

This is the third diary in sequence. In the front cover of this is a very creased hand written poem which William Mitchell wrote sometime in his outback tripping around.

A sabbath day away from home
From all that's near & dear to me
By choice I chosen far to roam
The wild new england bush to see
Oh how my heart doth wander back
Where all I love content do dwell
Where they lifes blessings sweet enjoy
And time in praising Gods son
& here we are beside a creek
where a little stoney nob
is place to go & nought to see
but stock that here are running wild
My sabbaths now seem thrown away
no house of God in which to meet
with those who wait at Jesus feet
& tell of his love by the way
Oh how I miss the sabbath school
that used to be my greatest care
I miss the children they miss me
Oh when again shall I be there
A life that's burried in the bush
is just a life that's spent in vain
we miss the higher brighter joys
& nothing after all remain
& shall I spend my life to gain
money for someone else to spend
that his is a godles recless life
when all my labours have an end

writen in the tent at Johns creek
while feeling wisted 13/4/79

In his diaries William Mitchell introduced his own shorthand for some common words. The known ones have been expanded in the text reproduced. There are also some not yet decoded.

Most obvious symbols used by William Mitchell
in his diaries.

that or who	\ were	\ when
/ the or who	∫ came or come	
— place or way	— where	— road
/ end or cattle	@ horse	3 or c collection
) selection	∫ 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 are included as [this].

26th September 1879

I went with M^{rs} Orchard
to Buckingham street in the
morning to see a house that was
to let, there was a sale of furniture
in the house the same day, a woman
came in while we were waiting to see
the furniture, M^{rs} Orchard said
I was a single man, & she said
to the effect to me, here is your
match, she is tall, sharp point
on nose, frizy hair, Mifs T
Robson, a beautiful form,
but not a beautiful face, she
ought to be very orderly, very determined
be able to jaw a hurycane, & blow
up as quick as a powder when
fire gets to it, ought to be

intelligent & I think educated, M^{rs}
engaged the house, I came home to
dinner, she stayed till the sale was
all over & got the key. I had a walk
down George street went in for
my photos. but didnot get
them, came home wrote a letter to
Bob & went & posted it, after
tea I helped to bring some pictures
to the new house, I went 2 trips with
Fred, Bessy, & Mary, & then
went over to Richards's with
M^{rs} Orchard but they had left
so we had a long walk on a fools
errand, we called in at her daughters
(M^{rs} Wescot's) came back, when we
got back I went over to Hoskings
to see if we could leave Browns

boxes there, Hoskings political ideas
are mixed & muddled respecting
M^r Berry, J^{no} James etc, got
6^d worth of oranges & came home

27 was up abt 5 o'clock & helped
to load the furniture, I went
up to the new house when the
van went up the first time, but
Fred was up with the spring cart
the second time just as soon as
the other fellow got there, I stayed
there after till all the stuff was
up I then went in the spring
cart to the other end of George
street with Willy going to
work, came back & helped shift
M^r Browns boxes to Hoskings

they were very heavy, we then went down to the warf to see the Richards boat they had not come, went on bord the Leura she looked loaded with oranges, we then went near up to Stephense's when we met Richards coming in a van with his furniture, he said the rest were just coming in a buss so we went home, & M^{rs} & Bessy went down in the spring cart to the warf to see them off, I stayed & helped Mary fix up some beds, had my dinner carried some stuff upstairs, & then went to the exhibition, it is 1/ tickets to day & the building was swarmed with people

the opening day was nothing to be compared with it, there is a lot more exhibits all the time to be seen, I saw Miss Finch there but she seemed too much taken up with her female friend to get a chat with her, I got through all the courts on the main floor today, there is some marble sculptures that I very much like although they are very small, the anatomical exhibits were to be seen again today, I got a chair in front today but I thought it was better to be without an headache tomorrow than to hear the singing today

so I gave my seat to an old
woman when the consort ?? was
on there was no getting anywhere
that I could see near the choir
& I didnt try, the place was
thronged, bought this book &
got my likenesses on the way home
& stayed in in the evening & wrote
so far, Amen

I forgot when I came home to dinner yesterday
the two Mifs Richards & Mifs James
was there, when they went they left
2 tin plates behind them which I give
Richards to day, Orchard received
a letter from Brown to day he
got the letter I forwarded all right,
after I was in bed Orchard said
my fortune was made, the tall girl

referred to yesterday had been talking
with the M^{rs} abt me just now
into the butchers next door,

28 Sunday

Went with Orchard & Fred
to Cleveland street Wesleyan
Church, we met Miss Finch
on the way she was by herself came
against us, we didnot stop, M^r
Thompson gave us a good
sermon on the betrayel, trial,
& crucifiction, he is a good
preacher, mild I would like
it better with more feeling in
it, went part of the way home with
M^{rs} & M^r Cruthers, wen we
left them we was near home,

after dinner I went to the Cleveland
st Sabbath School, when I went
in I sat on the back seat by the side
of a young woman that I noticed
across & near the other end of the chapel in
the morning she gave me a hymn
book with miss Dean on it,
the room was well filled but as
soon as the school was opened half
the children went out some into
the church some into the vestry etc,
I got left on the seat by myself
the superintendant said he liked
to find something to do for visiters
was glad to see me come to have a
look at them etc, they were full
of teachers this afternoon, he took
me into the library & I took a book

to read, the secretery showed me his book with the returns showing the money the children collected for the missionarys etc, he was very sociable had a chat with me & went to his book again a young woman was on teaching infant girls, they were well behaved & she put them to sing etc, the superinetendant then took me into the church to see the infant class girls they were taught by a woman perhaps 30 of them & behaving themselves remarkably well they sang well together & I spoke a few words to them, came back into the school & the young woman that gave me the book Miss Mary Anigan came back again with her class the adult

girls from one of the vestrys, the school was closed in the ordinary way, & they then sang a hymn while the children went out, I came home had tea & went out with Orchard & Cruthers to botney calling at Wescuts for Fred & Bessy, Orchard preached on ye men of Gallie why stand ye here gasing up into Heaven, he preached a good sermon but the room was very close, we stayed at Tiff, before the service Annie Tiff played the organ in the house & sang & got the 2 boys abt 2& 3 yrs old to sing they sang well for children, she is evidently a smart active lump of a girl abt the right sort for a

usefull farmers wife I walked
up to Chaple with her, they invited
Orchard to come out on tuesday to the
missionary meeting, Orchard told
them I had made some money &
have been looking for some land
& wanted a wife recomended me
to the girl etc, she said if she
had me I would have to build
a house at Botany, I said
I could do that in 2 hours that
would keep out wind & rain
etc that abt the substance of the
chat after chapl while Cruthers
was puting the horse in the cart,
Cruthers offered to drive Orchard
out on Tuesday, we had a
widow with us in the cart & 2 or

3 children most of the way home,

29 in the morning abt 9 o'clock
Mifs Cruthers called in & asked
me who give me the hymn book
in the sunday school, she thought
it was someone else, instead of
Mifs Anigan, she was very inquisi-
tive, asked lots of questions, said
she knew all about it but spotted
on the rong one, I wrote a letter to
brad & one to the post master general
to get my letters sent here instead
of Pitt street, this place is 47
Buckingham street straw
berry hills, posted the letters
got 1/ of stamps, went to the
exhibition, went into the British

