peace
battery, 15 revolving heads, good
tables with hardly enough

water on to keep clear while I was looking, but the battery was just starting perhaps that accounts for its new looking big stationary engine, the battery is in a very steep cully in a steep range & the water after going through 2 or 3 tail pits goes into the pump hole & is lifted & carried in a pipe to the dam to settle, he went down past the good claims pointed them out & explained which they were etc. I came home through the town posted Mugs letter, bought a doz of oranges for 2/ stayed home in the evening

30th I took Bobs dinner to the claim it being rather

wet to send the boy out, & I think
I stayed home the rest of the
day cant bring anything else to mind
& its only the end of August

31 bought a doll for the girl & a
boll for the boy, took Bobs dinner
down, wet wether intill evening
& was only out the twice mentioned
went to Chape in the evening
wether good & bright moon light
the minister didnot preach, but
explained a falce & bunkum
statement of greviances by
Dr Vaughan the catholic Bishop
of Sydney, about the unfair
treatment of the catholics by
the state with regard to education
& their conscience etc. there was
not many to church

1st August 1879

after dinner I went to
Tamborooro, there is houses most
all the way, it looks like loomy
or claye land with a gritty
surface, a lot of bushes, but
few trees. & most of the grass is
long tussick grass, there is patches
cultivated on the sides of the place but
I fancy the soil must be rather poor
but there is some good looking fruit
trees in some of the gardens, there is
old diggings for abt a mile & half
all the way this side of Tambaroora
from the lot of shafts that have been
sunk I should imagine that they have
had to sink through sandstone
to get washdirt but dont know,
Tambarooro has a long

street the houses look old & I think
some business place are closed there is
chinamans camp the other end of
the street & a chinaman's shoemaker
shop. it is the first chinky I
ever see making boots & the houses
are near old enough to fall down
or most of them, the cemetery is
abt 1/2 a mile this side of the town
very small fenced there is some nice
head stones, severil record men
killed here on Hawkins hill
in the gold claims one records
a wife 20 years old & her boy 2 days
old she died a week after child birth.
I admired 2 long verses on one
stone, there is one redicelous head
bord there, it is in memory
of a woman from London middleing
daughter of somebody of

Middlesex, the head bord is
made of an old publicans
sign & the white paint getting
washed of shows the black letters
John Smith licensed to
retail fermented & spiritous
liquors. there is a few letters of
the above planed out or not quite
visible yet. the claims between here
& Tambaroora was reefs went to
Church to the practice in the evening.

2nd had a stroll around in the morning
by the mill that Bob & co crushes
@ down the gully from his house,
went with Bob to uncle John
Trenerys had a chat with M^{rs}
& 2 daughters young women
Bob pruned his vines, had a
walk around town got a pants &

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vest for 25/ got a paper & came home, went to town again after tea for a stroll.

3rd Sunday

I went with Bob to the class there was abt 8 men there. I stayed to the school & was put to teach some little boys but the superintendants wanting a teacher for the big girls put me there. heard a local preacher in the morning he was very slow talker but distinct @ the school in the afternoon. M^r Salway the banker adressed the school, there was no teaching & all the children was on the bottom floar, instead of a lot of the girls being up in the gallery, after school I met

Bob & we went out the
Tambaroora — met a lot of the
school girls & after we passed
all the rest we came to Mifs's Hill
& Letcher, Bob introduced me
to them as a young man for
them we came back the place with them they
are 2 nice girls Mifs Hill something
similar to Emily King. & Mifs
Letcher similar to M^{rs} Arthur
clinging, but not so good looking
at first sight but better if
looked close into. I think she has
what Brad would call the right
bumps, @ church in the evening &
heard W^m Pascoe preached
I liked him pretty well he is a good
local preacher

August

4th I went down to the store & told the man there that the pollard he sent Bob on Saturday was bran I went to the store house & was shown all that was there & there was none better than Bob's in the store, I had a long chat with Hogdson on ?? Freemasons, ticks, Catholics, & protection, prospecting etc. he done most of the talking got lilies & came home, bought oranges from a Chinaman, after dinner I went over to the cutting that the endless wire rope used to work through there was no sign of rollers or anything else to be seen there, I went down to the mill, there was 14 chillian pans inside the fence that inclosed the house & machinery there was several things similar to the top of a retort to look at but I think they are drages to put in the

chillian pans, there was severil cog
wheels etc. a 15 head battery,
tail pits built in of brick or
stone & partily semented on the sides
it looks like what has been a
grand place & is now a monument
of what it once was, I then went
over the hill the other side round a place
see severil old claims etc & I got
back on the Tambaroora — just
outside the town there was little
stringy bark saplings & tussick
grass big on the most of the land I
passed between the hill after I left
the mill & the Tambaroora

5 weather rather wet I went
down with Bobs dinner, home
all the rest of the day, got a letter

from Brad, Clemmins a
IOGY came in but it is the
English order instead of the
American here we had a go in
to Bob to persuade to him to
join the IOGY but failed
I wrote a letter to Brad
after the rest was in bed.

6th wrote to the insurance office
about my policy, & then
went down & posted the 2 letters
before breakfast, took Bobs
boot to the town to be mended & went over
to Emmas' before dinner, &
went with Aunt & the children
to Mrs Richards in the afternoon
& I stayed till abt 10 o'clock.
felt severil heads & had
a long chat abt diferent

things, Mrs Jones & a big young woman was there part of the time, the night was dark & wet Bob came to see for me as I was going to start home, Mrs Jones told abt the girls on Sunday saying I was very quiet & had nothing to say etc,

7th went with Bobs dinner, Aunt is unwell, went & told Mrs Roberts to come, she came & stayed until bed time & attended to Aunt who was in bed, I went to a store & then to Tranarys for Elizabeth Jane to come over tomorrow, I stayed & had a chat with mother & the 2

girls asked for & got the promise of both of them called at the bootmakers on the way home, went to the prayer meeting in the evening, it was very dark, it snowed after I came home, M^{rs} Roberts is an agreeable woman with very large reflective organs & good company.

