The Unpublished Journal of Gideon Mantell
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Introduction

Historians of English society of the early 19th century, particularly those interested in the history of science, will be familiar with the journal of Gideon Algernon Mantell (1790-1852). Whilst not kept on a daily basis, Mantell’s journal, kept from 1818, offers valuable insights into not only his own remarkable life and work, but through his comments on a huge range of issues and personalities, contributes much to our understanding of contemporary science and society. Gideon Mantell died in 1852. All of his extensive archives passed first to his son Reginald and on his death, to his younger son Walter who in 1840 had emigrated to New Zealand. These papers together with Walter’s own library and papers were donated to the Alexander Turnbull Library in Wellington, New Zealand in 1927 by his daughter-in-law. At some time after that, a typescript was produced of the entire 4-volume manuscript journal and it is this typescript which has been the principal reference point for subsequent workers. In particular, an original copy was lodged with the Sussex Archaeological Society in Lewes, Sussex.

In 1940, E. Cecil Curwen published his abridged version of Gideon Mantell’s Journal (Oxford University Press 1940) and his pencilled marks on the typescript indicate those portions of the text which he reproduced. About half of the text was published by Curwen. Although the first entry in the Journal is dated January 1st 1818, the entries for that year are all retrospective and were published in full by Curwen (p.1-3). The first entry not in Curwen does not occur until February 5th, 1819. I should add at this point that the last entry in the fourth volume of Mantell’s journal is 14 June 1852. It was later discovered that during his last few months (Mantell died in November) he had used a fifth volume, later used by Reginald and thus caught up in his own archives. The entries from these six months have been published in full by Dell 1983.

As one researcher, like many others, who wanted to consult the unpublished parts of Mantell’s journal, I was required to visit Lewes to consult the transcript, and at least in my case, was rewarded with a piece of information which would otherwise have eluded me*. My journey to Lewes from Brighton, a distance of a mere 8 miles, caused me no great inconvenience; this is not the case for most, for whom it was a severe problem, and on more than one occasion I was asked to consult this document on behalf of others.

In 1991, in the course of my duties as Keeper of Geology at the Booth Museum of Natural History in Brighton, I was asked to review and report on the geological collections of Norman Norris (1917-1991) who had lived close by and had left his collections to the National Trust. Norris had formerly been the Curator of the Sussex Archaeological Society. Among the substantial personal collections that he, his father and his grandfather had amassed, was a second copy (a modern photocopy) of the typescript of Mantell’s Journal, no doubt obtained during his tenure in Lewes. Along with certain fossils, this was subsequently acquired by the Booth Museum.

* For those who are curious, I discovered that George Bax Holmes of Horsham, had received Mantell as a visitor in November 1835, a fact critical to my researches. (see Cooper 1992)
Disentangling those parts of the typescript which Curwen had published from those parts which he had not, was an arduous business. Following further requests for information from the unpublished portions of the Journal, I decided that it would be beneficial to extract those unpublished parts, thereby producing a far quicker and easier method of consultation. This work began in 1995 and was completed in 1996. The hard slog of typing was ably taken on by the clerical assistant at the Booth Museum then, Josie Buckwell, to whom I owe a huge debt of gratitude.

It quickly became clear that Curwen had, of course, cherry-picked the most important and interesting parts of the Journal. Nevertheless, what remained was a plethora of names and events, any of which could provide a valuable clue, a proven connection or date to a researcher. Of course, rendering this text into a computer document as opposed to a second typescript produced a huge advantage – the text became searchable. This meant that within a few seconds I was able to answer many of the queries which came to me; far quicker than if I had had to consult the paper transcript, even with an index. Perhaps it was this fact that mitigated against traditional publication, for no company I approached would consider publishing this document. Only one expressed an interest, but for him, it had to be the publication of Mantell’s entire Journal, including that published by Curwen, effectively replacing Curwen as the main source. I might have considered this if Curwen’s book was difficult to find, but it is not. And akin to the primacy of Linnean names accorded by their first taxonomist, I did not want to usurp Curwen’s fine work, let alone tackle the huge job of typing all of its contents.

But we are now in a new age. Publication of work on the internet is commonplace and this avenue of approach can, with a few keystrokes anywhere in the world, result in access to any document that can be made available. Placing this previously unpublished material at public disposal, provides, I trust a useful resource for colleagues and future researchers, and in this format, it remains searchable.

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References

**Notes on use of the Journal entries**

It will be clear that the Journal entries are arranged by year and then by the date as recorded in the Journal itself.

Any material that is published in Curwen is indicated by its enclosure in [square brackets]. Where this is more than a word or two, the extent of the text in Curwen is indicated by: [the beginning of the text........to the end of the text]. Such references may occur at the beginning, within or at the end of the published text.

Where complete entries for a given date were published by Curwen, the date is contained in square brackets, thus: [Feb 12]. In such cases there is no additional text remaining unpublished for that date.

If any errors are present, they may represent original errors in the transcription from Mantell’s manuscript. Any others remain my responsibility.

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JAC
Feb 5

[This day I opened ... largest cyst:] the mass of diseased ovarium filled up the whole abdominal cavity it extended to the epigastrium, the stomach, colon etc. were pushed out of their situation by the tumour. The tumour consisted of numerous cysts, some contained serum; others a thick albuminous fluid; its surface was covered by hyatids.

Feb 6

Mr Rollo is forming a Hortus siccus of indigenous plants - I collected some of the Cryptogamia for ??? - viz. Asplenium scolopindrium, Polypodium, vulg. etc. This day I received a packet of Fossils from G. Cumberland Esqr of Bristol; it consists chiefly of Corallines from the red rock of that neighbourhood. [Gathered primroses .... without a fire]. This day is the Anniversary Meeting of our Library Society. I dined with about 40 of the members, at the Star Inn. - Mr Wooligar, the President of the Society, was absent in consequence of illness - a very pleasant party. In the evening I selected certain specimens of fossils and minerals from the collection of Mr Moore for which I paid him three pounds. To-day my dear wife presented to me the "History of the Napoleon Medals". It is a very good work but wants plates to make it interesting.

[Feb 12]

Feb 13

Labelled the Bristol specimens sent me by Mr Cumberland. Walked to Rasden and visited Dewdney - ill with Typhus Fever - very rainy and tempestuous.

Feb 15

Busily engaged as usual in my professional visits. The lad, whose thumb and finger I amputated about three weeks since is now quite well. - My Camelia Japonica and Pyrus are in full blossom.

Feb 17

Dined with Mr Wooligar. Received a noble looking-glass for my Drawing room from Mrs Woodhouse.

Feb 20

Removed a polypus from the nose of a poor boy; received some specimens of Alcyon; and a Julus of the Larch from Mr Jenner's quarry.

[Feb 24-Feb 25]

Feb 26

Severe frost and snow. Wrote to Mr Cumberland of Bristol, and sent him a specimen of Sussex marble and an agate from Rottingdean. - Draba verna, Crocus, and Snowdrop in full blossom. [My brother Joshua .... publication].

Mar 5

Sent cuttings of the Vine in Malling Street to my friend John Hawkins Esq. of Bignor Park, near Petworth. - Weston brought me a large Ammonite from the Chalk pit at Southerham Corner. - Received some fossils from the Blue marl at Ringmer. -

[This morning - this day].

Mar 7

I rode to Hamsey marl pit in my way home from Barcombe; found a specimen of Cidaris mammillated, a fine large ammonite, and a beautiful scale of a fish. [I have been .... better].

Mar 8

This morning I received a letter from Miss Bennett of Norton House near Warminster Wilts, informing me of her having sent a packet of fossils for me, to the Waggon Office. [A fine flint ... Horology.]

[March 10-12]

Mar 19

[Mrs Tasker ... two days]. This evening I wrote to Miss Bennett, Mr Smith, Mr Stutchbury and Leney of Cuckfield. [The planet ... evening.]

March 20

Mr Rollo brought me a fine specimen of the scales and bones of the head of a fish from Bridgwick.

[March 21]

Mar 26

The Annual Parochial Meetings - The thanks of St. Michael's Parish were voted to me for my attention to their sick during the last year. In the afternoon I went to the Meetings at Ringmer and Malling.
Mar 27  Received a letter from Miss Bennett who is now in Town. - A beautiful proboscis of a Fish was found at Mr Jenner's Quarry, Malling Hill.

Mar 28  A letter from Mr Cumberland, accompanying two Lithographic impressions of sketches of Fossils; very prettily executed. - Sent a large hamper of Fossils (consisting of all my duplicates) to Mr Stutchbury. - Purchased some minerals from a Man who brought specimens for sale from Cornwall.

Mar 29  The Specimen of Fish scales found on the twentieth Inst. was forwarded, with other fossils, to Mr Greenough of Parliament Street.

Mar 30  This afternoon a Hamper arrived from Mr Stutchbury, containing, as a present, some very curious Antiquities and Fossils - Some fine glass Roman tesserae inlaid with gold; tesserae of blue and green glass; fragments of Terra Cottas; a model of a tesselated pavement etc. - the fossils were from the Kentish Chalk.

Mar 31  This day Mrs Mantell has been busily engaged in preparing for her trip to Town to-morrow; in the evening I packed up a box of interesting fossils for Mrs M. to shew to Miss Bennett, who is now in London.

Apr 1  [This morning ......morning.] - I purchased a beautiful oil landscape of Mr P. Verrall: it had been the property of Lord Vernon, and was painted by Arnald, R.A.

Apr 2  Purchased three beautiful Crayon Paintings of Mr P. Verrall - Had a letter from Mrs Mantell: they arrived safe at London. - Bought two fine Wedgwood Vases of Berncastle.

Apr 3  Purchased a portrait of Lady Vernon and her sister of Mr Berncastle. - Very much engaged in my profession.

Apr 12  Fossil wood from Jenner's Quarry.

Apr 15  Received a packet of fossil Elephantine bones, from my friend Lieut. Michel of the Royal Engineers - He proposes paying me a visit in the course of a few days - I have not seen him for seven years.

Apr 17  My friend Lieut. Michel arrived this afternoon. - The fossil bones were dug up at Dewlish Dorsetshire. - Mr M. is a very intelligent, and engaging young man.

April 24  Sent six of Mrs Mantell's engravings to Mrs Cobbold. Received a lythographic print from Miss Bennett.

April 26  A letter from Mr Hawkins of Bignor Park. Wood, vertebrae, teeth and shells from Bridgwick; and the fragment of an enormous Ammonite from Jenner's Quarry.

May 6  This day Lt. Michel and my pupil Mr Rollo went to Newhaven in a chaise, and returned late in the evening with an enormous load of minerals and fossils from the Rock.

      Received a Letter from Mrs Cobbold of Holywells near Ipswich, announcing the departure of a box of fossils for me, by the Waggon. [Made out a statement ... Health'.]

[May 8]

[May 10]

[Jun 8-24]

[Jun 23]  Yesterday I wrote to Miss Bennett, Mr Greenough, Mr Sowerby, Mr Parkinson etc. Today I have acknowledged the receipt of a parcel from Mr Hawkins who sent me a copy of his Geological memoir which is published in the second volume of the History of Sussex; he also presented Mrs Mantell with Dr Turton's dictionary of conchology.

Jun 25  Collected specimens of Orchidae at Firle and Glynd.

Jun 26  Received a letter from Mr Sowerby and Stutchbury. Cleared the large Ammonite - when the extraneous chalk was removed it measured near six feet in
circumference. [Received the Gothic paper ... James Woodhouse.]

Jun 27 Rode to Firle and Ringmer. My mother, sister and brother drank tea with me. - The weather is stormy and uncongenial.

Jun 28 A very heavy hail storm occurred at ten this morning - and occasionally flashes lighting and distant thunder have taken place during the day accompanied by severe showers. [This day ... midnight.]

Jun 29 Very cold and rainy - obtained Mr Greenough's Geology - read it with much pleasure - an excellent work. In the Evening walked over Mr Sandridge's garden and Greenhouse.

Jun 30 A packet of Fossils from Cuckfield from Mr Leney arrived, it contained bones, teeth and tongue of a fish. Rode to Firle and Falmer. Sketched the claw of the largest crustacea.

[July 1-2]

July 3 Collected specimens of Ammonites, Fish etc. from Southerham, Alcyonia and Teeth from Jenner's. Sponges from Offham.

[July 4]

July 5 Early this morning a note arrived from Col. Birch (the stranger who called on me last Thursday) appointing this afternoon to see my Collection. - Very busily engaged; spent the evening with Col. B. - a very agreeable and intelligent man.

[July 6]

July 7 This day Mr Rollo left me on a visit to his friends at Chichester - I drove to the Hospital and Firle in my brother's chaise. - Mrs M. accompanied me. - In the evening I attended the Lewes library Society quarterly meeting.

July 8 I was detained till two o'clock this morning with Mrs Pescod in Southover: in consequence did not rise till seven. - A very wet day - after visiting my Town patients, went to Chiltington; brought some fragments of a fossil fish home from Offham chalk pit. - Mr Roberts, and my friend Mr Green of London, drank tea and spent the evening with me. Mr Attwood sent me some fine specimens of Arum Dracunculus.

July 11 Attended Mrs Eager in Moor Lane, and did not return till the afternoon.

July 12 Was called up at midnight to attend Mrs Morris of Old Malling, and was not released till noon. - Visited the Hospital and was very much engaged. - In the evening my friend Tilney arrived from Fletching.

July 13 Drove Mr Tilney in a chaise to Firle, from thence to the Hospital through Moor Lane, and called at Old Malling in our way home. Col. Birch paid me a short visit at four o'clock; he brought me a fish's head from Southerham. He proceeded on to Brighton in the evening: to-morrow he visits Newhaven and then leaves Sussex for Dorsetshire.

July 14 Attended Mrs Hurst, and Mrs Jo King, and was otherwise much engaged. Mr Tilney took a trip to Brighton and returned in the Evening with Mr Rollo. Mr R. brought me some fossils from Bognor. [The second ... printing.1]

July 15 Mr Tilney left us. - I rode to Firle and to the hospital.

July 16 Was very much engaged. - In the evening was sent for to an accident at Ringmer. - A man was run over by a Waggon: the right Os innominatum was fractured very severely.

July 17 The man who received the accident yesterday died this day. - In the evening I drove Mrs Mantell to Isfield - we had a delightful trip; did not reach home till late. - My friend Chassereau and Mr W. Lee drank tea with us. Sent Mrs Cobbold a barrel of specimens. Received letters from Stutchbury announcing the event of the sale of fossils.

July 18 Inspected the Pelvis of the man who died at the Canteen last evening. [In the evening ... Tabernacle.]
July 19  
This day Mr Lashmar brought me a very interesting Crustacea and Fish from Mr Jenner's Quarry. I wrote to Mrs Cobbold in the evening.

July 20  
Mrs Mantell went to Brighton with Mr Chapman and returned in the evening. - Received a letter from Mrs Cobbold, with sketches of fossil bones. - Stated the case of Miss Grantham in a letter to Dr Armstrong - Mrs M returned in the evening and brought me a fine series of Encrinites from Col. Birch from Brighton.

July 21  
This morning I received a fine packet of fossils from Cuckfield, consisting of bones and Euphorbia. I wrote to Mr Fielding and sent nine plates to Town.

July 22  
This day I received a very kind letter from Dr Armstrong in answer to my statement of the case of Miss G. - Finished my last sketch of Chalk Crustacea.

July 23  
Drove Mrs Mantell to Brighton: obtained fossils from the Chalk Pits near the church and at Edward Street: returned home at nine.

July 31  
[During the last week ...Races.]

Aug 2  
[Mr Lashmar ... mathematical instruments.] Mr Lashmar went to Brighton Races; brought me a fine Pecten, serpula, a fish from the Chalk Pits. Sent a packet of fossils to Mr Greenough and Mr Sowerby. Returned my bother-in-law's mathematical instruments.

Aug 3  
[The Agricultural Show ... former years].

Aug 4  
[The first day ... at our house.] - Received a letter from Lt. Michel, and some fossils from Shepey Island.

Aug 6  
A very gratifying letter from Dr Armstrong respecting the case of Miss Grantham. [In the afternoon ... favorable.]

Aug 7-12  
Received a packet of fossils from Mr Sowerby, and the 2d part of the 12th vol. of the Linnean Transactions.

Aug 13  
A box arrived from Mr Greenough containing two noble fossil horns of a species of Bos and Auroch from Walton. Mr Rollo collected two specimens of fossil wood at Malling Hill. - [I attended ... morning.]

Aug 15  

Aug 25  
[Nothing ... Magistrates.] Miss Woodhouse (Mrs Mantell's sister), Mr Relfe and his brother and wife, paid us a most unexpected visit this morning: they returned to Brighton this evening. Yesterday I wrote to Mr Sowerby and Mr Greenough.

Aug 27  

Sep 1  
[A remarkably ... three brace of partridges were sent me. Some curious specimens from Jenner's. - Several good fossils from Cuckfield ... prosecuted.] Wrote to John Webb Esq. - stated the case of Wm. M. C. Allan.

Sep 2  
Wrote to Dr Armstrong, and sent him a brace of partridges. [To-day ... preside.]

Sep 3  

Sep 9  
[Yesterday ... sultry.] Mrs and Miss Jacksons paid us a visit. Received a letter from Dr Johnson.

Sep 12  
[Since my ... consumption.] This evening I wrote to Mr Tilney, Woodhouse, Relfe, and Illman. - Mr John Woollgar goes to London to-morrow. [Yesterday ... completed.]

Sep 13?  
A beautiful fish was discovered at Southerham quarry. Received a parcel from my brother James.

Sep 14  
Sir Richard Phillips called during my absence in the country. In the evening I received a large box of fossils from Bognor, presented by T. Murray Esq.
Sep 15

Last evening when I made the above note I was so worn out with fatigue and anxiety that I could scarcely hold my pen. The fossils sent me by Mr Murray of Chichester are from Bognor Rocks, and consist of huge masses of shells, chiefly of the genera Pectunculus and Vermicularia. On the morning, yesterday, there was a grand procession of Freemasons; they proceeded from the White Hart to the Church in the Cliffe. This afternoon I attended the funeral of Miss Grantham who was buried in St. Michael's Church. In the evening I packed up two boxes of fossils as presents to the British Museum and Geological Society of London.

Sep 16

Packed up fossils for Miss Benett Mr Greenough and Mrs Cobbold, and made a selection for Col. Birch. Wrote to Mr Webster, Geol. Socty, Mr Konig, Brit. Mus., and to Mr Greenough. - Had numerous visits to make in the Country. On the 14th I was sent for to Lord Gage, at Firle; a child of the Steward had fractured the forearm.

Sep 17

[This morning ... notice.] Two small specimens of fish from Jenner’s quarry. - In the evening I wrote to Miss Benett, Mrs Cobbold and Mr Murray of Chichester.

[Sep 19-22]

Sep 23

Rode to the Hospital, Ringmer, and to Long-Ford, in Barcombe Parish. - Very busily engaged.

Sep 24

Wholly engaged in my professional duties - was detained till nine in the evening with a case of Midwifery at Falmer.

Sep 25

[Up the greatest ... per hundred.] Specimen of rolled green sandstone in chalk from Jenner’s. - Rode to the Hospital etc. Letter from Mr Webster.

Sep 26

Engaged in my profession all day - very heavy hail storm in the afternoon. - Letter from Mr Konig of the British Museum.

Sep 27

Detained in the night at Ringmer; returned home at 3 o’clock this morning - very tempestuous - it rained in torrents - Wrote to my brothers-in-law and Mr Webb. - A requisition is signing to call a meeting respecting the late proceedings at Manchester.

Sep 28

Very busy. - Was to have dined with Dr Blair but was prevented by a case which detained me till midnight - Mrs Mantell however dined with him.

Sep 29

[Very tempestuous ... at Brighton.]

Sep 30

[A requisition ... on Monday.]

[Oct 1]

[Oct 4]

Oct 5

Received a parcel from Cuckfield; some very good specimens. - A fine Crustacea from Jenner’s quarry.

Oct 6

Drew up an account of the meeting for my brother.

Oct 8

Mr Lashmar brought me a fine series of Tortoise Encrinites from Brighton.

Oct 9

Very much engaged in my profession. - The Steward of the Hospital sent in a fine live American goose.

Oct 10

Sent Mr Greenough three specimens of the Tortoise encrinite, and four specimens for the Geological Society. Busily employed in making notes of cases in medicine and Surgery. - Wrote to Mr Konig. - 3rd Inst. Sent him plans and sketches of the Ventriculites Monoides.

[Oct 11-12]

[Oct 14-15]

Oct 19

Mr D’Oyley, the barrister, and Mr Slinkoe ? the son-in-law of Sir Henry Poole, called on me, and inspected my Museum. - Sent my Circular Cabinet to my friend Mr Chassereau.
Oct 20
Received a letter from Mr Konig of the Brit. Museum. My brother Joshua presented me with two fine specimens of Alcyonites - and a fruit from the marl at Hamsey.

[Oct 21]

Oct 22
[This morning ... four o'clock A.M.] My friend Chassereau called to tea - The Quarter Sessions.

Oct 23
Mr Chassereau and Mr Warren Lee drank tea and spent the evening with me. Called up in the night to Mrs Russell in the Broyle.

Oct 24
A large Ammonite was brought me from Offham. Wrote to Mr Konig; sent four plates by Chassereau to London, for impressions.

Oct 26
Wrote to Dr Armstrong etc. [Visited ... "learned pig"]

[Nov 12]

Nov 18
Mr and Mrs Gilbert of Eastborne paid us a visit. - [Mrs M. ... days since].

Nov 19
Received a parcel from Mr Tilney - and a packet of fossils from Brighton. Severe frost.

Nov 21
Received a letter from my uncle the Revd Geo. Mantell of Swindon, Wilts: of whom I had not heard for many years. - Wrote to Dr Armstrong respecting Mrs Hodd - my friend Dr W. Harvey Esq. M.P. for Colchester franked the letter.

[Nov 24]

Nov 28
[Being a .... forty minutes;] I think we (pages torn out here).
Jan 20 A gentle thaw; rains very hard.

[Jan 22]

[Jan 24]

[Jan 30-31]

[Feb 1]

Feb 2 The Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Library Society ws held at the Bear. I was prevented by professional engagements from attending.

[Feb 3]

Feb 8 [Mr Lashmar ... with him:] my sister-in-law left us yesterday morning.

Feb 9 Received a letter from Geo. Cumberland Esqr. of Bristol.

Feb 11 Wrote to Mr Cumberland, and Col. Birch also to Dr Ewing of St. Thomas's Hospital.

[Feb 12-15]

Feb 25 [So much engaged ... leisure]. Wrote to Dr Armstrong and Dr Curry. Mr Leney brought me a packet of fossils from Cuckfield.

Mar 1 Some of the independent doctors of this Borough, have formed themselves into a Society which they call (page missing) its discovery, it contained burnt human bones; it was situated near the head of a skeleton of a man. [The Contest ... Mr Cavendish.]

[Mar 14-15]

[Mar 19-22]

Mar 24 Wrote to Mr Abernethy respecting the case of Mr Hodd. Received a letter from the Geological Society. In the Evening I attended the Parish meeting at Malling. - This day I was appointed to the medical attendance of the Parishes of Ringmer, Malling, St. John’s, and St. Michael’s.

Mar 26 Received a letter from Mr Abernethy. Wrote to Mr Pearson, and Dr Armstrong. The draba verna is in full blossom.

Mar 28 Received a letter from Mr Pearson and Miss Benett. A packet of shrubs and flowers arrived from London. A fine fossil fish was brought me from Offham.

Mar 30 Remarkably mild for the season. - Was called up at six o'clock to a labor at Ringmer - breakfast with Mr Cookson; did not return home till near twelve. In the afternoon attended a boy at Stoneham, whose thigh was fractured by a Waggon load of lime passing over him. In the evening cleared some fossils etc.

[April 4]

[April 10]

April 12 Received a parcel of books from my uncle the Revd Geo. Mantell, of Swindon, Wilts.

April 13 Cleared a fine little specimen of crustacea from Jenner’s quarry. [Received ... London.]

[April 14]

April 15 Received a parcel from Mr Cumberland of Bristol. 11Mr and Mrs Durrant, and Mr Baldwick of Malling paid me a visit, and inspected my Museum. [Transplanted ... Garden].
April 16 Wrote to Mr Stutchbury and sent him a small hamper of duplicate specimens. Wrote to Davies Gilbert Esqre, M.P. of Eastborn. - Sent Mr Gilbert a few fossils.

April 21 Drove Mrs Mantell, and my little girl Ellen to Brighton: called on Chassereau, and drank tea at Mr Henry Wilds, the Architect. - Was very pleased with viewing his extensive workshops and machinery. - Mr Berry sent me some fine Auriculas and Polyanthuses.

April 30 Wrote to Miss Woodhouse, Mr Tilney, and Sir Everard Home; sent the latter a specimen of Buck’s Horns, which had formerly belonged to Dr Russell of Malling. Drove Mrs Mantell and Ellen to the Hospital at Ringmer.

[Vaccinated ... week old.]

[May 4-5]

May 10 A Catalogue of Col. Birch’s sale of fossils was sent me this day by Stutchbury. Yesterday I finished the last drawing of specimens for my Work. [Have been ... from a cold.]

[May 11]

May 16 Received a packet from Mr Webster, with Lists of the Geological Society and its Regulations etc.: also a letter from Stutchbury and one from Alex. McLeay Esqr inviting me to the Anniversary of the Linnaean Society.

May 17 Wrote to Mr McLeay.

May 19 Sent for in great haste to Lieut. Sandilands of the Royal Artillery, at Isfield, who had been thrown from his horse. - He had dislocated his shoulder; I immediately reduced it, and proceeded to the Barracks at Ringmer.

[May 24]

May 30 [My dear ... year.] Wrote to Dr Leach and Mr Konig of British Museum.

June 1 Sent my drawings of the Lewes fossils to my brother-in-law to take to Mr Konig of the Brit. Museum.

[June 4-5]

[June 9]

[June 11]

[June 16]

June 20 A letter from Dr Armstrong. Mr Rollo returned from a visit to his friends at Chichester; brought me plants of Campanula carpatica, Dodecatheon medea, Colchicum autumnale etc.

June 26 The weather has been intensely hot for the last week; so much so that the least exertion is fatiguing. - Attended the funeral (yesterday) of the late Mrs Weller at St. Michael's Church. Col. Downman presented Mrs M. with a very excellent box of colors.

[June 29]

July 1 Mr Tilney left us this afternoon for Fletching on his way to London. Yesterday morning we had a most severe storm of Thunder and Lightning, with a prodigious quantity of rain; it thundered almost incessantly from three o'clock in the morning till ten.

July 2 Yesterday a man was dreadfully bruised by a large fall of chalk under which he was working in South Street quarry; I was immediately sent for, and had him conveyed to Cliffe P. House.

July 3 The man who received the accident, is much better, and will probably recover.

July 4 Sent Mr Rollo to Brighton for fossils; but he was unsuccessful. I rode to Jenner's
pit, but they had not found a single specimen. I finished the Engravings of Rottingdean Cliffs.

[July 6]

[July 9]

[July 12-13]

[July 17]

July 18 Mr Henry Shepperd of Nunney near Frome in Somerset called with his daughter to see my collection: they were acquaintances of Miss Benett and made use of her name as an introduction. They were highly gratified, and had not seen so fine a collection of chalk fossils. [Signed a ... Her Majesty.]

[July 23-24]

July 25 [Sent my ... on stone.] Mrs Gilbert paid me a visit - from Eastbourne.

[July 26-27]

July 28 [Mr Samuel Parkes, ... Castle.] Mr P. was highly pleased with our company; gave him specimens of teeth, palates etc. etc.

July 29 The Judges were escorted into the Town by the Sheriff and his retinue: a very shabby appearance. Sent a letter and packet of fossils to Miss Benett of Warminster.

[July 30]

July 31 The storm of last night has done considerable mischief to the corn. Many Trees at Ringmer etc. have been injured and thrown down.

Aug 1 The Assizes terminate to-day: wrote to Mr Fielding and Mr Woodhouse.

[Aug 2-4]

Aug 9 Received a packet of fossils from Cuckfield.

[Aug 10]

Aug 12 Accompanied Mrs Mantell and Miss Woodhouse to the Races.

Aug 13 One of the laborers from Brighton quarries brought some encrinites etc. from the Chalk pits.

Aug 14 Received a packet of fossils from a Mr Miller of Bristol, an entire stranger.

Aug 15 We made an excursion to Cuckfield; my brother drove the ladies in his chaise and I rode on horseback; we arrived at Lewes at six in the evening: collected nothing of consequence. [The Queen's letter ... conversation.]

Aug 26 [The mock ... evidence.] Received letters from Miss Benett, Mr Sowerby and Tilney. - Sent a parcel of Ammonites to Mr Sowerby.

Aug 29 Dispatched a hamper containing a collection of Lewes fossils, to Mr Miller of Bristol.

[Aug 30-31]

[Sept 6]

Sept 7 [This day ... atmosphere.] Sent a parcel of fossils to Mr Shepperd of Nunney near Frome.

Sept 9 Rode to Brighton with Mrs Mantell. - Visited the Brighton Institution for the disposal of Paintings. Received my lithographic map from London.

Sept 10 My brother Joshua presented me with a fine specimen of botroidal crystallised carbonate of lime. [In the evening ... belts].
Sept 17  Wrote to Mr Curtis the Aurist. - I have lately had very fine specimens of Euphorbia from Cuckfield, put into mastic. - Major Cater, Royl Arty, paid me a morning visit. On Friday (15th inst.) Mrs Durrant and some friends of Malling House paid us a visit and inspected my collection.

Sept 21  Sheep fair. Had a numerous party to tea.

Sept 22  Mrs Mantell and myself dined with Dr Blair and his lady - passed a pleasant evening.

Sept 23  [Rode on ... evening.] Received a letter from Mr Curtis.

[Sept 28-30]

[Oct 1]

Oct 2  A letter from Mr Shepperd of Nunney near Frome informing me of the non-arrival of my parcel.

Oct 4  Dr Blair and his lady, her sister, and Mr Roberts drank tea with us. We passed a very pleasant evening.

Oct 5  [Sent a large ... Brighton.] Sir G.H. Crewe ad his Lady paid a visit to their neice, my brother Samuel's wife. - The Measles have been very prevalent for some weeks: it has done well for the most part. Lost my diamond amethyst brooch on the Glynd Road: it was found by a laboring man and brought to me uninjured.

Oct 8  Rode to Preston through Stanmer; examined the Chalk pits but could not obtain a single fossil - rode on to Brighton and procured a few specimens in the Quarries.

Oct 9  Drank tea with Mrs Mantell at Mr Gells.

Oct 11  Mr G.E. Woodhouse unexpectedly paid us a visit.

Oct 12  Mr Geo. Woodhouse left us this morning. - A valued friend and patient, Mrs Eyre, died last evening. - I was with her repeatedly during the course of yesterday. - Sent a gold seal to my brother-in-law James as a present. On the 9th I received some good bones from Cuckfield.

Oct 15  Mr and Mrs Relfe (late Miss Woodhouse) came to our house this morning from Bath; they have been married about three weeks.

[Oct 16]

Oct 18  [Rode with Mr Relfe ... scene.] Yesterday received some bones from Cuckfield. Mr Hewson of the Strand, paid me a visit.

Oct 20  Mr and Mrs Relf left us, for London.

Oct 23  My brother-in-law Jas. Woodhouse came to us from London. [The plants we ... Antirrhinum cymb. etc.]

Oct 28  Rode with Mr Woodhouse to Terrible Down. Received my drawings from the British Museum.

Oct 29  A parcel from Mr Miller of Bristol. - Townsend's Notes sent me from London by Mr Relfe, to make extracts from.

Nov 1  Returned Townsend's work to Mr Relfe.

Nov 3  Sent a box of fossils to Mr Miller, Miss Benett and Mr Greenough; and a fine Euphorbia from the sandstone of Cuckfield placed in a block of Mastic to the British Museum; it was 3 feet long.

Nov 9  Received 3 volumes of the Dictionnaire d'histoire Naturelle from Mr Relfe. - Yesterday examined the head of a poor boy at Ringmer, who was drove over by a cart about ten days since. The skull was fractured at the outer angle of the
right superciliary ridge of the os frontis; and the arteria meningea media was lacerated and had formed a large coagulum which pressed on the brain; tetanus came on a few days before death.

Nov 10

In the Dictionnaire d'Histoire Naturelle is the following remark under the article étoile tombanie. I insert it here, as illustrative of the circumstance that occurred to me in the storm of last year. - "Quelques physiciens, et notamment le Pere Baccaria, l'attribuent a l'electricite; celui-ci, pour le prouver, rapporte le fait suivant: it etoit assis en plein air avec un de ses amis, une heure après le coucher du soleil, une de ces etoiles dirigea vers eux sa chute: elle paroissoit grossir mesure qu'elle approchoit, et disparut a peu de distance; ils se trouvèrent alors, ainsi que les objects voisins, couverts d'une lumiere legere et diffuse, sans explosion ni commotion d'aucune espèce. Mais ce fait sembleroit prouver que ces étoiles sont un simple phosphore, plutôt qu'un phénomène électrique. Elles ne sont ni subites comme l'explosion de la foudre, ni continues comme les effluences électriques qui forment les aurores boréales." Tom. VIII, p.151, par Patrin. [The second ... the bill.]

Nov 11

[I was awoke ... Monday evening.] I have written this evening to Mr Konig, Mr Webster, and to the Geological Society, to which I have sent a drawing of my large Euphorbia, from Cuckfield. Returned the volumes of the Dictionnaire to Mr Relfe this morning.

[Nov 14]

Nov 23

This morning my brother-in-law left us for London. Yesterday received a letter from Dr Armstrong, and from Mr Shepperd of Frome announcing that a packet of fossils were on the road. - Sent a present of game to Dr Armstrong and Mr Konig.

Nov 29

Received Faujas' "Histoire Naturelle de la Montagne de Saint Pierre de Maestricht" from Mr Relfe.

[Dec 3]

Dec 6

Received Mr Shepherd's present. It consists of some fine vegetal remains in Schistus, and some good specimens from the Oolite.

Dec 12

A letter from Mr Miller of Bristol, with observations on the Sussex fossils. Sent a copy of my Map, and some fossils to Mr Hawkins of Bignor Park.

Dec 14

A letter from Mr Hawkins announcing the receipt of my parcel. My fossils were returned by Mr Konig, with numerous remarks.

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Jan 11 Was sent for to Mrs Downman, the lady of Co. D. - of the Royal Artillery, in consequence of an abortion: found her very dangerously ill, was obliged to sit up with her all night.

Jan 16 Mrs Durrant of Malling is dangerously ill. Mr Baldock called requesting Mrs Mantell to come over. - Visited Mrs Durrant in the evening.

Jan 17 Requested to attend Mrs Durrant in consultation with her usual medical attendant - found her much better.

Jan 19 Mrs Durrant continues better: [so much ... geological work].

[Jan 18]

Jan 23 Mr C.P. Meyers of Forty Hall, Enfield, came with his Lady to inspect my collection; they were highly pleased. Purchased a fine painting of fruit (grapes) of Shelley.

Jan 21 Rode to Castle Hill in company with Mr Boswell Durrant of Malling House; collected several cerithites etc. - did not reach home till it was very dark.

[Jan 25]

[Jan 27]

Jan 28 Wrote to Dr Armstrong and Mr Shepperd.

[Feb 3]

Feb 4 Received a letter from Mrs Cobbold of Ipswich: sent her a copy of my Map, by the coach in return.

Feb 6 A very interesting letter from Dr Armstrong; and one from the Secy of the Geological Society thanking me for the geological map.

[Feb 7]

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[Feb 20-21]

[Feb 22]

March Busily employed in my profession, and in writing my book.

Mar 6 Received my plates, proofs, drawings etc. from London.

Mar 9 Made a morning call at Malling House; dined there in the afternoon.

Mar 12 Employed in composing the prospectus of my intended book.

[Mar 24]

Mar 25 Attended the Parish meetings at Ringmer and Malling.

Mar 26 A parcel of fossils arrived from Miss Benett, and a letter from Mr Miller of Bristol, enclosing the prospectus of a work he is about to publish on the Encrinites.

[Mar 27-28]
April 1  Mrs Mantell is in preparation for her departure for London.

April 2  Prepared specimens of the Engravings, and copies of the Prospectus, for Mr Sowerby, Greenough, Webster etc.

April 3  Wrote to Miss Benett, and Mr Parkinson.

[April 4]

April 6  I received a letter from Mrs Mantell - all well. I went to Brighton of the 31st ult.; called on Chassereau, Fulks, etc. Returned at night. The King was there. Purchased of Berncastle a set of Napoleon Medals: consisting of ten of Andrieu's, for £7.17.6.

April 7  Wrote to Mrs Mantell, Miss Benett, Davies Gilbert Esqre etc. - An exceedingly hot day, after several cold stormy ones. - Butterflies first appeared.

April 8  Packed up some prospectuses for Mr Hawkins, Weekes, Baldock, Miller of Bristol etc. Purchased two paintings of heads by Mortimer. [Some workmen ... his Barons.]

[April 10]

[April 11]

April 12  Several groups of palates brought me from Jenner's, and some bones from Cuckfield. [Received ... three copies].

April 17  A severe storm of thunder, lightning, and hail came on suddenly this afternoon, the hailstones were very large.

April 19  Received a parcel from Mr Miller of Bristol, and a letter from Rev W. Conybeare; also from Mrs Mantell. - Packed up a set of impressions of the plates, to send to Mrs M. to lay on the table of the Geological Society. Walter is now much better.