& foreign Bible Societys stall
& had a look at the books, there was
a bible bound in what I think
persian calf for 1/6, if it was
a Wesleyan hymn book the same size
etc it would be 4/6 or 5/6 catalogue
price, the man shewed me a bible
like the one we got in Bethanga church
said it was very cheep he hadnot
seen anything so cheep the 20 years
he had been selling books & asked
me what I though the price I
said 27/6 which was correct
the same price as ours,there machinery
is in better order, one engine had
steam up, saw a piece of tweed
partly woven, saw about a
dozen Alpaca crasing near
the sheep shed, they are abt

as high as donkeys & more the build
of camels, & was told they kick
like a horse if you get near them,
& that they would spit at you
through their nose, or some one else
was told it, & I heard it, the
judges were judging the sheep &
no one was allowed in the sheds, I
looked in saw the judges parting the wool
2 or 3 places on the sheep so as to see the
length & quality etc, got 4 tarts
& a cup of tea for 1/ at the refreshment
stall towards the machinery sheds,
went on the bottom floor got a
exhibition memorial for 2/ saw
it stamped & punched & the ring put
in it, had a look at the buggys,
carrages, cart, wagonetts, & a

spring carts, one exhibiter shewed me
a patent for letting a horse go with
the shafts if he bolted & stoping the buggy
but I think it would take rather
long to let the horse go, there was a
fine buggy made in Maitland
for a family, & 4 or 5 other good
ones for up country, saw some
pretty Japanese needle
work up stairs birds worked
with silk, there was good singing
at the consort, but nothing near
the people there to day that was there
on saturday, one part of the gallery
is closed to arrange the technological
part, I saw some skulls there,
paid two pence to the fellow that
keeps the part of the exhibition called
gentlemen, I got 1/ woth of tickets

at the tramway office & had a ride
home in car, it was drawn by the
engine the first time to day, the carriage
will carry 60 inside beside the top
covered with passengers, in the evening
I went to the IOGY meeting
but they dont meet untill tomorrow
the daughters of Temperance meet
to night, I went a fools errand
& then came home & wrote this, I had
a short talk with a Bro IOGY
from Hill End a policeman
in the exhibition to day, there
was some big pigs, one was
an enormous size looked only
in fair condition big enough
to fill the shafts of a dray
ought to fatten 7 or 8 cwt

it had a black hide very little
hare & look more like a hippot-
atimus than a pigs skin &
is a bore,

30 wrote a letter to bob &
posted it with a photo to him
& one to aunt Emma inclosed,
& sent him the book on stammering,
I called in to Hoskings & got
some oranges, went to the exhibition
went through the sheep sheds, there
is abt twice as many sheep
catelogued as were exhibited,
they are splendid sheep I suppose,
a lot of them large merinos, &
there was a few monstrous looking
coarse wools with 16 or 17 months

wool on them, 3 angora nany
goats they are white & small,
& two of them were much pretyer
than the other, & a big billy
goat not minus smell, the
Tasmainian sheep as a rule are
best, the French got severil
special prizes, & N S W got
some, I only remembered seeing
one sheep that came from Victoria
I put in the most part of the day
looking at sheep etc, the cham
pion fine wool ram is a small one
but has very superior wool,
had dinner at Crisps, bought
a catalogue of the sheep for 6^d
& a paper coming home, saw a

few little Roman images broken
& a part of the stand of a singers
sewing machine, went round most
of gallery, & then went into the N
S W court & had a look at a
churn that is patented, it is said
to make 5 per cent more butter
& better out of the same milk
than is made the old way &
a cleaner process, in the evening
I went to Botany rather against
my will because Orchard bothered
me & I went to please him, I
intended to go to the fellowship
meeting in Cleveland street
Wesleyan Church right up
to the time we started, Orchard give
the first speech & he kept us

laughing abt ½ an hour
the people was well pleased but
M^{rs} Orchard was rather crabed
M^{rs} Crothers & M^r Crothers was
there also, we had 2 ministers & a
woman with us in the cart coming home,
after the meeting we went into
Tiff's the girl looked rather better
to me more even & of an open
free disposition good night
was all I said to her we
had some milk & currants
& sponge cake of good quality

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1st October went to the exhibition in company with Fred, we went through the sheep shed there is lots of the sheep catelogued that are not present, & there is abt a dozen that are not catelogued of English large sheep, there was 480 days wool on them & not very coarse, some of the machinery was working, the weaving machine was making a piece of tweed, a young woman attending to it, another young woman was winding cotton on reels by machinery, there was ice in a machine that was working yesterday, could read through it 1 or 2 inches thick, there was Yanky endless saws etc working

we had dinner at Cripp's
had a stroll through the exhibition
went over & see the Fiji natives
carobaying from under the door
we could see their legs, it was
1/ to go inside but we see enough
from outside, we went there & back
in the tram carrige, went to Cleveland
street church in the evening & in to
M^r Crothers came back, saw a
lot of good big berkshire pigs
in a place I missed yesterday

2nd went to the end of King street
& took the steamer & went up
to Parramatta 15 or 16 miles
up river, there is nice scenery
going up the river, went over

the champion skulling coarse
its a nice place to row I think
saw the salt beds on the way up,
it looks like 2 or 3 acres
of tailings or sand & some brush
dividings just like we would
throw sand against to keep
water back dont see how
they get salt there should fancy
they would have to put some pans
there to evaporate the water out of,
there was machinery houses enough
there but not many dwelling
houses, I was on top of the steamer
& was charged 1/6 cabin fare,
saw the pillars of the iron bridge
they looked rather low to me,
when we landed I went in a
buss to the town, there was a fine

garden at the river & nice land
all the way to town if I remember
correct, I went into the first Hotel
to get dinner when I got of the buss,
I believe it is a crib I waited
over $\frac{1}{4}$ an hour & then walked
out & off & got dinner at
a little shop were I saw
refreshments marked under the verandah
had a stroll round by myself & then
came home in the train, I went
to the young mens christian assoitation
in the Cleveland st Wesleyan school
room & heard a debate on which
is the most worthy of our admiration
Moses or Joseph, there was abt a
dozen spoke well on it each
making out a good case for the

one he was in favour of, I enjoyed it
it very much, there was 30 or 40 grown
men & woman, there was 7 votes for Joseph
& six for Moses although I think
the best case was made out for Moses
I came part of the way home with M^{rs} &
Mifs Crothers

3rd I went to Geo Robinsons
my books hadnot come, I got
a revolver at for £3
its the latest improvement 12 wire
cartridges for 3/6 a shot flask
for 3/6, M^{rs} & Mifs Crothers
was came down just after I got
home to go to the cemetery, Anne
& Fred went with us we had
a very pleasant day the grave
yard is one of the most interesting

places in Sydney, we went
into a house & had some tea
before we came home at Rookwood,
I went up to Crother's when
we came home & stayed all the evening
Fred came up just as I was going
start, he was under the influence
of alcoholic liquor & had been
quareling at home, there was a
rumpus at home when I got home,

4 Went to the exhibition had dinner
at Cripp's left abt 4 o'clock,
rode home on tramway, in
the evening went to the IOGY meeting
there was the officer of 2 or 4 other
lodges there, there was a lot of

people there, after the business was done
the meeting was closed & then they
had harmony with the doors
opened to the public, two little
boys sang first rate, called
on Hosking coming home, met
young Joseph & Cohen the Jews at
Cripps to day, they have been a
long way since I saw them, Jospeh
just came from Brisbane & Cohen has
been along the N S W coast south,
the IOGY lodge is a sailors lodge
& most of the officers were sailors
a sailor opened the harmony with a
song. I'm going to marry Kitty
with the buckels in her boots, another
sailor sang a piece abt a sailor going
away & leaving his true love
behind, & if in the meantime she be

false then I be free, I be off again
over the sea were there is others as good
as her etc.

5th Sunday

I went to Cleveland street
sunday school in the morning
I went into the adults class which
is formed chiefly of boys, there was
a lot of reading & very little
remarks in it not so much as
I would like, a young minister
preached a good sermon from
part of 2 verses in Hebrews, Looking
unto Jesus, his name is Thompson
the same as the minister that preached
last sunday it was a change
with them to day, was at

school in the afternoon, & then I went
for a stroll by myself, M^r & Mifs
Loutit & another man overtook
me & we went to More Park
I was with M^r Loutit, the
Park is a very fine place
for recreation & there was a good
breese up, I went home with
Loutit to tea when we got
there MifsLoutit was home, &
she introduced 3 other young
women as her sisters they
are all Marriagable, 2 of
them are alike of a mental
tempremant, & would bear
critisising as regards points,
Miss Loutit over 30, motive
temprenamt & very active etc
or ought to be, the girls

was at me with a subscription list towards the William street Church & got 2/6, they had tickets to sell for a consort 2/ each in aid of the above church but I didnot want any, at Cleveland street in the evening, the same man peached from the words, Who gave himself a ransom for all, there was a good prayer meeting afterwards I & Orchard stayed came home with him,

6th I went to Crother's before breakfast for his spring cart to shift Browns boxes from Hoskings, after breakfast Fred & I went to circular key

with M^{rs} Orchard against
my will [the women are an humbug
sometimes) when we got back to
Hoskings Brown had been
there & gone again, we then went
to the warf to look for him
& when we got back to Hoskings
he was there, he & Fred put his
things in the cart & brought it
home, I helped shift Hoskings
things across the way into a yard &
then came home, had dinner &
went to the exhibition, met Bill
Phillips from James's there &
then met Mifs Loutit, her
sister & husband together, I went
round with them, took Miss L
up the tower with the stair case in it.
had an invitation to tea but

didnot accept it came home to
tea, M^{rs} was vexed & we had
same old jaw with our tea I
would much rather she would
shut up, I went to the prayer
meeting in the evening, called at Crothers
on the way home Orchard & Brown
were just leaving, so I didnt
go in, But I stayed & had a yarn
at the door & might just as
well have gone in.