8th there is 4 or 5 inches of snow on the ground, its the most i've seen at any place I've been in Australia, & the icicles 12 & 15 inches long hanging from the roof. Mifs Taterssell came in the morning. Elizabeth Jane found last night that she was wanted at her sisterinlaws to nurse her, went to the post

office & got an order for Grand-
father, went to the store &
bakers, & came home, went home
with the girl in the evening

I went to Emmas, W^m Pascoes,
& then to Trenerys & got a fowl
for to make broth for Aunt,
after dinner went to the slaughter
yard with Bob with a sow
to ??ogg, went to Roberts'es
on the way back, there was 4 women came to
see Aunt, had a chat wi wm,
went to town for a paper
had a stroll wi W Pascoe
before the coach came in, finished
Aunts letter to Grandfather
in the evening, received a letter
from the insurance office in
Sydney

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August

10th Sunday

I went to class with Bob
in the morning there was 7 there in all
when Catherine Letcher came to
school she smiled at me the
little dear bless her, she didnot
a word but went strait on
& up to the gallery to her class
like a good girl should do &
when she came out she went straight
off home, I had the senior class
girls again which after it was culled for teachers
left 3 only. M^r Atwood
preached in the morning the
minister being unable to come
back from Mudgee on
account of a river being
up, at school in the afternoon

had some little boys to teach
& Mifs King was in her
place with the class I had
in the morning & ? lot
more young women in
it, I hear she is a good
teacher, & she looks intelligent.
After school I come part of
the way home & had work with Bob
to send Bobby home by himself
we then went out Tambaroora
where we passed Simon Uren talking
to another man he came on with us
& was not very well pleased
at being interupted, but there we
were & had to put up with it,
I had a go in at him for not
being at school in the morning
& argued the married men were drones
as regards Sabbath School

work compared with young
ones, he made out a good
case for the married ones etc,
in the evening W Pascoe preached
a good sermon I was back under
the gallery & Mifs's Hill & Letcher
was one seat in front & the other
side, I noticed their beautiful eyes
looking at me or towards
me, didnt they look bewitching
the darling little angels how
I loff um & when they came out
they were off according to Wesleys
rules evidently but when they
was in chaple they looked not
at some times & I was informed
a day or 2 after that they were
talking nearly all the time & that
Catherine asked Mary Tatersell
who was in the seat behind

her were her sweetheart
& was told to shut up
in reply, I came home with Bob

11th I went with the dinner &
to R Robertsés for parsley & afterwards
to Roberts's again & see their
pig killed weight 174 lbs.

M^{rs} Clark was here in the afternoon
[M^{rs} Roberts's daughter] went home
with Suzie in the evening,

12 went with the dinner got lolies
@ mosedales, after dinner wrote
to the insurance office & sent
a cheque for £11..15..7 being
my first payment with a
shilling for exchange,
posted the letter got stamps, was
at the saddlers & had a chat

cashd a cheque for 10 pounds
got oranges & came home
had fun with Suzie etc. told
about my mother in law [that
ought to be] reckoning me up
because I wanted her daughter
this being the first time I spoke
abt it to any one although
I wrote to Brad refering to
it, went home with Suzie
& stayed till Mary came home
from class, told mother I
was speaking abt asking
her for the 2 girls she thought
one was enough I wen I
went to argue that it was right
to get 2 she was a match
for me, stayed & had a long
chat & it rained heavy
& prevented me from going

as soon as I would, went
& posted a letter of Aunts
to go to the old country.

13 went to the claim with dinner,
dugged a little in the garden
& stayed in the rest of the day

14 with dinner to the claim, in the afternoon
I went over to Emmas, Elizabeth
June Trenergy came up & had
dinner with them before Jim
went to work @ 4 o'clock at the
battery, had some nonsense, she
said she did want me down to
her sister in laws there was company
there, I told her if she was ashamed of
me when there was company there I would
not come when she was by herself,
& told of it when I got down

there, she went down & I followed
& took off her hat & put it on
my head half way down &
went in with her with a
pretty hat on, see M^{rs} Trenergy Jr
who is recovering after bearing a
fine looking son, Emma came down
& I stayed till it was time
to go home 5 or 6 o'clock went
to chapel after tea

15 went with dinner & @ 5 o'clock
went to Harry Hamptons &
helped Bob kill a pig, home
the rest of the time it being very
wet.

16 went to town in the morning
for stores & went over to Emmas
intending to go to the battery, but

Aunt called as I was leaving
& I came back Bob came just after
& we went up to Letchers on the
way to John Pearse's to
kill a pig, got chatting with
Letcher & Mrs, Bob left &
I stayed there till he had finished
the pig & was having dinner, he
sent down for me & I went up
& had dinner there at Pearse's.
we then went to James's & killed
2 pigs, James was at work but
Tho?cy was there & helped, went to
town & got a pair of boots for
1 1/6 etc. came home, had a feed & went
down to the mill Bobs stuff was
near through, it is a fine 15 head
battery inc box with 3 heads in it
& 2 with 6 each, they are rum sort
tables different to what I've seen

before, but I believe right enough for Hill End stone, but I don't think they would do at Bethanga, they belong to have no copper plates, Bob & co got their own down, home all the evening

17th Sunday

there was 4 of us at class in the morning, I had the 2nd bible class girls up in the gallery at school, had a walk up the way with Mark Tattersall before chaple, Minister preached a good sermon on, If ye do these things ye shall never fall, & in the evening continued the same discourse on faith, knowledge, experience, & I think practice, I had a small testament class of boys in the afternoon at school, &

went up the Tambaooa place with
Mark Tattersall after school,
we overtook Catherine & Anne Hill
& as soon as I started to pitch
to them they went strait
off in through a gate, it
was showing a cold shoulder in
style for as soon as we got
over the ridge they came on again,
we went off the way & let them
pass & went on again behind
them, when they got near
2 1/2 miles out they turned & came
back again but when they
see us they turned and went
back again untill they
met Mifs the Dr & another & came
on with them we went a
bit further & came back, bless
the pretty creatures, Mary &

Lizzy Tattersall came up to see
Aunt, & went to Chaple with
me, Catherine & Anne sat in the
seat in front of us
& talked rather much for
I to admire during service,
they have fine hair & Cate
worked her chin indicating
organ ??? are strong and active,
although she has an even &
beautiful chin, went home
with Lizzy & Mary but didnot go
in, my new boots was drawing my
feet too much to be comfortable came home

18 see in the paper this morning that the
international exhibition will be
opened on wednesday the 17th Sept/79
& I hardly know whether I shall
go home or not before it is opened

went to the battery & see Bob & Co gathering up all the amalgam they could fossick out, see their cake of gold abt 30 ozs, met Mc Hecherin's brother & had a walk with him, he was trying to find a horse to hire or buy, he is pound keeper, & a wood carter & wants a horse to work, we went through the town & back to the mill together, he is in IOGY & we spoke abt the lodges, Albury etc. in the afternoon I went out with Bob for grass & stayed in in the evening.

19th at home all day & help Bob to plant spuds, went to the IOGY meeting in the evening & was initiated under the English constitution, had a very interesting meeting & a large

attendance, I were initiated & I
came home via Tattersall's with
Mary, Lizzy, & Madeline.

20 home all day, tilling
potatoes in the afternoon, Elizabeth
Jane Trinery here dinertime. wrote
part of a letter to Brad

21st was over to Emma's
in the morning, went to the claim with
dinner, down town in the afternoon
got lollies & liquorice, was
in Mark Tattersall's shop
for abt an hour & then came
home & planted some
beans & peas, give Emma's
& Aunts children liquorice
to dirty their faces with &
Aunt did not like it, Emma
was here making childrens

clothes with Aunt for Desmond
at chape in the evening, I guess
cathin dont want me, & came home with
Bob.