[April 20]

April 25  [Received ... prospectus.] Received a parcel from Mrs Mantell.

April 26  Two frames from two pictures of Mortimer, were sent me by Folker of Brighton. [Earl of ... my work.]

April 26  Dined with Mr Durrant of Malling House from whence I was called away to Mrs E. Johnstone on School Hill who was in labor; remained with her till ten, but no appearance of her delivery yet appears

April 27  Was called to Mrs Johnstone again last night, remained all night, and did not get released till eight this evening - she had a son, still born. - Have had my house painted and papered etc. - Just dismissed the workmen.

April 28  A fatiguing day - dined at Mrs Durrant's.

April 29  [Excessively ... luxuriant.] Groups of palates were brought me from Jenner's.

[May 1-2]

[May 6]

May 7  Sent a parcel to Mr Miller of Bristol. - Wrote to the Bishop of Durham, Earl of Egremont etc.

[May 12]

[May 14]

May 18  My friend Mr Tilney unexpectedly paid me a visit; his lady is on a visit at Fletching.

May 21  After a laborious morning, I drove Mrs Mantell to Mr Egles of Fletching to see her cousin Mrs Tilney: arrived there at three o'clock. [Visited the Earl ... nine
May 22
Some interesting specimens brought me from Cuckfield. - J. Martin Cripps Esqre called upon me this morning.

[May 26]

[June 1-2]
June 8
Took a trip to the Rocks at Uckfield, in company with Mrs Mantell, Mrs Tilney, and Mr Warren Lee; we enjoyed ourselves very much: loitered there till the evening; took tea at the Inn, and returned home at nine in the evening, just in time for a good sprinkling from a heavy shower of rain. The weather is very cold, and we are obliged still to have fires. Yesterday I received some fine bones from Uckfield.

June 9
A Packet, containing three memoirs by Dr Clarke of Cambridge, sent me from the author, by Mr Cripps.

June 10
Wrote to Miss Benett, Mr Cumberland, Cripps, Miller, Pearson, Parkinson, etc.

June 15
Dr Cooke of Gloucestershire paid me a visit, and spent several hours in inspecting my collection. - Two Gentlemen of the name of Cornwall also called with a letter of introduction from my friend Mr Hawkins of Bignor Park. They were highly pleased with the specimens of Sussex fossils. - Received a fine fish from Jenner's quarry; a fine large brass of Antoninus Pius was found last week by the flint diggers near the race-stand. - A coin of Mary, and a silver one of the Commonwealth were picked up in repairing the house in High Street, the residence of the late Mrs Weller.

[June 18]

[June 19]
Mr and Mrs Tilney arrived from Fletching; I was detained the whole day with Mrs Elmes at Hamsey.

June 20
Mr and Mrs Tilney left us this morning for London via Brighton.

[June 23-24]

[June 27]

July 6
[News arrived ... by the English].
Received a polite letter from the Earl of Chichester. Mr Parkes the Chemist called on me.

July 7
Attended a lecture last evening on Mnemonics at the Councy Hall.

July 30
[A variety of ... coronation.]
A fine fish with both gills, and four fins, was brought me a few days since from Southerham. This day I have completed a packet of fossils for M. Cuvier - Mr Berncastle undertakes to deliver them; they consist of several specimens of fishes in chalk, scaphites, marble, bones from Cuckfield etc. Purchased a specimen of Crystallized sandstone from Fontainbleau, of Stutchbury; at cost 9s/.
[Every relic ... a character.]

Aug 1
The first day of our races; I rode on the hill; but one race, and little company. Received a letter from my cousin George of Farringdon, Berks.

Aug 3
Mrs Mantell was drove up the hill, by Mr E. Johnson; there was excellent racing, and a considerable number of persons; Mrs M. was introduced to the Earl of Egremont, and Lord Cavendish. A fine middle brass of Domitian brought me by a laborer, who dug it up on Falmer Hill; cost me 1/6.
Aug 16 My friend Mr Baldock returned after a long absence.

Aug 23 Dined with Mr Baldock at Malling House; a fine dorsal fin of a fish found at Southerham.

Sep 3 [This morning ... end of a month.] Wrote a copy of my notes of Mr Lupton’s case, for Dr Armstrong. - On Sunday wrote to Mr Greenough Konig, Sowerby, Parkes, Relfe, Tilney etc.

Sep 5 [Went to ... Baxter.] E. Johnson Esqr drove Mrs Mantell and Ellen over in his chaise, and I overtook them at the entrance of the town. - Visited Mr Henry Wilds the architect - was highly pleased with an inspection of his alabaster vases.

Sep 6 Mr Tinley of London unexpectedly visited us.

[Sep 7]

[Sep 8] H. Bright Esqr of Bristol, called upon me. Purchased a print from the celebrated Italian plate, of Napoleon crossing the Alps.

Sep 9 Remarkable for the torrents of rain which fell incessantly, almost the whole day.

[Sep 10]

Sep 11 Visited a patient at Isfield. called upon Mr Baldock in my way home, and spent two hours with him.

[Sep 13]

Sep 19 [Dined with ... evening.] Received Laxmark’s Animoux sans vertebres, and Burton’s Orytographie de Bruxelles, from Mr Greenough who has kindly lent them to me for reference.

[Sep 21]

Sep 23 Received a very elegant silver teapot as a present from Col. Downman as a testimony of his respect and approbation of my professional attendance on Mrs D. in the spring of this year. Sent a parcel for Mrs Miller and Miss Benett, with letters for Dr Armstrong and Mr Relfe, to Mr Baldock who undertakes to deliver them.

Sep 24 Paid a farewell visit to Mr Baldock, who leaves tomorrow. Wrote a letter of thanks to Col. D.

[Sep 26-27]

[Sep 29]

Sep 30 Wrote to Mr Drewitt, Mr Tilney etc.

[Oct 2]

Oct 3 Three strangers called to view my collection.

Oct 4 [Mr Lyell ... Continent.] He informed me that the late Dr Arnold was an intimate friend of his, and used to be continually referring to my paper on the Alcy - chon - (Ventriculites radiatus) for the purpose of examining those which occur near Norwich. Dr A. was the discoverer of the celebrated parasitical vegetable, figured in the Linnaean Transactions under the name of Rafflesia Arnoldi. Mr L. drank tea with us, and we sat chatting on geological matters till now - midnight. - Mr Alford left me this morning. - Mr Lyell goes to Castle Hill, and Chinting (?) Castle tomorrow and returns here in the evening.

Oct 5 Mr Lyell came to tea at six o’clock, and we sat up until one in the morning. He was highly pleased with his excursion to Castle Hill.

[Oct 6]

Oct 8 Received a letter from Mr B. Durrant. - Mr and Mrs Roberts returned our visit. [A day or two ... the Protector.]
Oct 25
[Have been ... last few days.]
Received an interesting collection of Stonesfield fossils from Mr Lyell; in many respects they resemble those of Cuckfield. Mrs Mantell and family are gone this day to Brighton for a fortnight.

Oct 27
Rode to Brighton to see my family. Wrote to Mr Lyell.

Nov 4
Received yesterday the new Vol. of the Geolog. Transactions; and this morning a letter from Mr Lyell.

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Sep 19 Drove Mrs Relfe to Beddingham, Ringmer, and Laughton, calling at Malling House in our way home. In the evening had a delightful stroll with her through Southover.

Sep 20 Drove to Uckfield with Mrs R. and walked to the Rocks; the weather remarkably fine. The scenery appeared more beautiful than ever.

Sep 21 Our sheep fair; rode over the downs with Mrs Relfe, along the race-course, by Ashcombe, and returned by Kingston Mill.

Sep 23 Drove in my chaise to Rodmill over Southease bridge and through Beddingham.

Sep 24 Dined with my wife and sister at Mrs Durrant's at Malling House. A large party sat down to dinner. My ladies returned early, and I came home at ten.

Sep 25 Took Mrs Relfe to Newhaven, and collected fossils at Castle Hill; the afternoon was fine, but cloudy; rain came on suddenly soon after our arrival on the hill and we were obliged to fly for shelter to the Battery House. We drove through a heavy rain and returned to dinner at six.

Sep 29 Went to All Sts Church. The evening was beautifully fine, and the moon near the full. After service walked through Southover, St Anne's, and home by the Castle Banks.

Sep 30 Went to Brighton; met Mrs Chadwick on the Steyne; called at Chassereau's and on Mr Wilds.

Oct 2 Rode to Rodmill and across the downs to Balsdean, returning by Kingston Mills in a heavy shower of rain: a large party to tea were awaiting our return.

[Oct 3]
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Nov 8 Sent a packet of fossils to Mr Hy Hoper and Mr Gilbert.

Nov 12 Received a letter from Mr Gilbert acknowledging the receipt of my parcel. Mr and Mrs Thomas of Rattoh favored us with a visit: the Earl of Chichester also called, but I was unfortunately from home.

[Nov 14]

Nov 17 Called up to a man who had fractured his collar bone.

Nov 18 Attended a case of fractured leg.

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Dec 4 [I arose ... as possible.] Went with H. and Mrs Tilney to the British Museum and afterwards to Kentish Town to dinner; returned to Cornhill to tea and supper;
played at whist till late.

Dec 5
Went to Cornhill at 8 o'clock, and brought my sister back to Mr Tilney's to breakfast; after which she accompanied me to West's exhibition of Pictures in Newman Street; passed three hours there very delightfully; saw the private collection of the old masters, collected by Mr. W.---- Returned to Cornhill to dinner, having first called at the Bazaar in our way. After dinner went with Mr Rollo to hear Dr Armstrong lecture; came back to Cornhill, and went with Mr Relfe, Mrs Tilney, to Drury Lane theatre; was highly amused with Braham's singing, in Guy Mannering. A new afterpiece called "Young and Old" was very excellent, and a little girl named Clara Fisher who performed four characters most admirably, was rapturously applauded.

[Dec 7]

Dec 14
Drove to Brighton; called at Stanmer Park in my way, and left a medallion of Oliver Cromwell as a present to the Earl of Chichester. Drank tea with my friend Chassereau. On my return found my dear boy Walter in a very dangerous state from inflammation of the lungs; applied three leeches which bled till he fainted.

[Dec 15]

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[Dec 26]
- arrived there at 4 o'clock; the weather intensely cold; returned from thence at ½ past five, along the new road from Shoreham to Brighton. Called on Mr Cooper on the Old Steine; drank tea with him and reached home at half past twelve at night.-

Dec 28
Sent Mr Cooper a colored, and an uncolored copy of my work.

[Dec 30-31]
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[Jul 1]

Jul 8 Drove Mrs M. to Colonel Downman's at Laughton and called at Malling House in our way home.

Jul 9 Received a letter from Mrs Woodhouse. Wrote a long letter to Hannah, - Tilney, Geo. Woodhouse, Mr Relfe and Mrs Woodhouse. Drove Mrs M. to Knight's at Chiltington.

Jul 10 Drove Mrs Mantell to Newhaven, and under the cliffs at Castle Hill; we left our chaise at the battery house and proceeded among the rocks in search of fossils; were so fortunate as to find several beautiful specimens of Aluminite. Returned home to tea at seven.

Jul 11 Accompanied Mr Lee to Hove; called on Mr Stevens, and viewed several oil paintings of a young man of the name of Fowle: they were admirable productions, both as to composition and effect. On returning through Brighton met Mr and Mrs Edkins of London, the latter is the sister of Mr Lupton Relfe. We returned home soon after eight, after a very pleasant drive.

Jul 12 The Earl of Chichester paid me a visit.

Jul 13 Sent the Earl of Chichester specimens of alumine, Tilgate limestone, Chailey sandstone and wood from Willingdon. His Lordship called on me in the afternoon; and overtook Mrs M. and myself at Falmer, and entered into conversation with us. I drove Mrs M. to Brighton: called on Mrs Edkins: very rainy.

Jul 14 Thursday - Drove Miss Maria Green and my darling Ellen to Col. Downman's at Laughton.

Jul 15 Drove to Brighton with my servant: spent an hour at Mr Edkins', and returned at seven - very showery.

Jul 16 [Mr Borrer ... from Hastings.] Rode to Beddingham at Stoneham.

Jul 17 Drove Mrs Mantell and my dear Walter to Brighton; arrived at Mrs Edkins soon after nine; returned home at eleven. In the evening walked with Mrs M. to Winterbourne and returned through love lane.

Jul 18 A gentleman of the name of Williams called on me with a letter from Mr Relfe.

Jul 19 Drove to Falmer and Cooksbridge, and afterwards drove to Col. Downman's at Laughton. Mr Durrant drank tea with us.

Jul 20 Sunday. - Mrs M. went with Mr Baldock, Durrant and Pike to St. Michael's Church to hear a sermon preached by the Sheriff's Chaplain. In the evening walked to Winterborne with Mrs M. and the children.

Jul 21-22 The Assizes commenced this morning: weather very wet. [Mr Drewett ... from Brighton.] Mr Chassereau drank tea with us. Sent by Mr Baldock a note to Hannah.
Jul 30 Wednesday. - The last day of Brighton Races. Sir Chas. Burrell called on me in the morning. In the afternoon drove Mrs Mantell to Brighton races: the day very lovely; the company very numerous.

Jul 31 First day of Lewes Races. - Drove Mrs Mantell and Ellen on the hill.

Aug 1 [Aug 6-7]

Aug 8 & 9 [Friday - Feeling very uneasy ... my sister in Cornhill.] Went with her to Market, and afterwards to Mrs Woodhouse's at Kentish Town. Returned to Cornhill to dinner. Reached Brighton at ten o'clock the same evening, and drove over to Lewes in my own chaise which was just in readiness; and reached my own house at eleven.

Aug 10 Busily employed.

Aug 16 [Drove to Brighton; ... imposing.] Drank tea with Chassereau.

Aug 19 Major Elliott of Woolwich and Sir Geo. Shiffner paid me a visit. [Finished six plates ... neighbourhood.]

Aug 21 Drank tea at Mr Baldock's at Malling House. Returned home soon after eleven - a lovely moonlight evening.

Aug 22 Drove Mrs Mantell to Brighton - called on Mr Baldock.

Aug 25 Drank tea at Mr Verrall's at Swanbarrow, Mrs Mantell accompanied me; it was a very fine evening, and the moon's rising just before our return was very grand. After reaching home, was sent for to Mr Bishop's of Malling; drove Mrs Mantell there - returned soon after eleven - a most delightful evening.

Sep 13 Mrs Mantell and my mother went to London in the coach this morning; the former on a visit to her mother Mrs Woodhouse of Kentish Town, and the latter to my sister Mrs West.

Sep 14 Ellen and Walter accompanied me in my chaise to Ranscombe.

Sep 15 Drove Miss Pawrom and Ellen to Brighton: returned soon after eight - a very fine moonlight evening. [Sat up till two ... horrific production.]

Sep 19 Ellen and Walter went with me to Wellingham. Mr Cumberland of Bristol paid me a visit.

Sep 23 My dear Walter and Ellen went with me to Plumpton: Berncastle brought me a very elegant French clock from Paris (price £15).

Sep 24 Drove Ellen and Walter to Ringmer Barracks. Drank tea with Mr Paine in the evening.

Sep 26 Ellen and Walter accompanied me to Brighton.

Oct 2 My boy and girl went with me to Barcombe: on our return narrowly escaped a severe accident.
Oct 4  Met my friend Tilney by appointment in the evening at Brighton and brought him home with me.

Oct 5  Drove Mr Tilney to Ringmer, and went with him to the tabernacle in the evening.

Oct 6  [After visiting ... Beachy Head.] After rambling on the sands, taking leave of my friends etc., Tilney and I returned home reaching Castle Place at half past eight.

Oct 8  Drove Mr Tilney to Barcombe.

Oct 10  Friday. - Mr Tilney left me for London.

[Oct 11-13]
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<td>Thursday. - Went to London by Brighton: arrived at Mr Tilney's soon after nine in the evening.</td>
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<td>Spent the evening at the Geological Society, where I met P. Buckland, Mr Lyell, etc. etc. Had previously visited the College of Surgeons and had a long interview with Mr Clift and Mr Konig. After the meeting was over, went with Mr Relfe to Drury Lane theatre, and was agreeably entertained.</td>
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<td>Went to Hackney with Hannah, in the morning, and visited Loddiges Green Houses etc.; highly pleased with the Palms, Zamia etc. etc. At noon met P. Buckland, Mr Lyell, Clift, and Konig, by appointment, at the College of Surgeons.</td>
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<td>Sunday. - Left London at half past eight this morning, reached Brighton a three, and immediately drove home where I arrived at four; then took my chaise and went to Ringmer, Laughton, etc.. Elected an honorary member of the Portsmouth Philosophical Society.</td>
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[up to 16 March]
Mar 17 Sent a hamper of fossils to the Bristol Institution; and one to the Geological Society.
My friend Mr Tilney left us yesterday: visited Brighton with him on the 16th.
Mar 21 Davies Gilbert Esqe paid me a long visit. Drove Mrs M. to Brighton in the evening. Received a parcel from Dr Fitton. Wrote to Baron Cuvier and Mr. Brongniart.

[Mar 23-25]
Mar 26 Drove with Mr Lee to Cuckfield; visited the quarries at Tilgate Forest; returned home through Brighton: a remarkably fine and mild day for the season.
Mar 28 Wrote to Dr Fitton. Drove with Mrs Mantell to the Rocks at Uckfield.
Mar 30 Mrs Woodhouse paid us a visit. - Received a letter from Mr Lambert, V.P.L.S. [Vice-President of the Lewes Society.]
Mar 31 Drove to Brighton with Mr L. - had a delightful ramble along the shore by moonlight.

Apr 1 Good Friday - very cold.

[Apr 6]
[Apr 7]

Apr 13 Elected Vice President of the Lewes Library Society.
Apr 14 Received fossils from Mr Dikes of Hull.
Apr 20 Drove Joshua to Brighton
Apr 22 A remarkably fine fossil fish found at Southerham.
Apr 26 Drove my mother and Ellen to Brighton.

[Apr 29-30]
[May 1]
May 3 Rode to Brighton; returned late.

[May 9]
May 10 Sent parcels and letters to Mr Dikes, Hull; Rev. Plumptre, Cambridgeshire; Dr Fitton for Mr Conybeare; Mr Lyell etc.
May 11 Rode to Brighton over the hill, and had a pleasant ramble.
May 21 Drove with Mrs R. to the rocks, and from thence to Fletching, Sheffield Place, and home by Chailey. Very showery, but upon the whole very pleasant.

[Jun 1]
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Jun 14 Tuesday. - Visited the exhibition. - Rowed down the river below the tower. Left town for Brighton at three in the afternoon and arrived at Castle Place a little before ten.

Jun 22 [Drove to Eastbourne ... near Seaford.] At a short distance before (page torn).
Jun 23 Mrs Mantell returned home. - At Eastborne I purchased a silver coin of Canute, and one of King John; they were dug up in the neighbourhood.
Jun 25  [Saturday. - Mrs Mantell, ... very frequently.] Called on Mr Fowle at Hove to see some paintings of landscapes he had lately executed. They were very fine, considering the want of opportunity for improvement, (page torn out).

Aug 15  Received the teeth of the Iguanodon, with casts of the same, from Mr Chantrey the Sculptor. Drove to Berwick with Mr Lee. Wrote to L. and Mrs M.

Aug 22  Monday. - A ballad, written a few days since, was published in the Lewes Paper. Yesterday went to Mr Cripps of Novington.

Aug 26  Friday. - Drove to Ringmer, Barcombe, Novington, and Ashcombe. - Very unwell.

Aug 29  "To my Lyre" published in the Lewes Paper. - Drove to Brighton and went to the theatre.

Aug 30  Received a letter from Tilney. - Wrote to Mrs M.

Sep 7  Went to London by the mail; and returned the next day in the afternoon by the coach to Brighton, and from thence drove home. Mrs M. and Walter accompanied me.

Sep 10  Saturday - Drove to Brighton. Called on Dr Birkbeck, Chassereau etc.

[Sep 12]

Sep 17  Drove to Rottingdean, Swanbarrow etc.

Sep 20  Tuesday - Mrs M. accompanied me to Col. Downman's, Major Cator's etc.

Sep 25  Drove to Brighton. Called on Miss Lloyd.


[Oct 3]

[Oct 8]

Oct 12  Rode to Brighton and Rottingdean. - Called on Mr Chantrey at the York Hotel.

Oct 16  Received a letter from Baron Cuvier, with a present of a copy of the new edition of his "Discours sur les Revolutions de la Surface du Globe" etc.

Oct 18  Sent a specimen of Sussex marble, and palates to Mr Chantrey. Wrote yesterday to Dr Birkbeck by Mrs Harvey.

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Nov 5  [Breakfasted with ... Castle Place at 10.] My dear Ellen Maria just recovered from the measles. Received letters from Dr Birkbeck, Mr Gilbert etc.

[Nov 21]

[Nov 25]

[Nov 27]

Nov 30  Sent a parcel by Mr Berncastle to Baron Cuvier and M. Brongniart. Received a packet of Fossils from Steyning, for which I sent 5/-.

[Dec 9-10]

Dec 11  Letters from Mr Lyell, Mrs Relfe; - a packet of shells from the Portsmouth Phil. Society.

[Dec 22]

Dec 23  Breakfasted with Mr Lyell, called on Dr Birkbeck and Mr Relfe, and returned to
Lewes, via Brighton, in the evening.

Dec 26  Drove to Eastbourne, and dined with Mr Davies Gilbert, and returned in the evening - the country around Eastbourne was covered with snow.

[Dec 31]
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[Jun 5]
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Jun 15 Called on Mr Webster, Lyell, Reife etc. Went to Covent Garden theatre in the evening.

Jun 16 Went to the Diorama. - Bullock's Museum etc. - to Drury Lane theatre with H.

[Jun 17]
[Jun 20]

Jul 15 Mrs Mantell recovering from a very dangerous illness. - Mrs and Miss Moore called. - Sent parcels to Baron Cuvier and M. Brongniart by Mr Bernecastle.

Discovered the jaws and teeth of an unknown fish in the chalk.

August

My friend Mr Hawkins of Bignor Park, the Sheriff for Sussex, visited me, during the whole period of his being at Lewes in attendance at the Assizes.

Mr Davies Gilbert, Mr Hawkins, and his Chaplain, and Mr Henry Hoper took coffee with me.

Mrs Mantell confined to her bed for nearly a month.

Mrs Woodhouse visited her daughter. The Races very badly attended.

Aug 11 [Began the M.S.... Tilgate Forest.]

Wrote to Baron Cuvier, Mr Baldock, Lyell, Slight, Brongniart, Hawkins, Mantell, and Miss Benett and Mr Cartwright.

[Sep 1]

Oct 5 [Mrs Mantell returned .... of the affair].

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friend Woollgar, at Brighton; and returned home by nine o'clock.

Oct 19 Friday. - Rode to Brighton with my sweet Hannah; returned late in the evening. [Wrote to ... Hannah Russell.]

Oct 23 Sunday. Wrote to Mr Hawkins, Mr Cartwright etc. The troop of Artillery returned last Thursday.

Oct 24 Monday. - Drove to Brighton with intention to go to Town by Mail, but was disappointed, and returned home by Moon's cart.

[Oct 25]

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Oct 29 [Wrote to mr Baron Graham ... Hannah Russell.]

Received a letter from Miss Benett; Mr Rd. Weekes, and Mr Borrer of Hurst called on me.

[Oct 30]

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Nov 20
Received letters from Mrs Goodson, my sister Hannah, Mr Lyell etc.
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four celebrated Germans of the name of Herrmann (brothers) from Munich Cathedral, at the Star Assembly Rooms.

Nov 29
Went to London, by Brighton. Called on Relfe, and corrected several proofs of my work on Tilgate Forest; slept at my sister’s near Portman Square.

[Nov 30]
[Dec 1]
Took a coach to my sister Hannah’s at Peckham; returned to Relfe’s.

[Dec 3]

Dec 4
Sent all the plates for my new work to Mr Relfe by the Van.

Dec 5
Received to my great surprise a letter from Mrs ----; replied to it this evening.

Dec 8
Friday. - Received a copy of my work on the Fossils of Tilgate Forest, from my publisher Mr Relfe. A packet of fossils from Amberley Castle.

[Dec 14]
[Dec 19]

Dec 20
Drove to Brighton.

[Dec 25]
[Dec 30]
1827

Jan 1 Mr Phillips of Brighton called on me, requesting my assistance in a literary newspaper. Attended the inquest on Mr Charles Hillman, who died suddenly yesterday morning.

Jan 5 Friday. - Drove to Brighton; arrived there at half past seven in the morning. Called on Wright respecting a truss; returned home by eleven o’clock.

Jan 8 Mr Handey, an old acquaintance of mine, who was a student at St. Bartholomew’s with me, paid me a visit; his little boy accompanied him.

Jan 9 Mr Hawkins called on me on his way home from Eastbourne.

10 Mr Doyle came.

Jan 16 Mr Handey left us.

Jan 20 [The shops closed ... Duke of York.] Yesterday Major Baldock of the Hussars visited me.

Feb 15 [Went to London] called on my sister Hannah at Peckham, and accompanied her to Drury Lane theatre, and saw Kean in King Lear.

Feb 16 Anniversary of the Geological Society. Dined with the Fellows at the Free Mason’s Tavern; and afterwards went to the Society’s house in Bedford St. Covent Garden: called on Mr Lyell who was confined to his room by illness.

[Jan 17-19] [Feb 26]

Mar 28 Wednesday. - Drove to Brighton in the morning and returned in the afternoon.

Mar 29 Drove to Brighton in the afternoon with Mr Lee; drank tea with Mr Chassereau; walked on the Chain Pier - returned home soon after ten o’clock.

Mr Jervoise, and Mr Hall, son of Sir Jas. Hall of Edinburgh, called on me last week.

April 12 Mr and Mrs Relfe and child paid us a visit.

Apr 14 Went to Brighton with all the family. Called on Mrs K. and settled her account.

Apr 15 Sunday. - Spent the day with my family.

Apr 16 Mrs Relfe left us.

Apr 17 Drove to Pevensey Castle with Mrs M.; returned home by seven in the evening.

Apr 19 Sir John Burrows paid me a visit.

Apr 23 Monday. - Drove to Brighton in the afternoon and returned home late.

Apr 25 Mrs Woodhouse, Mrs Mantell’s mother paid us a visit.

May 30 My dear Ellen’s birthday; all the family went to Brighton; took tea in Ireland’s gardens, and returned late at night.

Jun 10 Drove to Brighton to meet my sister Hannah.

Jun 11 Mrs R. paid us a visit; drove her over to Brighton. Mr Murchison and Mr Sowerby paid me a visit on the 3rd.

Jun 14 Drove to Brighton; spent the evening with Mrs Relfe. A gentleman of the name of Smithson from Yorkshire, drove from Brighton to visit me.

[Jun 20]

[Jun 22]
Jun 23 A parcel from D. Gilbert Esqre.

Jul 20 Sent off a box of fossils for Dr Buckland to Oxford.
Jul 21 Sent two large Hampers full of fossils to Mr Featherstonhaugh.
Jul 22 Sent copies of my Geological Essay on the Rape of Bramber to Mr Davies Gilbert, Mr Hawkins etc.
Jul 23 Drove to Brighton with my boy.
Jul 24 Sent off a packet of books to Mr Wood of the Strand.
Sent a parcel of books to the Literary Institution of Canterbury of which I have this week been elected an honorary member.
Jul 31 Tuesday. - Drove with my dear boy to Brighton Races; visited a menagerie: took tea with Mr Chassereau and returned home early. Dr Hopkins and his lady, from London, visited us yesterday.
Aug 01 Sent a parcel to the Earl of Egremont, Dr Hopkins etc.
Aug 03 Attended a poor fellow who was dreadfully injured by a fall of chalk at Bridgwick: he died while we were attempting to convey him into the town. [The Earl of Egremont ... me.]
Aug 05 Letters from Dr Buckland, Mr Featherstonhaugh, Hawkins, Davies, Gilbert etc.
Aug 13 Mr Davies Gilbert, Drewett, Tompkins Mayor of Arundel, etc. etc. called on me.
Aug 17 Drove to the Broad to Mr Cumberbatch's; collected some fossil plants in a sandpit, on the roadside leading to Chiddingly.
Aug 20 Thursday Drove to Brighton with Walter; called on Mr Chassereau. Dined yesterday at Mr Scobell's in Southover with a large party. Made preparations for leaving home tomorrow morning ... to Swindon.
Sept 06 Thursday - Received a note from Mr Featherstonhaugh; drove over to Brighton to see him. Went to the Custom House for an Iguana he had brought me from M. Cuvier. Drank tea with my friend Chassereau, returned home by nine o'clock.
Sept 18 Tuesday. - Went to Cuckfield and Lindfield with my little boy Walter and Mr Lee. Visited all the quarries, and made a large collection of fossils; returned home by half past eight o'clock.
Sept 21 Sheep fair. Mrs M. walked with me to the Wallends.
Sept 23 Sunday afternoon. Went to Brighton - dined with Mr Chassereau; [went to London - Mrs Relfe.]
Sept 24 ... went to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Apothecaries Hall etc.
Oct 1  Drove to Tilgate Forest on a visit to Mr Deacle; returned to Hurstpierpoint and took tea with my friend Mr Weekes and reached home soon after nine.

Oct 3  Drove my darling child Hannah to Worthing with Mr Deacle; where she is to remain a short time.

[Oct 4]

Oct 7  Dined at General Trovers with Lord and Lady Dacre, Lord Lyndoch etc. - but was too ill to enjoy myself.

[Oct 8]

[Oct 16]

Oct 17  My sweet Hannah Matilda met me with Mrs Deacle at Brighton, and I brought her home in a fly. Received a packet of fossils from London, purchased at the sale of the late Mr Parkinson's collection.

[Dec 10]

Dec 14  Friday. - My friend Mr Lyell visited me. All my children ill with Hooping Cough.

[Dec 15]

Dec 16  Drove Mr Lyell to the Rocks at Uckfield; and had a most delightful and interesting journey.

[Dec 18-19]
[Dec 30-31]
1828

Jan 26  Yesterday afternoon went to London by Brighton to see Mrs Mantell, arrived at her mother’s in Kentish Town at ten o’clock. Left her this morning at ten, with my brother Joshua; visited the Geological Society’s rooms in Oxford Street, Covent Garden, and inspected the wonderful remains brought by Mr Crawford from Ava. They consist of vast quantities of silicified bones, teeth etc. of Mastodons, Crocodiles, Mammoths, Rhinoceroses etc., plates of turtle; vegetables etc., bearing in appearance and mode of petrifaction a striking analogy to the Tilgate fossils. Called on Mr Lawrence the Surgeon. Left London at two, and reached Castle Place at nine.

Jan 29  Sent the Case book of the Royal Ordnance Hospital to Sir John Webb, and thus ends my military appointment. Received a splendid collection of fossils from Devonshire from Mr Higginson. Purchased an Autograph of Napoleon Buonaparte.

[Mar 25]

Mar 31  Monday. - Re-elected Surgeon of Saint John’s Parish for the 17th time. [In the afternoon ... discovered.]

Apr 2  Drove to Fletching; attended a sale in the Park and purchased a horse. A parcel from Dr Jaeger of Stuttgart. During the last month have been several times to Eastbourne to visit a patient in consultation with Mr Rankin; and to the Hon. C. Jenkinson to visit a patient with a surgeon in the neighbourhood of the name of Covey, at Buxted.

May 30  Went to London by the Mail at night, spent one day in Town and returned home the next night. Called on Dr Fitton: obtained specimens of the Fossils brought home from Ava by Mr Crawford, who was the leader of the Mission to the King of the Burmese. Saw Martin’s magnificent picture of the “Fall of Nineveh”.

Sunday  Drove to Brighton in the evening.

Monday  Went with Mrs Mantell to Alfriston, Ratton, Southbourne, Hailsham, and returned by Ringmer late in the evening.

Jun 7  Drove with Mr Lee to Steyning and collected a fine suite of fossil Zosterae etc. etc. Wrote to Mr Crawford, Hawkins, Sir Thos. Mantell etc.

[Jun 23-28]

Jun 29  Mr L. improving; wrote to Dr Yeats, Mr Lawrence, Cooley, Miller etc.

Jul 5  Mr Doyle, my assistant, left me.

Jul 7  Mr Hawkins and family called on his way to Littlehampton from Eastbourne.

Jul 8  Wrote to Mr and Mrs Woodhouse.

Jul 9  Mr Clark (an assistant) came to me. In the evening drove to Brighton with Miss Johnson and my dear Ellen.

Aug 1  Mr Miller - and Aug 11th - Mr Merry came.

[Sept 29]

Oct 3  Drove with Mrs M. to Seaford, Southbourne, etc. and returned in the evening. Met Mr Langham on the hill near Beachy Head, in his carriage with Mr Jones Burdett. Called on Mr Booth, Mrs Gilbert, and Mr Thomas of Ratton.

Oct 5  Sunday. - Went to Glyndbourne in the morning; in the afternoon drove to Brighton and saw Mr Lawrence. Wrote to Sir James L. and Mr John Relfe.

Oct 8  Wednesday. - Sir James Langham called on me in the afternoon. Mr L. was almost well, and went to Southbourne this morning.

Oct 9  Drove to Brighton; wrote to Mr G. Woodhouse.
Oct 10  Wrote to Jno. Relfe respecting Lupton's affairs.

Oct 16 Visited Mr Langham at Glyndbourne; found him going on well. Wrote to Sir Jas. Langham, Dr Yeats, Mr Woodhouse and Relfe. Was at Brighton on Tuesday, and sent a parcel to Mrs D: Mr Lee accompanied me, returned late.

Oct 17 Sent to Dr Fitton the "Catalogue of Sussex Fossils" and three German works he had lent me. Wrote to Dr Price and Walter Russell, Esq. M.P. Mr Rickwood called on me.

Oct 20 Monday. - Went to Brighton with Mrs Mantell, Mr Richd Weekes joined us. Called on Mr Dick at Port-hall; walked to the Chalybeate; drank tea with Mr Chassereau; went to the theatre and saw Clari and Peter Wilkins - returned home at two in the morning.

Oct 22 Visited Glyndbourne, Sir James Langham and Mr L. - Received a letter from Mrs D.

[Oct 23]
[Oct 27]

Oct 28 Drove to Brighton - walked to Mr Dick's and returned home with Mrs M. and Ellen in the evening.

Oct 30 Went to Ratton to visit Miss Thomas.

[Oct 31]

Nov 1 Went to Ratton to visit Miss Thomas.

Nov 3 Again visited Miss Thomas at Ratton, Mrs Booth and Mr Langham. - Wrote to Sir Jas. Langham, Lord Kenyon etc.

[Nov 4]

Nov 5 Rode to Chailey in the morning, afterwords drove to mr Thomas' at Ratton - and Eastbourne - reached home at seven o'clock. Wrote to Sir Jas. Langham.

[Nov 6]

Nov 11 Visited Miss Thomas, Mrs Booth, and Mr L.

Nov 13 Thursday. - Drove to Ratton - on my arrival Miss Thomas was dead, but Mr Long had neglected to send me word; went on to Southbourne, and visited a patient with Mr Sinnock.

[Nov 14-15]

Nov 16 Dr Y. left us; received a letter from Mrs D.

Nov 19 Sir Jas. L. at Glyndbourne; I was prevented from waiting on him by a case of midwifery. Wrote to Lord Kenyon and Honble Mr Lloyd Kenyon.

Nov 20 Thursday - Drove with Mr Lee to Hailsham, and Southbourne: visited Mr Burdett, and Mrs Booth: returned home at nine; then dressed and went to the Assembly. Sent letters to Honble Mr Kenyon and Lord K. - Mr Relfe and Mrs W. -

Nov 25 My Mother's birthday - at 73. She spent the day with us. Went to Brighton with Mrs M. Letters from Lord K.

Nov 26 Wrote to Sir Jas. Langham, Mr Burdett and Lord Kenyon.

Nov 29 Sir James Langham called on me and conversed with me nearly two hours.

[Nov 30]

[Dec 1-2]

Dec 3 Mr Weekes visited us. In the afternoon visted a petient at Maresfield with Mr Coney.
Dec 4  
Drove Mr Weekes to Brighton.

Dec 5  
Went to Mr Thomas's of Ratton, and to Mr Burdett's at Southbourne; called on Mr Gilbert where I met a large party assembled to celebrate his son's birthday. Walked with Mr Langham on the lawn and left a letter for him from Lord K. - A fine display of fireworks took place. Left Eastbourn at nine and reached Lewes soon after eleven.

Dec 6  
Went to Uckfield in the afternoon while my horse baited; rambled to the rocks; returned home at nine.

Dec 7  
Wrote to Lord K., Sir James L., Mr Martin and Mr Weekes.

Dec 9  
Tuesday - Drove to Brighton.

Dec 10  
Visited Col. Downman at Brighton.

Dec 11  
Mrs M. Went to Brighton and attended the Opera in the evening with Mr Weekes and Miss Bollings.

Dec 12  
Went to Ringmer and Barcombe.

Dec 13  
Saturday - Went to the Opera with Miss Bolling: returned home at one.

Dec 15  
Monday - Went to Brighton and returned at half past nine. Visited Mr Burdett at Southbourne: Lupton Relfe accompanied me: did not return till nearly nine o'clock.