7th I went up for the cart &
Fred & I took Browns boxes
down to the warf, the steamer (theErsk)
wasnot in Brown came as far
back with us as the post Office
& then we left him, we came

in the ship can get it tomorrow,
met John Atwood at Post
Office, was with him again
in the exhibition after 3 o'clock
when I came home Eliza Loutit
came & said her sister sent her down
to see if I was going to the consort
in William st church, I went
home with her to tea & then
went to the consort with margaret
there was some very good
singing, piano solos by Miss
that plays in the
exhibition some times M^{rs}
that sings in
the exhibition sang a piece or two
and 6 bell ringers gave 3
tunes it was grand & they

were encored twice I enjoyed
the evening very much, Eliza
promised to come with me to the exhibition
tomorrow & afterwards refused
to go without her sister.

10 went to Loutit's couldnot
get Eliza to go without
her sister may took both
of them & enjoyed their company
very much Eliza 16 years off
a beautiful form & face
to judge by points, may
22 years, thin, looks well
any how, will bear conditioning
for form or face either, had
tea with them & stayed there
all the evening. margaret is

very friendly to me, but Eliza
the most interesting, she is too young &
health too poor according to her own
account although she looks old enough
otherwise she ought to do me to take
home & probably shee'd go, saw a man
in the building that I took to be Keough
from Bethanga but didnot speak
to him, broke the handle of Lizzis
parasoll in the evening by sitting on
it,

11 wrote a letter to Aunt mary
in the morning & posted it in
the newspaper receiver at the
railway station, walked to
exhibition it being too long to
wait till the next car ran, had
dinner before I started went through

the machinery halls bought some
cotton reeled there, went into
the 6^d peep show, had a galvanic
shock there, went through a lot
more of the building, went into the
closed part of the gallery with
the man in charge who explained
to me about the Islanders weeping
skulls, etc, & showed me a common
sea pebble that they worship as a
god fish, came back through
George street, Geo. Robertsons
was shut up, Annie got me
a monkey on a pool in the evening
from the market

12 Sunday

went to cleveland street
sunday school & took
orchards children, taught
a class of little girls, as
soon I got through the lesson
I left came home went with
Fred to Waterloo & heard
M^{rs} Waters preach for abt
an hour she is a good
preacher I enjoyed the service
well enough, to Cleveland
st sunday school in the
afternoon Rev Lane
adressed us, went to more
park after with Miss
Loutit she left me there
& she went to meet
a friend of hers, there was

a young man there preaching
I then went over into the other
park, M^r Udale was
preaching there & after he done
M^r Orchard preached, Dr
Kalynack gave out the
hymns prayed etc, went to
Crothers to tea & to Cleveland
church in the evening. Thompson
preached, I stayed to the
prayer meeting.

13 went up to Loutit's in
the morning & came back through
the town, went to the bank
& got cash bought some
books & a parachute
in place of the one I broke

& took it up stayed there
till after tea, went to
Crother's & then came home

14th I was up early & packed
my box intending to start
for home, Orchard being out
of work to day wanted me
to go to Liverpool to see the
girl that has the £8,000
I thought one train went at
8 am & another at 10 am & overtook
the other train & went on to Wagga
I went to the station at 8,30 to see
the time table intending to start
at 10 o'clock but found that
there is only one morning train
three times a week that goes
to Wagga & the train went at

8 o'clock & I should have to
go in the night train or wait
till thursday, came home & Orchard
was very anxious to take me to
Liverpool, he went to see for work
called at Crothers & told were he
was going to take me, came back changed
we went down town to see M^r
Oliver he was out when we found
his large wholesale grocery warehouse
in George street in which business
he is a partner, we then went
to the station I got 2 tickets at 2/each
& we went to Liverpool by the
11.30 am train got there abt 12.45
went up to the Olivers which is
a large wether board house
rather old & low built

in a large garden well stocked
with trees & looking in good order
etc, we saw into several rooms
chiefly bedrooms looking all
right before we came to the door
at which Orchard knocked &
and a young woman answered
the door, Orchard told her who
he was, & that he was up there preaching
one Sunday when she & her aunt
was away, & that I was a young
man from the country down to see
the exhibition & would like to see
Liverpool & he brought me up
there, she asked us in to sit down, &
asked his name & went into another
room, she is tall rather even &
square built, was dressed in
her dress, but I did not

notice any odd feature about her
or any thing to pass a remark abt
she looked well enough for anything
as far as I saw, she looked pleased
when she left, the room was rather
untidy for a house in which there
is as many women & a servant
woman, after a while a man came
in & said M^{rs} Oliver was very
sorry that she could not be seen
today they were in a disturbed
state at present packing up or some other
such stuff, & that we could go
up to M^r Carbines at the store
that the horse was standing
infront of, we went up
& I wanted Orchard to go to an
Hotel & get some dinner & not

go in there at all but he wouldnot
he went in there, introduced himself,
I stood in the door, the storekeeper was
very busy & not talkative and
after a while we left, had a
stroll round the town, had a look
at the hospital which is a fine
big place & answers for benevolent
asylum etc as well we saw
a lot of men that looked like
outdoor patients & I here there is
600 or 700 in the institution, Liverpool
is nicely situated on the bank of
a river but away up above
high water, there is a wool
washing establishment & some
factorys, I had a good laugh
abt our exploit, the reception
we got etc. Orchard was

vexed & said dont laugh Mitchell,
he says he never had such a
cool reception anywhere before,
we went back to the station
before 2 o'clock being told that
a train went to Sydney at
2.5 by the man at the store, I asked a man at
the station what time the next
train went to Sydney he said
4.38 we took a stroll round
& Orchard wanted to go to the
station again & wait but I
prevailed on him to go down
the line 2 miles to the next station,
the 2.5 train passed us on the way
so we were sold again, we went
into the next station down the line
& Orchard had a chat with the

station master about M^{rs}

Oliver, got a long account
of her peculiarities how she caused
disturbances among the Wesleyans
when she was with them, near
breaking them up twice or something

similar {wrote this
at hillsborough}

in the evening went to Loutits with
M^{rs} Orchard & showed
M^r Orchard were it was, was
out in the kitchen with Margaret
& told her all abt our days
exploits & agreed to meet
her in the exhibition tomorrow
with another young woman,
Orchard came there after he had
been to see D^r Kalynak
he give us some of his Billy

Brays history that is not
in the book it was very funny
& interesting

15 was at the exhibition met Margaret
& Naomi as agreed to last night
I got dinner at Cripps & they
didn't they had their cross
with them went round with
them all day, bought 1/ worth
of lollies made in the machinery
hall. they had a little boy with
them, we saw what I suppose to
be a Mouri chief in his own
dress which looked as if it
was made of the skin of
cocks with the feathers on
there was no tattoo marks on his

face, but there was 3 women with him & one of them had her lips tatood black they were all big strong looking people minus refinement, we went up tower saw mouri woman there but the man stayed below, I went down George street to get a patent iron but altered my mind. got a box of cartridges for my revolver, went home with Margaret she said they had somthing in store for me I thought wether it was abt Eliza & got prepared for it, but I found it was a subscription list that Mary wanted me to head, I gave nothing, Margaret was or pretended to be much affected

my going away etc, said she wished she had never seen me I thought she was ready to come with me we saw 2 lace collars in the exhibition made by the mifs Higgins of Albury, & the 400 lb cheese in the place below saw M^r Letcher & also M^r Atwood there, got a clothsline to tie up my box in the night as I went home.