22nd planted a few kidney potatoes
in the morning, had rain before I finished
bought fish & oranges of a chinaman
went down with the dinner, after
dinner finished Brads letter,
& received a letter & my policy
from the insurance company
& returned a form to them &
posted brads, they sent me
back a bobs worth of stamps
as they dont charge exchange
on country cheques came part of the
way home with Mark Tattersall
& stayed yarning at the corner of a
fence went to the practice with Bob in the

evening, it was agreed at the meeting to have a concert, Mifs Volkhard a teacher was there, dont remember seeing her before,

23 home in the morning, after dinner went over in Jims garden, then went in the house, C G Trenerry came in while I was there, went to town for meat & a paper home the rest of the time.

24 Sunday

at class, school, & church in the morning, at school in the afternoon had the same little girls as in the morning, after School went out Tamboroora way with Mark Tattersall & Michal Mooran, at church with Aunt Emma, & her 2 boys & Bob. the minister preaches twice today

25 went with the dinner, went to town in the afternoon had a long chat with blind Plummer, bought a white shirt & socks @ Hogdsons, whistle @ Plummers, after tea went to the church to a teachers meeting but there was none it being wet at the time to come to the meeting & there being no important business to transact.

26 went with dinner, after dinner went to M^{rs} T Richards, then to the post office & posted a letter to Lewis I had just written, went up around the Hospital saw a man sitting on the wood heap, saw him chop some wood he was like a covered frame probably a convelesant there was a big woman under the verandah that I took for a convelesent, the building is brick, & I think very good

for Hill End, came back to Plummers bought another whistle & stayed until the lamp was lighted, went to the church in the evening & heard them practice some anthems for a consort, they are sung well, better than I expected, went to the IOGY after & heard them practicing for an entertainment.

27 with dinner to the claim, & after dinner feeling too sleepy or something else to read the paper, I went out Bathurst way by myself to enjoy my meditation etc. on my way to town & back I met Simon Uren, went home with him & killed his pig, saw Catherine in town but not speak got a whistle @ Plummers came home, M^{rs} Pascoe & Catherine had been there collecting & Aunt said that I said if 2 old women came I would give a bob

or if 2 young ones came I might give 5/, she would give them 2/ for me if they liked, but M^{rs} Pascoe said they would call again.

August 28th have had a lot of rain during the night, in the morning before I got up my mind was carried back to Adelong & the letter I posted before I went to work afternoon shift, & the different circumstances under which I am found, etc, its a very wet day took the dinner down to the claim, & was over to Emmas first, the run of my mind yesterday afternoon & exactly 5 years before is noticable, how in the time intervening the hearts strongest cords have been severed, & the emotions caused thereby etc.

that its out of place to record here, Amen
rain All day went to Hogdsons
in the afternoon, in the evening Bob &
I went to go to Church, we
went as far as the gate of the Church
yard but there was no apperance
light in the Church, but there
was in the ministers house along
side of the Church, the evening was
wet enough to melt the minister
& congregation if they were
made of salt or sugar &
stayed out long enough,
but they seem very frightened
of a drop of rain, we had
a walk through town & came
home

29 carried over Joseph Frances his
whistle in the morning, & then went

to the claim with the dinner, very wet day went to town bought a trowsers for a woman @ Hogdsons for 1/6 bought lilies & a led pencil @ Plummers, had a conversation about Drs Bowker, Grey, Bowen etc, after tea presented the trowsers etc, & then went to the choir practice in the church, every body was late & some a lot later than others.

30 had the trowsers returned & a piece of thin blue candle paper to wipe my ??? with, helped Bob cut his & Jims pigs, went to town saw a horse & dray sold by Auction or heard the bidding, had a chat with George Kieve, give 5/ to a subscription for a man named Chaple that was hurt in a claim

here lately, came home, went down
to Plumers for a paper before tea
but the papers had not come, saw a
sister IOGY in Plummers &
lifted her hat to have a look at
her head, & kissed her, bless her
she is a nice girl & ought to be
a good worker, & probably intelegent

31st Sunday

at class in the morning abt 7 present
had the 2nd class girls in the gallery at
school went up the way before church
with Mark Tattersall spoke to M^{rs} Cock
& had a yarn with M^{rs} Letcher, I
went to the presbyteryan church in the
morning, I liked the preacher & sermon
pretty well he is a good speaker
but has a scotch axcent, it
is a neat church outside as well

as inside, the walls inside looked damp, there is 3 rows of seats the side rows are set a little oblique to as to face the preacher straight, I liked the baptismal service better than I do ours it had less form about it & the minister had no book that I could see, the 2 Mifs Volkards from our choir were there, & the 2 Miss Longmores in the choir were looked spruce, the congregation was small, the church larger than the Wesleyan, in the afternoon M^r Bellhouse our minister adressed the school we were all on the bottom floar & there was no lessons, he gave a better adress than I thought he would when he comenced, after school went out the way saw a lot of strollers

but not Kathy I spose she was asked,
in the evening I went to the Church of
England the walls are rough inside
& was probably built to cost a
lot of money, the furniture &
lighting fair, a small church
organ with the notes up in front
abt 8 ft high, they chanted the psalms
in a minor key I thought it to
be the singing was very low all through
the service as if they were afraid of
being heard & the tunes were all
like church of England tunes,
there was a well formed tall
girl Miss Fox sat by me & I had
a look in her hymn book she had
a beautiful red head like
Eliza Temby, the Minister Bro
Dunlop read his sermon
he looked at the paper near all

the time which spoils the effect of it
not like the minister in the morning
who only looked at the paper half the time
& spoke more natural, a big red
head girl played the organ, I saw her
once collecting stipend when I was at
Trenerys, after church I went up
& heard part of Mr Bellhouses
sermon from the outside, & after
they came out I went out with
the 2 miss Trenerys & 3 miss Longmores
we all went home with the Trenerys &
I left the others when we got back to
the town as they had their chaps with them
by that time & came home, the girl that
played the organ was miss Wise