Dec 17  
Wednesday - Relfe left us early this morning; in the afternoon drove to Brighton and went to the Theatre to see Miss Foote in the School for Scandal.

[Dec 18]  
Met Mr Robt. Scarlett, whom I had not seen for many years. [Three celts and a brass handle of some instrument were dug up on Alfriston hill and brought to me.] in book.

Friday 19  
Mrs M. went to Brighton to the Theatre; in the evening I joined her; saw Miss Foote in the Weathercock; returned home soon after twelve.

Dec 20  
Wrote to Lord K. and Sir J. Langham.

[Dec 21]  
[Dec 23]

Dec 25  
Christmas Day. - Went to Southbourne with my three children - very unwell.

[Dec 30]

Dec 31  
Mr Weekes paid us a visit. Still very unwell.  
[At the close ... happy one.]
1829

[Jan 6]

[Feb 3-4]

Feb 5 Visited a patient at Jevington: did not reach home till midnight.

Feb 9 Again went to Jevington. [A few days since ... a week afterwards.]

Feb 10 Received a letter from Lord K. dated St. Albans.

Feb 12 Sent it to Sir Jas. L. - received an answer the same day.

Feb 13 My dear wife left us at seven this morning for London. Wrote to Lord K. and Sir James L. Yesterday went to Brighton with Mr Lee, and called on Mr Chassereau.

Mar 12 Mrs M. returned home from London in the evening visited Mrs Lowdell.

[Mar 25]

Apr 15 Received a box containing models of 70 fossils of the Paris Museum from Baron Cuvier. Went to London. Breakfasted with my friend Mr Lyell; dined at Freemason's Tavern with Dr Buckland, Mr Warburton etc. In the evening attended the meeting of the Geological Society. The following morning went to the College of Surgeons with Mr Lyell; returned to Lewes the same day.

Apr 28 Received a letter from Sir Jas. Langham; replied to it the following day.

[Apr 30]

Sent a box of fossils to Baron Cuvier by Newhaven; wrote to M. Cuvier and Mr Pentland. My health still most indifferent. In book. [A neat iron railing was placed over the graves of my father and mother, and a yew tree, a few rose trees, and spring flowers were planted within the area. The incumbent Peter Crofts!!! was pleased to take great offence at this, and compelled me to take up the yew tree, allowing the railing to remain as a great favour - so much for priestly pride, arrogance, and utter want of taste and every finer feeling. Talk of catholic intolerance what can exceed this protestant overbearing spirit - and in 1829 too!] in book.

May 1 [A very cold ... extreme.] Sent a box to Canterbury on Monday last to the Literary Institution.

June 16 Rev. W. Kirby, the author of Elements of Entomology, a gentleman of high character in the literary world paid me a visit; in the evening drank tea with him at Mr Gear's. Busily employed in superintending the erection of Cabinets in my new room. - Received a set of casts of the Avo fossils from the Council of the Geological Society of London. Also a present from Mr Murchison and Dr Buckland of casts of a femur and phalangeal bone of the Iguanodon.

Jun 21 Wrote to Dr Buckland. Received a letter from Lady Langham. On the 12th went to Tilgate Forest - and on the 19th to Steyning with Mr Chassereau.

[Aug 5]

Aug 6 Went to the Race Assembly ball.

Aug 11 Drove Mrs M. to Tilgate Forest; returned home at five - my little boy's birthday.

Aug 20 Sent my Catalogue of Sussex Fossils to Mr Brode. Secretary Geol. Society, to be printed. Last evening drove Mr Grantham to Brighton - took coffee and returned early.

Sept 16 A large party to tea and supper in the Museum.

[Sept 17]

Sept 22 Mrs Constable and a party visited us. Mrs Stone, Mrs Sober and family, Dr Glasspool, Mr Saull of London, Mr and Mrs Gear etc. called to see the Museum. Wrote to Dr Fleming, Mr Pentland etc.
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<td>Friday - Received from M. Constant prevost by Prof. Sedgwick, part of the jaws of a Paleotherium from Montmorency. A beautiful series of rock specimens from Mr Bakewell; and a box of fossils from the Alps, from Dr Jaeger of Stuttgard, Wirtemburg.</td>
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<td>Went to Marwell; by Southampton Coach to Fareham, and from the latter a servant drove me in the chaise a long rough miserable journey of fifteen miles: arrived soon after five. The weather very cold and severe. Tuesday Spent at Marwell: the weather too cold and the roads too bad to get out.</td>
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<td>Rose at six o'clock; reached Fareham by half past nine: drank tea with my friend Mr Chassereau at Brighton, and reached home soon after eight.</td>
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<td>Dec 19</td>
<td>Breakfasted with Mr Lyell; then went to the College of Surgeons, where I met Dr Buckland, and Mr Clift. Examined the skulls and skeletons of the foxes etc., and after lunching with Mr Clift and Mr Abernethy Junr went to Scharf's and again inspected the fossil fox. In the evening went with Mr Handey to Drury Lane, saw the Brigand and Masieneol. The spectacle very fine.</td>
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<td>Dec 20</td>
<td>Although very unwell I arose at eight, and accompanied Mr Lyell in a Cab to Hampstead, and breakfasted with Mr Bakewell. At noon we drove to Mr Stoke's in Gray's Inn Lane and examined his wonderful collection; then went to Mr Murchison's where we met Professor Sedgwick. At two we returned to Waterloo Bridge and I was so unwell that I remained at Handey's the remainder of the day, and went to my Hotel early.</td>
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1830

[Jan 1] Letters from my friend Mr Lyell, and Walter Burrell, M.P. [Mr Bakewell's notice ... Geological Society.]

Feb 2 Till this time have been incessantly engaged in my profession and with my accounts. Today had a party of gentlemen to Dinner on Venison which Mr Walter Burrell had sent me.

[Mar 1]

Mar 3 Drove to Brighton all alone and met Sir Jas. Langham: returned by ten.

Mar 6 Drove Chassereau to Glyndbourne, and Laughton, collected Sussex marble; went to St. John's Church, visited my mother's grave. - In the evening W. Lee and ourselves chatted again till midnight.

Mar 7 [Chassereau ... a comet.] Letter from Pentland. Wrote to Relfe at Capes. Spent two hours with Sir J.L. at Glyndbourne and took my leave of him. Mr L. still very distraite.

Mar 11 [Heard from my excellent ... opinions.] Letter from Dr Fitton who intends to come down for a few days to compare his Maestricht fossils with the chalk of Sussex. Shall enjoy his visit very much. Packed up a box of chalk fossils for Dr Fleming and a hamper of Tilgate and chalk specimens for Geo. Sowerby. Parcel from Relfe yesterday. Poor Hannah talks of coming down in a fortnight.

Mar 20 [Drove to Preston ... Brongniart etc.]

Apr 6 Drove to Hurst with my poor Hannah; the old batchelor not at home; rambled over his garden and green-house; strolled about the village and returned home to dinner. [Sent to Mr Murchison ... to be bound.] Received a work on the Geology of Alsace from M. Voltze; and skeletons from Guy's Hospital and Brooke's sale; the former admirable - the latter very much decayed. [Very much engage ... powers?]

May 1 [But a sorry ... dwindling away.] Last week went to Newhaven, and to Seaford, and Brighton with Mr Langham. Rev. Mr Green of Rustington paid us a visit. [Drove to Preston ... Brongniart etc.]

May 3 Wrote to Mr Lyell, Stokes, Dr Hodgkin, and Relfe. [Almost twelve years ... seriously ill.]

May 20 Went an airing with Mr Langham to Laughton.

May 21 Sir James L. and Mr Jones Burdett at Glyndbourne: Spent some hours with them.

May 25 Accompanied Mr L. to Brighton, and returned home at nine. Wrote yesterday to Mrs D., Mr Hume, Mr P., Mr Pentland, Kezia, Sir Thos. Mantell and my uncle. The King very ill - cannot live long.

May 29 Lord Viscount Cole paid me a visit: his lordship spent the evening with me and we sat up till after midnight chatting on geological subjects. He has lately visited the caves at Gaylenreuth (? Gailenreuth) with Sir Phillip Egerton and has literally
cleared the caverns of all their exuviae except what may be imbedded in stalactite. His Lordship left us on Sunday morning.

May 30

My dear Ellen Maria's 12th birthday; which she spent at home with her sister and brothers. [Worried to death... after all].

June 1

To Glyndbourne. Miss Burdett (sister of Sir Francis Burdett) paid us a visit with my patient Mr Langham, and after gossiping two hours returned to Glyndbourne.

June 2

[Drove Mrs Mantell ... the Pier]. In the meantime Mrs M. accompanied Miss Burdett in her carriage to Kemp Town and afterwards dined with her. Returned home before ten - a very lovely moonlight evening. Mr Thomas of Ratton called yesterday. Heard from my friend Lyell today and Mr Pentland. Baron Cuvier has given me a cast of the celebrated Maestricht monitor figured by Faujas St. Fond.

June 3

[Sir Thomas and Lady Mantell ... 50 years]. Went to Glyndbourne and visited Miss Burdett.

June 5

Sir Thomas and Lady Mantell left us for Ringwood in Hants. Paid a visit (with Mrs M.) to Miss Burdett at Glyndbourne.

[June 7]

June 9

Rose early, went to Bromley: saw my poor sister Kezia, arranged my business with her and returned to Relfe's by three in the afternoon. Met my cousin George there. Went to Somerset house; called on Mr Lyell spent the evening with him.

June 10

Breakfasted with Mr Lyell, where my cousin joined me. [Went in search ... home by nine].

June 11

Went to Glyndbourne and afterwards to Brighton and called on Sir Jas. L.

June 12

Went to Brighton with Mr Langham in his carriage; took tea with Sir James and returned in the evening. Wrote to Mr Lyell.

June 21

Drove to Brighton with Ellen and Mrs M. Went with Mr L. - and dined with him: returned hom in the rain, late. Purchased shells at the Market.

[June 23]

June 24

My cousin George Mantell and 3 of his boys came to see us from Farringdon in Berkshire. Wrote to Dr Buckland, Fitton, Relfe, Lady Mantell etc.

June 25

George, his boys, Mrs M. and our little folks went to Brighton; drank tea in the Gardens and returned late in the evening. I went to Shoreham.

June 26

Went to Newhaven; collected Alumine and Shells at Castle Hill. Drank tea at the Ship, and returned in a very heavy shower of rain at ten.

June 27

My cousin accompanied me to Glyndbourne and Glynd. In the evening walked round the Town.

June 28

My cousin, Mrs M. etc. went to Eastbourn and spent the day there.

June 29

Drove to Brighton with my cousin; the weather still very wet. [On Saturday received ... Pyrenees].

June 30

Dr Fitton came on a visit from his seat, Braysed Park. His Maestricht fossils had been sent here previously; the object of his visit was to compare the shells etc. with those of the Chalk in my Collection. Dr F. drank tea and spent the evening with me.

[July 1 & 2]

July 3

Constantly engaged in my profession and in assisting with Dr Fitton.

July 4

Drove Dr F. to Glyndbourne; in the evening as usual with him till midnight.

July 5

Dr F. left this afternoon. My cousin and his boys and my sister went off to
Brighton; we then took a fly and went to Steyning. Collected a great many chalk fossils; went and examined the beautiful Norman arches in the church ascended the mound of Bramber Castle. Arrived home at eleven.

July 6

Miserably wet and unable to get out anywhere. My cousin employed in looking over my Musee and books.

[July 7]

July 8

Thursday - My cousin and his three boys left us this morning at seven for London, in his one horse chaise. Excessively wet and stormy. Wrote to Relfe, Sowerby, Mr Cartwright, and Gibbs. A fine Roman brass celt was found near the Racecourse.

July 9

Dined with Mr Langham at Glyndbourne and accompanied him in his carriage to Brighton: returned home at nine.

[July 13]

July 14

Went to Brighton and visited Sir Jas. Langham; Mr Lee accompanied me. [Very unwell- exertion].

July 15

[The shops closed .... Master!] Wrote to Dr Fitton: went to Glyndbourne in the evening.

[July 22]

July 23

Went to Glyndbourne and Offham: in the afternoon visited Lady Langham at Brighton. Dined with Dr King in Regency Square.

July 24

Went to Glyndbourne to meet Sir Jas. L. and afterwards to Brighton; Mrs M. and the children accompanied me. Returned soon after ten. Wrote to Baron Cuvier, Dr Fleming, Sir T. Mantell etc. Sent boxes of fossils to professor Goldfuss, Dr Van Hees at Maestrich, Dr Fleming and Lord Cole and Dr Buckland.

July 25

Sunday - Accompanied Sr James L. to Brighton and returned in the evening.

[July 26]

July 27

[An inquest ... election]. Parcel from my friend Dr Fitton.

[July 30 & 31]

[Aug 2]

Aug 3

The Earl of Egremont called on me: drove to Brighton in the evening and visited Lady Langham.

[Aug 4]

Aug 5

Mrs M. and Walter started by the coach for Hastings, on their way to Dover. In the evening to Brighton as usual.

[Sunday 8 Aug]

[Wednesday 11 Aug]

Aug 14

Letter from Mrs M. announcing her intended departure for London this day. [Yesterday we ... produces the leap].

[Aug 15]

Aug 16

[Rose at 7 ... unusual with me]. Mrs M. joined Walter and me at the Panorama: we then went to the Geological Society, saw Lonsdale and looked at some fine fossils etc. - Went to Relfe’s: left Town a little before four, and after a dull ride reached Brighton at nine, in the midst of an illumination in honor of the first visit of the King William IV. I called on Sir James L., and then drove home, arriving at Castle Place soon after eleven.

Aug 20

Friday. - Mrs Mantell and Walter returned home by the late coach.
Aug 22  Have been to Brighton every day the last week. Dr Broughton of the Guards called on me.

Aug 23  Lady Gage, Lady Shelley, Mr and Mrs Barlow, Mrs Crofts etc. etc. etc. called and inspected the Museum. Drove to Brighton and afterwards to Glyndbourne.

[Aug 30]

Aug 31  Visited Sir James Langham at Brighton. The King and Queen were taking an airing in an open carriage: saw them several times.

Sep 1  Again at Brighton: saw their Majesties in their carriage: Mrs M. and Reginald accompanied me. Received a letter from Sir Thomas Mantell. The weather remarkably fine.

[Sep 6]

[Sep 18]

[Oct 2]

Oct 22  [The King and Queen visited Lewes ... 'take them, take them'.] Mr Bakewell visited me yesterday. [Miss L. Glyndbourne.]

Oct 23  Went to Brighton, and dined with Mr Bakewell.

Oct 25  Called on Mr Behnes the Sculptor, who is executing a bust of the Duke of Cambridge.

Visitors very numerous to the Museum.

Wrote to my friend Lyell.

Friday

Went to Brighton by the Coach. Called on Mr Brooks etc.

Nov 8  Wrote to Sir Henry Halford. To Sir A. Cooper on Friday. Went to Brighton last Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. [The weather ... endurance!]

Nov 11  Drove to Glyndbourne ... frame could bear.] Left Glyndbourne at half past nine - Visited old Mr Lee who had been seized with a fit the day before. Am very unwell with my old complaint.

Nov 12  To Glyndbourne etc. Parcel from Mr Saull Went to see a Menagerie with Col. Downman's Lady and children. A fine Elephant, Lions and Tiger. Sir Henry Halford returned to London at eight this morning.

Nov 15  Letters and parcels from my friend Mr Lyell.

Nov 17  [Confined to bed ... all day.] My brother-in-law James Woodhouse came to see us for the first time these six years.

[Nov 18-19]

[Nov 25]

Nov 26  Friday. Miss Johnson left us this day. After visiting Glyndbourne, went on to Uckfield to visit a patient with Mr Covey. Yesterday received a present from Miss Benett - a specimen of Mantellia from Portland; also fossils from Scarborough. My Hannah Matilda eight years old on the 24th; celebrated it as usual by a juvenile party.

[On Monday last ... wool-sack]

[Nov 28-29]

Nov 30  Drove to Glyndbourne but still very unwell.

Dec 1  [The Duke of Sussex ... accept it.] Received a letter from Sir Henry Halford yesterday.

Dec 12  Mrs M. and Ellen went to London. [Drove to Cuckfield ... always found it.]

Dec 15  My friend Chassereau came over and is to stay with me a day or two. Wrote last week a Review of Cartwright's History of Sussex for Lee's paper. Wrote to Sir H. Halford, Sir John Webb, Woolwich, etc., and Dr Murray of Scarborough.
Dec 18 Received a letter from Sir H. Halford, and Lady Mantell. Our Assizes on Monday next. The weather extremely cold and severe. My health much better. Heard from my friend Lyell, who is just off to Scotland. [Brookes the artist ... preserved.]

[Dec 31]
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January

[Began ... and pence.]

[Jan 9]

[Jan 15]

Jan 16

[Sir Henry ... on the mind.] Sir Henry left Glyndbourne soon after three, and I drove on to Norlington, Riders Wells, etc., and reached home at five. Very tired: enjoyed Moore's 2 vol. of Byron, till bedtime.

Jan 17

Sir James and Miss H. Langham called and visited the Museum.

Jan 18

Mr Trotter of Board Hill near Cuckfield, with two ladies called on Mrs M.

[Jan 19 & Jan 24]

[Jan 28 - 29]

[Feb 3]

[Feb 8]

[Feb 17-18]

Feb 19

Mr Rd Weekes came to see us last night and left today. Finished my little Pamphlet on the King's visit to Lewes.

[Feb 21]

[Mar 9]

[Mar 11]

Mar 10

[Busily employed ... tomorrow.] Met Mr Brown, and Mr Blackman, at the house of the latter in the evening.

[Mar 11]

[Apr 19]

Apr 20

Wednesday. - Rose soon after four, and with my hammer in hand, strolled along the beach to Shakespeare's Cliffe and returned along the cliff to the Town. Breakfasted with Sir Thomas, looked over his library and antiquities. Visited the fortifications, and the Castle. Strolled along the beach, and collected some chalk fossils. In the evening went on board the packets which had just arrived from France.

[Apr 22 - Friday]

Apr 23

Saturday - Went to Kentish Town, to Mrs Mantell who was with her mother: returned to London; called on Relfe, and at Somerset House. [Left London with Mrs Mantell ... last night.]

May 1

Sunday - So much engaged since my return home that I am quite worn out with fatigue and anxiety and vexation. - The election took place on Friday; Sir John Shelley having declined, Mr Kemp and Sir C.R. Blunt were returned. A beautiful day; the procession was very fine.

May 2

The garlands less numerous and beautiful than usual, although there are flowers in profusion. [My little narrative ... Sir Herbert.] Drove Mrs M. to Col. downman's, Lady Langham's, and Glynd: a most beautiful day. My friend Mr Lyell came to see me last Sunday week, but returned on Tuesday.

May 9

[Attended the funeral ... out of sorts.] Wrote to Lord Egremont, Mr Relfe, my Uncle etc.

May 10

Received a letter from Sir Herbert Taylor announcing the presentation of my books to Her Majesty and the Princes.
May 11
Wednesday. - Sent an elegant copy of my "Narrative of the visit to Lewes" to Sir H. Taylor for His Majesty. Went to Brighton - drank (words blotted out). Called on Mr Horatio Smith.

May 12
A warm beautiful day. Busily employed as usual.

May 13
[Letter from Sir H. Taylor ... gratified with it.] My friend Lyell's Uncle, Rev. T. Smith called on me, and went to the Castle to sketch the Ouse for Mr Lyell. [Tired and spiritless ... forgotten quite!]
Wrote to Sir H. Halford and Sir Geo. Toothill.

[May 21]

May 22
Sunday - My friend wrote several pages in his book; in the evening we walked round the Walloons and home through the Paddock.

May 23
Monday - Rose at four; accompanied by Mr Lyell drove to Pounceford; visited the pits and returned to the valley where the sandstone and limestone are dug; and followed the course of the rivulet for nearly two miles: the banks exposing in a most interesting manner the various dislocations of the strata, and the stream in some places having laid bare portions of the Shelley shale, enabled us to obtain some good examples of the shells. After a delightful and most interesting examination we drove to Heathfield, ascended the monument, and had a charming view of the surrounding country. We reached home at six in the evening. After tea rambled with my friend thro' the grove, and by Winterbourne stream.

May 23
Mr Lyell left me by the coach at nine this morning. Dr Henry (the chemist) of Manchester visited me this evening.

May 28
Saturday - Drove to Brighton with Mr Grantham in the afternoon: rambled on the terrace; called on Mr Freeman etc.

May 30
My sweet Ellen Maria's birthday. Mrs M. and children went to Hurst to spend the day with Mr Weekes where I joined them with Mr Phillips in the afternoon. Had a delightful stroll with Mr Phillips to Danney where we met our party and returned to Mr Weekes' to dinner. A beautiful and lovely evening: drove home at ten.

June 1
Wednesday - Drove to Steyning; walked to Wiston, a most glorious evening; the views and scenery most grand and delightful imaginable; the house a fine remnant of the time of Q. Elizabeth. [Took tea at ... corpse.]
Collected fossils from the quarrymen but nothing of much interest. Back to Brighton by eight, and after spending an hour with my friend Chassereau returned home by ten.

[June 3]

June 4
Saturday - Mr Phillips joined me at six in the morning and we had a gossip till breakfast; drove him to Glyndbourne - dined with me; went to Brighton and examined the Cliffs at Rottingdean and after spending several happy hours left him at the Inn and returned home soon after eleven.

[June 15]

June 18
[Tired and spiritless ... none intrudes"] Wrote to Sir Henry Halford.
(Pages torn out)

[June 30]

July 1
[Mr Trotter ... been mine.] Wrote to Sir H. Halford and Sir Geo. Toothill.

July 8
(page torn) forgotten it already!
Yet still sweet Hope! with thee resides the light
That pours remotest rapture on the sight
Thine is the charm of life's bewildered way
That calls each slumbering passion into play!

July 9
My wife's birthday!
Drove to Brighton (took my friend Chassereau)
(Pages torn out)
July 23
[Rose at four ... in the afternoon.]
In the evening it poured in torrents: (Lines blotted out)
For they who have loved the fondest the purest
Too often have wept o'er the dream they believed
(speed, the girls heedlessly crossing the course as the horses were coming in.
Went to the theatre with my little folks and Mrs M.

Aug 8
Monday - In the morning drove to Glynd, and Glyndbourne. [In the afternoon ... as it sailed by.]
Went to the White Horse and completed my business with Doyle.
I think it is MacKenzie who says “such actions may be called perhaps they are weaknesses here, yet I cannot but think there may be a state in which they will be deemed virtues”.

Aug 9
Tuesday - M. Boue called on me from Paris. My friend Chassereau dined with me and returned to Brighton.

Aug 10

Aug 11
[Reginald’s fourth birthday ... hydrargyri.]
Received parcels of fossils from Mr Saull, and a few teeth of the Mososaurus from prof. Goldfuss.

Sep 12
In the afternoon drove Mrs Mantell to Hurst and drank tea with Mr Weekes; met Mr and Mrs Borer and Miss Locke; returned at nine.

Sep 13
Mr Josias Relfe unexpectedly visited us; drove Hannah and Mrs M. to Brighton (half page torn away) with Phillips to Cuckfield; obtained a few fossils (all the best poached by Mr Trottery. Returned to Chailey; took tea with Mr Grantham and after a delightful drive returned home by nine.

Sep 16
Friday - Drove to Brighton very late; spent a pleasant hour; rambled on the pier and returned by eleven.

Sep 17
Took Mrs Mantell and Hannah to Glyndbourne and afterwards went on to Eaton’s Green and examined the strata cut through by the alteration going on in the road.

Sep 18
Busily employed in letter writing; and preparing for a journey to London.

Sep 19
[Rose at five went to Charing Cross, met Relfe and Doyle ... and dressed.]
Saw the skeleton of the whale (95 feet long) exhibiting in a room near Charing Cross; a magnificent specimen indeed! Went to Sir Geo. Tuthill, and Sir Henry Halford’s; called on Mrs Wille in Regent Street; drank tea with Mr G. at Mr Hodgson’s. Went with Relfe and saw his poor wife; heavens! what misery and wretchedness! Went with Mr Grantham to the Adelphi Theatre performances “The Evil Eye and Seargeant’s Wife”, very much amused but the place intolerably hot.

Sep 20
Called on Sir A. Cooper: went to Sir Geo Tuthill, but unfortunately he was from home: called again on Mrs Wills. [went to the Equitable. Took boat to Somerset House, and called at the Geological Society ... hours!!!] Took Mr Grantham with me and drove to Lewes - reached home by half past ten.

Sep 21
Sheep fair - a miserable wet day: Mr and Mrs Moore (whom I have not seen for five years) called on me. Wrote to Sir H. Halford, Mr Woodward, and (Pages torn out) engaged to have one moment’s leisure. Mr Jno. Woodhouse of Cumberland (Mrs M’s cousin) left us for London. Fine weather noon, and poor Miss Langham, who is decidedly better, took an airing in her carriage for the first time since she has been at Glyndbourne!

Oct 2
Sunday - Letter from Mr Bakewell who is now at Brighton. Visited General Trevor etc. In the evening had a short ramble but the heavy rain drove me in. On Friday Walter and I drove to Cuckfield and visited Mr Trotter; saw some magnificent fossils he had poached from the Cuckfield quarries! Returned by Hurst and took tea with Mr Weekes; soon after we left a most violent storm of rain and hail with vivid and incessant lightning came on and continued till we reached home, completely drenched.
Oct 3  Monday - Drove to Brighton and gossiped with Mr Bakewell till the evening.

Oct 4  Tuesday - As usual very busy. Many visitors. Received my box from Dr Morton of Philadephia with very fine American fossils.

Oct 5  Wednesday - Usual visits. Letter from Mr Phillips of York. Took tea with Mr Bakewell in the evening. Mr Doyle accompanied me. Returned before nine.

[Oct 8]

Oct 9  Sunday. - After my usual round of visits, drove to Brighton and took tea and gossiped with (page torn out).

Oct 10  Received a splendid present from Professor Silliman; a complete set elegantly bound of the American Journal of Science: his Chemistry and Edition of Bakewell's Geology; many primitive rock specimens; shells from the American Rivers for Mrs M.: a most superbly bound set of his travels for Mrs M.; together with some little presents of shell and bead-work from Miss Silliman for Mrs Mantell. Am very unwell from having been (page torn out).

Oct 12  After visiting Sir James Langham, General Trevor etc. went to Brighton by coach; called on Chasereau, Mr Bakewell.

Oct 16  Sunday. Went to Brighton in the afternoon. Called on Sir Jas. L. and Mr Bakewell. Passed a pleasant evening and returned home by eleven.

Oct 17  [Amputated ... nothingnesses!]. Received a beautiful polished septarium with an Ammonite from Mr Saul, to whom I wrote and sent a parcel. [Engaged ... the chalk].

Oct 18  After my usual rounds went to Brighton; took tea with Mr Bakewell (page torn).

Oct 31  [The last week ... Falmer.] This evening Mr Deacle unexpectedly paid us a visit and supped with us.

Nov 1  Tuesday. - Too much engaged to think of anything - very unwell from cold.

Mr D. called on his way to Brighton having had an useless journey to Maresfield, his wife having gone to London without apprizing me or him of his (? her) intentions. The same giddy thoughtless being as ever.

Nov 3  Mr Deacle called and accompanied me in my drives, dined with us and left for Brighton where his lady had joined him.

Nov 5  Drove to Uckfield after my usual rounds; called on Mrs D. at her sister's and visited my dear Walter, returning home at eight amidst the usual accompaniments of the day - squibs and crackers. [The Cholera Morbus ... I suppose.]

Nov 10  [Up all night: ... pretty expeditious.] Have been at home all the week engaged in my usual rounds and engagements. My friend Chassereau staying with us.

[Nov 12]

Nov 13  Sunday. After my morning visits drove to Brighton. visited Sir James Langham. Called on my sister Mrs Beves Returned home at half past ten. Wrote to Sir H. Halford and Jones Relfe etc.

[Nov 24 - 25]

[Nov 27 - 28]

Nov 29  [To-day on my visit to Brighton - Palace]. Purchased some chalk fossils from Kent of an itinerant dealer. [Wrote to Professor ... America.] Received a specimen of Cycadroidial(?) from Portland, a present from Miss Bennett.
Dec 5  Yesterday drove to Brighton, and returned in the evening with Mr Grantham, very wet and cold. Engaged as usual. Wrote to Mr Brodie, Dr Elliotson, Mr Lyell and Rich and Relfe.

[Dec 6]

[Dec 11]

Dec 12  [Monday. So soon as it was light ... his nose.]

I then went to Dr Price where Miss Gear and her parents had arrived and after consulting with him on her case, I returned home in the carriage with Mr Scobell. The first day of the Assize - Mr Weekes here.

Dec 13  Tuesday. - Sent off the box of fossils for Dr Morton of Philadelphia, to Mr Marshall of Liverpool.

Dec 14  Wednesday - Lord Northampton and his sister again honored us with a visit and spent several hours with Mrs M., but I did not return from Brighton till after their departure. In the evening went with Mrs M. to our little Theatre, to see the Brighton Company perform. Very good. Heard from Lady M., Miss Benett and poor Hannah: wrote to her and Lady M. Very unwell.

Dec 15  Letter from Mr Williams - drove to Brighton. Mrs M. visited Lady L. and Lord Northampton.

Dec 18  Sent box to London for Professor Silliman, of Newhaven, Connecticut.

(page torn out)

Dec 28  My poor old friend Sir Thos. Mantell is no more - aged 83.

[Dec 30]

Dec 31  Walter accompanied me to Lady L's today, and we returned home early; and so ends 1831! Heigh ho!
1832

Jan 1  Sunday. - At Brighton in the afternoon; spent a pleasant hour in the evening, but returned home early.

Jan 2  Called on Lord Northampton: Mrs Mantell accompanied me to Brighton and visited Lady Langham. [Much engaged .. my miseries.]

Mar 28  [A long interval! ... duties] This day left Brighton at twelve for London where I arrived at six; drove to the Hummums. - In the evening attended a meeting of the Geological Society and exhibited some of my chalk fishes.

Mar 29  Thursday. - Called on Mr Brodie, Sir H. Halford, Sir C. Clark, Dr Fitton, Mr Britton, Murchison etc. - Dined with Mr Murchison and afterwards gossiped with Mr Lyell till two o'clock.

Mar 30  Friday. Rose at seven - breakfasted with a Mr Saull in the City - left London at 12 - Brighton arrived at six: called on my poor invalid Miss Langham: drove home.

[-elected Corresponding Member ... Philadelphia].

[My daily visits ... Brunswick Square]

[Jun 17 to 30]

My friends Mr Clift of the college of Surgeons; Dr Daubeney of Oxford, Mr Balfour, Grey of the Brit. Mus., Dr Hodgkins; Mr Britton the Antiquary, et multis alis, paid me visits. Miss Johnstone, Mrs Mantell's cousins came and remained some time.

Sep 20  Rose early and drove to Uckfield, took up Walter and proceeded to Tunbridge Wells where we arrived at one and met Lady Mantell and Miss Oakley her sister; took a drive round Calverley and inspected the elegant new buildings erecting there - returned to the Hotel to dinner.

Sept 21  Rose early; Walter accompanied me to Calverley; went to the quarries but found nothing of interest. At 12 left Lady Mantell, and took our departure from the Wells: stopped at the quarry at Langton Green and collected some shells from the ferruginous sandstone and afterwards drove down a lane to the right to a quarry where we found beautiful specimens of variegated sandstone. We arrived at Uckfield at five and after waiting there an hour and taking tea, I left my dear boy at school and returned home.

Friday. - Mrs Mantell went to London by the early coach. Yesterday Mr Bakewell who has been staying at Brighton came over and dined with me.

OCTOBER

Went to Tottenham to see my old friend Mr Chassereau's lady who is there very dangerously ill - arrived there at ten at night. The next day after meeting her medical attendant walked down to Bruce Castle School and saw three young gentlemen of Lewes who were there. Mr Hill took me over the premises which are very extensive. Returned to Tottenham and went to London: called on Lonsdale at the Geological Society and then went to College of Surgeons; spent two hours with Mr Clift - Mr Chantrey the Sculptor joined us; and we had a long gossip over the bones of the Megatherium, which had just been brought to the College. After leaving my friends went to the Exhibition of works of art in Adelaide Street, and saw some exquisite specimens of Ichthyosauri from the Lias, belonging to a young man of the name of Hawkins, who had chiselled them out with great skill. Went to Mr Saull where I found Sir R. Phillips and the above Mr Hawkins: took tea, called on Relfe, and returned to Tottenham. Left the next morning, for Brighton, and reached home and my dear children whom I had left in the care of their Aunt (their mother not having returned home!) and found all well.

NOVEMBER
The Marquess of Northampton came again and accompanied me to Southerham and Bridgwick chalk pits - left me at five - his Lordship is going on Wednesday into Devonshire.

Mr Chassereau came and began a drawing of my grand fossil. Yesterday Capt. Spence, Mr Newbey and Miss Roper called - Lady Downman and my cousin George came down last week with Mrs Mantell, but left in two days.

[Dec 31]

[The entries for the remainder of this year are retrospective, having been written on Dec. 31]

[Dec 4] ... dined at Mr Murchison's, met Buckland, Mr Chantrey, Dr Turner, and Capt. Beck who is going out in search of Capt. Ross.

Dec 5 Wednesday. - Called on Mr Lyell, waited on Sir James Langham at Langham Place: went to the College of Surgeons; and to Somerset House and prepared everything for the evening's lecture. Dr Buckland joined me to whom I read the principal parts of my paper and pointed out the characters of my new fossil.

[At eight joined the Society; ... to assist him!]

[Dec 6] ... Went to Mr Lyell, and Mr Hawkins of Bloomsbury Square. Went to Tottenham and dined with Mr Chassereau. Packed up my specimens...

Dec 7 [Breakfasted with Mr Lyell. ... interfere so far.] Called on Mr Goodhall, Crutched Friars, in the evening.

Dec 8 [Saturday. - After breakfast ... Lord Byron!] Called in Piccadilly and saw a collection of Vases and other antiquities, the property of Lucien Bonaparte. Went to the Linnaean Society and met Dr Robert Brown who very kindly shewed me his fossil palms and recent Dracaena etc. Went to the theatre at half price in the evening.

[Dec 9 - 10]
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[Jan 12]

Jan 15  The Earl of Chichester and a friend came to see my collection.

[Jan 21]

[Jan 23]

[Jan 26]

Feb 1  Sent for in the evening to General Trevor - met Lord and Lady Gage, Lord Lyndoch, Sir T. Wilson etc.

Feb 2  At Glynd Place almost all day - Mrs Cotterell's in fact very ill - dined with them - had a pleasant evening with Lord Lyndoch etc. - returned home at one.

Feb 3  My birthday! Busily employed.

Feb 8  Received Prospectuses of my work.

Feb 9  Model of Plesiosaurus, and other fossils from Mr Hawkins: [first ... received]. Letters from Mr Lyell, Lord Northampton, etc. - one from York announcing my election as honorary member of the Philosophical Society of Yorkshire.

Feb 10  Wrote to Dr Silliman and Morton of America, Yorkshire Society and 100 others.

Feb 19  Went to Ratton to visit Miss Thomas.

Feb 20  [Received a letter .... inscribe it to him]. Dr Price came over to visit Mrs Hillman with me. Nothing of interest has occurred in my dull round of visitings.

Mar 13  [Wednesday. A beautiful .... nine o'clock coach.] Arrived at the Salopian Coffee House at Charing Cross, soon after three. Went to Sotheby's and inspected a fine collection of Egyptian antiquities: to Somerset House: returned to my Inn to dinner. At nine went to the Meeting of the Geological Society, and returned home at midnight.

Mar 14  Thursday. Went to Hampstead and breakfasted with Mr Bakewell; and went over the sheets of his new edition of the Introduction to Geology. [At twelve went .... plates.]

[Mar 15]

Mar 16  [Busily employed ... with them.] Went on to Mr Saul's and looked over his collection; called on my cousin John - on Relfa and ordered my books and returned to my Hotel. [Dressed and ... his carriage.]

Mar 17  Sunday. Rose late - breakfasted and gossiped with dr Buckland; spent the morning in correcting proofs of my work. Left London at four by the Brighton Coach - arrived there at half past nine and at Castle Place at eleven.

Mar 19  Tuesday. The Assizes - the town very full; many visitors.

April 8  [Went to London ... dying state.] Waited a long time till Sir Henry Halford, and Mr Brodie arrived, and then held a consultation with those gentlemen. Went to the Coliseum and joined Walter and Mr Chassereau. [Called on Messrs Longman ... went to bed.]

April 9  [Easter Tuesday ... gradually sinking.] Left for the City, and on my arrival at the Inn, finding I had an hour to spare, went to Guy's Hospital, and found my friend Dr Hodgkins examining the body of a man who had died suddenly. Went over the Museum of Anatomy, and afterwards looked at the skeletons of some reptiles. Left London at 3 and arrived at Lewes soon after nine.

[April 15]

April 16  Communicated the death of his father to Sir J.H. Langham, at Glyndbourne.
April 21

Received a most gratifying letter from my dear boy Walter, he is placed in the 2nd Class.

May 1

[Have been ... the Influenza,] accompanied with a severe chronic inflammation of the bowels [from which ... weakness.] Drove to Brighton and visited Ellen: a miserable wet cold day.

May 2

Received a copy of my Geology of the S. East of England from the publishers and am much pleased with the style in which it is brought out.