16 gave M^{rs} Orchard 15/ for my board Orchard helped to carry my box to the station paid 39/6 for my ticket the box went free paid 1/3 one place & 1/ the other for refreshments I think it was, saw some good land after got pass Liverpool & saw

a good few stock I tried to write in the book but couldnot it shook too much, there is a lot of lightly timbered rolling ridges that look very nice for sheep etc as we got this way toward Wagga, there was a man in the train that lost his hat out the window before he got to Goulbourne where he got out, another man had a pass to Jewnee & came to Wagga so he had to stay till the morning train & go back abt 20 miles, left Sydney 8 o'clock am & got to Wagga I think 10.15 pm. was charged 2/ for taking myself & box to the commercial hotel where the coach starts from, I was charged 6/ for my bed & breakfast & was

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waited on in stile, I paid £2 for myself & 15/ for my box to Albury & had my ticket marked so that I would wait a day at Kings Wagga is a large & I think grand town on the bank of the murrumbidge river, a man asked me for 2 pence when I was going to walk over the bridge so I did not go. I wrote a letter to Father, & inquired abt a horse to buy there, heard of one sold cheep yesterday & came in the coach with the man that sold it, got some oranges in Wagga, paid half a crown for my dinner there was some very nice looking land abt I dont care much abt a lot that we passed notwithstanding & we got some rain on the way

had tea at Kings paid 2/6 for it &
started again in the coach but got out
when we came to the next Hotel abt a mile
on & went back to Dicks to buy
a horse if I could get one, Emma
Wilkins was there & has grown wonderfully
since I saw her last she is a good
lump of a woman a good deal
larger than Susan. I told Susan
that I told Dick Goldsworthy
that Anni said she would have
him & that Dick said he would
have anne if I would have
Susan in the evening I
was in the parlour with the girls & a
young man that intends to be a
minister named Greeves they
told me abt Higgins selling out
going into the lunatic asylum

etc, Greeves thought he went out of his mind abt religion but I differ from him, from what I have heard before & would rather think his religion has kept him sane, I forgot to mark the morning of 17th so there is 2 days in this much

18 a very wet day had a look at a horse that Dick had to sell & at one that friday Dicks groom had to sell but they didnt suit, in the evening before the coach came a man rode up on a bay mare that I took a fancy to & lead a bay horse, he tied them up & came in & got a drink Dick & the rest admired the horse

I bought the horse for £8-10-0
the price asked for him of
Daniel Kirk who lives at
Wagra in the upper murray
NSW side.

19 Sunday

paid King 10/6 for self
& horse borrowed his saddle
& bridle & came down to Selinas
before dinner crossed a deal of water
on the way down, in the evening
rode around with them to see
the cattle, met a man that
said there was a horse for sale
that could walk 7 miles per
hour

20 Nick & I went to Peter Burtels to see the wonderful horse he was in a paddock Peter said his price was 10 pounds, we then each rode our own horses & had a look for the cattle with Theis I had rode nicks mare & dont care abt her, we was going up to Gregsons but it being dinner time we came back we talked on the way of which horse could gallop the fastest, Theis was in side the gate last & shut it. he then galloped past me toward the house & I galloped after him, when we got near the garden fence I got confused the horse was going one way & I went to pull him

the next thing I knew was I was
lying on the sofa, evidently the horse
& me both came against the fence pretty
heavy, when Theis came back to
me I was lying on the ground with
my foot in the stirip, he thinks
I was unconscious abt half an
hour & he thought I was killed
when he came to me I was bleeding
at the nose I think it was abt an
hour before my reason returned
Theis says I said it was all double
dutch to me whatever he would
say to me before that, & I
remember nothing abt it
I went to bed & Selina
boiled me some marshmallow
& I bathed my head where it
was swelling & sore & the

swelling was started to go
back

21 I went out in the morning to see the place where I got hurt but my head was not clear & I had a swollen black eye, I bathed it in the morning & in the afternoon I went for a ride to Gregsons & had a look at his selection that is for sale, there is plenty of grass on it & 1400 sheep they got near 700 acres & according to his brother who showed us around they have had the grass of 500 acres as well, the floods had knocked a lot of the wire fence down in several places

they want £1300 for the lot & say there is £200 worth of wool on the sheep now, when I went to saddle up I found that Dicks saddle was broke & I took it to the sadlers it had the tree & gullet plate broke

22nd paid 14/ for repairing the saddle & a 1/ for a strap to go there as a throat strap, there is a lot of mud betwen Gregsons & Theis's, saw a lot of Chinaman straitening some wire fence that has been knocked down by the water as I came along the road but there was no creek to be seen, I give a man 2 shillings that said he was hard up but believe him an imposter, stayed

at the Temperance Hotel in
Albury, went to the office &
got my saddle out of the box &
left Dicks to be sent on
saw M^{rs} Peach M^r & M^{rs} Day in Albury
went to the Wesleyan Church in the evening
Angwin preached had a talk with
a young man that sings in the choir after
service, was in M^cEcherings shop
& had a chat with him before tea
abt his Brother & Hill end

23 paid 5/ for self & horse, went
to the office to get my box out
but there was no one there, waited
half an hour then had a turn
round went to see the railway
station but there was none to

see, put my horse back in the yard & went into Hendersons to see Miss Robson, got my box out, sent it to Wodonga, had no duty to pay, paid 4/ for sending it to Beechworth, & to Yack got my horse shod at Fortyscews, banked my money £74 had dinner @ Fortys & came home, received a letter from John Goldsworthy & wrote a reply.

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24 Fred rode my horse to Stanley in the morning & then to the paddock after dinner, I went down to Knights paid 3/6 for bringing my box out from Beechworth, sent a letter to J^{no} Goldsworthy

25 in the morning Lobban came here & Father paid him 30/ for the cattle he stayed to dinner & was very talkative, he said if anyone wanted one of the daughters they could have all three, in the afternoon I & Brad went back in the bush shooting at a gum tree @ 150 yards I hit it twice but Brad missed it each time, we then fired at a tree abt 50 yds of & put 2 bullets each in it, & then Fred & I put other 2 bullets in it when we had fired all our bullets the Wilberforce boys came up & after I had a look at where Brad had been shooting with shot @ a gum tree etc, I came home,

26 Sunday

Art & I held Sunday school in the morning there was 19 children present, there has been no school since I left, after dinner Jane Oats & Sarah Bartels came here. they would have been out in the morning had they not waited for Jessy Anderson who was to come but she had not got a horse, Jessy told Jane to kiss me for her but she would not, I gave Jane a kiss to take back to Jessy, we went for a walk with Art & Dinah to the Homeward bound & then around the spur & down the Birthday way & came home after tea the girls went home by them

selves, I would have went but
Fred couldnot ketch my horse
in the paddock in the morning, we
read & sang a little in the evening,

27 I got my horse in the morning
in the paddock he wasnot easy
to ketch, Father was there harrowing
with the colt & peg, I went down to
Joe Climans claim a Kerbys flat
to give him an order from bob
to get £30, he was abt an
hour after he got it before he
could read it, he said couldnot
give me 30/ I had a little of
his dinner, I then went
to Yackandandah to see
Mr M^c Dugal our Minister

we had a long talk on church
matters, & abt the Towgla estate etc.
had dinner there, went to 2 stores in
town for things I couldnot get,
spoke to M^{rs} Forty & went to
Lobbans had tea there & invitation
to stay the night but I came home
annie & the old man was all that was
there

28 Fred left for Walbundrie
4 o'clock am, Mother Father
Dinah & minnie for Beechworth
at 8, o'clock in the dray, I
took my horse to the paddock
& hobbled him, came back wrote
letters to Bob, Orchard,
Jane M^c Pherson & Grandmother
give Father £1 for grandmother & £1 for minnies dress

29 went to the paddock hoeing potatoes, with Brad & Father, Father came down after us.