1st September

went down town & had the
pegs rubbed down on my boots &
went to Plummers & got the Sydney
Mail, after breakfast, took down
Bobs dinner, in the afternoon M^{rs}
Pascoe & Mifs Letcher came
collecting stipend, they sat
on the sofa & I sat by Catherines
side took off her hat, held
her & felt her head & kissed
her, after wards I took off her
hat again & put it on my
head, she has a very good head,
better than is often seen well
balanced after the English modle,
her perceptives appear all large
& beautifully even, her reflectives
are larger with an evenness all
round & a depression at veneration

she has a large top on her head,
very large firmness, a slight
depression at selfesteem but
I call selfesteem large. & her
continuity & approbateness large
or very large also, she has a deal
more congeniality than amity,
will make a wife with intense
love for her husband that wont
die out. I fancy her refining
sentiments are not very large,
she has a good chin & mouth
rather small, her face has rather a flat
appearance but being every where
full perhaps combativeness on the
face being low the ridge of the nose
coming down pretty straight & it
not projecting far may give it
that appearance although
secretiveness

is large , she is well able to
look contempt & she told me
she would not waste her
eyesight looking at me.
so much for her selfesteem,
I asked her if she would have
me, told her it might surprise
her if I told her how much
I loved her, talked abt admiring
her, little angle etc,
She said she had enough of
me, but she did not run away
& refuse to take money bless her
ant she pretty & cant she look
sulky, I asked her if I should
put down Catherine Letcher she said
no, asked if I should put down
seven & ninepence she said no,
I kept them as long as I could
& they were going away when I

give Catherine ten shillings, she
give me nine & sixpence change
against a pound all she had,
she said I was mean because I
wanted the sixpence change, I
went to take hold of her in the garden
& she went to hit me with her
umbrella, I brought her up to
the verandah & she evidently
didnot like me pulling her
about in the garden, I would rather
not have ofended her & I am not
positive I have, she has vital,
mental, & motive temprements all
large & Admirably balanced,
hereditery quality 6 1/2 or 7, she has
beautiful fair clean smothe skin
with a slight smokey cast on it,
full eyes & an honest exprefion

between the eyebrows, a lot of
long fair hair quality abt 5 1/2 works
her chin a lot & gathers the mussels
all up half way between her
chin and mouth which gives her
an odd expression that I dont
know anything abt. I think her
on the whole a superior young woman
with the good qualities predominating.
Mrs Pascoe disagreed with me
respecting Ministers wives, she
thinks they should be ladies
& pass an examination as well as
Ministers, should keep a servant
or two, & were more fit to visit
a sick woman than a man, but she
would not say that they done
it, I said if they was to attend
to the requirements of their husbands
& set others an example to do

the same, & to give the money every week to some one that was in need of it, instead of spending it on a servant to do what they ought to do themselves, while they administer Jobs comfort were it is not required & get sick & serve them right, she got rather annoyed or looked so I thought, I told her about my principle of servants allowance, that I have heard abt the ministers wife here being a tarter to servants & that I can sympathise with servants having been bullied myself, etc wanted to discuss how much I ought to give, they was not satisfied with all the change I had 4/3 but I could not manage to

keep them here until Bob came home
although I tried hard, they had
other places to go, in the evening I
went to the church to hear the choir
practice anthems for the concert
there was 15 singers there some of them
I've not seen there before Mrs Pascoe
left first being unwell, Catherine
was there, I think her a good
singer, & a good voice for singing,
& talking as well, altogether
the choir makes good music.
wrote the first 2 pages before I went
to bed, Catherine said she would like to
have all the 50 pounds I got, or something
of the sort & I told her she would have it if
she had
me.

2nd wrote all but the last 3 lines first
thing, took the dinner down, wrote a

letter to Edwin Hosking & one to
Mr Orchard abt staying there when I came to
Sydney & posted them got butter @
Kays, went to the IOGY meeting in
the evening, there was 6 or 7 initiated, abt 50
members present, came part of the way home
with Madeline Craig & sister Anderson,
I didnot leave them untill I was told
to be off more than once, home in
good time Bob had got a letter
from his brother James big enough
for a will leaving me a fortune
or a small newspaper, I read it
it was rather racy, his wife is dead,
& Aunt Eliza is doing well.

3rd Mrs T Richards came here
in the morning to spend the day
sewing for Aunt, I took down
Bobs dinner, & after dinner

a youngster brought a note
from M^{rs} Jones to M^{rs} Richards
saying that M^{rs} Letcher was
come & to come home, I went down with
M^{rs} Richards to get a leg of a chair
to replace one I broke last night
& told her not to give it to me
when I asked for it. I stayed
there untill near 8 o'clock, M^{rs} Letcher
left to go to class abt 7 o'clock,
I told them that I thought I offended
the collectors, & abt my argument with
M^{rs} Pascoe on Ministers wives
etc, M^{rs} Letcher said the collectors
say they hope the rivers will
be up & keep me here untill
they come again,

4 put the leg in the chair, planted
some potatoes & came in and had

a spell writing before dinner, Bobby carried his fathers dinner, after dinner wrote part of a long letter to Uncle James Hawton, went over to Jims & helped to kill his pigs after nockofftime, had supper there, came home, & went to chaple, had a chat with Lizzy Tattersell at the gate afterwards, she went into the ministers & I came home, Mrs Trennery & Martha here during the afternoon & Elizabeth with Jane & her Father with them here in the evening after I came home from chaple,

5 took over a dozen oranges to Aunt Emma in the morning & went to cut up her pigs in the afternoon she said Jim was going to do it himself, so I didnot

bought oranges butter & eggs at a
cart in the morning from Ellis,
went over when Jim was cutting
up his pigs, went to the practice
with Bob in the evening Catherine
was there, they are improving with
the anthems,

6 helped to kill bobs pig after
dinner, went to town & bought
a white shirt, scarf, & paper, went
back again & changed the shirt,
helped to salt the pig in the evening,
& got done abt bed time, too sleepy
to read much, did not master
the lesson for tomorrow, received
a letter from Mr Orchard

7 Sunday

as soon as it was daylight

I comenced on the lessons in bed

went with Bob to class the
Minister met the class for renewal
of tickets & left very sudden
as soon as the meeting was over
leaving the Tickets for Pascoe
to distribute, which he did,
The Minister evidently didnot
know my name, Pascoe told
him my name its rather odd
for a Wesleyan Minister ???
being to church so often & he
living by the side of the church,
had the 2nd class boys in school
afterwards went to see Jacob
Tallentine being requested to by
M^r Orchard had a short
conversation with him &
then went to church, went back
to Talentines to dinner all the
children they have is an adopted

daughter called Maggie 16 years
old next month, she is good
looking, well built, motive
temprement, very firm, on the
whole I think her rather inteligent
of fir strength, active, a good girl,
& one that will be able to take
her own part any were when
she is a woman, she is always
at church & sunday School &
sings in the choir, had the same boys
again in the afternoon at school
but didnot have the lesson of
as well as I ought to, after
school went with Mark
Tattersall down the way toward the
river, passed M^{rs} Tallentine
& maggie down there, went further
down & came up broken back,
Elizabeth Jane & Martha

Trennery was here to tea, at church in the evening Pascoe preached a good sermon from, It is not the will of your father in heaven that one of these little ones should perish, the minister preached in the morning, a good sermon I came home in the evening with Bob.