Received on Sunday a beautiful present of polished fossil woods from Dr Henry of Manchester. Yesterday sent a parcel to London - wrote to Earl of Egremont, on behalf of poor Archer the artist, whose painting of the King's visit to Lewes, is still on his hands; to the great honor! of the loyal and liberal inhabitants of Lewes! What a precious set!

May 4

The Earl of Egremont called on me while I was at Sir James Langham's, and looked over the Museum.

May 5

[Drove to Brighton ... did not succeed.] Called on my dear Ellen Maria, and had a saunter by the seaside. - Took tea with Mr Chassereau and returned early.

May 10

Received 70 copies of my book from Longman which I distributed. Also a copy of the new edition of his Geology from my kind friend, Mr Bakewell.

May 12

My dear boy Reginald very ill with the measles. Wrote to Mr Woodward, Weekes, Trotter, Konig, Lonsdale and Dr Buckland: parcels to Geological Society and British Museum.

May 24

May 26

May 30

The fifteenth birthday of my dear Ellen Maria who came home to keep the day.

June 4

Ellen, Reginald, and Hannah returned from School; Earl of Egremont called on us. [Preparing for a trip ... Association.]

June 19

June 24

[Left Lewes coach.] Lady Mantell who came to see us on Friday remaining at Castle Place Arrived in London soon after 12, and immediately called on Messrs Longman and on Relfe.

[June 25]

June 26

Wednesday. - Rose and dressed early and met Mr Davies Gilbert at the door of the Inn, who kindly accompanied me to the house of the Philosophical Society where I entered my name, paid my fee, and obtained my tickets for admission to the Sections: returned to the Hotel to breakfast, and immediately after went to Trinity College where I met Professor Sedgwick, Lord Northampton, Dr Buckland, Fitton, Murchison, etc. etc. Professor Whewell kindly gave a ticket for a grand dinner in Trinity College Hall. The dinner was very splendid and passed off with great eclat. Sat next to Dr Harlan, of Philadelphia; met very many of my scientific friends. Attended the Geological section in the evening.

[June 27]

... Walked to the brick yards and examined the Galt with Mr Lonsdale and Mr Phillips of York ...

June 28

Friday - breakfasted with Dr Macartney of Dublin and Mr Clift of London at St John's College; and subsequently attended the public meeting in the Senate House, which passed off very splendidly. Dined in the hall of Trinity College. In the evening took tea with Mr Lonsdale, Phillips and Clift and old Mr Smith the geologist. Went to Mr Rose's (of Norfolk) rooms and saw his fossils from the Galt and Chalk. [In the evening went to the Geological ... at two.]
July 4  [Thursday. At six went ... soon after eleven.] After dinner walked to the hill above the town, and to the Coral Rag quarries.

July 5  Friday. Accompanied my cousin in his drives to Shrivenham, Lord Barrymore's etc., and in the evening went to the gravel pits and had a grand fossil hunt, returning loaded with fossil sponges and alcyonae from the sand.

July 6  [Left Faringdon ... after seven.] Went to Somerset House where I met Dr Harlan; and afterwards called on Lady Mantell and took tea with her.

July 7  Sunday. - Spent a very pleasant day, and arranged so as to leave on the following afternoon.

July 8  Monday. - Went to Mr Bakewell at Hampstead, and returned to Messrs Longman; called on Relfe etc. etc. [Left London .... after ten.]

July 20  Drove to Brighton and called at the Gloster Hotel to see my excellent friend Mr Bakewell and afterwards proceeded to King's road where Mrs M. and Reginald were staying on account of the ill health of the latter.

July 21  Sunday. - Mr Bakewell arrived in time for dinner and we spent a delightful evening together.

July 22  Monday. - Very much engaged. In the evening my new American friend Dr Harlan arrived, and we spent the evening looking over my cabinet.

July 23  Tuesday. - Rose at six and took Dr Harlan to the chalk pits in south Street and Southerham, the first he had ever seen; we walked over cliff hills and returned at nine to breakfast. Dr Harlan left us for Brighton at eleven, presenting me with a suite of models of trilobites from America.

Thursday - My much valued friend Mr Bakewell left me this morning for London.

A great many visitors to the Museum during the last fortnight.

[July 28]

Aug 9  After a busy day drove in the evening with Mr Doyle to Seaford and afterwards to Newhaven where I made a fine collection of sub-sulphate of Alumine from a recent fall of the cliffs.

Aug 10  Drove Mrs Mantell to Cuckfield and paid Mr Trotter a visit; spent two hours in looking over his rejectamenta among which I found many valuable fossils; afterwards visited the quarries, and called at the King's Head Inn, where we dined with Mr Gear who was staying there with his family. Called at the parsonage Mrs Feron's and stroll through the park of Mr Sergison. Proceeded towards Hurst, and at Friar's Oak were overtaken by a violent storm, in the midst of which we drove to Mr Weekes at Hurst arriving like Macbeth's witches "in thunder, lightning, and in rain". A pleasant party were soon assembled there to tea, and after gossiping with Mr Roberts for an hour, we left, and reached home soon after ten.

Aug 11  Reginald's sixth birthday. Miss Trevelyans called on me.

Aug 12  Drove to Brighton and called on Mr Horace Smith, Mr Bodley, Lady G. Dickens, etc. Walked with Ellen to Mr Dicks at Port Hall where we took tea.

Aug 21  A great many visitors to the Museum; Capt. and Mrs heaviside of Brighton etc.

Went to the Race Assembly Ball and supper last week.

Aug 27  [Went to Brighton, ... toothache.] Received a parcel last week from M. Voltz of Strasburg.

Aug 28  Lord Barham's sons and their tutor called. Wrote to Lady Mantell; Dr Hodgkin, Mr Wakely etc. Dr Harlan, Mr Bakewell etc. Received a delightful letter from Marquess Northampton from Mull.

Aug 30  Drove to Brighton and had a sail for an hour with Sir James Langham - the sea very rough. Called on Mr Lister, and again had the high gratification of seeing several zoophytes and other objects through his microscope.
Sept 3 A letter from my cousin George Mantell of Faringdon informing me he should come to Lewes via Brighton. Drove over and met him at half past four: returned home soon after nine.

Sept 4 [Having received ... heavy.] Parcel from Dr Silliman, Dr Buckland etc.

Sept 5 Bones from Hastings sent for my inspection: letter from Dr Miller of Killarnoch (?Killmarnock). Mr Townsend of Preston called on me. Letter from Mr Bullock and Godlee of Hastings: from Joshua announcing the death of Mr West.

Sept 9 My cousin George Mantell and son left me this morn for London. Letters from Lord Northampton, Miss Alexander.

Sept 12 Called on Lady Langham at Glyndebourne.

Sept 13 Went to Brighton with Mr Doyle, and to the theatre to see Mr Macready in Werner: returned home by one o'clock in the morning.

Sept 15 Went to Brighton early and met Mr Guthrie (the eminent military surgeon) by appointment at Mrs Lloyd's.; visited Mrs V with him and Mr Hodson; dined with Mr Chassereau, and returned in the afternoon: Mr Guthrie came over early with Miss Lloyd (a lady I had met with Dr Birkbeck's party 8 years ago!) and looked over my collection.

[Sept 20]

Sept 21 Sheep fair.: the weather most beautiful. Letter from Marquess of Northampton announcing his intention of paying me a visit.

Sept 25 A party of friends dined with me on a haunch of venison presented to me by Lady Langham.

[Sept 30]

[Oct 3]

Oct 4 [Rose early ... chalk quarries.] Miss McDougal and Mrs Everard arrived at twelve. After luncheon the Marquess left us for Coolhurst and from thence to London for the Continent. Lord Egremont sent me game etc.

[Oct 5-6]

SUNDAY [A beautiful day ... Mr Lyell.]

MONDAY Went to Tottenham and returned with my dear boy Walter; drove to the Surrey Zoological Gardens; dined at our hotel; and went to Kilburn; called on George and James Woodhouse; returned to town and went to Covent Garden theatre; went to bed at two o'clock.

TUESDAY Called on Mr Guthrie, the eminent Surgeon; and accompanied him to Westminster Hospital and afterwards to the Opthalmic. Went with Walter to the Exhibition of Mechanics in Adelaide Street. In the evening took tea with Mr Lyell.

WEDNESDAY Went to Somerset House and the College of Surgeons where we spent several hours. Afterwards to the panorama of the Falls of Niagara; from thence into the city, and at five saw my dear boy off by the Tottenham coach. In the evening met my poor sister-in-law Hannah (whom I had not seen for two years) and accompanied her to her home; returned to the hotel, and went early to bed.

[THURSDAY At nine left ... Lewes coach.]

FRIDAY Went to Brighton and called on Lord Egremont but his Lordship had left for Petworth.

SUNDAY Another useless journey to Brighton.

[Date illegible] [Concluded ... unsuited for me.]

December [Have removed ... new house.]
May 1  [Brighton. Four months ... record of the past.] This day I visited Lewes - tomorrow I go to Ratton to see Mrs Thomas.

[May 4]  

May 5  Lady Langham, and two nephews of Lord Egremont called upon us.

May 7  Earl of Egremont called upon me and brought some fossil bones from Kirdford. Drove to Lewes in the afternoon with Mrs M. [Last evening .... Maidstone.]

[May 10]  

May 15  Thursday. Received some friends in the Museum. In the evening walked under the cliffs towards Rottingdean and collected a few pebbles.

May 21  Lady Mantell arrived from dover.

May 22  Took an airing with Lady M. and Mrs M. to the Park, Mr Carewe’s studio, Dr Dicks at Port Hall etc.

May 24  Lady Mantell left us this morning. Mrs M. and self and Reginald accompanied her to Lewes. Walked to Mrs Campion’s at the Deanery. [Castle Place .... I know not!]

May 27  Mr Hodgson (the surgeon) of Birmingham called on me with Dr Todd. Mrs G. Woodhouse (Mrs M.’s sister-in-law) came on a visit.

May 29  [A geological excursion ... delivered in Sussex.] A parcel from M. Brongniart of Paris by Mr Saull.

May 30  My dear Ellen Maria’s birthday - 16 ann. aet.

[June 3-4]  

June 5  Rose at four: walked with Mr Binsted to the north of the town and examined some sand and gravel pits: returned to his house and once more inspected the specimen. The coach took me up at his house, and in but little more than three hours we were safely launched in London.

Thursday  Breakfasted in the City: went to the west end, and to the Zoological Gardens to see the Rhinoceros, a noble fellow, little more than six years old, and just imported from Calcutta. Left London by the Times coach at four, and reached Brighton soon after nine.

June 6  The Earl of Egremont called upon me, and brought me some minerals. Letter from M. Graves de Beauvais.

[June 10]  

Thursday  My sister-in-law Mrs Woodhouse left us this morning.

June 21  A scientific party at Dr Hall’s: a very pleasant evening.

[June 23]  

June 24  A Miss Weddall from Suffolk arrived here, to remain for a day or two till she can proceed to France.

June 25  Received a splendid copy from Mr Hawkins of his work on the Ichthyosauri etc.

June 26  Thursday. - Received the copy of Tilgate Forest which I had colored and sent to London to be bound; sent it off by coach as a present to Lord Egremont. Letters from Dr Morton of Philadelphia, Dr Buckland and Mr Hawkins.

June 28  Saturday. - Rose at three in the morning and took Miss Weddall to the packet for Dieppe. The morning most beautiful: the vessel left the Pier soon after four.

June 27  Friday. - Drove Mrs M. and Reginald to Hurstpierpoint and dined with Mr Weekes;
July 2
returned early in the evening.
Lord Egremont called on us.

July 3
Thursday. - Lord Viscount Cole and Sir P. Egerton, Bart. of Oulton Park, Cheshire, arrived, and spent the evening with me in inspecting my collection.

July 4
Lord Cole and Sir Phillip spent the morning with me.

July 5
[Saturday - This evening I gave a Conversazione ... Sir J. Gibney ...] Letter from Dr Jaegar of Stuttgard.

[July 12, 13]

July 16
Mr Binsted of Maidstone arrived and brought me a fragment of his fossil for my inspection.

July 17
Drove to Lewes with Walter in the afternoon, to Southerham Chalk pits and obtained some enormous vertebrae and portions of fishes. My former friend Mr Baldock who has taken up his residence here called.

July 22
Drove to Lewes and took Reginald to School. Obtained a fine fish from Southerham chalk-pit.

July 24
Went to Cuckfield with Mr Ricardo - a very delightful day - called on Mrs Trotter, and took tea with Mr Weekes at Hurst.

July 25
Mr Baldock and family took tea with us. As usual worried to death with care, anxiety [words blotted out]

July 30
Went to London by the 8 o'clock Stage with Walter and Ellen: sent Walter off by the Tottenham coach from Bishopsgate Street, and accompanied Ellen to Dulwich, where we arrived soon after four. Strolled about that beautiful village, and left me sweet girl at seven; proceeded to Lambeth, and arranged with Flower respecting my skeletons, and drove to Mr Saull in Aldersgate Street, where I slept.

Thursday
A very wet day; sold £200 stock and received my dividends went to Tottenham, settled with Mr Hill and left my dear boy quite well. On my return into the city, completed my business with my broker and then went to Hampstead; called on my old friend Mr Bakewell; spent a delightful hour or two, returned to the city by ten.

Friday
Left by the nine o'clock coach, reached Brighton at two.

Aug 7
Lord Egremont called on me, and gossiped some time.

[Aug 8]
[Aug 14]

Aug 15
Went to the Theatre at nine and saw Mlle Celeste - bad attendance - good performance!

Aug 16
Saturday. - Very busy: drove to Falmer and Lewes; took tea with Mrs Newton, returned at 8 o'clock. Mr and Miss Baldock, Mr Stanford of Kent, and Miss Mcgan took tea with Mrs M.

[Sept 13]
[Sept 16]

Sept 18
Thursday - Drove to Lewes - went to the chalk pits and collected some fossils. Took tea with Mr Warren Lee, and returned home in time to receive the Misses Lindo, Mr Baldock and Miss ... Mr and Mrs Dilmar, Mrs Morgan; spent a pleasant evening with them. [Soon after tea ... fatigued.]

Sept 23
A large party to the Museum.

[Sept 27]
[Saturday - Among the host of visitors ... such a subject.] Took tea at Mr Proctor’s. 30 Brunswick Square, with Mr Martin and his daughter: spent three
hours there very delightfully.

Sept 26 My boy Walter returned from School in consequence of being much indisposed.

Sept 28 Letter from Mr Bakewell. As to my professional prospects! -- in nubibus!

OCT 3 [A letter from my excellent friend ... ray of immortality' ...] Letter from My Lyell, of whom I had not heard since his departure for Sweden.

Oct 4 My old friend Mr Bakewell arrived. Dined on Wednesday at Dr Anderson’s, where I met Mr Carpeu, the celebrated anatomical teacher; a very intelligent and pleasing man much advanced in years. Dined on Thursday with Mr R. Ricardo. Specimens from Cuckfield, and Lewes.

Oct 8 Walter returned to school. Spent a pleasant evening with my old friend. Dined with Mr Ricardo.

[Oct 9,10]

Oct 11 Spent the evening with Mr Bakewell at Mr Ricardo’s.

Oct 25 Took tea with Mr Ricardo, Mr Horace Smith and Mrs Masquerier of the party - all we could get together! so much for Brighton philosophers. Went to Rottingdean this morning. The last fortnight passed as usual in unprofitable engagements. Letters from M. Agasz and Mr Lyell. [Mr Faraday ... called on me.]

[Oct 29]

Oct 30 [Thursday. - Mrs Mantell very ill, ...for his work.] Dr Buckland, Mr Lyell, and M. Agassiz dined with me. Mr James Anderson, Ricardo, and Bakewell joined us at tea.

Oct 31 Friday. - Mrs M. still very ill. Much engaged - had but a short time to spend with my friends. - Mr Bakewell, Dr Buckland; and M. Agasiz dined with me. In the evening Mr Lyell, Mr Wagner and Mr Cook joined us at tea.

Nov 1 Saturday. - Dr Buckland left at seven this morning for Oxford, and Mr Lyell at three for London. M. Agassiz remained, and we drove to Rottingdean. The King arrived.

Nov 2 Sunday. - M. Agassiz left me at nine for London. [Mrs M. still very ill.]

Monday Drove to Rottingdean and collected some bones from the cliffs near that place.

Dec 18 Dr Fitton unexpectedly arrived and spent the evening with me.

Dec 20 Dr F. left this day. - [Have been too much vexed ... passed by.]

Dec 23 Sir John Shelley - Mr and Mrs Trotter called on me and mult. aliis.

[Finis of 1834!!! Ehew!]
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APRIL

[Until this time ... my researches.]

April 10
Received a specimen of Ichthyosaurus tenuirostris from Lord Cole. A fossil tree from Isle of Portland.

Mrs Mantell in London - dear Hannah at school at Dulwich - my sweet Ellen Maria at home. Mr Lyell's father visited us on Tuesday.

April 11
Very much engaged. Wrote to Dr Buckland.

April 18
Sir Phillip and Lady Egerton paid us a visit and drank tea with us. Lord Lyndoch, Mrs Trevor and Mrs Cotterell came from Glynd and spent some hours with Ellen in the Museum.

[Apr 20]

[May 4-5]

May 7
[Lord Viscount ... evening] Drove Ellen to Worthing and visited Lady Langham: returned to tea.

May 8
Lord Cole visited us; went to the Cliffs at Kemp Town with Ellen and he spent the evening with us. Mr Henry Lyell (brother of my friend) also took tea with us. A parcel from America.

May 9
Mr Lyell and Lord Cole left this morning. Letters from Mr Bakewell and Mary Anning. Mrs Mantell returned home this evening.

Earl of Munster paid us a visit - brought me fossils from Lord Egremont.

[May 24]

[May 25]

Monday Returned by the eleven o'clock coach.

[Jun 7]

Jun 22
Monday - Went to London last evening, and returned this evening at ten: last evening drank tea with Mr Lyell; drove to Mr Bakewell - not at home.

[Each pleasure ...world alone!]

Last week a friend of Professor Silliman, Mr Barnard, called!

[Jun 24]

June A Memoir on the fossil bones of birds from Tilgate Forest, and a notice of the discovery of horses' bones in the cliffs at Kemp Town were read at the last meeting of the Geological Society.

[Jun 25]

Jun 27
[Called on Lord Egremont ... last at Brighton.] My brother Joshua called.

July 1
Drove to Hurst with my dear Ellen Maria and Reginald and sent the evening with Mr Weeke and a party of his neighbours. - Returned soon after ten. Mr Trevelyan of Northumberland paid me a visit. Box from the Marquess of Northampton with fossils from Rome etc.

July 3
Lord Egremont called upon me.

July 6
Drove Ellen to Worthing; visited Lady Langham; went with Mr Dixon to Broadwater Church - much delighted with the beautiful monuments of antiquity. Returned to a little Inn opposite the sea, where Ellen and I took tea; reached home at nine. - Walked on the Pier with Walter and Mrs M., and met Mr Phillips R.A. [Had a beautiful view ... a small gratuity.] Letter from Sir P. Egerton.

July 8
Drove to Lewes - returned in the evening.
July 9 Went with Mrs M. and children to the opening of the new Catholic Chapel. Mrs Mantell and I dined with Lord Egremont; a small party - Mr Phillips, R.A. was there on a visit. A very pleasant evening.

July 11 Drove to Lewes with Walter and Hannah. Visited Southerham Chalk pit: went to my mother’s grave in St. John’s Churchyard. - Took tea with the Misses Lees.

July 12 Wrote to Mr Wakely. [Very unhappy ... path of peace.]

July 14 Dined with Mrs Tugwell - wrote to Tower.

July 15 Dined with Mr Ricardo at his new house.

July 17 Dined again with Mr Ricardo; my sweet Hannah Matilda very ill from a bronchial affection. Wrote yesterday to Lord Brougham.

July 27 Went to Dulwich with Hannah, and afterwards to Hampstead; spent two hours with Mr Bakewell and returned to the Hotel soon after eleven.

July 28 Tuesday. - Breakfasted at nine at Wood’s Hotel; went into the city and transacted all my affairs; returned and dined at Furnival’s Inn; went to Somerset House, accompanied Lord Cole to his lodgings to see some fossils; left London at half past four almost drenched by a thunder shower which lasted from Croydon to Hickstead; reached home before te.

Aug 3 Drove to Lewes in the afternoon; the first Assize day.

Aug 4 My brother Joshua paid us a hasty visit, having brought Ellen Maria home.

Aug 10 Monday. - Drove to Little Hampton with Mrs M. Went on to Bognor, and returned to Mr Evans to dinner. Left at half past 8 and reached home before twelve; a very hot day, and most lovely evening. The Races were last week: much plagued with visitors.

Aug 11 Reginald’s birthday. Sir Geo. and Lady Sitwell came by appointment and I pointed out to them the most interesting objects in my collection.

Aug 22 Drove to Lewes and Glynd: dined with General Trevor at Glynd Place and returned to Brighton by ten. Am still very unwell.

Aug 23 Sunday. - Sent parcels to Prof. Silliman and Dr Morton yesterday.

Sep 2 Drove to Lewes alone - called and took tea with Miss Lee - Wrote to Tower.

Sep 10 Thursday - Drove to Lewes (with Reginald); called on Mrs Newton etc.

Sep 11 Dined with Sir George Sitwell.

Sep 12 Saturday. - Very wet morning - drove to Stanmer - the Dairy and my usual round. Very ill again.

Sep 23 Breakfasted with Mrs Richardson - Went with Hannah to the Dulwich Gallery: at half past twelve took a fly, and accompanied by my Hannah and Miss Robson went to Bromley: sent back my little companion and then called on Miss Alexander and my poor sister. [Left Bromley ... went to bed early.]

Sep 25 Sent a parcel to Geol. Socty. - Sent last week parcels to Mr Wetherell - Geol. Socty etc. Received letters and book from P. Silliman.

Sep 26 Took tea with my frieds Mr Horace Smith and Ricardo. Sent box to Mr Rich for P. Silliman.
Sep 28  Drove to Lewes - nothing of importance.

Sep 29  Had a pleasant excursion to Worthing whence Mr Dixon drove us to Arundel. Went with Mr Coombe in his boat up the river to Burpham chalk pits. Picked up a few Marsupites - returned to Worthing to dinner at Mr Dixon’s where Mr Martin of Pulbor’ met us. (Called on Sir Richard Hunter on our way to Arundel). Left Mr Dixon’s at ten and reached Brighton at half past eleven.

[Sep 30]

Oct 6  Tuesday. - Dined at the Vicarage, my kind friend Mr Wagner’s first party in his new house; 30 sat down to dinner; and nearly a hundred visitors were present at tea: a splendid party, and passed off very agreeably. My poor friend Mrs Chassereau very dangerously ill.

[Oct 7]

Oct 8  In the afternoon drove to Hurst with Mrs M. and took tea with Mr Weekes.

Oct 9  Dined with the Attorney General and Lord Abinger: my old friend Mr Blackman was there; spent a very agreeable evening.

[Oct 10-11]

[Oct 13]

Oct 14  Drove to Cuckfield and collected a few fossils.

Oct 15  Letters from Mr Lyell, Agassiz, and my cousin George. Dined with Mr Ricardo. [Unwell .. usual.]

[Oct 18]

Oct 25  Monday. - Sir F. Chantrey (the celebrated Sculptor) with Dr Buckland and M. Agassiz arrived, and dined with me.

Oct 27  Dr B. - left this morning, and M. Agassiz was busily engaged in arranging the chalk fishes to figure for his Recherches sur les poissons fossiles.

Oct 28  Mr dear Ellen Maria and M. Agassiz accompanied me to London by the 12 o’clock coach: an agreeable journey - reached our hotel at seven - and in the evening called on my friend Mr Lyell, and spent several hours with him, his charming wife and Agassiz: at eleven returned with E.M. to the Hotel.

Oct 29  After breakfast went with Ellen to Mr Martin the celebrated painter - from thence to the Zoological Gardens - saw the Chimpanzee - the nearest approach to the physical structure of man I have ever seen - returned to our hotel and then to Kentish Town to my wife’s mother, where soon after Mr Woodhouse, my poor sister-in-law H and my dear girl H. Matilda, joined us. I returned with my little girl and her aunt to London in the evening, and then went to my friend Lyell, who had just received intelligence of the death of his sister.

Oct 30  A dense yellow fog so that at ten lights were requisite - went into the city - and at two to my poor sister Hannah’s at Kensington where I remained till half past four, the Brighton coach taking me up at the gate: a heavy rain all the way - reached home at ten at night.

Oct 31  Letter from Mr Bakewell - Drove to Shoreham to see a large slab of limestone from Swanage with bones etc. purchased by Mr Trotter and presented to me. Took tea with Mr Phillips, R.A.

Nov 1  Drove to Lewes for some chalk fishes.

Nov 5  Drove to Horsham with my son Walter; arrived at Cowfold at six: went to the church and with "candle and lantern" visited the Church and inspected the beautiful brass plated tomb of Thomas Nelond formerly Prior of Lewes. - Arrived at Horsham at seven. Called on Mr Rickwood: took tea at the Inn and then visited a Mr Holmes a chemist who had many saurian bones dug up at Rusper some time since.

Nov 6  Rose at seven - Walked to Tower Hill and Stanmerham quarries and examined
the rippled sandstone. Returned to breakfast after visiting the interior church. Left Horsham at eleven, rested at Harfield where we examined the sand strata of the hill and reached Brighton before four. A letter from a silly woman had arrived by post, and this was given me on my return. (Page torn out)

Nov 13

[Friday. Gave a lecture ... 50 gentlemen attended.] Sir F. Chantry, Sir Charles Bell, Mr Thomas Phillip, R.A., Horace Smith, Mr Ricardo, were present. (Page torn out).

Nov 26

Thursday. Lord and Lady Jersey, with Mr James Anderson visited the Museum.

[Nov 27]

Nov 28

Rose early and walked round the city. After breakfast waited on the Bishop Dr Maltby, who received me very kindly and ciceroned me over the Palace, Garden, and Chapel of the Cathedral. Went over the Cathedral with Mr Hannay and left Chichester at twelve.

Nov 30

Monday. Went to London by the Age: arrived too late to dine with the Royal Society - went to my poor sister Hannah who was from home and did not return till nearly eleven so that I saw her but for a few minutes.

Dec 1

Breakfasted with Mr Lyell - went to Dorset Square - returned to the City and sold out £200 stock! Called on Mr Saull and Relfe - took coach for Hampstead and spent the evening with my old friend Mr Bakewell. Returned to Mr Lyell at ten: on my leaving at twelve a fire had broken out in Tottenham Court Road - four persons burnt to death! Returned to my Hotel at One in the morning.

Dec 2

Wednesday. - Breakfasted with Mr Lyell: went to Dorset Square; and afterwards to the London University; saw Dr Grant and Turner. Called on Mr Saull, and accompanied him to Stratford to a Mr Gibson to see a large collection of bones of Elephants and other Mammalia from Ifield, close by. - Returned to town in time for the Geological Society where I met many scientific friends, and remained till midnight.

Dec 3

At nine left London, with M. Dinkel (M. Agassiz's artist) and Mr Lyell's brother: reached Brighton at half past three.

Dec 6

Sunday- Drove to Lewes with M. Dinkel. [Wrote to ... flogging.]

[Dec 8]

[Dec 25]

Dec 26

Delivered a lecture on Zoophytes at the National School: went off very well.

Dec 28

Dined with Mr Horace Smith at Mr Rooper's.

Dec 29

Dined at Mrs Dennison's: a very pleasant party.

Dec 30

Dined with Mr Lindo.

[Dec 31]
Jan 1  [Met a sub-committee - Institution.] Drove to Lewes in the evening. Returned soon after ten - very cold. Wrote to Lord Egremont.

[Jan 4]

Jan 15 Dined with Sir Edward Codrington at Hampton Lodge, and spent a very agreeable evening.

Feb 1 [n.b. The MS has 'Jany 1' in error.]

[Tuesday - for the last fortnight ... tenderness!] Wrote to Dr Morton of Philadelphia. - Lady Langham of Worthing called.

[Feb 8]

Feb 17 [Went to London ... Konig for the British Museum.] Dined with Mr Lyell.

Feb 18 Thursday. - Went to the London University: to the Colosseum, and afterwards walked to Hampstead and dined with Mr Bakewell.

Feb 19 Visited Mr Wakely (Editor of the Lancet): to the London University and took the admeasurements of a skeleton of a Crocodile there. Called on Mrs Burt in Portman Square and then went to the Crown and Anchor and dined with the Geological Society - the Anniversary. Took tea at Somerset House, where Mr Lyell concluded the Anniversary address: returned home very late.

Feb 20 - Called on Mr Wakely: on Mr Lyell, and on Lane, a medical agent. Left London at two.

[April 25]

[May 14-17]

May 18 Called on Lord Egremont; drank tea with Mr and Mrs Simson.

[May 19]

May 20 At night went to London by the Mail; arrived in Town soon after six: took a Cabriolet to Dulwich - no one up in the village. At eight obtained admittance to my dear Girl - left at ten - reached London soon after eleven. Gossiped a few minutes with Mr Lyell, and returned to Brighton by half past six.

[May 21]

[May 23]

May 24 My dear Hannah returned to me; and Ellen left for Ducwich. A soiree at the Institution.

[May 29]

May 30 Lecture at the Town Hall on Corals - my most successful effort.

Jun 11 Delivered a lecture on fossil Corals at the Town Hall - not more than 100 persons present.

Jun 23 [Thursday - Went to ... Age] - visited my bookseller - Mr Rich - Mr Dinkel - Cole and Somerset House - to bed very tired and dispirited - nothing but annoyances and disappointments.

Jun 24 Breakfasted at Brett's - went to Hampstead to Mr Bakewell - returned to the City - and from there to my Hotel - called at Somerset House - Mr Dinkel supped with me.

Jun 25 [Returned to Brighton by four ... beautiful.] A paper of mine on the osteology of the Crocodile appears in this day's Lancet - June 1936.

Jul 15 [Friday - Eternal round of nothingnesses! ... sufferings.] Returned from town
yesterday afternoon.

Jul 18
Wrote to Professor Silliman, Mr Richardson and Mr Lyell.

[ Went to Cuckfield on Saturday ... persevering. ]

Jul 26
Went to Cuckfield on Saturday.

Jul 28
Ellen returned with me to Brighton this morning. - Dined with Mr Basevi - returned home with Mr Horace Smith.

Jul 29
Sent Ellen home to-day on her way to Genl Trevor’s where she is going on a visit for a week.

August
[ Went to London to see Lady Mantell ... studio. ]

Aug 11
Professor Nilsson of Lund in Sweden visited me.

Aug 14
Accompanied Professor Nilsson to the Cliffe at Kemp Town.

Aug 15-16
Aug 22
[ Monday. - Walter left ... Chichester. ] Drove with Ellen to Genl Trevor’s and Sir James Langham.

Aug 29
Monday. - Drove to Lewes.

Aug 30
Tuesday. - Went to London by the late coach, and arrived at my Hotel soon after ten.

Aug 31
Wednesday. - Spent an agreeable day. - Went to the British Museum. In the evening, called on my publisher and went to Kensington but neither Mr Relfe nor my sister were at home.

Sep 1
Thursday morning. - Called on many persons but all were from home. Left London at half past three and after a miserably cold ride reached Brighton before ten. Very unwell.

Sep 4

Sep 7

Sep 15
[ Thursday. ] Very ill with severe headache. - Sent the MSS of the Catalogue to Relfe - Sir Richard Phillips called. - Wrote to Mr Binsted - Dodd - Holmes - Leeds - etc. Mr Bakewell still at Brighton. [ A pretty ... M.B. ]

Sep 19
Monday. - At a party (soiree musicale) at Mr Horace Smith, with Madn., Ellen and cousin John. Sent to Lord Egremont etc.

Sep 20

Sep 26
[ Drove to Lewes ... apparatus ] Very much engaged. Letters last week from Mr Lyell, Hawkins, Binsted etc. My health rather better. Mr Bakewell still here and very unwell.

Sep 29

Oct 3
Dined with Mr Ricardo and met Professor Babbage, Mr James Anderson, Mr Basevi: spent a very agreeable evening. Drove to Portslade.

Oct 4?
Tuesday. - The Conversazione. Mr Horace Smith, and Mr Ricardo officiated. - At my request Mr Babbage very kindly gave a viva voce description of the Temple of
Serapis at Puzzuoli and the phenomena it records. Passed off very well. Very much fatigued (words blotted out) - and then steep my senses in forgetfulness.

Oct 8
A very busy week - took tea with my old friend Mr Bakewell.

] Monday - Lectured on the Iguanodon at the Town Hall - a pretty good attendance. My sister Hannah came down and was present.

Tuesday. - The Conversazione - crowded - passed off very well.

[Wed Wednesday My old friend Mr Chassereau ... Peace to his manes!]

Thursday. - Hannah left this morning. The new Catalogue is just out.

Saturday. - Dined with Capt. Robt. Locke - very pleasant evening. Mr Harcourt Vernon called on me. Bones of the Hippopotamus discovered at Southbourn. Upwards of 150 persons to the Museum this week.

Oct 25
Attended my poor friend Chassereau's funeral.

Oct 26
Went to London by the Age. - Called on Relfe and arranged for the Catalogue. Spent the evening with Mr and Mrs Lyell.

Oct 27
Scharf called on me and we arranged for the diagrams for lectures. Went to Alexander's and purchased anatomical specimens - to Black and Armstrong and paid for Agassiz's book £3-0-0. Dined at the hotel. - Met my cousin and his bride and went to their lodgings. Took tea with Mr Saull - and returned by the Mail arriving here soon after five.

[Oct 31]
[Nov 1]

Nov 2
Dined with Mr Ricardo - very pleasant.]

[Nov 3]

[Nov 4]
[Friday] Dined at Mrs Deverell's - and at Mr Basevi's to-day, met Faraday, - Mr and Mrs Yates (Sir Robert Peel's sister) and multi. aliis. Packet of models of shark's teeth from Dr Morton of Philadelphia.

[Received from Messrs Longman 60 copies ... literary production.]

Nov 8
Tuesday. - Dined at Mr Watson's with Lodge .. On Saturday last went to the Theatre and saw Mr Kean Jnr. in Macbeth.

[Nov 9]

Nov 14
Lecture at the Town Hall - on B. Cliffs - passed off very well.

Nov 15
Conversazione - Mr Ricardo first fiddle.

W.
Went to Town - Spent the evening at the Geological Society.

Nov 17
Thursday. - Breakfasted at Hampstead - my old friend Mr Bakewell somewhat better. Beautiful day. - Evening at the Royal Society.

Nov 18
Went to the City - called on Mrs Lyell, Locke, Murchison etc. [Left town at 3 o'clock ... soon after 9.]

[Nov 20]
[Nov 29]

Nov 30
Lectured on the Nervous System at the Town Hall - Requested to repeat it, or rather continue the subject.

Dec 1
Drove to Lewes: my houses sustained but little damage, but many elms and other trees have been blown down around Lewes. My dear Reginald quite well.

Dec 5
Very ill. Lectured again at the Town Hall on the Nervous System.
[Dec 6]

[Wednesday]

Thursday  [Breakfasted early] called on Mr Wakely, and then went into the city. [Relfe came .... to bed at twelve.]

Friday  Rose at seven - to the Spread Eagle at 8 for coach. Reached Brighton at two. As usual much harrassed.

[Saturday]

Sunday  Declined the offer of lecturing at the Royal Institution.

Monday  Mr Holmes of Arundel called upon me, to arrange respecting Sayers final departure from Brighton.

Dec 16  Attended Mr Addam's Lecture.

Dec 17  Ditto - on Light - highly interesting. A busy uninteresting week - murdered!

[Dec 19]

Dec 20  Conversazione - Mr Murchison took part in the discussions; broke up late - very tired.

Dec 22  Thursday. Suffering again from headaches.

Dec 23  Dined with Mr Murchison at Mr Ricardo

Dec 24  and today at Capt. Heaviside with Mr Woodbine Parish. Overturned in a fly - all well.

[Dec 25]

[Thursday]

[Dec 31]
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[Jan 7]
Jan 8 Sunday - Called away in professional visits. Lord George Seymour and his son Sir Hamilton S. called upon me - Letter from Professor Silliman.

Jan 10 Dinner at the Sea House Hotel - Arriving of Brighton Literary Society - Dined yesterday at Sir E. Codrington. - Conversazione - gossiped on the structure of the eye.

Jan 13 Friday - Went to London by the Times; arrived at my hotel soon after ten - very unwell.

Jan 14 Went into the City - and to the West - very cold - left town by the Mail at 8 o'clock and after a tedious and cold journey, arrived home by four. [Everyone ill ... influenza].

[Jan 16]
Jan 18 Wednesday - Dined with Mrs Montagu Burgoyn - met Dr Otter the new Bishop of Chichester, Mr Wagner etc. Last evening gave an address upon the influenza.

Feb 3 [My birthday!!! ... Palermo.] A beautiful glass Roman Vessel presented to me by Mr Thorley.

[Feb 4 - 7]

[Feb 8] [Much better ... visiting.] Letters from Marquess of Northampton, and Mr Lyell. - Parcel from Mr Binsted.

Feb 18 Lecture at the Old Ship, on the South Downs - pretty good company. On my own account, because the Council were unwilling to take the chance of loss!!! During the last fortnight received a splendid collection of Elephantine and remains from Capt. Cautley, Sub-Himalayah mountains, discoursed on them last Tuesday at the Conversazione - about 6 members of the Institution present.