30 went to the paddock hoeing potatoes, but we left just after dinner & came home it being too wet to stay, Brad went & got a wallaby with the dog on the way home, he came the other way home received sunday school Anniversary hymns from Lewis letter on back

31 was hoeing potatoes in the paddock in the morning, after dinner I went to Yack deposited £60

went to Beechards for
the collar & aims that
Brad ordered but
didnot get them, had
a talk with Dove abt
Evans place & Tom
Brown's place, asked
James Reed how the
upper murray cattle
died but he didnot
know, met Mick
Fahey as I was going
to Yack, came strait home

1 November working in the
paddock in the morning in the
evening I went to the tent
paid 9/ contributions called
at Simpsons going in, had a

chat abt the letter I rote to Johny
etc.

2nd Sunday

school in the morning, in
the afternoon Roper preached
& I went down with him
after to John Tembys
funeral, we
overtook the procession as they
entered the cemetery, I had tea
at the ministers, he preached
on seek ye first the Kingdom
of God etc in the evening I
stayed to the service,

3rd Dinah & I went to
Fortisques then to Visicks

& had dinner there, then to
Bethanga. I left her at Osbornes
& I went to Lewis's had tea
there, Lora Williams presented
a subscription list to me for
the picnic & I gave her a Kiss
& she pretended she didnot
like it. I went to the church &
heard the children sing there aniversery
hymns there was a meeting
after abt the picnic,
Laura cleared out from me on
the way home, I slept at
old M^{rs} Osbornes &
Dinah at Armstrongs
met Jim Lobban with his wife & mother in a wagonette
by Macomes paddock

4 in the morning I started to
go down to Sirls, I called

in to Lewis's & stayed there
with Kitty Williams
till after dinner, I met
Tom Martin chopping wood
in Sirls padock & stayed
yarning with him, I got
to Sirls abt 4 or 5o'clock
I went to the IOGY
lodge after & paid 6/
dues

5 Guy Fawkes Day

Dinah & I went to Talgarno
we met J^{no} Goldsworthy by
Jim Jollys & he said he would
overtake us but we didnot see
him again, got back abt 5
o'clock, felt Mifs Richards &

Armstrong's heads, went to the prayer
meeting & had a long talk abt church
matters, abt 3 o'clock next morning
I got out & see Jewls store
burning down. The Iron
building burnt grand, it
was a splendid bon fire it
looked as if it wasnot
wetted down with water
before it lit. I saw M^{rs} Jewl walk
across the road with
Jewl one side & M^{rs} Leach the
other side helping her, she
looked like one between sick
& faint & done it grand
it was laughable after
seeing her run across the
same way half an hour

before, & if it was not her I
see run across I believe it was

6 gave Dinah 5/ started for
Jack Mitchells but stayed
at Treeweeks had dinner
there & came back M^{rs} Treeweek told
abt Alfred Johns being a local
preacher, paid £2-10-0 into
bank to J^{no} Goldsworthy
had a long barny with Symington
in the bank on Berry, Temperance,
smoking, land tax, etc etc. I went
down to Lewsis to tea spent
the evening with Dinah,
M^{rs} & M^r Giroud, Miss
Cole, Richard & Lewsis

7th Went down to Jack Mitchells
saw one bullock, & asked his
opinion abt Evans place on
the upper murray, got the horses
on the way home, had dinner @
Dick Osbornes Miss Gard
was there, took M^{rs} Osborne
down to Evans' on my horse,
I beged cream for a tea meeting
had a look at his horses etc.
with him & a chat with the M^{rs}
abt Susan, Polly Atesley etc
went to the singing in the evening
give 3/ to the picnic, came back
to Dicks after

8 we came back to Hillsborough
got heavy rain after we

passed Jim Enright, another storm was threatening when we was at Osbornes flat so we got of at M^c Intoshes I got the horses under the verandah & it came to rain & hail the thickest shower I ever remember seeing some hail stones was near an inch through we had dinner there & then came home.

9th Sunday

at school in the morning, in the afternoon I went to Stanley church, heard the Rev Brown preach. & stayed the class after, called at Simpsons

going in there was 3 girls home
only. I came back with Johny
Simpson & Jimmy Anderson
I went in with Jimmy to tea
he has made a rise of a good
lump of a wife & a child
since I last saw him

10th started early & got to
Bethanga abt noon, was
at the picnic (sunday school)
I enjoyed myself & evidently
every one else did as well
there was not many grown up
people there, I give M^{rs} Osborne
10/ for her mother, & went to
Talgarno with J^{no} Goldsworthy

11th it being wet I stayed
there all day

12 John Goldsworthy &
I went up to Lobban's
Jane Anne & Kitty was
there, I was making fun with
Jane, & got out of her
why she was annoyed with
me for so long, it was someone
told her that I said she was
the ugliest girl in Yackandandah
& that I wouldnot be seen
walking with her, she
wouldnot let me feel
her head etc, stayed @
Goldsworthys

13 left Talgarno had
dinner at Lewis's, afterwards
I went up to the Osbornes
& Armstrongs & them
come to Thomas's at the little
river & stayed there that
night,

14 went to Browns
had a yarn with M^{rs}
Brown for 2 or 3 hours
& then had a ride down
through the paddocks
it was abt 2 o'clock
when I came out of
the paddock, & my horse
being lame I had to walk
him all the way home

stayed a little while at
Dournse's got home abt
7 o'clock

15 washed the horses hind
foot twice & took the shoe of
Father took the horse to the
paddock & I and Brad
hoe'd the potatoes.

16 Sunday
at school in the morning, Art
helps me in the school & we take
one out of my class for part
of the little ones, stayed at home
the rest of the day

17th at home all day I repaired the side saddle & some straps, hobbles etc. read the letter I sent copy of to M^{rs} Lobban from Glen Innes before I turned in & calculated on getting Eliza Loutit instead of Leenah

18 went to the paddock in the morning & helped to bring home a heffer & calf. was carting dung in the afternoon,

19 very much rain, I intended to go to Beechworth but it was too wet & I stayed home

20 went down the gully for darky, rode him to

Beechworth, left him
in the shop across the bridge to
get front shoes on him,
went to the Survey Office &
made a tracing of
Evan's place on the upper murray,
then got a lithograph of the
Bethanga estate at Gray & cos
auction mart, done other
business & came back for the horse
he was shod all round &
I let them pull the hind shoes
of again & believe they were
put on him in a wilfull mistake,
came out to Oates'es for tea, went
in the Stanley church on the way
home & heard the choir practicing
Matthew & Hannah were there

singing, Josiah Thomas listening
he looks altered, I wanted to see
Johny Simpson to make a
butter tacker for Selina, waited
untill they were finished, walked
& talked with Johny to his home,
Mary was at the singing. I got
home abt ½ past 11. PM.

21st went to Yackandandah
& got the new gullet plate put
in my saddle at Fortesques,
got 2 buckets at Youngers
& 2 locks at Robb's, cashed
a cheque for 3 pounds, told
Charley Richard not to get
the collar & hames that Brad
ordered, got 2 staples @
Sealeys & had a chat

with him, he says Lawrence
done well of me in getting
10/6 for the stirip I got on the
nineteenth,

22 I forget what I done that day
but wasnot away I think I
started to make a whip

23 Sunday

at school in the morning, at
stanley in the afternoon I walked
with jack Weldon from the other
side of Ellis's to Stanley,
M^c Dougall preached & I
stayed to the class, had tea
at Jimy Andersons & got
home abt 9 o'clock

24 I believe we were planting potatoes in the morning & that I done some of the whip in the afternoon

25, wet, finished plating the whip & done some of the Album stand for the buyer,

26 wet, fitted up the whip on my old handles, & then went & put the stays in the church to keep it from going down the hill more, wrote part of a letter in the church to Mary Loutit but am not sure I'll send it,

27 wrote some more of the letter before I got out of bed &

finished it afterwards, made a
whip handle up to the homeward
bound for the whip I made &
put it on it, I cut a head &
face on the end of the handle.