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down town in the morning into Marks & had a look at his rifle, agreed to go shooting tomorrow morning early, saw the Trennerys leave in Pymans waggon, had a chat with sisters' Anderson & Craig, went to Kays store, & then Hogdsons, came home & cut up meat for filling the pigs belly, it came to rain after dinner

stayed home in the evening,

9 went over to Emmas, then down to Tattersalls to see Lizy & get stores & Cocks adress, in the afternoon wrote a letter to Father & posted it, went to Hogdsons & bought a pants & handkerchief came home and tried on some pants & went back again & changed them & got another pair that I kept went in & had a chat with Plummer a wet day, bought lolies & envelopes & came home packed up my things in the evening to start for Sydney in the morning,

10 very wet in the morning & I didnt start, took Bobs dinner to the claim, took 2 bags to Hamptons

& left them on the kitchen table,
saw no one in the kitchen, Gunther
got a nugget of gold on the way no more
than an 100 yards from Bobs house
in a gutter the oposite side of M^{rs}
Pascoes, he got it with a tin
dish prospecting, he brought it
to the gate & showed it to us it
is 1 1/2 or 2 dwts,

11 eighteen years since I sailed
from Plymouth sound today,
I went out & washed some prospect
on a shovel & got no gold,
had a yarn with some men,
went first thing to borrow Gunthers
prospecting dish & didnt get it,
took down Bobs dinner, M^{rs} T
Richards here today making
Emmas dress, went to town for

beef, went to booking office & booked
for Bathurst per Cobb & Co coach,
M^{rs} Richards left before Bob came
from work, went into Gunter's
& bought the nugget he got yesterday
went to the prayer meeting with
Bob, then to see if the coach was in & came
home,

12 left Hill End by the coach
@ 8.30 am, passed Ewams, &
Ternan's Hotels perhaps 6 miles
on, passed a lot of useless
land & cut place & some
selections of a rum character
I call them etc looks like
poor sheep land only, saw a
few cattle all very poor,
crossed Tooran river 4 miles before
we came to Sofalla [24 miles] in

a boat & got in another coach
saw a horse swim the river on the
way the land looked a little good
coming into Sofalla, the river has
been taken through a short tunnel
through a spur below the town to
work a bend dry that has
been very rich, Bella Martin
& 2 little boys were in the coach
with me, she seemed a very nice
girl & good company, she says
she is 23 years old, I judge her
to have a very active & determined
character or disposition, mental
temperament , sharp nose, very
large firmness, reflection & conjugal
she says she has a sister in the IGOY
lodge at Hill End & she has been
herself a daughter of Temperance
in Tambaroora, we had

dinner at Sofalla were the coach first changes horses when river is fordable, the oldest boy got sick just after we started & he shifted & went on the box after we got abt 6 miles, we got into Cobb & Co coach at Sofalla, the coach we came in was another fellows, the boy then came inside & I sat on the front seat, there has been a lot of digging done abt there, saw a small battery & chillian mill at the end of the tables with wheels abt 2 ft diameter coming to wattle flat, there is evidently a lot of inhabitants abt Sofalla & wattle flat, the former being a tidy size town, the latter not so good but a gooden for NSW. we had a woman with a baby came in the coach for a few miles & then we took in a

man & his wife that were on
the tramp with there swag, & then
another lady so we had the
coach full, Belle had more
fun in her than I calculated on
& I kissed her when the coach was full,
she left the coach before I did, I left
the coach at the school of arts, the coach
office & and came to Stewarts, had a
good supper, read David
Bachmans remarks on the Catholic
pastoral he had a little of
Dr Burminghams stile of
writing, I think his ideas correct
on the pastoral he is against it
we passed lots of cuttings today, the land is poor
from Sofalla on the whole & I spose
we passed the best land in the dark,
on the whole we passed a lot of infirer
hilly and useless land

13th went to the station & bought my booking
went up the street saw the transport looking was
there any my passage left
Bathurst by the 10,9 am train
crossed a large iron bridge over the river & a
fertile plain the Kelso the clover wheat
is looking well. leaving kelso went
through soft granite cuttings
with gravle on top of the rock some
places but uneven the land has a
much better appearance than when
I came by before, bald ridges & short pasture
to Raglan & some flats, passed a lot
of cultivated land that looks rather sandy
with a soft granite bottom according to the
cuttings in came to the Macquarie plains
the stock I see is by ane means equal I
think to the land although the feed is short
dont think much of the plains to Locksley
it looks gritty rather & some small

timber of bushes on it , after leaving there
the way goes up the bank of a river
country poorish, crossed the river & came to Tarona
to Sodwall door, fair ridgy grazing
land came to Rydal, got into conversation
with a young woman who got out at
Lithgo as well as mifs Volcaid alias
Rowdy I didnot notice when we came
to a long tunnel perhaps 300 yds,
Rowdy was in the next compartment &
didnot get in at Bathurst there is severil
stacks smoking up at the back of the town
& coal waggons on a branch line here, I've
not taken taken notice of the land latley, I
think there is sevril cuttings on the way, grand
scenery & up the ??? a small tunnel in
the go back, 3/4 a mile to go through
a tunnel reaching Clarence town, dinner
at Mt Victoria, sanwidge & 2 puff
paste for 1/ I saw the ugly place

I saw Sir James Martin & Sir Alfred Stephens at a railway station before we got to Sydney that Sir A Parks, Stephens, Martin etc, have selected to come get country residences, I wouldnot like to live there, it looks very nice to see the precipices, deep gorges etc but I guess they wouldnot look very interesting to look at all the time, from emu plains there is a lot of prety residences etc, orange paddocks, and a big grave yard come to Sydney, came to M^r Orchards as soon as I arived in Sydney, after tea went to Hosking's & received a letter from M^r Lewis, there was a man & his wife came in & had a chat which I take to be the great Will Roberts & wife, went over in george st & bought a box of collars & came home, bought a tea

meeting ticket of Orchard

14th Sunday

Went to Burke street Wesleyan Church in the morning with M^r Orchard & heard Mr Clark preach from this is a faithful saying etc, he has a voice like Mr Higgings at Albury whicc I think against him although he gave us a good sermon, we went to Waterloo Redfern Primative Methodist Church, it was sunday school Aniversary & we had a grand discourse on, wilt thou not then cry unto me oh God thou art the guide of my youth M^r G Lane is a first rate preacher we went into Richard's & had some tea there is 2 young women there one the youngest a big fat lump

called Jane, the oldest is a nice wholesome
firm looking girl that is
spoken of very highly, the son
& his young woman was there & another
young woman & her brother, called
I think Stephens, he looked a very
nice chap & so did she although
she is very small she ought to have
a big intellect, we went to
the Primitive Methodist Sunday School
Anniversary, Crown St Woolloomooloo,
we stayed to the prayer meeting
after the service it was like days of
yore to me when we had happy
meetings there was a woman turned
to God at the meeting & evidently
the young man Mr Blanksbe who is the minister
has his heart in his work, he
left £3..10..0 per week with
a prospect of getting £5..10..0

per week to join the ministry he
gets £11 or 12 pounds per quarter
now, Bessy & her sweetheart
Jim was there but I didnot notice
them. I give 6' the first service 1/ the second
& 2/6 the third,