[Feb 20]

[Mar 29]
Apr 4 Drove with Ellen to Southwick but no interesting remains have been found and the exploration is abandoned for the present. Completed sale of the house inhabited by Doyle, at Lewes, to Mr Murrell, for £800.

Apr 11 Drove to Lewes - returned late - rather better - but still out of health and spirits.

Apr 12 Letters from Mr Bakewell, Stanley, my cousin etc.

Apr 22 Went to London and to Dulwich to see my dear Hannah Matilda.

[Apr 30]

[May 6]
May 11 To London to prepare for a lecture at the Royal Institution.

[May 12 - 13]
May 14 Returned to Brighton by 4 o'clock. My poor Hannah a little better.

May 16 My cousin George and his wife arrived.

May 19 Drove to Worthing with my cousin.

May 20 My cousin George and his lady left us.
May 29
Drove to Harfield with Ellen Maria.

May 30
Walter came home ill from Chichester! - Everything around me still most drear! Lectured on Saturday at the Old Ship: Lord Egremont present.

Jun 3
Letters from Lady Mantell, Mr Hillyer, Mr Dodd! - [Mr Masquerier ... portrait].

Jun 5
Drove to Castle Hill, Newhaven, with Ellen Maria, and collected fossils from the tertiary strata.

Jun 6
Tuesday. Wrote to Lady M., Mr Hillyer etc. Conversazione.

Jun 22
Thursday - Geological and Antiquarian Excursion to Bramber etc. - a very delightful party.

Jun 25
To London with Ellen and Reginald. - Returned on Wednesday. Parcel from Dr Harlan of Philadelphia - vertebra of Basilosaurus - plants from Anthracite of Pennsylvania. - Marbles from Mr Meynell of Derbyshire. - Rev. J. B. Reade of Peckham called with his microscope and shewed me numerous Galonella and other siliceous skeletons from flint, in oolite, and in granite. Mr R. came down in consequence of the notice in the Brighton Herald of my outdoor lecture.

Jul 21
Rose at six. Went to Kentish Town.

Friday
Returned with Reginald and Ellen. Went to the British Museum - Left London with Reginald by the Item.

Jul 22
Drove to Lewes in the afternoon - rambled over the hills.

Jul 23
Sunday - To Bramber Castle - a very lovely evening - walked to Steyning.

Aug 8
To Lewes.

Aug 10
Thursday - Rose early - visited my patients - left for London by the Sovereign at three.

Aug 11
Breakfasted with Mr Duppa - called on Mr Greenough. Went to Clapham - spent the day with Mr Pearson - returned in the evening.

Aug 12
Left London by the 8 o'clock coach.

Aug 20
To Clapham and returned next morning.

Aug 25
To Chichester with Ellen to see Walter; returned next day to Arundel where the Miss Duppas met us: went to Worthing - tea with Mr Dixon - home by ten o'clock.
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[Apr 1]

July 30  Accepted the offer of the Trustees of the British Museum, of four thousand pounds for my Collection of Fossils and Antiquities; the trustees engaging to remove the specimens.

[Sept 29]

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[Mar 4]

August
Received the sum of £4000 from the trustees of the British Museum for my collection. And so passes away the labor of 25 years!!! G. A. MANTELL. But I will begin de novo!

Sept.
My son Walter and my daughter Ellen, [words blotted out].
1840

Clapham Common

1840 Elected a member of the Athenæum by the Council.

[Mar 12]

[Mar 17]
1841

[Have in some measure ... highly respected.]

Mar

Attended the Soiree of the Marquess of Northampton, and exhibited a fine fossil Turtle from the Chalk of Kent.

[Apr]

Soiree of the Marquess ... and person

[Apr 8 - 9]

[Apr 16 - 17]

[Apr 30]

May 3

A Soiree at Mr Allnutt’s on Clapham Common - a very agreeable party of about 100 persons. Chatted for an hour on Roman Vases, Incrustations, fossil Turtles, and Infusoria. A grand display of microscopes, and living animalcules.

May 4

[Anniversary ... suffering severely.]

Dined last week at the London Tavern, the anniversary of St. Ann’s School, Brixton.

May 12

Attended a morning concert at the Opera House with Mrs Allnutt and family.

Sent my Memoir on fossil Turtles to the Royal Society.

[May 13]

[May 15]

May 18

Dined with the Bishop of Chichester at Mr Hudson’s.

May 19

Lecture by Brayley on Volcanoes at Clapham School. [The Lancet ... Thymus Gland.]

[May 20]

May 21

My kind friends Mr and Mrs Allnutt left for Dover on a tour up the Rhine.

May 22

Saturday afternoon. Went to Tunbridge Wells to see Mr Harford. Cold and wet.

May 23

Arose early - walked over the common and rocks. Drove to Penshurst and returned to the Wells by Langton Green. Returned to London by the afternoon coach.

May 24

My very old friend Mr W. Lee of Lewes came on a visit.

May 26

Lady Mantell of Dover dined with me, and my kind friend Miss Foster. [The Derby Day ... lovely day and night.] Letter from Ostend from Mrs Allnutt.

May 27

To the National Gallery with Mr Lee - Severe storm at night.

[May 28]

May 29

[Voyage to Gravesend ... in the evening.] A hamper of fossils from Tilgate Forest: the first I have received for some years.

May 30

Sunday - Drove to the Cemetery at Norwood. Norman Tiles from Castleacre, Priory, by the kindness of Mr Richardson.

May 31

Dined with my friend Mr Lyell - met von Romer, Miss Rogers (the Poet’s sister) Dr Fitton, Stokes etc. Took leave of Lady Mantell.

Jun 2

Meeting of the Geological Society with Mr Lee.

Jun 3

The last lecture at the Parochial School at Clapham, by Mr Brayley. I delivered a short address at the close of the lecture. A lovely moonlight night; rambled through Mr Allnutt’s grounds till midnight.
[Jun] 4  My friend Mr Lee left me. Letter from Mrs Allnutt. [Dined with Mrs Hibbert ... Ministers.]

[Jun 5]

Jun 6  Received a visit from a young friend. Sunday.

Jun 11  Visited my old friend Mr Bakewell at Hampstead.

Jun 10  Mr and Miss Richardson of Dulwich dined with me. Letter from Professor Silliman. [No news ... all hope is over!]


Jun 18  Drove to the College of Engineers at Putney with Reginald.

Jun 19  At the Royal Society; corrected my Memoirs for the Printer. A portrait of Dr Dalton had just been received, to hang up in the Council Room. Letter from Mrs Allnutt.

[Jun 20, 21, 22, 23]

Jun 26  Miss Kell of Lewes called upon me.

Jun 30  Zoological Gardens, Regents Park, with Reginald and my sister. Wrote to Ellen Maria.

[July 5, 6]

July 7  Barcombe Place. Left at ten with Mr Grantham for Brighton, reached B. at twelve. Started for Clapham at two, and reached home at seven. Very wet evening.

[July 13]

[July 16]

July 19  [Monday - Started at ten ... in store for me!] Found a packet had arrived from Dr Bailey of N. America - water, sand, earth, etc., with infusoria from that Point.

My poor old Grey Mare, sent to my friend Mr Grantham.

July 20  Reginald returned from Brighton, wet through!

July 23  Opera in Countess Norbury's box. Taglioni and Cerito in the ballet - Persiani, Grisi, etc. -

[July 24, 25]

[July 27]

[July 29]

July 30  Letter from Professor Silliman and Mrs Allnutt.

[July 31]

[Aug 2]

[Thursday  Letters from ... Dulwich]

Friday  Dined with Mr Harford, Kensington, and met my old Brighton friend Mr Basevi.

Saturday  Drove to Dulwich and took Ellen to the Cemetery to the grave of her poor sister! To London afterwards.
Aug 11 Reginald's 14th birthday. Drove to Hanwell with Ellen Maria, and saw my dear boy. Very wet and dreary.

[Aug 13]

[Aug 17]

Aug 18 [Rose at five. ... home by seven.]

My kind friends Mr and Mrs Allnutt and family returned from the Continent last week.

[Aug 27 - 28]

Aug 31 My daughter, Ellen Maria, came from Dulwich.

Sep 1 Mr Lee visited Reginald at Hanwell - Discovered Stephanoceros Eichornii, on water-lily in the Grove Pond.

Sep 6 To the Regent's Park Zoological Gardens with Ellen Maria to see four Orang-Utangs or Chimpanzees, and the young Giraffe. Mr Grantham came to see me, and left this morning. Sent box to Prof. Silliman with parcels for Dr Bailey.

Sep 8 To the Haymarket with Ellen and Miss Richardson - to see "Money"; Macready etc. - Beautiful evening.

Sep 9 To Hampton Court with Ellen and Miss Richardson - a very lovely day - Drove my own horses - left home at one - returned at seven in the evening: a pleasant excursion.

[Monday - To Hayward's Heath ... melancholy excursion!]

Sep 14 Corrected the revise, and plates for my paper on the Iguanodon for the Philosophical Transactions. Wrote to Professor Silliman.

Sep 18 Drove with my sister and Miss Foster to Hanwell to see Reginald. - A very lovely evening.

Sep 28 Ellen Maria left for Exeter; took her to the Paddington Station by 8 o'clock in the morning. Miserably wet weather. Wrote a paper for the Lancet.

Sep 29 Reginald came from school.

Sep 30 To the Polytechnic with my boy. Very wet.

Oct 1 Miss Foster's birthday. Letter from Ellen Maria.

Oct 6 Mr Owen came to see the fossil turtle. Visited Mrs Murchison.

Oct 7 Reginald returned to school.

[Oct 10, 11]

Oct 20 Letters from Professor Silliman.

Oct 24 My cousin Mrs George Mantell spent the day with me.

[Oct 27]

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Nov 16 [Drove ... Prince.] Received from Professor Hitchcock his able report on the geology of Massachussets 2 Vols. 4to. Letter from Mr Lyell from Boston. [In some ... works.]

Nov 17 To the City and Bank of England. Intense frost. Still very unwell!

Novr. Received a bust of Professor Silliman. [Mr Richardson, who was formerly ... is the basest! -

[Friday - my friend Sir Francis Chantrey .... countenance.]
[Nov 30]

Dec 7  Still very infirm. Delivered a lecture in the Parochial School room, Clapham Common. A numerous audience - passed off very well - but almost killed me.

Dec 9  [Attended meeting ... lumbar region.] Sent copies of my papers on Iguanodon and Turtle from the Philos. Trans. to many friends.

Dec 15  [Attended Council of the Geological Society ... miserably put together.] There was also a large collection of bones, jaws and teeth of Mastodons and other mammalia. Attended in the evening meeting of the Geological Society.

[Dec 21]

Dec 31  [I terminate ... unable to walk without assistance.] Sent many copies of my Memoirs from the Philos. Trans. just published, to friends in England, and to many savants in France. Letter from Professor Silliman.
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[Jan 25]

Feb 3  [My birthday! Received ... de Humboldt.] Letter from Mr. Benjamin Silliman. Letter and tooth of Labyrinthodon from Dr. Jäger of Stuttgart - with drawing of skull etc. of his Mastodonsaurus Salamandroides.

Feb 22  Attended a lecture at Clapham School room, by Mr. Buckingham on Edom. A pleasant gossiping lecture. Purchased a Cross of the Legion of Honor from the field of Waterloo.

Feb 18  Attended the Anniversary of the Geological Society; unable to remain to the dinner.

[Feb 23]

Feb 24  [Called ... Lapidary.] Mr. Binstead of Maidstone called and brought for my inspection some plates of Chelonia from the Chalk of Kent. [Wrote ... Philadelphia.]

[Feb 27]

Mar 3  Labyrinthodon tooth from the Lapidary - very fine. Wrote numberless letters - cleared up all my correspondence. Mr. Lee discovered Xanthidia in water from Grove House.

Mar 6  [Attended a lecture by Prof. Ansted on the Megatherium, at the London Institution - very poor.]

Mar 7  Lecture on Chemistry by Mr. Adams in Clapham School.

Mar 9  Geological Society Meeting. Sat next Marquis of Douro (Duke of Wellington's eldest son) and Dr. Buckland. - Dreadfully wet night.

Mar 10  Attended the Council of the Royal Society.

Mar 12  Mr. Murchison's Soiree. - Took Mr. Sassiott with me - a very delightful evening.

Mar 11  Went to my poor girl's grave at Norwood.

[Mar 16]

Mar 17  Went to the Royal Society. Visited with Ellen Maria, the collection of Mastodon remains now exhibiting at the Egyptian Hall.

[Mar 19]

Mar 20  Wrote to B. Silliman Jnr. Esq. and Professor Hitchcock. A box for the latter to be sent tomorrow. My health somewhat better. [My excellent friend the Earl of Munster ... sad affair!]

[Mar 21]

Mar 22  Received a very kind note and present, left me by my poor patient Miss Synnot who died last week.

Mar 23  Letter from Sir W. Parish at Naples - he has promised me a fragment of perforated column from the Temple of Serapis at Pozzuoli.

[Mar 29, 30]

Apr 4  My dear boy Reginald returned to school.

Apr 5  My friend Mr. Grantham came on a visit.

Apr 6  Attended the Council of the Geological Society, and the meeting in the evening. Mr. Murchison's paper on Geology of Russia. Still very unwell.

Apr 8  Mr. and Miss Allnutt spent the evening with me at the Microscope. Box from Mr. B. Silliman of Newhaven, Connecticut.
Apr 9  [From the carelessness of my servant ... by Mr Silliman.] Letter from Dr Bailey in 85 number of American Journal of Science on fungi sent by me from Clapham Common.

Apr 10  Letters from Rev. J. B. Reade and from Mr Binsted with drawing of fossil cone from his quarry.

Apr 11 Sent box to Professor Hitchcock of Massachussetts. Received from a friend in India skull and horns of a fine Indian buffalo. [Wrote ..... Pebble*].

Apr 20 To the Athenaeum - dined there, and attended evening meeting.

Apr 23  [Mr Gassiatt's lecture ... lecture.] On Saturday went to Mr Murchison's soiree with Mr White and Mr Hartford. [Letters ... paralysis.]

Apr 26 My dear boy Reginald returned to Hanwell School.

May 4  Dined at Mr Allnutt on Clapham Common. Letters from Dr Jaeger of Stuttgard. Mr Relfe brought me a copy of the new edition of "Thoughts on a Pebble". The weather very cold, wet, and boisterous. Wrote to Dr Bailey, Professor Silliman, and Prof. Hitchcock, U. States, America.

May 7 Wrote to Dr Payne, Medical College, New York. Very ill from neuralgia of the left aural nerve, all night. Obtained a mass of conglomerate with Roman Coins.

May 8 Suffering dreadfully.

May 9 Attended Mr Owen's lecture on the Nervous System at the College of Surgeons.

May 10 Went to the Exhibition of the Royal Academy.

May 14 Accompanied Mr Allnutt's family to the Horticultural Gardens at Chiswick: a very fine exhibition of flowers. The company numerous. A delightful day. In the evening went with Mr Gassiott to the Marquis of Northampton's Soiree. Met numerous friends.

May 15 Again very ill. My cousin, Mr Geo, Mantell came and dined with me.

May 17 Attended a lecture of Prof. Owen on the Nervous System. Received a parcel from Dr Bailey of New York. Called on Mrs Murchison. [Still very unwell. .... on a Pebble*!]

May 19 Lecture of Mr Owen on the Nerves - at the College of Surgeons. Parcel and letters and books from Dr Bailey of West Point, New York.

May 20  [May 23-24]

May 26 Attended a lecture by Mr Owen on the Nervous System at the College of Surgeons. Called on Miss Bennett.

May 28 My cousin George Mantell and his Lady, and Mr Dinkel visited us.

May 29 My daughter's birthday. Went to Greenwich by water. Wednesday last was the Derby Day of Epsom Races; weather very delightful: a stream of carriages and vehicles of all kinds, passing from sunrise to midnight! - Several friends of my daughter dined with us. Went to Hampstead and spent a few hours with my poor old friend Mr Bakewell.

May 31 Tuesday. In the evening went to a Soiree of Medical men, at Sir James Clark's in Brook Street. A very large party: returned late.
June 1  Attended the Council of the Geological Society. Received a volume of poems from Sir E. L. Bulwer: "Eva" etc. Letter from Professor Silliman.

[June 2, 3, 4]

June 5  Visited patients at the West End.

June 6  Drove to Barnes in the evening with my daughter. Wrote to Professor Silliman.

June 8  Attended a Concert with my daughter in the Hanover Square Rooms. Council of the Royal Society: Geology Committee.

June 9  Council of the Royal Society. Went with Lord Northampton to Tennant's in the Strand to inspect some minerals. Dined at the Athenæum and spent the evening with Miss Etheldred Benett of Norton House, now staying in Grosvenor Street. [A ludicrous ... departed!!!]

[June 13, 14, 15]

June 16  Thursday. - My dear boy Reginald came home from Hanwell School.

June 19  Sunday. - Spent a quiet day at home - to church in the afternoon with my dear boy Reginald.

[June 20]

June 21  Tuesday. - With my son and daughter went by steamer to Gravesend. Near Erith a severe storm came on. Very fine when we arrived at Gravesend. Went to the chalk pits and purchased a few fossils of the workpeople. Took a drive in an open carriage to Northfleet and back to the Hotel. Left by steamer at six, and reached home by nine. Letter from Prof. Silliman.

June 22  Wednesday. - Attended the evening meeting of the Microscopical Society. In the afternoon drove my sister and Reginald to the cemetery at Norwood, to my dear girl's grave.

June 24  Friday. - Soiree at the Bishop of Norwich in Brook Street. Met Dr Brown and Professor Wheatstone. Returned home very late and greatly fatigued. Wrote to Mr Reade. Spent an hour at the Athenaeum over Ehrenberg's Memoir on the Infusoria of the chalk.

June 26  M. Dinkel spent the evening with me.

June 28  Drove to Bromley and visited my poor sister. Strolled to Sandridge Park, and round the village. Returned to Dulwich, took coffee with Mrs Richardson, and home by nine. A most lovely evening. Jupiter and Saturn very brilliant.

June 29  Wednesday. - Attended Council of the Geological Society. My boy Reginald returned home from a visit with my very kind friend Mr Allnutt to Penshurst. Wrote to Dr Fleming, Dr Wyman etc.

June 30  [Went to the British Museum .... unfavorable position.] Sent parcel to Dr Burkart at Bonn. Purchased a splendid copy of Burns' Poems with 32 plates for 11s/6d.

July 1  Friday - My friend Mr Warren Lee came. Received from Sir Woodbine Parish from Naples, a box of specimens, including a fine fragment of a column from the Temple of Jupiter Serapis at Puzzuoli, with lithodomi!!! Attended with my Son and Daughter the examination at King's College. Bones and teeth from a Cavern near Palermo: fragments of tesselated pavement from a temple on the Bay of Baiae; Tertiary Shells from Palermo, and many other interesting fossils.

July 2  Saturday - Very ill. Sent a parcel to Dr Burkart at Bonn, by Steamer from Regent Street.

[July 3]

July 5  Tuesday - Went to Town. Visited the British Institution in Pall Mall and viewed the collection of the late Sir David Wilkie's pictures. - Met Mr Leigh the artist. Went to the Cosmorama to see the fine picture of Napoleon's sister Pauline, as Psyche and Cupid - very lovely creatures! - Met Mr Young (the tragedian) at the
Athenaeum. Called on Mr Murchison and the Marquess of Northampton. Had a
dreadful attack of neuralgia of the crural nerve in the evening, and spent the
greater part of the night in agony.

July 6 Wednesday - (Die Natalis S A). Dined with Mr Stanley in Lincoln Inn Fields, my
son Reginald accompanied me. [At nine went to the College of Surgeons ....
home by midnight.]

[July 8]

July 9 Mr Warren Lee left me and returned to Lewes.

July 12 Again very ill and confined yesterday to bed! Drove to the West End, called on
Honble Mrs Thomas, went into the City - dreadfully fatigued! Wrote to Sir
Woodbine Parish.

[July 13]

July 14 Attended a meeting of the Council of the Royal Society; went to Hampstead;
returned home by eleven: a very lovely evening. Called on Scharf and
Hullmandel. Subscribed £2-2-0 towards the expense of a bust of Mr Greenough,
for the Geological Society.

July 17 Received by a Mr Bassett, a packet of fossils from Dr Owen and Mr Bolton of New
Harmony of the State of Indiana. Very interesting specimens of Silurian corals
and shells. Letter from Prof. Silliman, dated July 1st.

July 19 With Miss Foster to London; called on Mrs Thomas etc.

July 20 Met Dr Gaillon of Malta at Mrs Allnutt's.

July 21 Letter from Dr Burkart; went to town; called at a sale of ancient armour said to
be from Constantinople; the greater part mere rubbish. [Received from ..... Voltaic battery?]

July 22 Went to Dulwich, and with Ellen Maria looked over books and fossils left by poor
Walter!

[July 24]

July 26 My dear boy Reginald returned to school.

[July 27]

July 30 At the Royal Society. Called on Tennant, Sir J. Clark, etc.

July 31 M. Dinkel came down in the afternoon. [I am still very unwell. ... walking.]

Aug 3 Went to Hampstead and visited my poor old friend Mr Bakewell. Mr Martin came
to see me.

Aug 4 Sent parcel to Mr Bakewell: wrote to Prof. Silliman, Mr Newington - and books to
my poor brother Joshua.

Aug 5 Accompanied Mrs and Mr Jno. Allnutt to May Place near Dartford; returned by
11 in the evening.

[Aug 8 - 13]

Aug 14 Sunday - [Intensely hot; 90o.] Attended service at Bristol Cathedral; afterwards
walked to St. Mary Redcliffe; and rode home. In the evening drove to Ashton; a
lovely moonlight night.

[Aug 15]

Aug 16 Much engaged: visited patients in London.

Aug 19 Friday - In the afternoon, accompanied Mrs Allnutt in her carriage to May Place,
and returned by nine.

Aug 23 Again suffering from Neuralgia of the thigh. Letters from Dr Buckland, Dr Payne
Aug 27  Rose at six; drove to the Paddington Station, and started for Steventon at 8: arrived there soon after ten: by Coach to Oxford, by half past eleven. Called on Mrs Buckland at Christchurch College; accompanied her to the Museum; spent two hours there alone and inspected the most interesting fossils in Dr Buckland's noble collection. Went to the Omnimium gatherum at the Ashmolean Museum; then sauntered to the beautiful monument now erecting to the memory of the Martyr Bishops. At five met Dr Buckland at Christ Church; left at seven and reached town at half past ten: and home before twelve. Dreadfully tired!

Aug 28  My younger Cousin George Mantell, and M. Dinkel called. Box yesterday from Professor Locke of Cincinnati.

[Aug 29]

Sept 1  Rather better. My daughter returned today.

Sept 3  Packed up a box of fossils etc. for Professor Locke of Ohio. Still very ill and suffering acutely.

Sept 7  Went to town to see my friends Mr and Mrs Lyell on their return from America. Met them in Drury Lane, and could only gossip with them a few minutes at the Carriage door. Every night have suffered acutely from Neuralgia!

Sept 8  Sent box to Professor Locke of Ohio, a box of models etc. by British Queen steamer. [Went to the Bank and sold out £200 3½ per cent stock.]

Sept 10  [Every night have suffered ... Neuralgia.] Received July number of the American Journal of Science.

Sept 13  To London - called on Mr Hullmandel - Lyell - Geolog. Society. Wrote to Professor Silliman and Prof. Locke, and Dr Jaeger of Stuttgart. Sent box to Baron Augel for Dr Jaeger. Received a model by my friend Mr Hinton, of the Temple at Puzzuoli.

[Sept 15]

Sept 16  [Rode to several parts ... Dinkel for Lewes.] Dined at the Star. At four took a carriage and rode to Southerham pit, Glynd Place, Ringmer, etc., and returned to Lewes by Malling Hill. Took tea with Mr Kell: walked on the Castle Banks; [returned ... Coach.]

[Sept 17]

Sept 18  [My cousin Dr George Mantell ... Redeemer liveth.] Letter from Mrs Hebbert at Boulogne.

Sept 21  Went to Hampstead to see my old friend Mr Bakewell.

[Sept 22-23]

Sept 24  Mr Reade remained till the afternoon. Dr and Mrs Major (of King's College) paid us a visit. Very ill and so languid that I can scarcely get about.

[Sept 27-28]

Oct 2  M. Dinkel came to see me. Drew Stephanoceros etc.

Oct 3  Letter from Professor Hitchcock of Massachussetts. Another wretched night from neuralgia of the right thigh and leg!

Oct 6  Drove Miss Foster to Norwood and visited the grave of my beloved Hannah Matilda.

Oct 7  Mr Martin of Pulborough paid me an unexpected visit and spent the evening with me. Still suffering severely from neuralgia.

Oct 10  Drove to Kensington with Ellen Maria.

[Oct 11]
Oct 12 Letters from Reginald, Mr Reade, Mrs Allnutt, Miss Croft: - Answered them all. Rather better today.

Oct 13 Drove to Croydon with Ellen Maria. Received letter from Professor Silliman.

Oct 20 Went to Town. Called at Royal and Geolog. Society. Wrote to Professor Silliman. Letter from M. Blainville. On Tuesday my cousin Dr George Mantell called on me.

[Oct 22]

Oct 25 My excellent friends Mr and Mrs Grantham arrived.

Oct 26 Rose early, and so fatigued myself, that I brought on a severe attack of neuralgia.

Oct 27 Mr and Mrs Grantham left for Staines. Went to Dulwich.

Oct 29 Wrote to Mr Reade, Binsted, Morris.


Nov 3 Mr and Mrs Grantham returned and left me on the 4th. Received letters from Prof. Silliman and Dr Deane of Greenfield, Massachusetts. Letter from Mr Reade and Mrs Smith.

Nov 4 Received Dr Deane's box of prints of the feet of birds on shale of the New Red Sandstone of Massachusetts.

Nov 6 Mr Woodward of the Geological Society and Mr Morris dined with me.

Nov 7 Letters from Mr Martin of Pulborough and Dr Buckland.

[Nov 11-12]

Nov 14 To town with Reginald.

Nov 17 Attended a meeting of the Microscopical Committee and of the Council of the Royal Society. [Went with Mr Wheatstone ... from the exertion.]

Nov 21 Went to town - Roy. Society - Geol. Society - King's College, Baillieu, Scharf, etc. Met Mr Wakely, whom I had not seen for several years. Called at the Linnaean Society.

Nov 23 Council of the Geological Society - a very stormy meeting respecting the election of the Curator.

[Nov 26]

[Nov 28]

[Nov 30]

Dec 2 Basket from Miss Bennett at Weymouth, with fossil wood, two Mantelliae etc. from Portland.

Dec 5 Letters from Dr Burkart at Bonn. Yesterday visited Mr Duppa in Albany Street - went to Kensington, and after a long round of visits got home soon after five.

Attended meeting of the Geological Society, Mr Lyell on the falls of Niagara - not hitherto new or particularly interesting.

Dec 21 The Misses Duppa dined with me: a very pleasant evening. Mrs and Miss Jane Allnutt came to tea.

Dec 23 Friday. - Soiree at Mr Allnutt's. Gave a lecture on the Temple of Serapis - on the footprints of birds on the New Red Sandstone of Connecticut; and on fossil Infusoria. A pleasant evening: got through the fatigue tolerably well.

Mr Reade paid me a hasty visit in the afternoon. To London every day; my
health rather better.

Letters from Mr Trotter, Binsted, Lady Mantell, Miss Benett, Mrs Thomas. - My
dear boy Reginald at home for the holidays.

Dec 25  Xmas Day and Sunday. - Went to town; returned to dine.
Dec 20 (26?)  Went to May Place near Bexley with Mrs Allnutt.
Dec 29  To town as usual. Letter from Mr Binsted and S.
Dec 31  [End the year .... neuralgia.] Wrote to Professor Silliman.
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[Jan 1-2]

Jan 3 To town to Mr Duppa and Geological Society.

Jan 4 In the evening, with my son Reginald, I attended the meeting of the Geological Society, and exhibited the footprints from America, and a letter of mine on the subject was read. I took part in the discussion, with Mr Lyell and Mr Murchison.

Jan 5 Received as a present from Mr Stanley Owen’s splendid work on the Mylodon published by the College of Surgeons.

[Jan 16]

Jan 18 Completed yesterday a Memoir on three fossil fruits from the Chalk formation of Kent and Sussex, to read at the Geological Society this evening.

Jan 20 Attended with my dear boy, and Mr Bensted the meeting of the Geological Society. Read my papers on “Molluskite” and on “Fossil fruits from the Chalk formation of S.E. of England”. Returned home by half past twelve.

Jan 22 Took my boy to the Great Western Railway on his return to School. Prince Albert was there, and by a special train to Windsor. Still very ill, and suffering severely.

Jan 30 Another week has flitted by without any occurrence worth noting. This week the neuralgia has been seated principally in the anterior ? nerve and branches above the left knee. M. Dinkel has been engaged in drawing some microscopical views of wood and teeth for my Introduction to the Study of Organic Remains. Parcel from Mrs Smith, Nottingham.

Feb 1 Attended meeting of the Council of the Geological Society. Dined at the Athenaeum. Went to the evening meeting of the Geological Society: Lyell on Big-bone-lick, Mr Coneybeare, whom I had not seen for many years, was present.

Feb 2 M. Dinkel finished two groups of figures of microscopical views of teeth and wood.
Last week received letter, books, and microscopical specimens from Dr Bailey of West Point, New York. Have been rather better the last two days. Letter from Mr Bakewell.

[Feb 3-4]

Feb 5 To London, and the daily routine of visits!

Feb 10 To May Place with Mrs Allnutt - returned at 8. [Still suffering ... left leg.]

Feb 11 My boy has had a cold ever since his return to school. Went with Ellen to Hanwell, and returned with Reginald soon after eight. [Tonight the left thigh ... on to the last.]

[Feb 16 - 19]

Feb 22 Attended Council of the Geological Society. Very ill and scarcely able to get about!

Feb 24 Attended a lecturer by Dr Carpenter on "Cell-life" at the Royal Institution in Albemarle Street.

[Feb 25]

Feb 27 Very ill and scarcely able to visit any patients.

Feb 28 In town: called on the Misses Duppa.

Mar 1 My brother Thomas called on me. Wrote to Professor Silliman and Dr James
Deane of Greenfield, Massachusetts. Received specimen of molluskite from Mr
Bensted.

Mar 3 Went to May Place with Mrs Allnutt: last night another attack of neuralgia.
Wrote to Dr Buckland.


Mar 9 Attended Council of the Royal Society. Went to the Athenaeum, and afterwards
to the London Institution and heard Mr Grainger lecture on the brain etc.
Returned home with Mr Gassiott. Sent Dr Buckland two large slabs of Kentish
Rag with molluskite from Maidstone.

[Mar 11]

Mar 12 Anniversary of the death of my sweet girl.

Mar 13 Went to May Place with Mrs Allnutt, found my poor patient much worse, and
rapidly sinking.

Mar 15 [Went to town and consulted Sir Benjamin ... sufferings are very great.] Went
into the City. Letter from Professor Silliman.

[Mar 17]

Mar 20 Went to May Place with Mrs Allnutt; found Mrs Jno. A. in a dying state. She
expired in the course of the night.

[Mar 21-22]

[Mar 24]

Mar 25 My friend Mr Grantham came to see me.

Mar 27 Mr Grantham left for Lewes.

Mar 29 Packed up and sent a parcel of books for Dr Deane of Greenfield, Massachusetts,
and a box of books and specimens for Prof. Silliman: to the care of Wiley and
Putnam.

Mar 30 Wrote to Dr James Deane, Greenfield, Massachusetts. [Had my poor horse ...Maidstone.]

[Apr 5 - 6]

Apr 11 Mr Dodd of Chichester arrived in the evening.

Apr 13 Mr Dodd came to breakfast and left for Chichester. Reginald came home for the
Easter holidays. [In the evening ... savants.]

Apr 14 Good Friday - Suffering very much.

[Apr 15]

[Apr 17]

Apr 19 My friend Mr Grantham arrived. On Monday Miss Ross, Zornlin etc. in the
evening.

Apr 22 Mr Grantham left for Barcombe. Reginald returned to school. Letters from
British Museum, Mr Darwin. Wrote to Mr Bakewell, Ricardo, Sir H. De la Beche,
Mr Bohn etc.

Apr 23 Sunday - Duke of Sussex died on Friday. Went to London. Suffering as usual.

Apr 27 Mr friend Mr Lyell and his lady paid me a visit and spent several hours with me.

Apr 28 In excruciating agony from neuralgia, the effect of yesterday's over exertion.

Apr 29 Engaged in preparing a packet to send to my son Walter in New Zealand.
May 2  My brother-in-law Mr Woodhouse of Exeter called on me. Mrs and Miss Allnutt came in the evening, previously to their trip to France.

May 5  Went to Somerset House, and to the Water-color Exhibition in Pall Mall.

May 9  Wrote to Professor Silliman and to my son Walter.

May 10  Sent off a box for my son Walter to New Zealand. Went into the City: still very ill.

May 11  [Intelligence ... Australian Bank.] Letter from Paris from my kind friend Mrs Allnutt.

May 14  Letters from Mr Bakewell, Lyell, Darwin, Mr Thomas etc. My cousin Mr George Mantell of Faringdon paid me a visit.

May 16  Sent £50 per Australian Bank for Walter!

May 19  Letter from Lady Mantell including a letter from Walter dated December 29, 1842.

May 23  Went to Bromley to see poor Kezia.

[May 31]

June 1  [At three ... evening.] Went over the Cathedral and remained in the venerable pile till it was dusk; then sauntered down to the east gate by that most crystalline of all streams the Itchen.

[June 2]

[June ? (May 6 error?)]

June 3  In the evening called on Mrs Allnutt, who returned from France on Friday.

June 4  Very unwell indeed; obliged to go to bed.

June 5  Passed a wretched night; suffering acutely from pain in the spine. Wrote to Mr Akerman, Woodhouse, Hawkins, Carr etc.

[June 7-8]

June 9  Called on Mr Woollgar and many others: drove to Southerham, and afterwards to Malling and Southover Church. [Left Ellen ... Gundrad's tomb,] and went by Winterbourn stream to White Lion Lane to County Row and White Hill. Left at four for my friend Mr Grantham at Barcombe Place; went by Offham and Barcombe Church. Mr and Mrs Crole and another clergyman and his wife came to dinner.

[June 10-12]

June 15  My son Reginald returned from Hanwell school. In the afternoon took Ellen and Reginald to Carshalton; visited the church, and rubbed off an imprint of the brass effigies of Nicholas Gaynsfoord etc.

[June 16]

[June 18]

June 19  To London with Reginald.

[June 22]

June 25  Sunday - A visit from S. whom I had not seen for two years.

June 26  To London. Very ill from neuralgia as usual.

June 27  Took Reginald to the Euston Square Station to go to Loughborough on a visit to Mr Carr, a Civil Engineer. Reginald left at eleven o’clock, and I drove on to Hampstead to see my poor old friend Mr Bakewell. A lovely summer day. Drove to the heath, and lounged upon the turf for an hour till my poor friend could
receive me. Found him sadly worn out, in bed, and so deaf that with difficulty he could hear me. Spent an hour with him; returned to London: went to the City, and home by omnibus.

[June 29]

July 2 Went with my sister to Richmond, and strolled for a couple of hours in the Park. A lovely afternoon. More than a hundred carriages were standing near the Grand Hotel.

July 3 Sent a letter to my landlord Mr Northcote agreeing to continue my house till Lady Day next. On Friday took Ellen to the station for Barcombe. Received three New Zealand papers from Walter, but no letter. [Still suffering .... or relieve.]

July 4 [In London. ... Clock-makers.] Met my friend Mr Woolgar of Lewes there; took him home in my carriage to dine with me. Shewed him some animalcules, and fed some vorticellae with carmine to his great delight.

July 5 Letter from my boy Reginald, and from Mr J. B. Reade.

[July 6-13]

July 14 Friday - Visited all my patients: wrote numerous letters. Very much fatigued.

July 15 Went to the Cemetery at Norwood.

July 17 Monday - Visited my poor old friend Mr Bakewell, at Hampstead; my sister accompanied me. Found him very ill, and much worse than at my last visit. The weather is very fine.

[July 18-19]

July 20 Letters from Ellen, Reginald. Cold and showery.

July 24 In town. Called at the Geological Society, and went with Scharf to the British Museum. Inspected the fossil collection, and the Xanthian architectural remains lately brought by Mr Fellowes.

July 25 Went over the collection of "Economical Geology" in Craig's Court with Mr Phillips. Some highly interesting specimens of minerals. [Mr Aldous brought me proofs ... Letter from Mrs Bakewell.]

[July 27]

July 28 Letters from Professor Silliman and Dr Deane, America. Ellen Maria returned from Barcombe Place.

July 29 In London. Called at the Geological Society. Met Mr Hume (the Joseph H.M.P.), Mr Warburton, Duke of St. Albans etc.

July 31 Again in town: purchased of Stutchbury a marvellous specimen of a Cidaris with between 50 and 60 spines! from Colne.

[Aug 1-5]

[Aug 7]

[Aug 10]

Aug 11 [My son's birthday ... attached friend.] (Wrote to Professor Silliman). Returned home by Highgate - a very fine hot day.

Aug 12 Miss Wollaston and two ladies spent the evening with us, and we shewed them animalcules etc. with the microscope.