28 I & Brad went to the paddock
& I brought my horse up, & rode
him to Beechworth, I went Pasterables
way to look for cattle saw 9
head of ours, I posted Mary Loutits
letter in Beechworth, saw Ridelin
& Johnson there from Bethanga
I think they are both Hospital
convalesants Johnson had his
hand poisoned abt the furnaces
I think it was, put my horse
at Binals, bought an album

& box of collars there & a bit for Art. bought sheep skins etc & changed the stirip in town, Sam Burtels told me of a steer of mine at hurdle flats, after I got Dinah's feather from M^{rs} Robenson I came out to Burtels's to enquire more abt him, saw Rapson there, did not find the steer had a feed of cherry's up on ladder at a tree in Jimy Andersons brotherinlaws garden went into Simpsons & had a look at the harmoniam etc & came home to tea, helped Minnie to cut out some leather flowers.

29th planting potatoes in the

garden, Ralph Brown
lectures to night in Yack on
heads & faces I considered which
I would go to the lecture or the
tent in Stanley & decided
to stay at home & done so

30th Sunday

at school the morning.
Roper preached in the afternoon
at 4 o'clock instead of 3
o'clock he being an hour
late, he told me that
M^{rs} Lobban expected me
to be down at the lecture last
night, I intended to go
down to church but thought
it too late to go on a

slow horse & it looked likely
to rain so I stayed home.

1st December

home all day working in the
garden, cut some leather
for miny in the evening

2nd working in the garden all
day went to IOGY
meeting in Stanley in the
evening Temperance raffile tickets

3 working in the garden
home in the evening received
letter from aunt mary

4 doo

5 left Hillsborough abt 6

am & went to Bethanga to
peg out the river bend that I
applied for last year. I put
in the first peg by the river at one
o'clock PM. could hardly get
through the tussick grass to
get to the higher end & I was
rather carefull abt meeting
snakes but I saw none put
in another peg & crossed over to
the fence to put in the other
peg & saw a peg the other side
of the fence, went & had a look
at it, it had a notice on
it & I coppied it, it was
Archibald Lobban applying
for the land the same day it was
then abt 2 o'clock, I

got to the lower peg by 2,15, & put
in my last peg by 2.36 & stayed
there abt an hour to let the horse
have some grass & see Archy
if he came there, I had a look
at some of the blocks there was
red cloths on trees & post
by the corner pegs, both
before & after I pegged,
I had tea at Chynoworths
& then went up to the
church to the singing practice
afterwards I went up to
see Jessy & came down to M^{rs}
Osbornes to sleep.

6 I went down & had
a look over the block by
Evans's & got back to

the lane by dinner time &
eat my biscuits that I
got at Armstrongs when I
started, I come abt a mile
along the way with Macomb
& left him at the M^c Leods,
I went to Lobbans on the
way home had tea there, Lenah
was sociable, I told Lobban
abt my pegging out &
asked him if he knows any
one that wanted a bull
my horse was a little
lame when I started
for home by daylight,
I met Peter Right &
had a talk with him near
his place,

Dec 1879 Hillsborough

7th Sunday

at school in the morning
& home the rest of the day

Although I had my horse
home & thought abt going to
Stanley or Yack,

8 Father, Brad, Fred, Minnie,
& I went to the paddock planting
potatoes, we kept the plough
going

9 Went to Beechworth &
applied for the river bend of 200
acres or lefs again, came home by
Hurdle flat & called at Oates

10th Brad Father, Mother & I

went to Bethanga & all of
us stayed at M^{rs} Osbornes
I went to the prayer meeting
in the evening in to Lewis's
afterwards, then on the way home I
Met Kitty & Laura looking
for a lost parcel & went
with them to Richardson's
but didnot find it.

11 Brad Father & I went
over all the blocks but the
one in spring creek, the paddock
below the road very good, the paddock
above the road a great deal worse
than we expected, decided
on the two to bid for in the
evening

12th We went to the Finleys sale, there was plenty bread & cheese, sandwiges with maggots in the one I got, & plenty to drink of spirits, cordials, & water, Father bought 418 acres between the 3 of us at 92/6 per acre, I bought 325 for myself at 86/ per acre, & Ellis bought 639 acres at 40/ per acre, Wallace bought 320 I think 54/6 per acre in spring creek the pre emptive was bought by Hore at 77/6 & the 4 blocks between the road & the pre emptive he also bought at 60/ per acre evidently for Finley according to present

information, we got the land we wanted & paid more for it than we expected to pay for it, I think the horses fetched a fair price 3 & 4 year olds, brood mares a few went cheap, the rest reasonable, some fat bullocks sold for £7. three of them are I think 1100 lbs. young bulls from from 4 to 8 pounds each I think it is, cant say much abt the price of cattle but think it abt beef price, they were not all sold, went to the singing in the evening, at Lewis's after Mifs's Cole & Richards were there although they hadnot

been to the singing

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13 Brad pegged out the
frontage of the lower block
& I went to the station to
get a receipt for some
fence that inclosed our
land but Finley would not
give it he said they would
want it to fence off the
poison water
give M^{rs} Chynworth 10/
a subscription for
Johnson, came home & there was
a letter there from M^r Orchard,
paid M^{rs} Osborne 9/ for accommodation
came part of the way across the mitta flat with
Jane Drummond her B^{ro}
John & some others found a

Womans comb & brought it home
came a little of the way with Willy &
Annie Lobban,

14th Sunday

At school in the morning &
went to Stanley anniversary
in the afternoon. I had tea at
Simpsons intending to come home
but went back again to the
evening service, after chapel
I went home with W^m
Collins we (I & Beck) had tea & a little
music there & he changed & came
out to Ellis's, I got home
just after 12 o'clock midnight,
the presbyterian minister preached the
sermon

15th Brad & I went to
Beechworth, Brad applied
for the frontage of our paddock
& I enquired abt the block refused
me on account of Mining reserve
& was told to write a letter
to the land Office abt it
requesting that it be considered
I rode the colt & used the whip
on him to bring him use to
bought a pot of blister,
Father paid me £10-0-0
before I left, we went to
Oats's on the way home I give
them 2/6 for the picnic, the Stanley
tea meeting was on when we
passed the church I didnot like
to come on & I didnot like to

17 sent the letter to the Land office in the bush hunting cattle,

18 doo

19 went with Father & Fred to a sale at Palmerson we bought 134 head of cattle for 282 pounds 0/, I bought a two year old, Young Barbarian filly for £5 & got 2/6 discount for cash I left the filly for the overseer to Break in for 30/. we stayed there all night

20 had a letter from the
tent when I got home,
we gave James Oneal 10/
to help us away with the
cattle & a good job or
we might have lost
a lot of them he came 4 or 5
miles with us & left us
abt 8 o'clock when we
got into a lane, we got
to our paddock abt
5 o'clock one cow was
tired & we left her at
the cutting at the back of
our old place, & one went
in a hole in Stanley
& staid there,

21 Sunday

at school in the morning

22 Father, Brad,

Fred, Art, & I

was at the paddock & had

the cattle out I think by

4:50 am. Father went

back after we passed

Allans Flat & the rest of

us took them to Bethanga

& put them in the lower

paddock, we all staid

a M^{rs} Osbornes

23 Brad paid M^{rs}

Osborne 6/ for me we

took 60 head of cattle

& 2 calves out of the lower
paddock to take up to my
paddock, but noticing that
one cow had calved we put
her back again to be
taken up some other time,
I took 5 of the cattle we bought
& 6 of my own, after we
took the cattle up M^c Nicol
spoke to me abt the river
bend by my block he said
he claimed it, he knew
nothing abt Finley saying
to me abt a hundred
acres given in, & wasnot
there when the land was sold
The others went home to
Hillsboro, & I & M^c Nichol

went in & had some
dinner, I in the kitchen &
he in the house, he then
went & showed me abt my
lower boundry, I came back
to M^{rs} Osbornes.