15 bought a hymn book for
Aunt for 7/6 & put 8 stamps
on it & posted it, got Bobs piece
for 1/8 with postage, ordered
@ Geo Robertsons, Mesmerism,
Fowler on marriage, & Beuny on
children, had a look at the
exhibition building from outside
I guess it will be opened before
it is half ready, bought 1/ worth
of oranges at Uncle Hoskings,
came home & wrote a letter to Brad

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& one to aunt Mary, & went to the general post office & posted them after tea I went with Orchard to a prayer meeting in a school just past where the hurses take the corpses to the train it was like old times to be in a prayer meeting with those who love the Lord Jesus Christ & delight to meet together for prayer,

16th I see the admission fares to the exhibition are very bad in my case, no monthly tickets being available till the first of October, went out & got a paper, went up to see the cars running waited till I was tired & came home to dinner

all day, Rev M^r Willis came in the evening & I went to crown st tea meeting with him, he thinks Berry no good etc, I tell him he has done exactly what we sent him to do etc. we had a fair tea & the children recited some pieces & sung some of the reciting was good but others spoke very low, one boy gave the Irish schoolmaster, came home from the meeting with M^r Orchards

17th went with M^r Brown & Orchard to see the procession march we stood on the pedestal of the late prince consorts statue & saw the military drawn up in file turned abt & dismissed, there was a very long procession of the Guilds some with green & others with blue sashes rather larger than the Rechabites sashes, there was druid

Guilds, Oddfellows, foresters & I think
hybernians in the procession as well as the
sailors union & Taylors union, the latter
2 had large & pretty banners
the Foristers banner was much smaller
& perhaps better although not so
showy, there was eve taking the fruits from
the tree & Adam looking on & a big
snake coiled round the tree, & then
on the oposite side of the tree they were
going away ashamed, we came
to george street to see them all
go pass us, the bands played strong
the druids were rum fellows with
white nightdresses on like pasens
& long white whiskers that
grew on cows tails, the fire engines
& the Governers in there carriages were
in the procession, I got 3/ ticket
& went to Maquary street & then

got a 5/ ticket & went to the
opening of the exhibition I was there
before the Governors came in
the main passage in front of the Orchestra
then tried to get up in the gallery
but was refused, I then went down
the side & got near the Choristers the
singing was good, one woman
who sang by herself opened her
mouth very big when she was
shoving the high notes out,
although I was near the platform
where the opening addresses was read
I never heard a word distinct
& most of the time I could not hear
a sound, I was up on one of
the towers the one the oposite end to the organ
& had a look round, I saw some human
decection models, & a
modle of Cleopatras needle

covered with silk cocoons etc from
M^r Afflecks silk farm
at Albury, some fine
photographs paintings etc, etc
a lot of the exhibits are unpacked
saw some fellows stamping
moduls on the lower floor, I got
a silver medal for 1/6 with the head
of Christ on one side & the Lords
prayer on the other side, the place
wants a lot of finishing its
open a long time before its ready,
saw the steriotype of part of the
evening news & the town & country
papers, I went in abt 12 noon
& stayed until near five &
came home, Emily Richards was here
& after tea we went for a walk
with Bessy & Fred Williams
her intended, we went up george

St then through the domain &
had a spell on a seat & then
to Maquary st were we
left Bessy & Fred, & I & Emily
went to her home at Mary St
Waterloo she is rather an intiligent
girl 21 years, fine quality, fine
curly hair, she said she was
coming here on saturday perhaps I'll
describe her then, saw M^{rs}
Collins that Harry boards with
in the exhibition building, that
was the only one Iknew that I
saw, I weighed in the building 12st 6 1/2 lbs

18 went over to Aunt Hosking
to see if she would go to the picnic,
& then up & got a paper to send
to Brad, posted it at general post
office went to the picnic by myself

there was a good many on the steamer from
circular quay all for the picnic at Clontarf
@ 2/6 each there was no provision found that I see but
plenty to be got I believe, there was a dancing shed
abt 50 x 100 ft pretty well filled with dancers
all the time & a brass band supplying them
with music, the children were kept racing
a lot of the time Anne Orchard won
one, after they had all done the prizes were
put in a ring & the names of the winners
called consecutively & they went in &
took what prize they mind to,
in the evening went to the school of Arts
& heard Valvose the Ventriloquist
it was grand, the former part of the
entertainment was an opera
called baby, baby was a young
man abt 20 a sort of an
inocent Juan, there were abt 5 couples
one making love to the other fellows

wife, a poor sort of information
to the rising generation, there is all
the workmen at the exhibition
building abt [700] seven hundred
suspended today until further
orders, the comissioners wouldnot let
any material in & John Young
wouldnot put up with there humbug
Bought a box for a pound, &
brought my swag from Hoskings

19 got a letter from Bob containing
a letter from Brad to me,
went to Newmans to get my photo
taken but did not on account of them
being a pound a dozen went to the
comercial bank & give them a cheque
for £15 pounds to collect, bought
a book on stammering & came home

after dinner went & got photo
taken in George St, one for 1/6 &
a dozen for 10/6 paid 5/ deposit, bought
a flannel & box of collars for 4/7
saw M^{rs} & Mifs Richards in George st,
had a chat with Aunt Hosking abt
her being crabed, fits, Will Roberts etc,
went to the railway station had a look at
the 4 tramway engines getting put
together they are nice covered carriages
in appearance, after tea I went with
M^r Orchard to Dr Kalynaks
class, there was 9 present & it was a
good meeting I was happy there &
intend to go every friday evening
I am in Sydney, after we came out
we went to M^r Crovers they are
I think rather a superior family,
the father ought to possess a large
amount of activity brain &

strength, they are cornish & I think very nice people, Bessy & Fred were there

20th got a Sydney mail & posted it to Brad in the morning as I went to the exhibition, it being 2 wet to go to the review as I thought, I saw in the building some very pretty glassware from England just inside the door, I went straight through to the other end & noticed every thing in the passage, I then went through the Queensland coart there was splendid specimans of copper ore, & quarts with a lot of coarse gold in it, some bark from a tree that looked

like old woven cloth or ?????
I saw a bunch of rice abt 5 inch
through containing 200 stalks
grown from one grain of rice
& lots of other things there, the Queensland
court is a very good one & has
its own catalogue the only catalogue
I have seen, I then went
through New zealand court
it was not near as good, was
at the orchestra a short time
listening to the musick but soon
left, went through the S Ceylon
& Fijian courts, they are
not much, went into the San
francisco court but it
was time to leave before I
got through, it was dryer
as I came home than I expected,
I went with M^r Brown

to the School of Arts & heard
professor Pepper lecture on light
& illustrate it by experiments,
it was good well worth a
shilling the gallery was cram full
& plenty below, he finished
with seems like a magic lantern
only he had a jaw cracking
name for it,