[Aug 14-15]

Aug 16 [Received a letter ... exemplary.] Went to the exhibition of "the Cartoons" in Westminster Hall with my daughter.

Aug 19 Went to Hampton Court with my sister: lovely day.

Aug 21  My friend Mr Grantham arrived. Parcel of books etc. from my excellent friend Professor Silliman: an elegant volume from Miss Henrietta Silliman.


Aug 24  Passed last night in agonies from neuralgia of the right thigh and leg: in bed till evening.

Aug 25  Another wretched night. My friend Mr G. left to-day.

Aug 26  [Saw a letter from Walter ... Reginald is placed out.] Received a parcel of books from Professor Silliman; enclosing a volume of poems elegantly bound, and letter from Miss H. last Monday.

Aug 27  Wrote to Professor Silliman, Mr Vaughan etc. Mrs Allnutt returned yesterday.

Aug 28  Took Ellen Maria to the Paddington Station on a visit to Dr Major at Woodstock near Oxford.

Aug 29  Wrote to Professor Silliman. Letter from Lady Mantell.

Aug 30  [Went into the City ... 7/8.] Mrs and Miss Jane Allnutt and Miss Foster drank tea with me.

Sept 1  Drove in the evening to Carshalton with my sister and Mr Lee my assistant. A very sultry day, and lovely evening. Thousands of trout in the Wandle.

[Sept 2]

Sept 4  [Wrote to Walter ... £104-10-0.] Letter from Mr G.E. Woodhouse.

Sept 5  Wrote to Mr Woodhouse, Carr, Reginald.

Sept 6  Mr Waller (the author of the Brasses of the Middle Ages) called and inspected Ellen's drawings and rubbings of brass monuments.

[Sept 7-11]

Sept 14  Have kept my bed ever since my return, and am still very ill. Another letter from Walter.

Sept 15  Wrote to Mr Carr, Grantham, Mantell, Lady M., Mrs Bakewell, etc.

Sept 16  In the paper to-day a notice of the sudden death of my old friend Lady Mantell (whom I left on Saturday the 9th in perfect health) on Monday Sept. 11. - Thus one by one of my valued friends pass away.

Sept 20  Ellen Maria returned home from Woodstock.

[Sept 26]

Sept 27  Took Mr Reade to town in the morning. Mr and Mrs Grantham came to dinner, and left in the evening. During the intervals of pain have been busily employed on my books.

[Sept 28]

Sept 29  Last night, a fire at Batten's post office and book-shop, supposed to have originated from some person putting a lighted cigar in the letter box. Destroyed all the contents of the shop, but did not extend farther. Wrote to Mr Carr, Mr Lyell, Miss Oakley etc.

Oct 8  To London with Ellen Maria - King's College, Geol. Society etc. Delivered an address on Ammonites and belemnites at the School. - Very ill.

[Oct 9]
Oct 13 Went to the City. Suffering severely.

Oct 16 My son Reginald returned from Derbyshire. Parcel from Mr Finns.


Oct 30 [Letter from Dr Deane ... 'Medals of Creation'.] Wrote to Dr Deane, Prof. Silliman, M. Dinkel.

Nov 2 Wrote to Dr Buckland, Mr Konig. Dreadful attack of Neuralgia in my knee and hip; without any evident cause. Weather damp, cold, and foggy.

Nov 9 Attended meeting of the Council of the Royal Society.

[Nov 17]

[Nov 29]

Nov 30 Anniversary of Royal Society. Too ill to attend.

[Dec 21-22]

[Dec 25]

[Dec 27]

[Dec 31]
Reginald returned from a visit to Mr Reade at Stone near Aylesbury. Letters from Dr Deane of Greenfield, respecting the birds’ tracks for the Brit. Mus. Busily engaged on my work so far as suffering and professional visits will permit.

Letters from my son Walter, dated Sept. 17, 1843.

Letter from Dr Deane announcing the shipment of Birds’ Tracks for me, intended for the Trustees of the British Museum who have commissioned me to purchase them.

My friend Mr Grantham came to see me.

Received the last sheet of the Botany.

Wrote and sent a letter to Walter via Sydney. Sent yesterday money to Kezia and my niece.

Went to London to see an Architect respecting Reginald.

Letter from Professor Silliman. Wrote to him in reply, and sent him a sheet of my new work, the first vol. of which is just completed - 450 pages. - Oh! that the second was finished also. Miserably wet and cold - very ill and dispirited.

Letter from Professor Silliman which ought to have reached me long since - dated November. Tolerably free from pain the last week.

Mr Simson of Derbyshire called.

Reginald and Mr Lee started for Lewes; to return tomorrow.

[My printer ... recommenced.] Reginald and Mr Lee returned from Lewes. Wrote to Mr Lyell, Lord Northampton and Sir P. Egerton. [Hard at work ... Ichthyology.]

[Went to London ... at Easter.] Called at the Athenaeum, Somerset House, Geol. Society etc. Still very ill and suffering greatly.

Weather beautiful. Professor Phillips called on me.

[Good Friday] - Mr Charlesworth called. [Miss Reade state! destined to.]

Went to Notting Hill to visit a patient. My friend Mr Grantham came to see me on Sunday. Every moment hard at work on "Medals of Creation": but my sufferings are dreadful.

[The time runs on ... the MSS of my book.] My cousin Dr George Mantell and his lady in town. [Called on Mr Lawrence ... I cannot have.]

[Wrote the last page ... Printer.] Received a letter from Dr Deane, dated Greenfield April 24, accepting the offer of the Trustees of the British Museum to purchase the three slabs of Birds’ footprints for £50. Still suffering intensely. Wrote to Dr Deane with bill for £50 and to Prof. Silliman.

[Went this morning with Reginald... waistcoats and fires.] Attended the Clapham
May 28 Went to Notting Hill with Mrs Hebbert. [Reginald went to the office ... Still very cold.]

May 31 Attended a Lecture at the Royal Institution. Dr Daubeney on Chemical Constituents of the primary rocks. A poor lecture. The eclipse of the moon could not be seen in consequence of the murky state of the atmosphere.

June 5 Letter from M. Dinkel. Wrote to Prof. Silliman.

June 7 Dined with Mr Lyell. [Went to the Royal Institution ... enjoyments of this kind.] 

June 13 Attended a meeting of the Royal Society, and took with me a copy of my new work. A pleasant evening. Lord Northampton, Dr Buckland, Sir P. Egerton, etc. were present.

June 15 [Saturday. - Visited Sir Robert Peel, ... several to my friends.] Letter from Walter, dated October last; and also from Prof. Silliman and his son, dated April. Received a beautiful Ichthyosaurus from Mr Hawkins.

June 18 Went by railroad to Brighton to stay a few days. Heavy thunderstorm and rain from Croydon to Hayward's heath. Went in a warm bath in the evening.

June 19 Wednesday. - Letter from Sir E. Bulwer. Mrs Hebbert made several calls. Very cold and dreary.

June 20 A beautiful day. Still suffering. Yesterday Mr Lee and Grantham came over. In the evening went and heard Mr Sortain preach. Wrote to Sir E. Bulwer.

June 21 Very fine day; but suffering so much could scarcely get about. Called on Mr Horace Smith, and Mr Ricardo. Warm bath - the fourth - no relief.

June 22 Beautiful morning. Went to the Catholic Chapel to see the altar-piece by poor Carew. Then rode to Kemp Town, and walked under the Cliffs to see the surface exposed by recent falls; a fine section of the ancient shingle, six feet thick. Left Brighton by two o'clock train to Croydon, where my carriage was in waiting.


June 24 Mr Charlesworth (Cur. York Inst.) called on me, and shewed me several interesting fossils. [Mr Knipe ... 500 copies ready.]

June 25 A steady rain for three hours, almost the only shower we have had at Clapham since April! Received a present of books from Mrs Bakewell; among them a copy of her late husband's Mineralogy.

June 26 Wednesday. Left by the twelve o'clock train for Faringdon - no conveyance at the station - hired a gig - reached my cousins soon after three. A wet evening; called on Mr Barnett, and examined his collection of fossils, obtained from the railway cutting.

June 27 Rode to the gravel-pits. In the evening my cousin drove me to the station; reached home at ½ past 11. Brought with me a large collection of Faringdon fossils.

June 28 Suffering as usual from over fatigue.

July 1 In great agony all night and day with neuralgia in the knee and leg. Wrote to M. Brongniart, to whom and to the Institute I have sent copies of the "Medals".

July 2 Received from Mr Dana a copy of the new edition of his Mineralogy; a very fine and elaborate work. Yesterday a sharp thunder storm, with a deluge of rain.
July 3

July 4 Went by steamer to Lymington, and after an hour in that little clean town, returned to Yarmouth. In the evening walked out a mile from the town, with but little pain.

July 5 A showery day; very unwell; a night of great suffering.

July 6 [Saturday. - A beautiful day ... Very ill to-night.] Letter from Mr Lyell and Mr Lawrence.

July 7 Sunday. - Suffering considerably; better in the afternoon; went at six by a steamer to the Needles and back; a delightful sail; the view of Scratchell's bay and Alum bay, very fine.

July 8 Took a car and visited the quarries of fresh-water limestone, abounding in limnea, planorbis etc. at Dods pit, near Calbourn. [Proceeded to Brook ... tolerably well bear.]

July 9-10

July 11 Remained quiet all day - but suffering much.

July 12 A beautiful day. Went in a car to Fresh-water gate and Alum Bay. Endeavoured to purchase a fossil turtle of a collector of the name of Cotton, but unsuccessful. Packed up my specimens.

July 13 [Left ... ten.] Walked round East Cowes, till the rain came on heavily, and drove me for shelter into an Inn. [Left at ... fatigued.]

July 14 Sunday. - A tranquil day. Letter from Walter on Friday, dated Feby. 6, 1844. Mr Duppa paid me a visit.

July 15 Monday. - Letter from Dr Deane of Massachusetts. Note and present of papers from Professor Owen.

July 17

July 19

July 24 [Went to the bank ... refused to me.] Preparing a box to send to Walter.

July 25 - 26

July 29

July 30 A stormy windy day with violent gusts of rain. Went by railroad to Shoreham, and from thence by coach to Worthing and called on Mr Dixon and inspected his beautiful collection of fossils. The weather so boisterous as to compel me to take shelter at an hotel. Left at two: called at a few places in Brighton and left by the half past six train for Croydon, where my carriage was in waiting.

Aug 2 Went with Mr and Mrs Allnutt to Richmond and Kew Gardens. Rained very heavily, and I got much exposed to the damp! - Very foolish.

Aug 4 A severe attack of fever, the consequence of Friday's imprudence confined me to my bed for two days, with much suffering.

Aug 5 My friend Rev. J. B. Reade called on me in the evening for an hour.

Aug 6

Aug 8 Thursday. - Left the Euston Square Station for Aylesbury at 10¼: my friend Mr Reade met me at Aylesbury. Visited the church, called on a Mr Hunt, and saw his collection of fossils. Proceeded to Hartwell, and inspected Dr Lee's Museum, and fine old mansion - the residence of Louis XVIII when sojourning in England before his restoration to the throne. Went on to Stone Vicarage, the residence of Mr Reade. Dr Lee and several others came to dinner; in the evening went to Mr Reade's Observatory and saw the comet, and afterwards Jupiter, Saturn etc.

Aug 9 Went to Stone church a good specimen of the Architecture of the 12 century;
now just restored. Went to the quarries of "pendle" limestone near Hartwell where Mr Brodie had found insects; we were unsuccessful: cyprides, paludina, a small modiola, teeth and scales of small fishes, and a leaflet of a fern, were all we observed. Called on Dr Lee: saw his gallery of Egyptian antiquities. Returned to Stone to dinner; left at ½ past six for the station - Aylesbury at seven - Reached London soon after nine.

Aug 13
Went to the College of surgeons and British Museum and presented to the latter several bones of the Iguanodon. Letter from Prof. Phillips, Dr Bright, Sir Jas. Clark etc.

[Aug 16]

Aug 29
[Engaged the house ... heart to rest upon.] Received a parcel from the Isle of Wight - wrote a paper on an undescribed species of Unio from the Wealden of the Isle of Wight and sent it to Professor Phillips for the British Association.

[Sept 5]

Sept 7
[SATURDAY - After again meeting the surgeon ... noble edifice.] Went in search of Professor Phillips, - Mr Charlesworth called and took tea with me at the hotel, and we again went in quest of Prof. Phillips, whom we at length met. Gossiped with him for some time, and returned to the hotel greatly fatigued.

Sept 8
[SUNDAY - rose at six ... Derby and Leicester.] A glorious day; the country looking most beautiful and verdant. Was without a fellow passenger throughout the whole route. Reached Euston Square at seven; and Clapham before nine.

[Sept 9]

Sept 21
[For the last fortnight ... lease of the house.] Letter on the 16th from Prof. Silliman. [Mr Bohn paid me ... friends and Institutions.]

[Sept 23]

Sept 28
[All my furniture ... Chester Square.] Drove to Clapham and visited several patients. Mr Reade and Mr Grantham called yesterday.

[Sept 29]

Oct 4
My cousin Dr George Mantell called and slept here. Letter from Mrs Hebbert.

Oct 6
[SUNDAY - Went to Clapham ... my existence.] Sent copy of my work to Dr Paris.

Oct 7
Monday - Sent copy of my work to Mrs Hebbert and to Mr Stephen Williams, my solicitor.

Oct 10
Mrs Allnutt called. Almost settled in my new residence. [General state ... brother Joshua.]

[Oct 14 - 15]

Oct 17
Thursday - Went to Clapham. A severe attack of neuralgia came on in the evening. A dreadful night of suffering - did not subside till noon - obliged to continue in bed.

Oct 20
Sunday - My friend Mr Lyell called on me. Wrote to Walter and Professor Silliman.

Oct 21
Dr Paris, President of the College of Surgeons, called on me. Still suffering very much.

[Oct 22]

Oct 24
Thursday - To Brighton by railroad - by Coach to Lewes; took a fly to Ratton to visit Inigo Thomas Esq., arrived there at half past five. Dined there; had a consultation with Mr Thomas' medical attendant Dr Hall. Left at half past eight; reached Lewes by eleven. Slept at the Star Hotel. Rained in torrents all day and night.
Oct 25
Friday - At two took a fly and drove to Glynd Place; found General Trevor and his daughter Mrs Cotterell at home; left at twelve for Lewes - then by Coach to Brighton - and by railway to London; arrived at home by 8 o'clock.

Saturday - Suffering severely from yesterday's fatigue.

[Oct 28 - 29]
Nov 3 [Reginald returned ... this morning.] Letter from Dr Deane of Massachusetts.

Nov 6 Attended the meeting of the Geological Society. Dr Buckland, Mr Lyell, Murchison, Dr Falkner and other friends present.

[Nov 14]
Nov 20 Attended meeting of the Geological Society.

Nov 21 [Delivered my second Lecture ... threw it on the ground.] Received a cast of the head of the Dodo from Oxford from Mr Duncan.

[Nov 28]
Nov 29 Letter from Prof. Silliman dated November 13th.

Nov 30 Dined at the Anniversary of the Royal Society; the Marquess of Northampton in the Chair.

Dec 2 Received specimens from Mr Bensted of Maidstone.

Dec 5 Delivered my fourth Lecture "on the Secondary formations": a fine but very cold evening. Sir James Clark and Dr Forbes, and other scientific friends present: room crowded. Returned by ten o'clock - not much fatigued. Parcel from Mr Butler, Isle of Wight, of Unionidae from the Wealden.

Dec 12 My fifth lecture. Have been very ill all the week! The intensely cold weather had brought on my neuralgic attacks with more severity than for a long while. Delivered a lecture on Matlock; a very crowded room - Mr Lyell, Bell, Dr Grant and other scientific men present. Went off very well; but with great suffering to myself.

Dec 18 Attended a meeting of the Geological Society.

Dec 19 My last lecture (on the Geol. S.E. of England) at the London Institution: a crowded room, and all passed off very well. Mr Reade came from Stone to attend the lecture and returned to my house with me.

Dec 20 A party of scientific friends this evening to meet Mr Reade: Dr Grant, Mr Groves, Mr Sassioti etc.

Dec 21 Mr Reade left me this morning. The Earl of Enniskillen called. The weather again very cold.

Dec 24 Mrs and Misses Allnutt and Mr and Mrs Carr spent the evening with us.

Dec 25 [A cold, cheerless, Christmas Day: my sister and myself at home alone].

Dec 30 Letter and proof sheets of review of "The Medals" from Professor Silliman. Another night of suffering.

[Dec 31]
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Jan 1
Called on Mr Duppa, Sir James Clark, Mr Stanley and Mr Lyell. Present from Mrs Smith of Tunb, Wells.

Jan 2
Wrote to Professor Silliman, etc.

Jan 3
Mr Charlesworth called and spent two hours in the evening with me.

[Jan 7 - 8]

Jan 12
Went to Brighton, to visit Miss Kemble in Regency Square, and returned in the evening. A miserable foggy, and rainy day: the sea shrouded in mist. Saw no one but my patient. Reginald on a visit to Mr Reade at Stone Vicarage.

Jan 15
Mr Charlesworth called on me this evening. Letter from Dr Deane of Greenfield respecting his discovery of some more foot-tracks. Yesterday so dark from fog that candles were used at mid-day.

Jan 16
Mr and Mrs Lyell called on me, and inspected some of my specimens.

Jan 16[Sic ?17]
Very ill from a severe cold; in fact I never am free from suffering for a single hour; nor is there any prospect that I ever shall be.

Jan 18
Received five copies of the Medals (and one previously, making 6) from Mr Bohn. Reginald returned from Hartwell with a cargo of fossils.

[Jan 19]

Jan 20
Went to an evening party at Mr Lyell's; met many scientific friends.

Jan 21
Dined with Mr Duppa's family in Berkley Square.

Jan 22
Went to the meeting of the Geological Society - a dull meeting. Suffering every night from neuralgia as usual.

Jan 27
Mrs Allnutt, Mr Duppa's family, Mr Groves etc. - a large evening party - very unwell and scarcely able to receive the company.

Jan 28
Dreadfully ill. Received a present for my birthday, of an elegant lamp, from my ever kind friend Miss Foster.

Jan 25
Miss Foster dined with us and returned in the evening.

[Jan 29]

[Jan 31]

Feb 2
Mr Woodward and Mr Morris breakfasted with me. My old friend Mr Grantham called on me. Received yesterday a good collection of Corals from the Dover Chalk.

Feb 3
My birthday. Presents and kindliest wishes from my friend Miss Foster, Mrs Williamson, my sister and Mr Lee. Letter on Thursday from Walter, dated New Zealand, June 26, 1844.

[Feb 5]

Feb 6
Suffered severely all night from neuralgia, from the cold of last evening.

Feb 11
Sat up till 3 to finish my Lecture.

[Feb 12]

Feb 13
Passed a horrible night from cramp and neuralgia. Heavy snow - very cold.

Feb 14
Confined to bed all day from intense suffering.

Feb 15
[Injured my face ... from fainting.] Letters from Prof. Silliman and Dr Dana.
Feb 20  My cousin Dr George Mantell came. Last evening dined at the Clarendon Hotel with Mr Warburton.

Feb 21  Anniversary meeting of the Geological Society: attended for a short time. Mr Reade called yesterday; and my old friend, Mr W. Kell of Lewes, today. Weather still very cold; and I very ill.

Feb 24  Attended the Athenaeum in the evening; came home with Mr Murchison. [Was requested ... declined both.]

Feb 25  Went to Clapham. In the evening accompanied Reginald to the Institution of Civil Engineers. Completed my little paper on the Geological phenomena of the County seen from Leith Hill, for Mr Ede's History of Surrey. Sent letter by post to Walter.

Feb 26  Geological Society. Received Geology of New York from Mr Hall.

Feb 27  Attended meeting of the Royal Society: very dull affair.

MARCH

Mar 1  Wrote to Professor Silliman; and to the Editor of the Liverpool Journal on the "Vestiges of Creation", anonymously.

Mar 5  Attended with Reginald a Soiree at Mr Murchison's in Belgrave Square. Took the microscope and some live animal-cules fed with carmine. A very numerous party. Returned soon after twelve. [Thermometer ... Fahrenheit.]

[Mar 8]

Mar 12  [Anniversary ... my poor child.] Very unwell; weather severely cold. Attended the meeting of the Geological Society; Professor Sedgwick on Cumberland. Wrote to Walter by a gentleman who sails this day for New Zealand.

[Mar 15]

Mar 21  Good Friday. Reginald and Mr Lee went to Brighton on a day's excursion. Received letters etc. from Dr Fleming, Mr Williamson of Manchester.

Mar 23  Wrote to Dr Fleming, Mr Williamson, Charlesworth, etc. Went in the evening with Reginald to Mr Bowerbank, Islington; saw his fine collection of fossils, and recent sponges, and Corals. Examined microscopically many specimens. Returned home at midnight.

[Mar 29 - 30]

APRIL  

[April 1 - 2]

April 5  Dined at Mr Murchison's; met M. Roemer, Pentland, Capt. Smyth, Sir John Franklin etc. At ten we all went to Lord Northampton's Soiree: found the rooms crowded to excess.

April 6  Sunday - M. Roemer took tea with me; Dr Grant, and Mr Tennant. Received a copy of "Archives Historiques" for 1844 from Paris. Sent, by Dr Fleming, a slice polished, of the stem of Clathraria which I collected at Brook, for M. Adolphe Brongniart.

April 8  Sent letters and parcels by M. Roemer to Dr Bailey and Professor Silliman, and fossils and prints for himself.

April 9  Attended a Soirée at Mr Murchison's in Belgrave Square - a very crowded assembly. Took my microscope, fossils from Isle of Wight, and a case of antiques.

April 14  Dr Roberts (formerly of Lewes) called on me.

April 15  The Earl of Enniskillen and Sir P. Grey Egerton called and spent two hours with me in looking over my collection. The weather very boisterous and cold.
April 20
Dined with Mrs Cotterell at her father's General Trevor, in Chester Square. After dinner Mrs C. came over and took tea, and enjoyed very much a good microscopical exhibition of Infusoria by Reginald and Mr Lee.

April 21
Delivered this evening a lecture on the Geology of Matlock, at the Athenaeum, at Clapham; the room crowded; more than 300 present.

[April 22]

April 23
[ Went to Loddige's ... on a stem.] Took tea with Mrs Cotterell; met Lord Gage, and others I had not seen for some years. Wrote to Dr Deane of Massachusetts. The weather very clear, and sunny, with cold winds.

April 24
Spent the evening at Mrs Cotterell's; met Lord Gage, Mr Barlow, etc. Wrote to Dr Deane and M. Brongniart.

[April 25]

April ???
Suffering again severely! Wrote to Walter via Sydney.

May 1
[Opening of the Hungerford .... return home.] Received a copy from the unknown author of the fourth Edition of the "Vestiges of the Creation".

May 2
Letter from Countess of Caledon respecting the infus-earth of Ireland. Spent the evening at Mrs Cotterell's. Met Lord Dacre; a large fashionable party.

May 3
[ Took a lesson ... my guinea.] Paid Toppin for cutting specimens for my microscope, Clatharia, flints, etc. - scarcely worth the expense.

May 5
Went to the Athenaeum in the evening; met Mr Wheatstone. Col. Sykes called on me.

[May 7]

May 8
Dreadfully ill from the fatigue of last night, and the extremely cold and wet weather.

May 9
Purchased fossils from a dealer from Dover. [Mr Thomas Hood ... A.D. 200.]

May 12
Mr Williamson of Manchester and his sister spent the evening.

May 14
Mr Reade arrived. Went to the Geological Society and read a paper on the Microscopical Examination of Chalk and Flint.

[May 20]

May 22
Attended the wedding of Miss Jane Allnutt to Mr Henry Carr, at Clapham Church. A crowded assembly both in the Church and at the house. All passed off very well.

May 23
Dr Buckland and Leopold Von Buch called a few days ago. Dined last Sunday at Capt. Smyth, Chelsea and met Sir Henry de la Beche, Ellis, etc. etc. very pleasant evening.

May 24
Attended the Soirée of Sir John Rennie. Lord Northampton called and spent some time with me. Received copies of my paper on the Geology of the Country seen from Leith Hill.

May 27
Went to Hampstead. Received a letter from Sir Robert Peel. Sent a paper to the Geological Society on the Silicification of organic structures; and another on a Specimen of Ornithichnites. Called on Dr Faraday.

May 28
Geological Society.

May 30
The Bishop of Norwich's Soirée; attended for a short time.

[May 31]

[June 2]
June 4  Dined with Mr Lyell to meet Professor Kingsley of Yale College, Connecticut. After dinner went with them to the Geological Society.

June 5  Went by twelve o'clock train to Brighton and from thence by Coach to Lewes. Walked to Winterbourne and Love Lane, and examined the cutting for the railway.

June 6  Went in a fly with my brother and Mr Warren Lee to Southerham, Bridgwick and Offham Chalk pits. Afterwards walked to St John's Churchyard; called on Martin, and bought a slab of Sussex marble. Left Lewes at five, and Brighton at ½ past six. Reached home before ten, after a narrow escape from the Cab I came home in, being driven against by a cart.

June 7  Went to Clapham.

June 8  Lord Northampton called on me, and examined a Stephanoceros in the Microscope. Went to his Lordship's house and met Dr Buckland and Mrs B.: viewed a fine series of Devonshire coral marbles.

June 10  Professor Kingsley, of Yale College, Newhaven, Connecticut, called, and spent two hours in looking over my collection.

June 11  Geological Society. Read a brief notice on the slab of Ornithichnites sent me by Dr Deane.

June 12  Went to a musical party at Mr Harford's at Rutland Gate. Could just discern a dim light indicating the Comet that has appeared within the last week.

June 14  My cousin Dr George Mantell accompanied me to Dr Paris's Soirée, the President of the College of Physicians.

June 15  Went with my cousin and Reginald to Gravesend by steamer; a beautiful day; but the boat dangerously crowded. Loitered about the Rossherville Gardens a few hours; very pretty. Returned in the evening.

June 16  Received on Saturday a letter from Prof. Silliman; had dispatched a letter to him on the same day. My cousin left this day.

June 19  Went to the Zoological Gardens in Regent's Park to see a fine Chimpanzee and a two-toed Sloth.

June 20  Sent a letter to Walter by post. Still suffering very much.

June 22  Wrote to Professor Silliman. Mr Ricardo called on me.

June 24  Mr Ricardo, Capt. Smyth (Pres. Astron. Soc.), his lady and daughter and Mr Buckland, took tea and enjoyed a microscopic exhibition.

[June 26]  Went with Reginald to the British Museum; saw Dr Robt. Brown; examined the stems of Clathraria, but without any satisfactory results.

June 29  Went with Reginald in the afternoon by Steamer to Kew; walked in the Park a short time as far as the Pagoda. The steam-boats so crowded, that we returned by omnibus.

July 2  Went to the Exhibition of flowers in the Regent's Park; very fine Exhibition; but raining in torrents. In the evening the Honble Mrs Thomas and family, and spent three hours in looking at various objects in the microscope.

July 3  Wrote to Walter, India etc. Letters and books from Prof. Hitchcock of Amherst, Dr Faraday, Sir P. Egerton, and Mr Murchison.

July 6  Went to Greenwich with Reginald and Mr Grantham.

[July 7]  Visited the night Exhibition at the Colosseum.

July 9  Wrote to Calcutta, Prof. Hitchcock, Walter, and Prof. Silliman. [Mr Lyell's work ...
July 16
Dined with Mr Stanley, in Brook Street.

July 22
Went to Brighton by ½ past nine train and returned in the evening. Met my brother at the White Horse. Called on Jemima, Capt. Burgh, and Miss Chassereau, and Mrs Bakewell. Walked to the cliffs beyond Kemp Town.

July 23
Went into the City and received the dividends. By omnibus to Clapham. - Heavy rain.

[July 29-30]

Aug 2
Went as far as Tooting to call on poor Mr Chapman who has just lost his eldest son. Yesterday sent books etc. to Ellen Maria.

Aug 3
My cousin’s wife came and dined with me. Yesterday M. Kaup of Darmstadt called on me. Letters from Professor Silliman and Mr Burkhart. Mr Woodward and Morris called on me.

Aug 4
To Kew Gardens with Mrs Mantell my cousin’s wife. Many objects of great interest; the gardens and conservatories etc. in excellent state.

[Aug 7]

Aug 8
Went with my cousins to the Tower and to Greenwich by boat, and returned to dinner. Wrote to Walter.

[Aug 9]

Aug 11
Reginald’s birthday. Very stormy weather; heavy thunder storms. Suffering acutely from neuralgia in the left thigh and arm.

Aug 17
Went with my sister to Norwood to my poor child’s grave.

Aug 18
My cousin and his wife dined with me; and in the evening Capt. Smyth and his lady and daughter joined us. Letter from Professor Silliman. Sent off some 60 copies of my paper on the microscopical examination of chalk and flint, published in the Annals of Natural History for August.

Aug 22
Went to Guildford and back. A beautiful day. Strolled along the "Hog’s Back", towards Farnham for about 2½ miles and returned the same way.

Aug 25
[Reginald returned … over London.] Mr Bailey called this evening.

Aug 26
Mr Woodward called and dined with me.

Aug 27
Capt. Bergh of Brighton, and Mr Toulmin Smith of Highgate called and inspected my fossils.

Aug 29
Went by railway to Tunbridge; arrived there at ½ past two. Walked to the cutting made by the railroad in formation to Tunbridge through the Wealden clays and sandstones. Collected numerous specimens of Cyprides, paludinae, cyclades etc. and stems of Equisetum Lyellii, lignite etc. A very lovely warm day. At ½ past five dined at the Rose and Crown; and returned by the train home by eleven o’clock.

Aug 30
My cousin Dr Mantell came and slept at my house.

Sep 1
Went by the noon train to Maidstone; called on Mr Bensted; visited a Mr Charles, in a dilapidated old Manor house temp. Henry VII. Saw numerous interesting specimens of fossils and of antiquities; but all in the most cruel disorder. Returned by the evening train.

Sep 2
My friend Mr Grantham of Barcombe Place came to see me.

Sep 3
Very poorly; and at home all day.

Sep 4
Wrote to numerous correspondents. [My friend Mr Lyell … his composition.]
Sep 8  
Wrote to Walter by post, and sent a parcel for him to New Zealand House, to go by a ship which is to sail this week - Mr Lee left for Lewes.

[Sep 15]  

Sep 16  
Tuesday - Wind very high, and rain incessant from morning till night. Notwithstanding I walked to Binstead, but found no men at the quarries; returned home wet through.

[Sep 17-19]  

Sep 21  
At home all day - very dull indeed - rained hard all day.

[Sep 22]  

Sep 26  
[A fine day ... the having.] Letter yesterday from Mr Dodd.

Sep 28  
Mr Morris of Kensington took tea with me. Still suffering from neuralgia. Last evening Mr and Mrs Carr to tea.

Sep 29  
Scribbled additions for 7th Edition of Thoughts on a Pebble.

Sep 30  
Sent the same to Mr Bohn. Wrote to Kezia enclosing £5; to Reginald, Grantham, etc.

Oct 1  
Received letters from Dr Fleming, Mr Reade; Miss Foster's birthday - presented her with Bulwer's Pilgrims.

Oct 3  
Bought a copy of Baker on Microscope etc. at a book sale.

Oct 4  
Went to the British Museum, and compared the fragment of tibia from the Isle of Wight with the largest bones I had formerly collected; it was at least one-third larger in linear dimensions! Received two scientific papers from Dr Morton of Philadelphia.

Oct 5  
Sunday - A very fine day. In the evening walked round the Serpentine, with the son of my friend Mr Grantham who dined with me.

[Oct 6]  

Oct 10  
Friday - Went to Leyton in Essex to visit Mrs Cattley, in consultation with her medical attendant; returned home by three.

[Oct 11]  

Oct 15  
Wednesday - Went to Leyton and visited Mrs Cattley. Letter from Professor Silliman.

Oct 16  
To the City and Clapham. Very much fatigued.

[Oct 17]  

Oct 18  
My son Reginald arrived from Wiltshire. Mr and Mrs Grantham called.

Oct 19  
Went to Clapham with Reginald. Mr G. and his son took tea with us.

Oct 20  
[Reginald left ... sad event.] Wrote to Walter via Sydney.

Oct 21  
Mr and Mrs Grantham came to Luncheon. Went twice into the City in the evening and met Mr Aston Key in consultation. Sadly fatigued.

Oct 23  
Letters from Ellen, Reginald, Mr Lee etc.

Oct 27  
Took a ramble to the Old bookstalls, and obtained "Les Fabliaux" 4 tomes for 15/- and Covell's Key of Astrology, formerly belonged to the Duke of Sussex, 10/6.

Nov 3  
Purchased some fine fossil poriferae from Dover, of Griffiths the dealer. [Two leaden cists ... "Thoughts on Animalcules".]
Nov 5  
Attended the meeting of the Geological Society. A very thin attendance and poor affair. Weather very mild.

Nov 16  
[Been much .... accordingly] Mr Reade of Stone came on Wednesday and slept here. Just finished "Thoughts on Animalculies". Attended Mrs Pritchard at Clapham - there all day - very dark and rainy horribly tired. [Applied .... decline it]

Nov 18  
Received American Journal of Science from Prof. Silliman.

Nov 19  
[Went to the Commercial road ... dissatisfied.] Attended the meeting of the Geological Society. Met Lord Northampton, Mr Greenough, Prof. Sedgwick etc.

[Nov 20]

Nov 22  
My son Reginald returned late this evening. Mr Bohn called respecting the publication of some of my works; but we parted without coming to any definite arrangement.

[Nov 23]

Nov 24  
Dined at Mr Allnutt’s at Clapham Common; Mr H. Carr’s birthday. The weather frosty and raw cold.

[Nov 27]

Nov 28  
[To the City ... Transactions.] Mr Carr dined with me yesterday. Went to Clapham and returned by ½ past five.

Dec 1  
Attended Anniversary meeting of the Royal Society: a numerous assembly; left before it broke up.

[Dec 3]

[Dec 6]

Dec 7  
Mr Morris came to breakfast. Reginald left at eight o’clock to go to Bath by the mail train.

[Dec 8]

[Dec 11]

Dec 15  
Dined at Clapham with Mr H. White; and afterwards attended the Athenaeum and heard a lecture on Conchology by Mr Lovel Reeve.

[Dec 17]

Dec 18  
Attended the Antiquarian Society; a paper of mine read on the brasses of Sir Walter and Lady Mantell. Afterwards went to the Royal Society; and shewed in the Microscope specimens of Infusoria from Guano.

[Dec 19-20]

Dec 22  
Dined with Mr Jefferson in Eaton Place.

Dec 25  
Xmas Day - Went to Clapham; came home and dined alone except my sister.

Dec 26  
Sent the 7th Edition of "Thoughts on a Pebble" to the Press.

[Dec 27]

Dec 28  
To Clapham; so ill knew not how to support myself. Mr Woodward came to dinner!

Dec 29  
Rather better; but unable to take any food.

Dec 30  
Received a letter from India.

Dec 31  
[Wednesday.] Wrote to India; still very poorly. [Went to the Polytechnic ... of myself!]
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[Jan 1]

[Jan 6-7]

Jan 12 Miss Mowbray and her brother took tea with us.

Jan 14 Dined in Lowndes Square.

Jan 15 Attended meeting of the Royal Society.

Jan 16 Suffering severely; went to Clapham. Received letters from Professor Silliman.

Jan 18 Called yesterday on Mrs Bakewell. Professor Phillips of York spent two hours with me.

Jan 19 Went to Camberwell; all last night in severe pain from neuralgia of the right leg! There never will be an end of this torture. Sat up till two correcting proofs of "Thoughts on Animalcules".

Jan 21 Attended the Soirée of the London Institution and heard Mr Groves' Lecture on the progress of Physical science during the last year. Went afterwards to the meeting of the Geological Society. Met Mr Murchison who has recently arrived from Russia.

[Jan 22]

Jan 23 Went to Camberwell etc - tired to death.

Jan 26 Monday - Went to the Athenaeum, but obliged to return from being very poorly.

Jan 29 Royal Society meeting. Exhibited specimens in the Society's microscope. Letter from Dr Jaeger.

Feb 1 My friend Mr Grantham and his son came on a visit yesterday.

Feb 2 Mr Albert Way called and inspected my antiquities. In the evening attended the meeting at the Athenaeum Club.

Feb 3 My birthday. A present from my kindest friend Miss Foster ushered in the day. Went to Clapham as usual. Wrote yesterday to Professor Silliman, Dr Bailey, Dr Deane and other American correspondents. Sent Mr Way my gold Saxon earring, and Prayer-book on vellum. Wrote to the Council of the Royal Society recommending the purchase of specimens for the microscope.

Feb 5 Attended the meeting of the Geological Society. Letter from Dr Jaeger of Stuttgart.

Feb 7 Went to Clapham and attended the service at Mr Pritchard's new Chapel attached to his school; the Bishop of Winchester preached. Took luncheon in the Hall of the school; was introduced to the Bishop by Mr Pritchard; he is a fine intelligent and affable man.

Feb 15 At Clapham: Miss Frances Dyson was seized with a paralytic stroke just after I had seen her in better spirits than usual. I was called in and remained till night; no chance of recovery whatever.

Feb 16 Twice to Clapham: Miss Dyson gradually sinking - no return of consciousness. Delivered a lecture at the Clapham school, on the Elementary principles of Physiology; the room crowded; Dr Dealtry in the Chair. Very much exhausted, and very unfit for the task. Reginald returned on Saturday.