24 had a look through
the lower paddock, had a
spell harvesting with Sirl
that or some other day.
I am not positive which
& had tea at Sirls & staid
till abt 11 o'clock singing
etc that or some other night
{not having writen anything
from the 16 of Dec to the 2 of
Jan its long to remember}

25 had dinner at
Mrs Osbornes she had a
good turkey that came
from Mrs Lobbans,
after dinner I had a
ride through the paddock
& Jack & Edward
Mitchell came in & had
a look through some of
the cattle, we then went to
see Old Tamy in Days
paddock but he wasnot
at home we went down
through his flat, I
think much of it

26 had a look through
both paddocks & then

went to a private picnic
on the punt flat. Jack,
Edward Mitchell & I went
up the river & got Possum
Jacks boat & brought
it down but I had a
job to pull it up by
myself,

~~27 I think I went down to—
the paddock there is a bullock
sick but I dont think——
its the pluro——~~

~~28 I got a——~~
27 I intended to go to
Talgarno but I got a
telegram from Father

abt paying for the land
& went down & had a
look at the sick bullock
& then went to Albury
with Dick Osborne
he was waiting for me at
Hawkes View, I give him
the colt & £8 in Albury for
another horse & had
dinner at Dicks Brothers,
I rode the new horse home,
calling at the Bazar in
Yack, Jane Lobban
was very friendly when
she was getting my name
for raffles etc. spent in
raffels etc 7/. at the Bazar
M^{rs} Osborne 12/ ferry 1/

28 at School in the morning
Mrs Thomas disappointed
us in the afternoon by not
coming to preach as per plan,
I staid on the hill all day
wrote a letter to Selina

29 Father, Brad & I
went to Beechworth &
paid the ballance on the land,
I got a piece of steel to
make wedges with, we
got lots of things at
Bains'es & table legs &
some 2x3 stuff for stretchers
at Simpsons

30 I went to Lobbans
to see if I had won the

wedding cake or anything
else but had won nothing
Jane wasnot so friendly
as on saturday, but from
Leenahs manner I think
it probable that I can get
her, Jane was coming to
Talgarno & sliped off with
Willy & I knew nothing
abt it, she went Boengilla
way & went into Downs'es
& had a lark with the girls,
Art left with me in the
morning & came part of the way
to Yack with me till I
turned of to go to Lobbans
got to Bethanga & had a
look through the paddock

in fair time

31st I went to Talgarno
went up to M^{rs} Lobbans
there was a lot there harvesting
Evans was cutting oates with
a reeping machine, Jane
is dreadfully anoyed with
me the little dear, & thinks
I ought to be anoyed with
her but I wont, M^{rs} never
acknowledged the letter I sent
her & I left intending not
to go back again. but my
mind has altered a trifle
since, I dont feel inclined
to disapoint Leenah,
I then went down to

Goldsworthys & had dinner
there & brought my cow &
calf home with me, &
Put her in Johns lower
paddock, Brad came up
with the dray & we turned
in in Johns house, was
up town in the night,

1st January 1880

Brad & I took Emily
her calf & the bull to my
paddock & we drafted all
the cows & 2 steers out.
we had considerable galloping
in running the cows out from
the mob

1880

2 Jan Brad went down
& had a look at the cattle & I
stayed home fitting the place
up etc, Jack Sirl & Edward
Mitchell came in in the evening,
I wrote 12 pages of this &
its enough for once.

3rd met a man in the lower
paddock looking for a
working bullock that was
taken away from Fineys
{Palmerstom} in a mistake
took him through the top paddock,
but he didnot find him,
the bull was in Hendersons paddock,
I put him back & put up
the fence, wrote a letter to
Macdougall & sent him

three guineas towards circuit
fund posted the letters & got
1/ stamps, give Dick Osborne
a cheque for £2 ballance on
horse

Sunday

4 went up to church but there
was no meeting went into
Trewellas & then to Ladd's
had dinner @ M^{rs} Osbornes,
school in the afternoon. a visitor
adressed the school, had a fellowship
meeting afterwards home to tea
M^r White preached in the
evening from Isaac went out
to meditate in the field in the
eventime or cool of the day I forget
which C & ?/

5 January 1880

got up early in the morning & helped John Goldsworthy away with his cattle, went through the padock on the way back, Brad started cutting chocks for the fence in the morning, had something to eat & went up town, cashed a £2 cheque, bought an hobble strap & came away without it paid M^{rs} Osborne for my dinner yesterday, came home & we went to work abt 5 o'clock & worked till dark, I paid Jack Mitchell 29/ for paddocking a bullock 3/6 for a bord to make sides & ends for a table & 2/6 to M^{rs} Mitchell for eggs, promiced

to lend jack sirl my horse
for him to ride into Albury
with Kitty on wednesday,

6th chopping chocks in the
morning, put the top on the table
at noon & went down abt the
fence again.

7 lent Jack Sirl my horse
we had a lot of trouble to
katch him, was at work
abt the fence again, we work
early & late & lay too in the
middle of the day, Emily Kings
Father was shifting Sabelburgs
boiler & one of the ties of his
wheels came of by our paddock

he borrowed our dray & took
his wheel up town to be
bound

8 I was abt the fence again
in the morning, in the afternoon
I went through the lower paddock
& was 15 head of cattle short
I got them in Days paddock
& had a lot of trouble
to drive them through the
slip rails, got home abt dark & had
considerberal rain during the
afternoon rode Jack
Sirls horse

9 had a look at the cattle in both
paddocks there was 7 more of
mine out more than I

turned out helped to harvest
a little with W^m Beety
& came home & went up town
after I came back got a bobs
worth of stamps & paid
Cole for last weeks leader

10 abt fence all day I
had a walk down the paddock
after done work, stayed in in
the evening & made a cake. Brad
went up to Sirls.

11th Sunday

at class in the morning
Lewis was at Wodonga
preaching, I had dinner
& tea at Lewsis & superintended

the school, Miss Cole missed the morning train in Melbourne yesterday & telegraphed up for someone to meet her at Bambricks to day, or she would walk out so I was told Mr Cousins went in for her, she was out in time for church I understood but she did not come, Angwin preached & went home again afterward the sacrament of the Lords supper was administered at the close of the service, I overtook Jack Mitchell & Crissy & Draper & Alice & Polly on the way down Draper & Jack were together & the females by themselves c/6

12 putting up fence in the morning
in the afternoon I went through
the paddocks, I counted 2 of
my cattle short, John
Goldsworthy here when I came
home in the evening. Brad
went up to town & I went
to a teachers meeting in the evening
I met John again as I came
from the meeting,

13 putting up fence, the fence
by the way is being taken down
to day, Alex Armstrong
has 6 out of 20 head
of cattle poisoned in Ellice's
paddock & one staggering
that was on Sunday he

has removed his cattle since I
am told, I went up to
Sirls at noon & met M^{rs} Alex
Armstrong she told me abt their
cattle they evidently got
poisoned in our paddock
they were put inside the gate
after dark & taken away
early in the morning, & Evans
told they noticed that the cattle
never moved of the flat this
side of his place, so they
never got to the poison sand
in Ellis's paddock, abt
fencing again in the afternoon

14 fencing all day, at Sirls
at noon to see for letters
but got none.