21 Sunday

went with Orchard & others
in the morning to a small Primitive church
at Waterloo the minister used to be
a local on M^r Browns plan in
Victoria, M^r Brown did not come
with us, after dinner I went to
Morman meeting in a hall on

Elizabeth street one speaker
as per advertisement spoke on the
personality of deity, he was
advocating rum ideas, he said
if God had no feet he couldnot
walk, his idea is that God has
a form & is material, after the meeting
I strolled down to the botanical gardens,
just before I got there I
heard severil speaking on temporary
infidelity, politics, & christianity,
one fellow was arguing with a
woman, one black man
was preaching Christ, I did not
understand all they said but the
above is what I fancy they were talking
abt. I thought of hearing Bishop
Vaughan in the evening on the necessity
of Catholic education but fancied
I heard rubbish enough for one

day, in the evening went with Orchard to the Congregational church Pitt st to hear Mr Jeffers, he is a splendid preacher, in all points that I could see, the church is very large & a grand building, as much like a theater as anything else, there was a large congregation I told M^{rs} Collans abt Harveys old sweetheart being left a widow she said she would tell him, also abt Harveys age the mormans said they would answer any questions that was asked after the meeting was over they had no secrets,

22 went to the exhibition all day, in the American court was a lot of tools & organs etc, the Japanese was a lot of old rubbish to me, most of it erthenware that dont acord with

my idea of beauty although
some admire it there was large vauses
£40 & £20 per pair that I think hardly
pretty enough for a cup
to go under the bed, there was some silks
that might be good enough, some looked
soft & rich, I wouldnot care abt
giving the vauses standing room, any
how shillings look abt the value instead
of pounds, George Martin from
Glen Innes called me Ebsbury & asked
me if that was my name & said no
& I suppose looked sheepish
anyhow I felt so no being
surprised by him after writing
to the minister abt him, I was
charged two pence for going into
the closet in the building, I thought
it a rum thing to pay for, I
went through most of the English

court it is chiefly manufacture
exhibits, after the bell rang I went
past the Roman & Victorian
courts, at the consort Miss Moon
sang in Dutch or something else
I couldnot understand
one word although it was
distinct, she is a grand singer
& can warble or shake a lot of
strong clear notes, I went with
Brown & Orchard up to
Crother's's in the evening the girl
played the piano, she is abt the
right cut of a girl for a
wife, big, strong, firm, orderly,
etc in appearance, & as much
inteligents as other people & more
than average, I had a chat with
the mother & a look through
the album an old woman

76 years old came in she was born
the same day I think as Orchards [deletion]
christened in the same water
she is a good jolly old Christian
by all accounts & looks quite
fresh likely to live till she
is 100 years old

23 wrote & posted a letter to
brad finished the letter to Uncle
James that I started at Hill End,
home most all day in the evening
went to hear Professor Hamilton
the Phrenologist in the Temperance
hall there was abt 16 present @ a 1/
each, he is going to lecture free
next time, he spoke abt 20
minutes & then his wife delivered
a lecture on benevolence, she
is better fit for his daughter than

his wife, has a good voice but hardly
distinct enough, she is tall thin,
head small, delivered her lecture
much like a sermon, rather feeling
but much like a boy saying
his lesson which he has well
learnt, he said the ridge on top of
the head of a savage was not benevolence
firmness & veneration but a mear
thickening of the skull which is
of much use to him to enable him
to bear the rays of the sun, & blows on
the head that would kill a dozen
white men without hurting
him in the least, I think him
good at deleaniating character
but he made the fellow out
moreller than I think I
should if I had my
hands on there heads

24 went to the bank
no reply had come from
Innes abt my cheque, came back
to Hoskings & borrowed 60/
& went to the exhibition & stayed
till time to leave, in the evening I
went to the school of Arts to hear
Professor Pepper, I was
disappointed by hearing the lecture
over again that I heard on
saturday night last, but
he gave us another lot of
pictures which were very good,
there was the photograph of the Zulu
King whose name is properly
pronounced so peper says
Ketch,y,o. severil seeans in
Zulu land of engagement
Kralls, camps, & travelling
seans, together with a beautiful
Zulu woman thats exactly

contrary to our idea of beauty
she is a big coars looking thing,
any how the pictures are worth
a shilling,

25th this is the 30 aniversary
of the day of my birth, after
breakfast I went to the Comercial
Bank & got the money for the cheque
that I gave them to collect on
Friday last, I then went to
Geo Robinsons for my
books but the shopman said
he forgot all about it, he then
booked the order & said he would
send for them today, so I'll
get them in abt 10 days, I
then went into the exhibition,
after I had been a little time
I thought about a letter of

Mr Browns that I agreed with
Mr Orchard last night to
forward to Brown this
morning, I felt very uneasy
about it until I remembered
the mail train left in the evening,
I got through the Australian
courts today, had dinner there
for the first time today, I
got some tarts there yesterday being
very hungry abt 4 o'clock, I
admire the marble figures in the
Roman court, there is a bronze
full size head in front of the
court called it looks
as if it has the
head & shoulders covered with
cloth & a corner of the covering
in his hand, I was surprised
to find the fancied cloth was
marble a day or 2 ago, I had my
hand on 2 skulls of Tasmanian

natives & I heard a man say he knew them when they were alive, he had been shooting kangaroo or wallaby's with them, I'm not positive the animal he said, I left the building before the bell rang, I saw P W Martin the squaters tool there & I think he ought to be in gail for defrauding 2/6 from every selector abt Glen Innes, that he was able to get it from, came home got Browns letter put it in a fresh envelope adressed it for Goulburn & went to the post office with it in a hurry, put the letter in the newspaper box in a mistake & then told the man of it at the next window he

it was all right it was
2 late to go to night now but
would go in the morning, came home
the M^{rs} Fred & Bessy went to
the circus M^{rs} wanted me to go
but I preferred & considered it best to
leave it alone, give Anne a 1/ to
go & then she was sent to bed
& so she ought for leaving her
mother wait for her while she
went out to play or see something
Orchard went in the front room
to study & I in the dining room
to write this, shouted a 1/ worth
of oranges. I called coming home from
the exhibition for my likenesses
but they were not ready, I saw
leather 1 1/2 inch thick or more
today in the exhibition, that took
over 4 years to tan, it is the

skin of an hippotamas,
I see a stone in the exhibition to day
or yesterday that came from Victoria
2183 feet deep or 1340 feet below sea
level

This is then end of the diary part.
In the covers of the diary were pockets
and the following pages were in
these.