Feb 17 Miss Dyson died this evening. Received proof of the last sheet of my "Thoughts on Animalcules".

Feb 19 Dined at Mrs Broderick's in Lowndes Square: took my microscope.
Feb 22  To the morning service at Westminster Abbey with Reginald; the Dean, Dr Buckland read the Communion Service, but did not preach.

Gave to different friends and correspondents, 30 copies of the new (7th) edition of my "Thoughts on a Pebble".

Feb 23  Attended the meeting at the Athenaeum: seized with neuralgia; in dreadful agony all night.

Feb 26  My cousin John Mantell (lately returned from Africa), dined with me; and Mr Roach Smith and a friend, came to tea. Very much fatigued.

Mar 1  Geological Society. Took part in a discussion on some supposed imprints of feet on the Hastings sands. Received letter etc. respecting supposed foot-tracks from the Isle of Wight. My cousin Mr John Mantell accompanied me.

Mar 11  Very much engaged both yesterday and today; Mrs Shelley convalescent. Went to Kensington, Clapham and the City. Corrected last night a paper on Lewes Priory for the Archaeologia.

Mar 14  Went to Brighton to see Mrs Thomas; called on Mr Horace Smith etc. Returned home by half past nine.

Mar 18  Dined at Sir John Rennie's, the President of the Institute of Civil Engineers; a select party of savants; a very agreeable evening.

Mar 20  Letters from America - from Dr Bailey, Dana, etc.

Mar 22  Dined at Clapham as usual every day.

Mar 23  Wrote a letter before I went to bed, to Walter to go by the "Madras" which sails tomorrow.

Mar 24  Sent a parcel for Prof. Silliman on to Wiley and Putnam. [Went into the City ... Pimlico] Received books from Mrs Dana; fossil horn of bos longifrons dredged up in the North Sea, from Lord Albert Conyingham. [Entered at Stationers Hall .... Thoughts on a Pebble]

Mar 31  Very ill again; to Clapham as usual.

April 1  Heard Owen lecture at the College, on Craniology of Fishes.

April 2  To Clapham though so ill I could scarcely step out of my carriage. In the evening to Lord Northampton's Soirée with Reginald: the rooms dreadfully oppressive. Returned half dead at twelve.

April 3  Sunday - A quiet day.

April 4  My dear boy left this afternoon. As usual suffering greatly. To Clapham etc.

April 5  Geological Society; a very interesting paper on the Drift of northern Europe by Sir R. Murchison. Attended a lecture by Prof. Owen at the College of Surgeons;
osteological homology.

April 10

Received a present of a Silver Tea-pot from Mrs Elizabeth Dyson, as a token of regard for my attendance on herself and sister.

April 12

Easter Sunday. To Clapham as usual, and all alone.

April 17

Rev. J. B. Reade dined with me, and slept at my house; over the microscope till one o'clock. Letters yesterday from Professor Silliman. Purchased a copy of the Oxford edition of Asser. Vit. Aelfredi at a book-stall for 8/6 - in the City. [Received a ... publishes tomorrow.]

April 18

M. Dinkel called, after an absence of three years.

April 20

Wrote to Walter and sent letter to Mr Jerningham. Presented a copy of my new work to the Bishop of Oxford.

April 22

Went to my poor girl's grave in Norwood Cemetery with my sister.

[April 23-25]

April 27

Sent a present for Ellen Maria by Mr R. Johnson.

April 28

My cousin George of Faringdon came to dinner.

[April 29-30]

May 1

[ Went to Tunbridge Wells ... evening.] Called on Mrs Smith (Buckingham House, Mount Ephraim) and looked over her beautiful and extensive collection of fossils. Very cold and dull day. [Children ... garlands!]

May 2

To Clapham as usual; exceedingly ill.

May 3

Professor Grove, and the Marquess of Northampton called and the latter stayed several hours looking over my Cabinet.

May 4

Mrs Oliver Massey called. [The 30th anniversary (words blotted out)].

May 6

Attended Geological Society meeting: came away very early from being extremely ill.

May 7

Went with my sister to Kew: too late for the gardens. [Called in the morning ... Royal Society.] Received a letter from Walter dated October last. Received papers from the Antiquarian Society.

May 10

Professor Phillips (of York) called and spent a few hours with me; inspected the polythalamia of the chalk through the microscope. Lord Northampton and Sir J. Murchison called.

May 13

Lord Northampton called and inspected my specimens of Rotatiae etc. in Chalk, through the Microscope.

May 14

Met M. Dinkel at the British Museum; and corrected his drawing of the Hylæosaurus. Mr and Mrs Carr took tea with me.

May 15

Letters from Professor Silliman, Dr Dana etc: my sister Mrs West, left for Brighton. M. Dinkel came to make drawings of my fossil Rotatiae etc.

May 20

Attended meeting of the Geological Society.

May 21

Letters from Mr Hugh Miller, Williamson, etc. [In the evening .... September.]

May 22

M. Dinkel finished the drawings of the soft parts of Rotatiae, for my paper for the Royal Society.

May 26

Dr Edwards (of Massachusetts), who brought a letter of introduction to me from Prof. Hitchcock, drank tea with me, and Mr E. Buckland. Dreadfully fatigued from shewing objects in the microscope. Sent Mr H. Miller a copy of the "Animalcules".
May 28

May 29  Mrs West returned from Brighton. [Wrote and made up ... Kezia.]

May 30  [To Swindon ... train.] Reginald met me at the Goddard Arms. Walked round the
town and visited the quarries after tea.

May 31  Sunday. - Took a ramble through the "Long Walk": a beautiful but extremely hot
day. Went to Church; dined early. In the evening visited the large quarry, till
dusk. - Obtained many interesting specimens.

June 1

June 3  Miss Broadhurst came and spent the afternoon here. In the evening went with Dr
Edwards of America, to the meeting of the Geological Society. Sir R. Murchison
read a paper on Geology of Gothland.

June 5

June 9  Brilliant illuminations in honour of the Queen's birthday. Walked as far as Pall
Mall and back through the Park. A lovely moonlight evening.

June 11

June 13

June 16  Letter from Prof. Silliman.

June 17  Attended meeting of the Geological Society. Mr Lyell was there, having just
returned from America.

June 18  [Meeting of the ... 20 others.] I exhibited some specimens in the microscope
after the meeting.

June 20  Reginald came home, and accompanied me to the Soiree of Sir James Rennie,
the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

June 21  The weather still intensely hot.

June 22  Dined at Sir Percy Shelley's: a very heavy thunder storm at eleven. Went to
Clapham and Camberwell.

June 23  Reginald left us at five this morning.

June 24  Mr Morris, Jeffrey, of Swansea, and three others spent the evening over the
microscope. I was dreadfully ill.

June 25

June 26  To Clapham as usual.

June 27  Still very ill; at home writing I. of Wight etc.

June 28  To Camberwell and Clapham. Lord N. called.

June 29  Mr Martin of Pulboro' and son called. the Marquess of Northampton spent three
hours over my microscope, examining my new discoveries. Wrote to my poor
boy Walter to send the letter to-morrow via Sydney. [Sir Robert Peel ... occasioned.]

June 30  To Clapham and Camberwell: wrote numerous letters etc.

July 1  Sent letter and paper to Walter via Sydney on the 27th also to Professor
Silliman.

July 2

July 3  To Clapham; home by the city: took some MS. of Ramble to Lewes to Mr Clay.
July 4  Called on Sir R. Murchison about nothing! On Mrs Oliver Massey and took leave on her departure for Germany: on Mr and Mrs Lyell with whom I chatted a few minutes. Met Dr Buckland at the Athenaeum.

July 7  Lord Northampton called and inspected several of my newly discovered rotatiae etc.

July 9  Began printing my Lewes Ramble.

July 10  Lord Northampton called and shewed me several interesting specimens from the chalk, and gave me a beautiful slice of fossil tree fern mounted for the microscope. [Mr Charlesworth ... Journal.]

[July 11]

July 16  Went to Lewes to see my niece Ellen, and returned the same evening. The weather stormy and damp.

July 20  Suffering the last few days from the effects of my journey; all last night most severely.

July 25  Passed the last days in a state of great exhaustion; hardly able to scribble the Lewes Guide now printing. Letter from my dear boy Reginald.

July 26  Sunday. To Stockwell early - as usual.

July 30  [To the City ... severely -] went to the Athenaeum; and after some time returned home. Had called on Mr George Mantell in Craven Street. The weather intensely hot.

Aug 1  Letter from my kind friend Prof. Silliman dated July 9th. My cousin Dr George Mantell and his wife dined with me. [At four o'clock ... my fall.]

Aug 6  Called on Mr Bohn, and arranged finally respecting the Geology of the Isle of Wight. Corrected the last proof of my Ramble to Lewes.

Aug 7  Parcel from the Isle of Wight; mere rubbish.

Aug 11  My boy's birthday. Confined to my bed all day.

Aug 15  Been very ill and in almost constant suffering all the week; I suppose from the effects of the fall; the neuralgia has been dreadful.

Aug 16  Sunday. Rather easier! Incapable of anything. Letter from Professor Silliman of July 13th.

Aug 18  Received a copy of my Day's Ramble to Lewes from Mr Clay.

[Aug 21]

[Aug 24]

Aug 25  The weather very beautiful. Walked to the quarries at Binstead, and obtained a few fossils.

Aug 26  Went in a phaeton to Sandown bay, Yaviland, and White Cliff bay, and returned by six. Too much exertion - from which I suffered all night. Collected some Wealden and tertiary fossils, but none of much interest.

Aug 27  [Went .... Island]. Left Ryde at ten by Brading Haven, round Culver Cliffe, along the Undercliffe, through the Needles by Alum Bay, Yarmouth and Cowes; returned to Ryde at ½ past six. [The day .... seen].

[Aug 28 - 31]

Sep 1  Sent copies of my "Ramble to Lewes" to Mr Thomas, Reginald, Ellen Maria, Mrs Bakewell and Mrs Pritchard etc.

Sep 2  To Hoxton to see a patient: called at Mr Clay and on Mr Bohn. Neuralgia as usual
Sep 4  Went to the British Museum to compare the skull I found at Binstead; it proves to be reindeer. Called on Mr Bohn.

[Sep 6]

Sep 8  To Lewes by morning train; arrived soon after 12. Went to All Saints to a "Navy" who had collected marl fossils for me - A splendid collection of turritelites, and other shells; paid 40/- for the lot. Walked to Southover Church with my old friend Warren Lee; dined at my brother's; Mr Grantham brought me two brace of birds. Left at ½ past five; reached home soon after nine.

Sep 9  In the evening seized with neuralgia as bad as ever.


[Sep 11]

[Sep 14 - 15]

Sep 16  The weather continues remarkably fine. Went to Clapham; attended the Archaeological Society.

Sep 17  To the Polytechnic Institution with M. Dinkel to make drawing of a remarkable specimen of Clathraria Lyellii found many years ago by Capt. Ibbetson in the chalk marl of the Isle of Wight.

[Sep 18]

Sep 19  M. Dinkel came to make drawing for wood-cuts for the Isle of Wight.

Sep 25  [Went to Brighton ... committee.] A beautiful day. A fine collection of fossils from Reginald obtained from the cutting of his railroad near Trowbridge. Wrote to Professor Silliman on Monday (21st) by the Great Britain. To M. Adolphe Brongniart.

Sep 29  Wrote to Dr Locke of Cincinnati; sent a parcel to Mr Jerningham yesterday for poor Walter. [Duke of Wellington's ... helmet.]

[Sep 30]

[Oct 1]

Oct 2  My son Reginald came up on a short visit.

Oct 3  My Friend Mr Grantham called for an hour or two.

Oct 4  After dinner walked with M. Dinkel and Reginald to Chelsea; took a steamer to Hungerford bridge, and walked home by Whitehall and the New Houses of Parliament.

Oct 6  Went in the evening with Reginald to the Colosseum.

Oct 7  Letter from Mr Adolphe Brongniart in reply to my inquiries respecting the Clathraria Lyellii from the Isle of Wight. Went with Reginald to the Museum of Economic Geology and saw Professor Forbes; then to the British Museum. Mr Lee brought me the last wood-block for the Geology of the Isle of Wight.

Oct 8  Thursday. Reginald left at nine to return by Great Western Railway to Trowbridge. Mr and Mrs Lyell called!

Oct 9  At home all day at accounts etc.

Oct 11  Mr Lyell called and spent two or three hours with me. Called to Mrs Kemble at Stockwell at 11 o'clock.

Oct 12  Up all night with Mrs K. Walked home at seven this morning, almost dead from fatigue. Letters from Walter dated April 27 of this year.

Oct 13  Wrote to M. Brongniart, and Ellen Maria.
Oct 16  Mr Reade paid me a visit, and slept here. We sat up till one over the microscope; and I convinced him of the presence of the soft parts of rotatiae in the chalk. [Yesterday ... No!]

Oct 17  Saturday. Mr Reade left. A continuance of vexations and cross-purposes.

Oct 21  Much engaged. - hard at work on Isle of Wight.

[Oct 31]

Nov 1  Met Mr Martin of Pulborough at Mr Pritchard’s.

Nov 3  Went to an evening party at Mr Lyell’s, in his new house in Harley Street. Met Babbage, Murchison, etc. A long talk about the newly discovered planet Le Verrier’s.

[Nov 4]

Nov 7  To Clapham. Parcel from Prof. Silliman’s son with prints.

Nov 9  [Letter from ... 1845!] Yesterday my cousin called. Mrs Grantham staying with me. Mr and Mrs Lyell and his sister spent the evening with me and we inspected with the microscope my chalk rotatiae, in fusorial earths etc till eleven.

Nov 11  Went into the City; took chapters 4 and 5 of MS. of the Isle of Wight to Mr Clay.

Nov 14  To the City and Clapham as usual. Fossils from Reginald.

Nov 16  Sent my horse to railway station at Newcross.

Nov 30  The last fortnight has passed away much as usual - in a thousand trifles and yet not a moment’s leisure. Sent a box (Owen’s Manuals - Trip to Lewes - Sir James Clarke’s Climate - Athenaeum - Stars etc.) to Mr Jerningham to go by the Louisa Campbell to Walter. [Attended the Anniversary ... last winter.]

Dec 1  Tuesday. Another very cold day. To Camberwell, Clapham, etc. Wrote to Mr Charlesworth.

Dec 3  Sent a check to G. E. Woodhouse for £25. - Called on Mr Eyre the newly appointed Lt. Governor of New Zealand. Last evening went to the Geological Society. A very thin and chilly meeting.

Dec 7  To Camberwell, Clapham etc. as usual.

Dec 10  Left at ten for the City; a very cold drizzly morning. Left the Brighton station at eleven; arrived at Brighton at ½ past twelve - Lewes at a ¼ to one and Polegate station at ¼ to two. Mr Thomas’s carriage was in waiting for me. Remained in attendance on Mr Thomas till five, left in his carriage for the station: waited a quarter of an hour in the miserable hovel without a seat and scarcely a fire. After a dark and very cold transit reached London Bridge at nine, and home soon after ten. Very cold and snow.

Dec 11  To Clapham etc.

Dec 12  Professor E. Forbes and Mr Morris called and spent a few hours over my fossils. Called on Mr Bohn; very cold and snow. Received a pair of Brent geese from Mr Fowlstone, Isle of Wight. [Received through ... Schopfung*.]

Dec 13  Sunday. - M. Dinkel and Mrs Grantham dined with us.

[Dec 16]

Dec 25  A week passed away very unsatisfactorily. Letter from Professor Silliman. Dined on Monday at Sir Percy Shelley with Mrs Shelley and (two words illegible).

Went to the Athenaeum. Met Dr Brown; - Isle of Wight goes on very slowly owing to the Printer - Copies of my paper on Foraminiferae, sent to Mr Charlesworth, Williamson, Harris, and Wetherell. Saw a review of my “Animalcules” in the Westminster Review, No. XC. Mr Baly called last night and
brought me as a present a table top of Belgian Marble.

Dec 26  
Sent Mr Baly a copy of "Lewes Ramble", "Pebble", and "Rotatiae".

Dec 27  
Parcel for Prof. Silliman - Book for Miss Julia, Mrs Dana, S. Jnr. Rotatiae papers etc. Wrote to Professor Silliman. Called on Mrs Bakewell who was too poorly to see me. The weather still very cold. M. Dinkel called.

Dec 28  
Dined with Mr Lyell; Mr Horner, Dr Falconer etc. present.

Dec 29  
My kind friend Miss Foster (and Mrs Rayner) dined with us. Wrote to Professor Silliman by Post.

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Jan 4  To Clapham - Presented Mrs Shelley with Copy of Thoughts on Animalcules. Went to the Athenaeum in the evening. Sent "Rotatiae" to Mr Toulmin Smith.

Jan 5  Called on Mr Lyell. Sent "Ramble to Lewes" to Mrs Vernon. Check for £25-1-6 to Mr Grantham. Wrote to professor Philips. Reginald came home.

Jan 8  Mr Morris spent the evening with me and Reginald. On Wednesday (6th) went to the Geological Society with Reginald.

Jan 12  Mr Wetherell, Mr Toulmin Smith, etc. spent the evening with us. On Saturday Reginald's dog was lost!

Jan 13  Reginald was obliged to return to Trowbridge very unexpectedly. Mr Reade came and slept here.

Jan 20  Went to the Geological society. A very cold night with snow. Mr Harris of Charing took tea with me. Every day to Clapham. Weather very dark, foggy, and cold.

[Jan22]

Jan 23  Received a letter from Walter dated Taranaki, July 16, 1846. Contained no satisfactory information whatever. Called on Mr Bohn in the evening to arrange respecting the "Isle of Wight" and the Wonders new edition.

Jan 26  [Tuesday ... £61-3-3.] Received parcel from Mr Williamson of Manchester.

[Jan 28]

Thursday - all night. -

Jan 29  Called on Mrs Oliver Massey - Lt. Governor Eyre with letter and parcel for Walter. Very ill from a cold. So poorly can hardly get about.

Jan 30  At home all day ill.

[Feb 3]

Feb 9  Received a clean copy from Mr Clay of the "I. of Wight".

Feb 10  Fowistone of Ryde called on me; and Mr Morris in the evening. Rather better. [Snow ... sledge.] Sent to Dr Dunker, of Cassel, a copy of my Rotatiae paper, by Mr Morris.

Feb 13  [Saturday] - Mr Forrest Shephard, a friend of my kind friend Professor Silliman came and spent the evening over my microscope till eleven. [A sudden thaw ... heavy snow.]

Feb 15  Delivered a lecture on the Geology of the Isle of Wight at the School-room, Clapham Common, being the opening of the Athenaeum for the season: a good attendance; Dr Dealtry presided: got home by half past ten.

Feb 18  Received two copies of the Geology of the I. of Wight. took one and presented it to Mr Leonard Horner, the Pres. Geol. Society, whose term of office expires to-morrow.

Feb 19  Anniversary of the Geol. Society. Went to the meeting but stayed only a few minutes; being very ill, from a night passed in great suffering. Called on Mr Bohn.

[Feb 25]

Feb 27  Reginald came home from Wiltshire to go with me to the Marquess of Northampton's Soiree, but I was too ill to accompany him. Last evening I went to the Royal Institution and heard Dr Carpenter's lecture on the Nervous System. On Thursday went to the Royal Society.
Feb 28 The weather still very cold. Reginald attended the Soiree last night and took the microscope with him.

Mar 1 Obtained a copy of the German translation of my Medals of Creation. Called on Miss Duppa.

Mar 3 Wednesday - Mr and Mrs Baly and Pritchard, Professor Phillips, Mrs Allnutt etc. spent the evening with me and Reginald.

Mar 4 Went with Reginald to the British Museum, the Archaeological Institute Meeting, and the Royal Institution: the latter Professor Ansted on the progressive theories in Geology: a very poor affair.

Mar 5 Reginald left this morning at eleven. Received copies of my Geology of the Isle of Wight and sent away several copies as presents. Mr Grantham called for a few minutes, but would not stop.

Mar 6 Mr Grantham called for an hour, and left for Lewes.

Mar 7 Went to the College of Surgeons, to hear Prof. Owen’s first lecture on the cold-blooded vertebrata. A very cold day, with snow.

Mar 8 Attended Professor Owen’s second lecture.

Mar 10 Attended the meeting of the Royal Society; returned home with the Marquess of Northampton.

Mar 12 - 13 Attended the meeting of the Council of the Geological Society.

Mar 18 Attended the meeting of the Royal Society; returned home with the Marquess of Northampton.

Mar 23 Attended the meeting of the Council of the Geological Society.

Mar 24 Sent a box of fossils to Liverpool for Professor Silliman.

Mar 25 Dined at Mr Wollaston’s.

Mar 26 Lord Northampton’s Soirée; the last of the season. Went there and took my microscope, but the crowd was so great, that it was impossible to exhibit anything satisfactorily. Returned before twelve dreadfully fatigued.

Mar 29 Went with Mr Shepperd (of America) to Professor Owen’s lecture at the College of Surgeons. Called on Mr Bohn respecting the new edition of the Wonders. Wrote a long letter to Professor Silliman and sent it by Mr Shepperd.

Mar 31 To Clapham as usual.

April 1 Sir P. Egerton called to inspect my fossil fishes.

April 4 [Sent box ... Isle of Wight.] and parcels of fossils to Dr Morton of Philadelphia and to Dr Jaeger of Stuttgart.

April 7 Took a puppy for Reginald to the Great Western Railway Station. Called on Mr Lyell.

April 8 Attended Professor Owen’s lecture. met Dr Buckland - Went into the Museum. Gave the College a fine skull with the horns of buffalo from India. Received from Capt Andrews, of Bombay, two interesting specimens of so-called flying Chameleons, from the Himalayas. Mr Morris dined with me. Busy on the new edition of my Wonders of Geology. Met Professor Phillips in the street.

April 9 [Went to the ... barrows etc.] Received from my cousin John Mantell, a very fine skull of a Hippopotamus from Gambia.
April 14
Attended a meeting of the Geological Society; Mr Lyell's paper on a coal-field in Virginia.

April 15
College of Surgeons - Owen's lecture - Called at the British Museum.

April 22
Went with my sister to Kew Gardens, and inspected the hot-houses and conservatories etc.

April 23
Called on Lord Northampton and looked over many specimens from the chalk and oolite. Hamper of fossils from Reginald.

April 29
Suffered dreadfully all day and night, from the little fatigue of yesterday.

April 30
Went in the evening to the Royal Institution to hear Mr Lyell lecture on Auvergne. I was disappointed.

May 6
Attended the meeting of the Royal Society.

May 7
Took the Chair at the meeting of the Western Medical Society.

May 8
Letter from Dr Locke of Cincinnati.

May 9
Mr Morris called and inspected Reginald's fossils.

May 12
Attended Council of Geological Society and the evening meeting. A large attendance.

May 14
Went to Highgate to see Mr Toulmin Smith's fossils: many very fine chalk specimens.

May 15
[Saturday - Went to Bartholomew's ... severe.] Received a note from Walter, dated November. Went to New Zealand House to enquire respecting the transmission of letters etc. to Walter.

May 31
Reginald came home. The weather most beautiful. Wrote to Professor Silliman.

June 4
Went with Reginald to the Royal Institution.

June 5
Sir John Rennie's Soirée with Reginald; a very pleasant evening.

June 9
To the Geological Society with Reginald.

June 10
Reginald left at noon. - Have been very much engaged, and as usual very unable to bear it. Received at length my parcel from Prof. Locke of Ohio. The Wonders going on by fits and starts; about one-third printed. It is very hard work indeed.

June 16
To the Geological Society. Letter from Prof. Silliman.

June 17
To the Royal Society. Very much harassed. [My old friend ... suddenly in London.]

June 28
Monday. - Went to Richmond in the afternoon.
[June 29]

[July 6 - 7]

July 10 Went to Mr Bowerbank in the evening and met Ehrenberg, Sir Rob. Schomburgh and several other eminent men. Prof. E. shewed me many beautiful infusorial forms from volcanic tuff, from Barbados. Returned by midnight.

July 11 Very ill; probably from yesterday's fatigue.

July 12 Took Mrs Buckland a copy of my Isle of Wight as a present. Mr Charlesworth and Morris dined with me.

July 13 Mrs George Mantell called on me; and Mr Reade of Stone and his brother in the evening. Last night was a grand microscopical party to meet Ehrenberg at Mr Bowerbank's, but I was too ill to go. Corrected the last page of Vol. I of the Wonders.

July 14 Letter from Professor Silliman, dated June 19, announcing the receipt of the box of fossils sent in April. [The weather ... Fahrenheit.]

July 16 To the Bank and received my Dividends.

July 23 Went to my poor girl's grave, at Norwood, with my cousin's wife Mrs George Mantell. The day very fine. Went to the British Museum yesterday, for the first time since the new entrance was opened.

July 28 In the afternoon went by railway to Blackwall and returned by steamer to enjoy a lovely moonlight evening on the water.

July 29 Received some Barbadoes infusorial marl from Sir Robert Schomburg.

July 30 Seized at night with a severe attack of spasms in the limbs and abdomen; suffered dreadfully all night.

Aug 1 Have been in tortures ever since from neuralgia; opiates, ether, prussic acid, all of no avail whatever.

Aug 2 Today rather better, but reduced to a state of great debility, though obliged to get out and visit some patients.

Aug 3 Wrote to Mr Benjamin Silliman, and sent him a letter of recommendation for Pennsylvania University.

Aug 6 Received letter from Poonah in India etc. -

Aug 7 Purchased "Views of the Great Western Railway" for a birthday present for my dear boy. John Doyle goes to him on Monday as servant. Still very poorly - unable to leave home in consequence of professional engagements.

Aug 11 My boy's birthday - 20th year - Am going off to Lewes and to my friend Mr Grantham, at Barcombe Place.

Aug 12 Thursday. Rose at seven. Went with Mr and Mrs G. to see Isfield Church, which I had not visited for very many years. Returned to dinner at three. Mr Dowson, the clergyman of Barcombe, dined with us. In the evening strolled about the town. Went to bed at nine!

Aug 13 [In the afternoon ... than ever.] At five took tea with Mr Brown and met some of the officers of the Mechanics' Institution. At seven gave a lecture on some of the modern discoveries of Geology at the Institution, to a good audience. Returned to Barcombe by ten.

Aug 14 Left at Barcombe Place at ten: to Brighton via Lewes, with Mr and Mrs G. in their carriage; parted with my kind friends at Brighton. Called on Mr Basevi: walked on the Chain Pier etc. Left by the ½ past six train for London, reached home at ½ past ten. All well; nothing had transpired in my absence; the weather was splendid during the whole of my visit.

Aug 15 To Kensington and Clapham.
Aug 16

Aug 20

Aug 24 Went to Woolwich by steamer and returned at night.

Aug 25 To Tunbridge Wells by ½ past one train. Met Mr Akerman at the London terminus. Dined at the Wells, Mr Allnutt's family all from home. Took a fly and went to Langton Green, which I had not visited since I took my poor boy Walter there. The quarry now surrounded and enclosed by evergreens and firs. Picked up a few slabs of fossil shells and cyprides. Returned to Mount Sion, and found Mrs Allnutt returned. Left at eight, and reached home soon after eleven. [Agreed to ... £950.]

Aug 31 To Gosport by the railway - thence to Ryde - lodgings at Rose-bank Cottage.

Sep 1 Fine morning - To Cowes by steamer; sauntered two or three hours on the sea-beach - returned to dinner. Rained in torrents.

Sep 2 Thursday - Gave a lecture on Geology in the Town Hall to a good audience; for the Ryde Institution. The vicar in the Chair. Lord Ashley, Mr Hallam, Pepys etc. were present. Went off very well.

Sep 3 A wet and stormy day; scarcely able to get out of doors.

Sep 4 Fine day. Went to Binstead quarries; called on several persons. Sauntered on the seashore to Sea-view and back. Left by steamer for Gosport at four. Reached London at nine. Mrs Allnutt waiting to take me to Clapham. Reached home by eleven. Letter from Walter last week dated April, 1847.

Sep 5 Sunday. - Nothing but vexation. Wrote to Walter.

Sep 8 Went with Mr Morris to the British Museum. Compared the specimens of Moa's Eggs with those of the Ostrich and Cassowary.

Sep 23 Yesterday went to the College of Surgeons, and Prof. Owen returned with me, and looked over various specimens. Gave him some of the fragments of the Moa's eggs.

Sep 28 Sent a parcel for Walter to Mr Jerningham of Laurence, Pointing Lane.

Sep 30 In the morning went with my friend Mr Warren Lee to St. Michael's Church, and to St. John's churchyard. Left Lewes at ½ past one for Brighton: - took tea with the Misses Lee, and returned to London by the ½ past six train. Reached home by eleven o'clock.

Oct 1 Settled all my Insurance, Rents etc. Received yesterday a long letter from Prof. Silliman. Suffering dreadfully.

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Oct 8 Went into the City. - Parcel for Walter to New Zealand House. Called on Mr Clay. Mr Broderick left for Brighton.

Oct 9 Eclipse of the Sun: clouds and rain; not an atom visible. Toiling on with the Wonders, which neither the printer nor publisher will expedite.

Oct 15 Mr and Mrs Reade of Stone called upon me: going on as usual; hard at work on the last Lecture of the Wonders! - Went on Wednesday to meeting of Council of the Geological Society. Met Mr Lyell etc. M. Van Breda of Harlem spent last evening with me, over the microscope.

Oct 21 [Another ... my son.] Letter from Poonah. Sent parcel to Poonah by Mr Dickson.
Nov 5  Wrote to Professor Silliman and Walter. Letter received from Mr Brunel acknowledging the cancel of Reginald’s Indentures. Received the proof of the last pages of my Wonders; only Index, is to be done, and then my labors are at an end. Attended on Wednesday (3rd Inst.) the meeting of the Geological Society.

Nov 15  [Another ... suffering.] This night delivered a lecture on "Coal" at the Clapham Athenæum, the introduction to the Course. Sent the Index of my "Wonders, 5th Edition", to the printer. Mr Woodhouse of Exeter called on Friday evening. {I must ... will be.}

Nov 17  Attended the Council, and Meeting of the Geological Society; Sir Thomas Mitchell (from Australia) was present.

Nov 18  Meeting of the Royal Society. Lord M. in the Chair; a small lock of Sir J. Morton’s hair presented; and notice given that the Duke of Wellington would be proposed as a Fellow at the next meeting. Left before the meeting was over.

Nov 19  Reginald came home. To the Polytechnic in the evening - Friday -

[Nov 20]

Nov 22  Dined with Reginald at Mr Alnutt’s on Clapham Common, and attended the Athenæum meeting: a rigmarole discourse by Dr Silvester on Ether inhalation etc. - Met Dr Smith of Reading in consultation at Mr Broderick’s. Sent newspaper to Capt. Andrews, at Poonah. Wrote to Mrs A. last week.

Nov 24  Received Iguanodon teeth and vertebrae from the Isle of Wight.

Nov 25  Reginald left by the one o’clock train. In the evening attended the meetings of the Antiquarian and Royal Societies. The Duke of Wellington was elected; six balls against him! Called on Mr Bohn with Titles of the new edition of the Wonders.

Nov 30  Went to the Anniversary meeting of the Royal Society but came away before the ballot.

Dec 1  Attended meeting of the Geological Society. - Wrote to Professor Silliman.

Dec 3  Went to the City and sold out £200 at 85 5/8.

Dec 5  Up all night with Mrs Kemble at Stockwell. Mr Grantham called upon me in the evening.

Dec 6  Monday - Much harrassed and fatigued as usual.

[Dec 13]

[Dec 15]

Dec 16  Royal Society - Bakerian Lecture by Professor Whewell - on the Tides.

Dec 17  Friday - Went with M. Dinkel to the Adelphi.

Dec 18  Sent for to my old friend Mr Thomas, of Ratton. Went by four o’clock train to Lewes; and on by a Brighton train to Polegate where a carriage was waiting for me. Got to Ratton soon after nine. Found Mr Thomas very dangerously ill from bronchitis.

Dec 19  Sunday - Mr Thomas weaker; may last a few days even now. Left at eleven in a phaeton for Lewes; called on my brother’s wife and punctured her foot. Left by train at two: Brighton at three; reached London at five. Went by omnibus to Clapham, and after a great fatigue reached Kensington, and home by a cab.

[Dec 20]

Dec 21  Received intelligence of Mr Thomas’s death.

[Dec 22]

[Dec 25]
Dec 27

Dec 28  Up the greater part of the night with Mr Broderick; left at ten, with Col. Dundas, for Lewes; called on my brother etc.: at two by train to London; reached home soon after five, very sad and weary. Mr Greenough was my travelling companion.

Dec 29  To Clapham as usual. Wrote to Professor Silliman and Walter.

[Dec 31]
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Jan 2   Prof. Owen, Mr Lyell, and Dr Buckland called - and M. Dinkel dined with me.

Jan 5   Attended the meeting of the Council of the Geological Society.

Jan 9   Left my house at six for the London bridge station. Went by 7 o'clock train to St. Leonard's to see Mr Broderick; found him rapidly sinking; was with him till five; left for London, and reached home soon after ten; a bitter cold and dreary day.

Jan 11  Tuesday - Attended the meeting of the Zoological Society; Professor Owen read his notice of the Crania and mandibles collected by Walter.

Jan 12  Soirée of the London Institution. Prof. Grove on Pyrotechnics.

Jan 19  Wednesday - Attended the Council and Meeting of the Geological Society. Received from Mr Bohn, three copies of the "Wonders"; sent the first copy to Mr Lyell - one to Prof. Silliman by Wiley and Putnam.

Jan 20  Attended a Lecture by the Dean of Westminster to the Westminster Literary Institution. Received 10 copies of Wonders.

Jan 21  Royal Institution - Lecture by Professor Whewell of Cambridge - on the use of Hypothesis in Science.

Jan 22  Saturday - Called on Professor Owen at the College of Surgeons; examined the Moa bones etc. M. Dinkel finished drawings of Moa and Apteryx.

Jan 28  Yesterday sent box to Walter by the Elora to sail on the first of February. Suffering dreadfully from intense headache all night. Snow and intense frost. - [Anne left me ... Brande.]

Jan 29  [Received a very kind letter from Sir Robert Peel.]

Feb 2   [My birthday! ... children.] Attended at three o'clock a lecture by Dr Carpenter, at the Royal Institution. [Letter ... June 28th.]

Feb 3   [In this space, the text is torn out or not visible.]

Feb 9   Delivered a Lecture on the Fossil Birds of New Zealand, at the London Institution in Finsbury Circus; the room crowded.

Feb 10  Went by the 11 o'clock train to Hastings to see poor Mr Broderick, and returned home by ½ past ten.

(Pages torn out)

Feb 16  Wednesday - Went to Hastings; all day in attendance on my poor patient Mr Broderick who is rapidly sinking; left at ½ past six; reached London at half past nine, and home at ½ past ten. Very cold. Sent a Paper to the Geological Society. Sent a parcel to Mr Canning for Dr Dunker of Cassel. Wrote to Dr Dunker.

Feb 18  Dined at the Anniversary of the Geological Society.

Feb 19  Dr Buckland and Professor Sedgwick called. Received intelligence of the death of Mr Broderick.

Feb 20  Went in the evening to hear Mr Harrison preach.

Feb 21  Monday - Letter from Walter dated July 24th 1847.

[Feb 22]
Feb 23 Meeting of the Geological Society - Read a paper, being an addition to my former notice of the Moa's bones.

Feb 26 Took a paper on Reginald’s Belemnites to the Royal Society. Letters from Boston (Dr Warren), and Prof. Silliman. [Dined at Sir Robert Peel’s .. read through.] Preparing a box for Walter.

Feb 27 Sunday - Still very wet: dreadfully tired from the exertion of yesterday.

Feb 28 Sent box for Walter, by the ship Victory; to Mr Stayner, 110, Fenchurch St Mr Waterhouse called and inspected the Collection of Bones for the British Museum.

Feb 29 To Somerset House and the City. Splendid volume - Webster’s Dictionary, sent me by the Editor Dr Goodrich. Letters from Prof. Silliman and Dr Warner of Boston.

Mar 1 Letter from Walter to Reginald, dated Septr. Mr Charlesworth called on me and breakfasted. The Marquess of Northampton called and looked over the bones, and belemnites. Last evening attended the meeting of Institute of Civil Engineers.

Mar 2 Reginald arrived by the late train. Went to the Royal Society; long chat with the Bishop of Oxford and his brother Archdeacon of York.

Mar 3 To Clapham with Reginald. - Went to the Archaeological Institute; Dean of Westminster in the Chair.

[Mar 4]

Mar 5 Sunday - A terrible night of suffering from the effects of last evening’s exertion. My sister Jemima staying with me.

Mar 6 My dear boy left me at four this afternoon. Went into the City. Marquess of Northampton called.

Mar 7 Went to the Opera with Mrs Pritchard.

Mar 8 Geological Society Council and meeting.

Mar 9 Royal Society; only 20 persons present.

[Mar 10]

Mar 11 [Received ... in June.] Went to Camberwell and Clapham.

Mar 12 Sunday - Anniversary of my dear Hannah Matilda's death!

[Mar 13]

Mar 14 Went to British Museum and arranged with Mr Forshall for the reception of Walter’s collection of fossil birds’ bones. Afterwards attended the first lecture of Professor Owen’s course at the College of Surgeons. Wrote to Professor Silliman.

Mar 15 Mrs Somerville (the Authoress of "The Connection of the Sciences") called and saw the Bones from New Zealand.