15 fencing all day, got all the logs up to day but will have to patch the fence tomorrow were it is low, John Mitchell came to the fence this afternoon on horse back, Jack Sirl at the house in the evening {not positive W^m}

16 we put some dog legs & some rubbish on the low places in the fence which took near all day, in the evening Brad went up for my boot to Mat Ma Gans, & I started home

17 up before day & I started

Hillsborough early Brad went
down as far as the gate & got
Dolo I thought him too
flash for him to ride nearly,
fed the mare @ little river & again
at Visick's had some dinner there
got home before dark returned the
ballance of the found money on the way home

18 Sunday Jan 1880

there being very little water
at home Fred fetched a
lode, we thought it too
much for the mare last night
after coming from Bethanga,
held sunday schol there
had been none while I was at Bethanga
went to Yack to church in
the evening, went into the ministers afterwards
Anne & Leenah were there. I tried

to get Leenah on the way home
but she seemed determined she
wont have me, & I shouldnot have
spoken to her then abt it hadnot her
manner the twice I have seen her
since I came home from N.S.W.
impressed me with the probability that
she was willing, I kissed her
when we parted & she said she
was ofended then, she wouldnot
have me walk along the way home
with them, I then overtook
Roper who had just left
me & he came with me to
back creek to show me the crossing
Leenah said she couldnot sware
she would love me & she thought it better
that we shouldnot come together c1/

Hillsborough

19th jan I went to Yack to get my new saddle but Seely hadnot made it, cashed a cheque for £5 got a post office order for Grandmother & one for Grandfather went into the ministers & up to the tanery for hobble straps, brought darky home to ride to Palmerston tomorrow for my filly. but got a letter from Sanderson when I got home saying she was the worst he ever saw, she had knocked herself abt a lot & would bite & kick at anything & he had put her in a paddock for a month's spell & would finish her then,

20th helped Father & Fred take
Bosey the cow down to the bull,
they brought up a lode of
oats but I came up the gully
wrote a letter to the postmaster
who had filled out one
of the orders rong yesterday
& posted it, wrote a letter
to Grandmother in the afternoon

21 went to the sale in Beechworth
the cattle went very cheep, Father
& I signed some declarations
abt the land ??? saying that
Finley was no longer the owner
of the land & we was,
visited the land office, got

a tracing for Jack Sirl &
had a talk with Tate abt my
selections, told Telford abt
M^cNicol interfering
with the river bend he promised
to write to Finley abt it
& expressed his opinion that
I should hear no more abt
it,

22 came up to Bethanga brought
2 horses & some things I bought
@ Banes yesterday, home in the
evening

[This is the end of the diary part of
the text. The remaining ten pages start
from the other end of the diary and
work back to here. I will do the same]

[The following pages will be rotated so
that they read the right way up.]

		£	s	d
26	September 1879 , oranges			6
27	including what was paid before bord 40/ photos 5/6 this	2	5	6
	book 1/ ride on street car 3 ^d		1	3
28	C 1/6		1	6
29	stamps 1/ tramway tickets 1/		2	0
	exhibits 2/6 dinner 1/ gentlemen 2 ^d		3	8
	medal 2/ oranges 3 ^d		2	3
30	dinner 1/catalogues 6 @ 2 ^d paper 1 ^d		2	1
1	October two tickets 6 ^d dinner 1/		1	6
2	steamer 1/6 dinner 1/ train 1/1 oranges 3 ^d		3	10
3	train 1/8 bookmark 2/6 revolver 60/	3	4	2
	cartidges 3/6 shot flask 3/6		7	0
4	ticket 1/ dinner 1/ orange 2 ^d paper 1 ^d		2	3
	oranges 3 ^d			3
5	C1/ subscription 2/6		3	6
6	ticket 1/ book 1/3		2	3
	head 10/ bord 20/	1	10	0
7	steamer 6 ^d coat 21/ hat 6/6	1	8	0

	illustrated paper 3 or 4 days ago 1/		1	
8	wax works 1/ paper 3 ^d		1	3
9	ticket 2/6 2 consort tickets 2/		4	6
10	? tickets 3/ dinner for 3 4/6		7	6
11	ticket 1/ cotton 1/ peepshow 6 ^d		2	6
	board 20/ strawberries 6 ^d	1	0	6
	monkey on a pole 3 ^d			3
12	C 1/6		1	6
13	Library of mesmerism 20/	1	0	0
	hymography 2/ hymn book 1/6		3	6
	parashoot 15/6 phamphlet 6 ^d		16	0
14	train 7/4		7	4
15	ticket 1/ lolies 1/ cartridges 3/		5	0
	clothes line 6 ^d dinner 1/		1	6
16	train 39/6 refreshments 2/3	2	1	9
	board 15/		15	0
	fare in coach to hotel self & box 2/		2	0
17	bed & breakfast the comercial Hotel 6/		6	0
	ranges 6 ^d dinner 2/6 tea 2/6 coach 55/	3	0	6
		20	19	1

26 September 1879	
cash in hand including some	
paid to M ^{rs} Orchard for board	
	£15-2-0
	discount
13 th cash from cheque less	95-18-8
21 st October cashed cheque	3-0-0
19 received from Brad 9/ which	9-0
squares us up to date	
15 th Dec received from Father	10 - 0- 0

[upside down at the end of this page
is the statement]

placed £60 fixed deposit
10 months
at Yack 31 October

26	Sept letters sent Bob	1
29	Brad 1 Post master general 1	2
30	Bob a book & a letter	1
9	October M ^{rs} T Richards 1	1
	Mifs Harley 1 James Hawton 1	2
15	sent Bob hymn book	
16	Father	1
24	John Goldsworthy	1
29	Bob 1 Orchard 1 Grandmother 1	3
	Jane M ^c Pherson 1	1
28	November Mary Loutit 1	1
17	Dec land office Beechworth 1	1
29	Selina	1
	1880	
3	January Mackdugall	1
19	L R Sanderson	1

2nd October 1879 letters received

	Brad 1	1
3	post master 1 Aunt Mary Hawton 1	2
6	Brad 1 & report from AMTS	1
15	bob	1
23	John Goldsworthy	1
30	Lewis 1	1
8	November June Macpherson	1
	John Goldsworthy	1
3	Dec Bob	1
13	Orchard	1
20	I O R	1
27	telegram Father	1

[three apparently blank pages, but on
which can be seen very faint images as
if there had been pencil writing on them
which has since been rubbed out]

		£	s	d
18	Oct 1879 horse	8	10	0
19	accommodation self & horse 10/6		10	6
22	repairing saddle 14/ strap 1/		15	0
	man hard up believe imposter 2/		2	0
23	accommodation self & horse 5/		5	0
	oranges 6 ^d coach 1/ train 4/ shoeing 5/		10	6
24	box per coach from Beechworth 3/6		3	6
	cash lent to Fred William & not paid 3 stake of bet that I won 3 ^d & didnot get & I in tran tickets			9
		10	17	3
	brought forward	20	19	1
	doo previous book	31	17	4
	doo doo doo	<u>49</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1½</u>
	total cost of rambling tour	113	5	9½

27	Oct grandmother 20/ money for dress 20/	2	0	0
27	stamps 1/		1	0
1	November I O R 9/		9	0
2	C 2/		2	0
4	I O G Y 6/		6	0
6	Dinah 5/		5	0
	Jno Goldsworthy cheque 50/	2	10	0
7	subscription & picnic 3/		3	0
12	abt 4 ^d or something else to Jno Goldsworthy			4
19	electrol right 1/		1	0
20	shoeing 2/6 steel 1/8 ball 1/		5	2
	tracing cloth 2/6 stirip 10/6		<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>
21	gullet plate 5/ stapels 1/		6	0
26	nails 6 ^d			6
27	fish 1/		1	0
28	album 4/ collars 9 ^d feather 2/ sheep skins 4/ elastic 4/ laces 1/		15	9
	ribbon & cotton 6 ^d			6
		7	19	3

Hillsborough 30 th November 1879				
	brought forward	£	s	d
		7	19	3
30	Nov C 1/		1	0
2	Dec Raffle ticket 1/		1	0
6	paddock @ Bethanga 3/6		3	6
	bed & breakfast 2/ biscuit 6 ^d		2	6
9	land application 20/	1	0	0
12	land			
13	subscription for Johnson 10/		10	0
	board 9/		9	0
14	C 1/6		1	6
15	blister 2/6 picnic subscription 2/6		5	0
16	shoeing 5/		5	0
23	M ^{rs} Osborne 6/		6	0
27	M ^{rs} Osborne 12/ ferry 1/		13	0
	horse £8 Bazar 7/	8	7	0
31	M ^{rs} Osborne 3/		3	0
	1880			
3	Jan Mackdugall £3-3-0	3	3	0
	stamps 1/		1	0

4	C 1/		1	0
5	M ^{rs} Osborne 1/ plank 3/6		4	6
	paddock 29/ eggs 2/6	1	1	6
9	stamps 1/ paper 6 ^d		1	6
11	C /6			6
18	C 1/		1	0
21	boots 10/ shot 1/ canvas 3/		14	0
	socks 4/ needles 6 ^d twine 9 ^d paper		6	3
	tap 9 ^d			9