	1879		
	is book 3/	3	0
	entertainment	1	9
	????? condiments ???	1	6
	pair socks 9/- & changing them 1/6	10	6
	true Church by Sutherland	2	6
	look through the microscope		3
	C 1/6	1	6
	1 beggar woman 1/- oranges 3	1	3
	board	30	0
	dov 2/-	2	0
	train 21/3	21	3
	dinner 1/3	1	3
23	mangoreens 3		3
24	accomodation 7/- dinner 1/-	8	0
26	lolies 1/- stamps 6	1	6
27	C 1/-	1	0
29	oranges 2/-	2	0
31	doll 1/ boll 1/	2	0
2	Augusr paper 0/6 pants & vests 25/	25	6
3 rd	C	2	0

4	lolies 6 oranges 1/	1	6
7	lolies 6		6
8	Grandfather 20/ stamps 6	20	6
9	paper 6		6
10	C 2/	2	
12	lolies 6 oranges 1/ insurance 254/7	256	1
16	lolies 6 paper 6 boots 11/6	12	6
17	C 1/	1	0
18	Aunt 2/ blackinhg 6	2	6
19	IOPY initiation 2/6	2	6
20	Aunt for the kids 20/	20	0
21	liquorice 6 lollies 6	1	0
22	mangareens 1/ fish 1/6	2	6
23	paper 6		6
24	C 2/	2	0
25	shirt 6/6 socks 1/5 whistle 3 Aunt Ema 1	8	3
26	whistle 6		6
27	whistle 4 button r Aunt 3	1	0
	frying pan	2	9
	carried forward	£ 21	15
			1

in ~~121~~ Hoskin
Liverpool Street Sydney
?aird's Hotel Bathurst
Grays, Lithgo
Mrs Newman #No 1
Argile Terrace Pitt St
Redfern
Mr W^m Cock
Spring Hill
near Orange

Yuoungster, very nice woman,
Remember now thy Creator, music
music aranged for voice & piano, 4 flats,
Mrs T Richards expt letter from Aunt Hosking
give Aunt Emmas love to Aunt Hosking
& Uncle edwin
Orchard 398 Pitt street
IOGY English meet in Dr Fulletings
presbyterian church Pitt st every Monday
evening

stalactites, the same kind of stuff
we got in the shaft in Aubinell
I see another stone called Calcite that
looks most like it, the former name
was given to a collection the latter to
one stone

gust cashed cheque	£10..0..0
eptember, cashed cheque	14..19..0

			1879	
29	August	£	s	d
	brought forward	21	15	1
	trousers for a woman 1/6		1	6
	lolies 6 pencil 3			9
30	writing paper 6 subscription list 5/		5	6
31	C 2/ gift 10/		12	0
1 st	September paper 6			6
	circuit subscription 10/ stamps 6		10	6
5	oranges 2/8 butter 1/3 eggs 1/1		5	0
6	white shirt 7/6 paper 6 scarf 1/6		9	6
7	C 1/		1	0
9	lolies 6 envelopes 6 pants 18/ liquorice 6		19	6
	handkerchief 11			11
11	coach fare 17/6 nugget 8/	1	5	6
12	dinner 1/6		1	6
13	accomodation 3/ oranges 3 dinner 1/		4	3
	train 21/3 collars 9	1	2	0
14	C 4/		4	0
15	hymn books 7/6 stamps 1/ music book 1/8		10	2
	orange 1/ paper 1		1	1

16	paper 2 C 1/		1	2
17	the tickets 3/, ticket 5/ oranges 3		8	3
18	oranges 6 paper 2 clog 1 box 20/	1	0	9
	entertainments 1/ & picnic 2/6		3	6
19	flannell 3/11 collars 8 photo 6/6 book 2/		13	1
20	papers 7 exhibition 2/6		3	1
	entertainment 1/		1	0
21	C 2/		2	0
22	exhibition 2/6		2	6
23	entertainmenmts 1/ oranges 3		1	3
24	ticket 2/6 tarts 6 entertainment 1/		4	0
25	ticket 2/6dinner 1/ oranges 1/ anne 1/		5	6
	Sydney guide		1	0
		31	17	4

Grandma left England
on 11 Sept 1861

[This is NOT in William's hand-
writing]

It is a puzzle that the material from Gladys Barnes has a copy of a letter included with the material of this diary. It was not with the diary when I photographed it, but I have included it here for information.

Jamse's Family Hotel

N0 1 Crescent street July 17th 1879

To The Hon. The Minister of Lands

Sir

I beg to call your attention to
the unsatisfactory manner in which
the Glen Innes land agent Mr Martin
deals with intending conditional purchases.

On the 27th of March I went to conditionally purchase
of reserve No 103 in the parish of Fletcher, county of Gough,
which had been revoked. and applied for by Mr Sturgass before the
expiration of 30 days from the Gazette notice and had also
been applied for by another after the expiration of 30 days
& both deposits had been ?????????? information

I had received, Mr Martin told me there was no
land there, I asked him to refuse me the land in
writing, he wouldnot, and said there is no
land there & you shant have it and you can

write to Sydney about it if you like, I wont be humbugged by you if you can show me that there is land there you shall have it. on the next land day after I had found the gazette notice I went again to the office & gave Mr Martin my application he then asked me if I could show him the revocation of that reserve I said on the 20th May 1878 he then said he was quite aware that it was revoked but it was gazetted again the same day, he then showed me the gazette notice and a map of the reserve numbered 586. I was then satisfied I couldnot get the land, but dissatisfied at Mr Martins uncivil conduct the previous day which put me to unnecessary trouble & expens, On the 28th March I was looking at a map in the court house headed Police district of Glen Innes, County of Gough New South Wales 1870 Office 632 scale 2 miles to an inch Mr Martin

told me distinctly that was the only map he had showing the parish of Fletcher, I disbelieve him because on the 25 of february I saw a large roll of tracings on the court house table one tracing in the roll was the county of Gough, Mr Martin wasnot there it being an holiday, others have told me they have seen a map of the parish of Fletcher there, Mr Taylor who celected portion 4 parish of fletcher informed me that when he went to Mr Martin at first Mr Martin told him that all the land there was purchased. Taylor then went to a surveyor who told him there was no purchased land there, Taylor went again to the land agent who tried to send him to Shannon vale Mr Martin after being told by Taylor that he would do without his money untill the government returned it took his application & applications from two others & charged them two shillings and sixpence each beside the five shillings per acre

William Hilton, A Mc Alpine and every one else that I have spoken to have been charged 2/6 on conditional purchases, & five shillings on preleases which they get no receipt for. with the exception of M^r Foster whose land is just below Taylors, he objected to pay the half crown but said he would pay it under protest if he got a receipt for it, the receipt was refused and he was told it wasnot worth making a bother about so he didnt pay it if the above facts are inconsistent with the land laws I hope they will receive your consideration, if you require to see me on the above please to informe me as I intend to leave Sydney about next monday

William Mitchell