Mar 16 Meeting of the Royal Society; not twenty persons present.

Mar 18 Attended Professor Owen’s lecture on Birds - Dinornis etc. Evening: Soirée of the Marquess of Northampton. Very ill.

[Mar 19]

Mar 22 Attended Council of the Geological Society: too ill to go in the evening.

[Mar 23]

[Mar 25]

Mar 27 Went with my sister to my poor child’s grave.
Mar 28  [Suffered ... relief.] Mr Charlesworth dined with me.

Mar 29  My sister Jemima left me for Brighton.

April 1  To the British Museum to compare the Jaw with recent and fossil reptiles. Looked over my former collection of bones of Iguanodon, Hylaeosaurus etc. with Dr Melville. Last night attended Lecture at Royal Institution - Dr Williams. Went to the Post Office and City etc. In the evening to Lord Northampton’s Soirée: Prince Albert was present.

April 5  [Letter from ... Pebble.] M. Dinkel engaged on drawing it, and a man on modelling the corresponding dentary bone of the left side. Selected fossils to dispose of to Mr Wilson of Philadelphia by Stutchbury. Attended Council of Geological Society: too ill to go to the meeting in the evening. Sent through Sir James Clark, copy of my papers on Chalk and flint for Dr Webster of Boston. Returned box of fossils to Mr Shipp of Blandford, Dorset.

April 6  Sent Capt. Lambart Brickenden, of Warninglid, near Crawley, "The Wonders", Medals, Pebble, Lewes, Animalcules etc. Parcel to Mr Shipp of Blandford.

April 7  Selected and delivered to Mr Stutchbury fossils for Mr Wilson of Philadelphia; valued at £30. In the evening attended the Anniversary Meeting of the Western Medical Society, and delivered a Lecture on the Structure and Vital phenomena of Infusoria etc. Sir James Clarke presided; about 80 medical gentlemen present: went off well.

April 8  [Another night ... and pale.] Letter from India with bill for £50.

April 9  Sunday - Went to Clapham. [Cavalry and ... very ill.]

April 10  [April 10]

April 11  Marquess of Northampton called and inspected the Jaw, and brought me some microscopic objects.

April 12  Wrote to Mrs Andrews (enclosed a bill for £50 accepted by Mr Watton) by overland mail. Sent copy of South Downs to Capt. Brickenden.

April 13  Professor Phillips, Dr Robert Brown, Mr Lyell and Sir A. Darwin called on me and inspected my Iguanodon Jaw, Belemnites etc. As usual very unwell.

April 14  Attended meeting of the Geological Society. Wrote to Dr Webster.

April 15  Dr Buckland, M De Verneuil and Mr Austen called to see the Jaw of the Iguanodon.

April 16  Sir P. Egerton called. Attended Prof. Owen’s lecture on the Edentata at the College of Surgeons.

April 17  Saturday - Wrote to Walter by post and by Lt. Hutchinson. Sent box to him by Ship Blundel. Dreadfully ill the last two nights and days.

April 18  Sunday - To Clapham; but very ill.

May 1  [May 1]


May 4  Letters from Prof. Silliman and Dr Deane.


May 9  Went to Norwood Cemetery with my sister.

May 10  To the British Museum and the Zoological Gardens - Regent’s Park: a most beautiful day. Mr and Mrs Lyell called when I was from home.

May 11  British Museum. In the evening attended Royal Society.

May 12  Met Dr Melville at Brit. Museum, and determined the position of the teeth in the
upper and lower jaws of the Iguanodon.

May 17

[May 18]

May 25
[Have been suffering ... hilarity.]
Mr Goodrich and Mr Kingsley from Newhaven, Connecticut, called.

May 31
Attended Council and meeting of the Geological Society.

June 1
Letter arrived from Walter dated January 1, 1848, for Reginald. Yesterday sent paper on Wealden fossils to the Geological Society.

June 2
A showery day: went a short distance in the country and back; but it was too cold and showery to do me good.

June 5
Suffering as usual. Went to Clapham, Camberwell, and the City.

[June 7]

June 8
[Walked to ... showery.] Called on Mr McNeale (a chemist) and inspected a very pretty collection of fossils; in excellent order. Continued very wet all the evening.

[June 9]

June 10
[Saturday - To Bath ... beheld.] The perfection of many of the Apiocrinites, and oth Crinoidea exceeds anything I ever beheld. Went to the Abbey and viewed the interior. Dined at the Castle Hotel. Left by 4 o'clock train, and reached home soon after nine. Very wet evening.

June 11
To Clapham etc. Suffering from neuralgia as severely as usual.

[June 14]

June 15
Capt. Brickenden breakfasted with me: Mr and Mrs Maunsell of Dublin paid me a visit. Went with Mrs George Mantell and her young friend by steamer to Blackwall and saw the Chinese Junk, now exhibiting in the West India Docks. Not of much interest, after the Chinese Exhibition in London. Received box of fossils from Dr Dunker of Hesse Cassel.

June 16
Misses Duppa, Mrs Farmer, Capt. and Mrs and Miss Smyth, and Mr G. Duppa, took tea; a very pleasant evening.

June 19
Monday - In the evening to a party at Mrs Farmer. Met Mr De Morgan: very agreeable gossip.

June 20
Called on Mr Lyell: went to the Royal and Geological Society. Dr Melville breakfasted with me. Dined with Dr Parsira in Finsbury Square. A very pleasant party.

June 21
To Clapham and Camberwell.

[June 22]

June 24
[To Lewes ... train.] Called on Mrs Thos. Mantell; found her in a deplorable state. My friend Mr Grantham sent for me at six to Barcombe Place.

June 25
Sunday - very wet: to Barcombe Church: a very primitive choir and congregation.

June 26
[Walked to a branch of the Ouse beyond Barcombe Mill to search for Water lilies. Found the whole face of the water covered with these lovely flowers and their beautiful foliage; as I remember this very spot when I was a boy.] Left at three for Lewes; and thence at six. Reached home soon after ten. All well. tired, yet the better for the fresh air.

June 27
Tuesday - to Clapham.

June 28
To Clapham in the morning: dined with Mr Allnutt.
June 29
Do twice - to Mr Hitchens - who died in the night! [Dined at ... his age.]

June 30
To Clapham and the City. Wrote letters to Walter.

July 1
Sent box to Walter by Ship Berinicia. [Dined at the ... Macready.]

July 3
[Monday ... nature!] Mr Morris took tea with me last evening. [Mrs Shelley ... gossiped with me.]

July 4
Called at the Geological Society and selected some fossils from Africa to be cleared. Went to the British Museum, and afterwards with Lord Northampton to Mohr (a German collector) and purchased a few fossils.

July 5
Wednesday - Weather very fine. M. Dinkel here drawing fossil Infusoria.

July 6
Thursday - Called on Mr Lyell. Dr Melville called on me.

July 7
Mrs Allnutt took tea with me.

July 10
Received intelligence of the death of poor Mrs Mantell, my brother Thomas's wife, one week after the amputation of her leg.

July 11
Attended the funeral of Mr Hitchens at Clapham Church, at noon. Very fine day.

[July 12-13]

July 15, 1848
Mrs Bakewell and Miss Foster dined with me; the former, at the age of 78, has all her faculties as active as ever.

July 16
A beautiful day. In the evening attended the Church service, by Mr Harrison, and afterwards took a solitary moonlight walk by the Serpentine.

July 17
Went up the river as far as Kew with Miss Lee and returned to tea.

July 18
To Kew Gardens by steamer and back to dinner.

July 19
To Fulham and back by boat; saw the Thames Regatta. A severe storm of rain and thunder.

July 21
Friday - to Brighton by 10 o'clock train. Walked on the Pier with Mrs Allnutt. Called on a few friends and returned by 8 o'clock train; a very wet evening.

July 22
Called at Long's Hotel, and took Mr B. D. Silliman (my friend Prof. S.'s nephew) to Mr Lyell, and afterwards to the Athenaeum and the Royal Society's Apartments in Somerset House. Mr and Mrs Kemble and Miss Wodsworth drank tea with me. Dr Melville brought me proofs of his plates of the Dodo's skull.

[July 23]

July 25
Tuesday - Very wet day: wrote the descriptions of the drawings illustrative of my Memoir on the Jaw of the Iguanodon for the Philos. Trans.

July 26
Wednesday - Very wet day. At eleven left, in company with Mr and Mrs Huger of South Carolina, and Miss H. and Mr Silliman by the train for Richmond; thence by omnibus to Hampton Court. Rambled through the apartments etc. till four; returned through Bushy Park to Richmond; drove to the terrace; the landscape still lovely, though the rain was falling. Returned by train to London. In the evening my American friends took tea with me, and stayed till past eleven; a very agreeable day and evening, though suffering considerably. Received 100 copies of my paper on Walter's New Zealand Birds, from Geological Journal.

July 27
Thursday - Distributed some 30 copies of the Paper on the New Zealand Birds; and sent a parcel to M. Ad. Brongniart by Mr Huger who goes to Paris tomorrow.

July 28
Called on Dr Carpenter, Baron de Goldsmid, Mrs Bakewell, Brit. Museum.

July 29
To Clapham and Stockwell. Wrote to Walter and Professor Silliman, to go by Mail.

July 30
Attended service in the evening - Mr Harrison.
July 31  Called in the evening to Mr Allnutt's. [In the morning ... teeth in place.]

Aug 1  M. Dinkel came and corrected his drawings of the Iguanodon for the lithographs for the Philos. Transactions.

Aug 2  To Kew by steamer in the afternoon: walked to Richmond as far as the Terrace: returned by the railroad in consequence of heavy showers.

[Aug 3 - 4]

Aug 5  Dr Melville called, and borrowed Owen's Memoir on Dinornis. Went to the Panorama of Paris (or rather the Place de la Concorde) in Leicester Square; a tolerable painting. [In the evening ... I would not do.]

Aug 6  In the evening attended service and heard Mr Harrison preach his farewell sermon.

Aug 7  A beautiful day. Went by railway to Blackwall and thence by steamer to Gravesend. Strolled through Rosherville Gardens, and returned by steamer to London. [Arrived at Hungerford Bridge ... Cremorne Gardens.]

Aug 8  A thorough wet day. To Clapham etc.

Aug 9  [Left London ... after four.] Went to the boat station; the boat not arrived. Walked along the Cleaveand road; a splendid view of the City. [Left for Bradford ... six.] Arrived at the Swan Inn soon after eight. No tidings of Reginald. Went after Mr Neale to Kingstone House. [At length Reginald ... fine day.]

Aug 10  [Thursday ... Hotel.] After dinner walked to Redcliff Church. Spent two hours in that glorious pile. Returned by boat to the Inn. [Left by ... very wet.]

[Aug 12 - 14]

Aug 15  [Tuesday - Rose at five ... steamer] where Reginald joined us. Started at 8; very wet and foggy, with but little intermission. Landed at ½ past three at Clevedon and dined. Proceeded by railway to Bath, where I parted with Reginald. [Reached London ... fatigued.]

Aug 16  Wednesday. - Visited Mrs Thomas at Coulson's Hotel; afterwards to Clapham.

Aug 17  To the City and Kensington. Obtained a copy of the work on the Dodo by Miss Strickland and Melville.

Aug 18  To Clapham. Sent parcel to Mr Dillwyn.

Aug 19  To Clapham; still raining very much.

Aug 22  Tuesday. Dr Melville and Mr Charlesworth called in the evening. Letter from Mr Dillwyn.

Aug 23  To Clapham; and City to the Bank of England. [In the evening Commission!!]

Aug 26  Saturday - My old and valued friend Mr Grantham and his Lady and daughter took tea with me.

Aug 27  Sunday. - My friends dined with me and spent the evening. The weather still very wet.

Aug 29  Tuesday. - Went with Mrs and Miss Grantham by steamer to Greenwich and back.

Aug 30  In the evening - the Microscope.

[Aug 31]

Sept 3  M. Dinkel breakfasted with me: brought proofs of lithographs of Iguanodon teeth, and belemnites.

[On Friday evening (Sept. 1) ... Very fine day.]

Sept 4  Mrs Grantham and family left. [Went to the British Museum ... Console at 86¼.]
In the afternoon to Clapham and visited Mrs Allnutt on their return after some weeks absence.

[Sept 5]

Sept 6 M. De Blainville, Mr Grey, Dr Grant and Melville breakfasted with me. Shewed M. De B. the Jaw of the Iguanodon, Belemnites, and microscopic objects.

Sept 8 Friday. - In the evening called at Long’s Hotel on Mr B. Silliman and Mr and Mrs Izzard, who are just returned from France.

Sept 10 Sunday. - Mr Silliman breakfasted with me, and after two hours pleasant intercourse bid me farewell and we parted, in all probability forever. Very wet night.

Sept 11 Monday. - Called at Royal Society, M. Dinkel, Lithographer, and on the printers to correct my papers for the Philosophical Transactions.

Sept 13 Wednesday. - Went to Blackheath and called on Mrs Broderick - a beautiful day.

Sept 14 Mrs Pritchard and Miss Martin called. Engaged to lecture at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Monday and Tuesday night.

Sept 15 Letter from Professor Silliman. Preparing for my trip to the Beautiful Island.

[Sept 16]

Sept 17 [Sunday. - Attended... discourse.] In the afternoon walked with Mr Fowlstone to the ruins of Quarr Abbey by Binstead Church.

Sept 18 Monday. - Engaged all the morning in hanging up the diagrams, and laying out the specimens. [At three ... day most lovely.]

[Sept 19]

Sept 20 Wednesday. Went round the Island in a steamer with a very pleasant party; our course to the eastward, round Culver Cliffs, returning by the Needles, and up to the Solent sea; reached the pier before six. In the evening looked over bones from Brook bay and purchased several gigantic portions of femora and tibia.

Sept 21 Thursday. Drove to St. Clare, the charming seat of Col. Harcourt; obliged to cut short my visit, in consequence of the arrival of the Duchess of Kent. Called on Mr Wyse, Wellington Lodge, Capt. Beckford, Buckingham Villa, and at a few other places. In the evening at 8, delivered a Lecture on Corals in the St. James’s School-room to the Members of the Ryde Institution; a full attendance.

Sept 22 Friday. - Busily employed in superintending the packing up my diagrams and specimens. The lower jaw of a Paleotherium magnum found in a block of stone but so broken as not to admit of bringing away. Left for Gosport at ½ past one, accompanied by my attentive assistant Mr Fowlstone: by railway at ½ past two; home soon after six; suffering intensely all day from neuralgia.

Sept 23 Saturday. - After a very miserable night, am tolerable. Nothing of importance has occurred in my absence. Admiral Sir Ed. Codrington brought me a fossil fish from Mount Lebanon.

[Sept 24]

Sept 26 [Mr Albert Allom .... Walter] Mr Morris came to tea.

Sept 27 Wednesday. - Received a legacy of £100, bequeathed to me by my poor patient the late J. R. Brodrick Esq. Called at the British Museum.

Sept 28 To Clapham; dreadfully wet. Wrote to Walter via Sydney.

Sept 29 Raining incessantly. To Clapham, Brixton etc. To the City.

Sept 30 Dr Pereira drank tea with me.

Oct 2 Received 25 proofs of the lithograph of the jaw of the Iguanodon from Mr Basevi. Met Sir R. Murchison, and chatted a long while on his geological researches in
the Alps.

Oct 3  
**Tuesday.** - A beautiful morning; to Clapham at ten; to London bridge by 11½; having half an hour to spare went into Southwark Church, and paid my devotion at the tomb of England's Poet - Gower. Left by train at twelve in company with Sir Roderick and Lady Murchison for Brighton. Left them on their way to Nursted. Arranged to deliver two lectures in the Town Hall next week. Returned by six o'clock train; reached home at ten.

Oct 4  
Busy writing prospectus, bills etc. To Clapham, Brixton etc. as usual.

Oct 5  
**Thursday.** - In the afternoon went into the City and purchased a present for Miss Foster.

Oct 6  
**Friday.** - At eight delivered a Lecture on the Fossil Birds of New Zealand in the Commercial Hall, King's Road, Chelsea, to the Mechanics' Institution. A very large auditory; passed off very well.

Oct 7  
To Clapham; afterwards by steamer to the City.

Oct 9  
Delivered the Introductory Lecture at the Clapham Athenaeum - Fossil Birds of New Zealand. Upwards of 200 persons. [Four cases of Cholera ... few hours.]

Oct 11  
**Wednesday.** Preparing diagrams etc. for Lectures at Brighton.

Oct 13  
[At three ... for the purpose.] Returned home by express 8 o'clock train by eleven o'clock; sojourned with Miss Chassereau.

Oct 14  
To Clapham etc. as usual. Returned to Balham Hill the Moa bones borrowed of Mr Albert Allom.

Oct 15  
Suffering from a severe attack of diarrhoea.

Oct 16  
Miserably unwell. A long dreary round of visits.

Oct 17  
Mr Williamson on Manchester came and took tea with me, and spent several hours over the microscope. Gave me specimens of recent Rotatiae from Cuba, deprived of the shell, and mounted in Canada balsam to compare with my Chalk specimens.

Oct 18  
Too ill to go to Mr Williamson's; sent him several fossil bones and teeth and scales for his microscopical investigations.

Oct 19  
Cleared two splendid specimens of Unio Valdensis from Brixton; and fragments of jaws with teeth of Lepidotus. Received a diamond ring from Mrs Hitchen. [Corrected ... Messrs Reeve.]

Oct 20  
Mr Morris called and inspected my great bones. [In the evening ... part of London.]

Oct 21  
Dr Melville called and inspected my new acquisitions. Received 100 copies of my Memoir on Belemnites and Belemnoteuthis, from the Philosophical Transactions. Col. Dundas and Mrs Broderick's sisters called to see the drawings of the Moa etc. In the evening Mr Topping called to look over some of my microscopical specimens.

Oct 23  
Another night of intense suffering.

Oct 24  
[In the evening ... Cholera.] Dr Melville called and looked over the specimens of Belemnites and Belemnoteuthis and compared them with my paper, and was convinced of the correctness of my inferences.

Oct 26  
Dr Melville, Topping, Mounsey, took tea, and examined microscopic objects.

Oct 27  
Packed up copies of my Memoirs for France, America, London, etc.

Oct 25  
Called at the British Museum.

Oct 28  
Wrote to Walter by post via Sydney.
Oct 29  Dined at the Athenaeum and spent the evening there.
Oct 30  Sent parcel to Walter by N. Z. Company's bag.
Oct 31  Called on Mrs Bakewell. Received fragments of teeth of Palaeotherium from Mr Fowlstone of Ryde.
Wrote to Mr Reade, Capt. Brickenden, Prof. Phillips. Intense fog the greater part of the day.
Nov 1  Attended meeting of the Council of the Geological Society: too unwell to go to the evening meeting.

[Nov 3 Friday]

[Nov 5]  [Sunday ] Sunday night: getting easier: took calomel and opium.
[Nov 6]  [Monday] Passed another wretched night, but more comfortable now. In the evening got down stairs. Reginald came home on Friday, leaves on Wednesday. Mr Neale accompanied him: both very poorly.
Nov 8  Reginald left this morning. Mrs Allnutt came up to see me.
Nov 9  Thursday - Much better - took a carriage airing.
Nov 10  Friday - To Clapham - called on a few patients.
Nov 11  Saturday - To Clapham. Dr Melville called.
Nov 15  Went with Dr Melville and inspected Mr Saul's collection of Wealden bones.
Nov 17  Bought a fine belemnite with phragmoncone of Bray of Chippenham. Went to the Brit. Museum and looked over some of the bones of reptiles with Dr Melville, with the view of determining the true character of the vertebral column of the Iguanodon. Dr Melville returned with me to dinner, and we spent the evening in studying the vertebrae from the Wealden in my collection.
Nov 18  Saturday - To Tulse Hill and Clapham etc. [Letter from ... R.S.] Letter from Mr Williamson.
Nov 19  Received three large vertebrae from Fowlstone.
Nov 20  Letters from Dr Fleming, Carpenter etc. Sent packet of scales of Macropoma to Mr Williamson.

[Nov 21]
Nov 22  To the City: sold out 100 Consols at 87¼, and purchased for Reginald £50 in new - Dr Melville dined with me, and remained till midnight, looking over vertebrae etc. of my Wealden Reptiles.
Nov 23  Seized in the afternoon with a dreadful paroxysm of neuralgia in the left thigh; continued without intermission all night in spite of Prussic Acid, Chloroform, Calomel, Opium etc.!
Nov 24  Not yet free from pain. Went to Tulse Hill - very good-for-nothing!
Nov 25  Received by post via Sydney a letter (including a box with egg-shells and tracheal rings) from Walter, dated June 7th. He had received my box sent February 1st by the Elora: and my letters of November and December 1847.
Nov 27  Dr Melville called in the evening.
Nov 28  [Received New Zealand Paper ... August 8]. Met Capt. Brickenden at the Brit. Museum with Dr Melville. My old friend Mr Martin of Pulborough, dined and spent the evening with me.
Nov 29  Sent a letter to Walter, by Sydney Mail. Went to the meeting of the Geological
Society in the evening with Mr Alfred Woodhouse.

[Nov 30]

Dec 1

[Learnt that ... Mr Grove.] Mr Reade left me this evening.

Dec 2

Called at British Museum and took Dr Melville to the Geological Society; looked over the Wealden reptile bones there; no important specimen. Dr M. returned with me to dinner.

Dec 3

Sunday. - To Clapham, Tulse Hill etc.

Dec 4

To Clapham, wrote replies to all my correspondents.

Dec 5

[Letters from Prof. Silliman ... would be to me.] Mrs Allnutt, Mr and Mrs Carr, Arbuthnot, Col. Montagu and party spent the evening with me.

Dec 6

To Tulse Hill, Clapham etc.

Dec 7

To British Museum to look over the Iguanodon bones. Took a beautiful and unique fossil fish from Alfriston, by favor of Capt. Beckford of Ryde to present to the Trustees in his name.

[Dec 8]

Dec 9

To the Brit. Museum and looked over many of the Wealden bones, to determine the vertebral column of the Iguanodon, with Dr Melville.

[Dec 11]

Dec 12

Tuesday. - To Clapham as usual.

Dec 13


Dec 14


Dec 15

Mrs Savage called on me. At home all day writing.

Dec 16

Saturday. - To Clapham. Called at the British Museum. Dined with the Dean of Westminster Dr Buckland. Met Sir C Lyell, De La Beche, Mr Pentland, M. De Verneuil etc. [After dinner .... Westminster School.]

Dec 17

Sunday. - Went to the Athenaeum. Sent copies of my two Memoirs to M. D Verneuil.

Dec 18

To Clapham etc. Sent paper on New Zealand birds to Mr Pentland.

Dec 19

To British Museum: went with Mr Melville to see Mr Baker's collection. Dr M. spent the evening with me in looking over the vertebrae of Wealden reptiles.

Dec 21

To British Museum looking over Wealden bones; Dr M returned with me: brought home most of my specimens.

[Dec 22]

Dec 23

Reginald came home.

Dec 24

To Clapham as usual.

Dec 25

Dined with Reginald at Mr Allnutt's.

[Dec 26]
Dec 27  [Met my kind friend ... lower orders.] In the evening went with Reginald to the Haymarket Theatre, and saw Mr and Mrs Kean in "The Wife's Secret"; house crowded.

Dec 28  Spent the evening at home with Reginald.

Dec 29  Reginald left at noon. M. Dinkel came to make drawings. At home all day, very poorly. Wrote to Walter via Sydney. Wrote to Mr Grantham, Williamson, Mrs Bakewell, and mult. aliis.

Dec 30  To Clapham: Mr Alfred Woodhouse called in the evening with drawings of the Mososaurus.

[Dec 31]
Jan 1  A very cold dull day. Called at the Geological Society and Royal Society. [Begin another year! ... passed the last.]

Jan 6  Monday. - Busy all day: wrote to every letter due: Scharf finished the drawings. Mr Edwin Harford brought and presented me with a matchless stuffed specimen of the Chlamydosaurus Kingi from Australia. Sent diagrams to the London Institution.

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Feb 1  Feb 1 Friday. - To Clapham, Stockwell, and still occupied with my paper on the Iguanodon, Dr Melville not having finished his part.

Feb 2  Feb 1 Friday. - To Clapham, Stockwell, and still occupied with my paper on the Iguanodon, Dr Melville not having finished his part.
Feb 6 Very ill from headache from the fatigue of last night. To Clapham. Mrs Allnutt accompanied me to Dr Carpenter's lecture. Met the Dean of Westminster, who returned home with me to inspect the bones of the Iguanodon. In the evening went with Dr Melville to Mr Tomes to see some of his microscopic sections of teeth; very beautiful specimens.

Feb 7 Admitted Sir Thomas Trowbridge called to see some of my specimens. Letter yesterday from Professor Silliman. In the evening to the City; did not return till ten.

Feb 9 [Friday. - Attended ... quackery!] In the afternoon called at the British Museum, saw Mr Konig.

Feb 10 To Clapham as usual.

Feb 13 Attended Geol. Library Committee - and Dr Carpenter's lecture - a very dull affair indeed.

Feb 14 Attended Council of the Geological Society. In the evening the Society of Arts; Baron de Goldsmid in the Chair; subject - California Gold. Called on Mr Gowen to tea. The Marquess of Douro, Lord Charles Wellesley, Dr Wallich, and Dr Lindley were there. Returned home soon after eleven.

Feb 15 Royal Society with Dr Melville; a poor affair altogether.

Feb 16 Anniversary of the Geological Society.: unable to attend the meeting. To the dinner at Willis's rooms, St James Street. A very good company: the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Belgian Ambassador, the Dean of Westminster, Sir Robert Peel, Sir R. Murchison, Prof. Sedgwick, addressed the company; Lyell the President in the Chair. I returned thanks for the Vice-Presidents. Got home soon after eleven.

Feb 14 Went to the Zoological Gardens and saw the Rattlesnakes; and the Giraffe born last Monday; it is six feet high, and very healthy.

Feb 17 Took copies of Memoirs on Iguanodon and Belemnite for Prof. Sedgwick.

Feb 19 Called on Adm Sir T. Trowbridge and inspected his minerals.

Feb 21 In the evening attended meeting of the Geological Society. A very small attendance.

Feb 22 Royal Society: returned soon after ten o'clock.

Feb 23 Went to Mr Alnutt's (with Mr Alfred Woodhouse) in the evening to celebrate his 76th birthday. Delivered a short discourse on the Ammonite Nautilus etc. to amuse the company: returned by eleven: a large and pleasant party. Letter from Reginald, from his new residence Swindon.

Feb 25 Very poorly; at home all day.

Feb 26 [Admiral Sir Ed. Codrington ... discourse.]

Feb 27 [Attended ... very poor!] Called on Mr Bohn; and Mr Reeve respecting new edition of the Pebbles. Wrote to Walter.

Mar 1 & 2 Suffering severely from neuralgia.

Mar 3 To the City on various trifles.

Mar 7 Attended Council of the Geological Society, and the meeting in the evening.
Mar 8

Dreadfully tired and ill. Went to Somerset House and packed up my specimens to the British Museum to arrange for taking a cast of the humerus before I return it to Mr Fowlstone. Sent the Sacrum back to Mr Saull. Looked at the Sculpture from Nineveh.

Mar 10

Brought back all my specimens from the Royal Society except Mr Fowlstone's humerus which I have sent to the British Museum, that a cast may be taken to place in the collection. The weather suddenly very cold, and I am suffering accordingly.

Mar 12

Anniversary of my sweet Hannah Matilda's release from suffering. Mr Tomes called in the evening.

Mar 14

In the evening to the Soirée of the London Institution with Mr Alfred Woodhouse. Yesterday to the British Museum to see the mould of the humerus of the Iguanodon: inspected a cast of the obelisk from Nineveh. Wrote by post yesterday to Professor Silliman.

Mar 15

In the evening - Royal Society. Lord Northampton in the Chair: a very small meeting. Mrs and Miss Grantham arrived.

Mar 16

Called with Mrs and Miss G. at the British Museum: afterwards to Mr Saull in the City.

Mar 19

To Clapham Athenaeum in the evening: Mr Ward on the cultivation of plants in glass vessels.

Mar 20

In the evening seized with a severe attack of spasmodic neuralgia.

Mar 21

Continue dreadfully ill.

Mar 22

Still very ill but obliged to get out. Mr Woodhouse took tea with me.

Mar 24

Reginald came home in the evening.

[Mar 26]

Mar 27

In the evening with Mrs and Miss Grantham to the Whittington Rooms and heard Prof. Nichol of Glasgow deliver a lecture on Astronomy.

Mar 28

To Clapham in the evening; Reginald and Mrs A. Woodhouse went to Mr Pritchard's Soirée.

Mar 29

Very wet. Reginald to Bristol and back as usual.

Mar 31

Reginald completed his sixth day's trip to Bristol.

April 3

My servant Harriet left this day. Mr Bohn gave me 12 copies of his edition of Cosmos. Wrote to Professor Silliman.

April 6

Good Friday. Went with Reginald to Archbishop Tillotson's Chapel in Regent Street, and heard the Bishop of Oxford preach. Went to Clapham. Seized with neuralgia and could hardly get home. Mrs and Miss Grantham left yesterday.

April 7

In torments all night and till noon.

April 8

Easy but very languid.

April 9

Called on Mr Bohn and settled an account relating to the "Ramble to Lewes" etc.

April 12

[Sat for my portrait ... satisfactory.] Sent two paper parcels for Walter by N. Z. Company's bag to go by the ship Cornwall on the 16th. Wrote again to Professor Silliman. Met Mr Reade at Mrs Myall's.

April 14

Reginald took his last journey on the express engine to Bristol and back.

April 15

Reginald left for Trowbridge.
April 16
Met in the Strand Mr Hannay, whom I had not seen since I left Brighton in 1834. Went with Mr Hannay to the Panorama of Switzerland in Leicester Square; a very happy performance. The weather very cold.

April 17
Monday. - To Clapham as usual; a very heavy snowstorm.

April 18
Attended the Council of the Geological Society: too unwell to go to the evening meeting.

April 19
Thursday. - Dined at Mr Grenville Harcourt Vernon in Charles Street Berkley Square.

April 20
Received letter from Prof. Silliman.

[April 21 - 22]

April 23
Reginald left for Swindon

April 24
Went to Norwood to the grave of my dear Hannah Matilda.

April 26
Dr Melville dined with me: in the evening went with him and saw the American panorama in Leicester Square. Received intelligence of the death of my niece Ellen Mantell at Chichester.

April 27
Letter from Walter, dated August 16th, Cloudy Bay: eight months on its passage. Went in the evening to the Royal Institution.

April 28
Mr Rose of Swaffham spent the evening with me.

April 29
Mr Rose breakfasted with me.

May 1
Reginald returned in the afternoon.

May 2
Attended with Reginald the meeting of the Geological Society. Dr Milne Edwards present. Dr Carpenter's paper on the structure of Nummulites etc.

May 3
Still very unwell; preparing for my lecture at the Royal Institution.

May 4
Friday - In the morning took diagrams and specimens to the Institution, and superintended their arrangement. In the evening lectured from nine till twenty minutes past ten. Duke of Northumberland in the Chair; a very full attendance; the lecture appeared to give satisfaction. Returned home alone by eleven; dreadfully knocked up.

May 5
Saturday - Went in the morning to the Institution and packed up my diagrams and specimens. To Paddington and afterwards to Clapham etc. [In the evening ... Eternity!]

May 7
Monday. Preparing for my dear boy's trip to the United States.

May 8
To Clapham with Reginald - farewell to Miss Foster and Mrs Allnutt etc. In the City: letter of Credit on Messrs Baring of £120 for Reginald.

[May 9-10]

May 11
Very ill all day and night.

May 12
[Continued ... half dead.] At twelve went with a patient to Mr Lawrence: then with her to a dentist in Conduit Street: then to Clapham. On my return Mr, Mrs, and Miss Grantham had arrived. [At ½ past seven ... elegant society.]

May 13
Sunday - To Kensington and Clapham. Dr Williams came at four to see Miss Grantham. Lord Northampton called and gossiped for an hour.

May 14
[Letter from .... out of harbour]. Two letters from Professor Silliman April 21st and May 1st with proof of lignographs of Iguanodon Jaw for the Americal Journal of Science: and the warmest invitations for Reginald, of whose intended visit Prof. S. was informed by my letter of April 12th.

May 15
My friends Mr and Mrs and Miss Gramtham left at noon.
May 26 In the evening to the Soirée of the President of the Royal Society (Earl Rosse) at Somerset House. A full meeting; rooms intolerably hot. met Faraday and many other friends; returned home before twelve.

June 2 Called on the Dean of Westminster; took him in my carriage to the British Museum; and returned with him to the Deanery to luncheon. Went by steamer to Greenwich: met Rev. J. Reade; returned by ten o’clock, very fatigued.

June 3 Sunday - A quiet day - in the evening walked to the Serpentine.

June 4 Wrote and sent papers to Walter by the New Zealand Company’s bag. Called on Mrs Bakewell and Mrs G. Harcourt Vernon; in the evening went up the river as far as Kew with Mr Alfred Woodhouse; a beautiful moonlight evening.

June 6 [Letter ... Halifax]. In the afternoon went up the river to Kew; very wet: visited the Palm House and principal houses; took refreshment at the Inn; returned by steamer to Cheyne Walk; and walked home; thoroughly knocked up.

June 7 Attended meeting of the Royal Society to ballot for members.

June 8 [In the evening ... successful efforts.] Mr Hannay called on me in the afternoon. Sent a letter by post to Reginald.

June 9-10 Suffering acutely from neuralgia of the right thigh.

June 16 In the evening with Mr Alfred Woodhouse to the Soirée at Somerset House of the Pres. Royal Society. Took my jaw of the Iguanodon and some microscopic objects. A full attendance of savants; met many acquaintances. Returned by midnight. Sir Woodbine Parish called on me.

June 18 Monday - In the afternoon went by steamer up the river to Hammersmith and returned to Chelsea; went to Cremorne Gardens, and saw the ascent of a balloon containing four persons.

June 19 Letter from my dear boy, from Professor Silliman, Newhaven - June 1st.

June 20 Attended meeting of the Microscopical Society.

June 21 Thursday evening: ball of the Baroness de Goldsmid in Regent’s Park: a most splendid affair: the conservatories redolent with perfumes and flowers. Letter from Walter dated Otepopo, Middle Island, November 12, 1848.

June 23 By express train at ten o’clock to Haywards Heath: arrived there at eleven. Capt. Brickenden met me in his phaeton: drove to Cuckfield and alighted awhile at the Churchyard to examine a bed of grit recently worked. Thence to Warninglid, Capt. B.’s delightfully situated residence: walked to a quarry of sandstone, found many fragments of leaflets of Lonchopteris, but no good specimens. Left at five, after a pleasant but too brief visit: just in time for the train. Got home before ten; a very lovely and warm day.

June 24 Sunday. - In the evening went to the Athenaeum.

June 26 [Again at 8 this morning ... Mrs Steer]. In the afternoon went with my sister to Kew Gardens. Went to the Palm House, and visited some of the hot-houses. Returned home by 8 o’clock; a beautiful and warm day.

June 27 Dined with Capt Smyth at Chelsea to meet Capt King who has just returned from
June 28  Wrote a long letter to Professor Silliman.

June 30  Sent box (value £5 and upwards) to Stayner for Walter to go by the ship Kelso on Monday. Wrote also by N.Z. Company's bag.

July 1  Sunday. - Very poorly all day from neuralgia.

July 2  Letter from Reginald, dated Washington, June 16th. Parcel from Mr Grantham. In the evening dined with Mr Allnutt, and went to the Gassiott's Soirée which was attended by Earl and Countess Rosse, and most of the eminent scientific men in London - Faraday, Wheatstone etc. Left at ½ past ten: a lovely evening.

July 4  Mrs Bakewell, now aet. 79, dined with me and Mr Hannay came from Kew to meet her.

July 5  Wrote to Reginald and Professor Silliman.

July 7  [Saturday: Left at ten by Express Train ... in the extreme.] Received copies of the 8th Edition of Thoughts on a Pebble.

July 8  Sunday. - To Clapham as usual.

July 12  Mr Josias P. Cooke of Boston breakfasted with me: in the evening sent him a parcel for Professor Silliman.

July 13  Wrote to Reginald and Professor Silliman by post.

July 14  [Horace Smith's death ... effusions are excellent.] Drove to Croydon thence to West Wickham on a visit to my old patient and friend The Honble Mr Thomas, formerly of Ratton. Took a drive with Mr Thomas through Addington Park, the residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Left at 8; returned by Beckenham and Lewisham; reached home by ten o'clock. [The day ... England.]

June 15  Sunday - At home quiet.

June 16  Monday - Received letter from Reginald, Baltimore.

July 3.  -Capt. Blackwood R. N. (who commanded the Fly in the survey of the great barrier reef of Australia called to enquire respecting the geology of the Isle of Wight. In the evening walked to Chelsea, and went to Hammersmith and back by boat.

July 17  Tuesday - Very wet. At home all day.

July 19  Thursday - Went by railway (with my sister and Anne) to Hampton Court; and returned at seven by the same conveyance; reached home by 8 o'clock. Thunder storm and showers; but very pleasant and enjoyable in the intervals.

July 21  Saturday - Called on M. Dinkel respecting the lithographs for the Philos. Trans: on Mrs Bakewell. Prof. Charles U. Shepard and his lady and little boy (of Newhaven, Connecticut) took tea with me and remained two hours: intimate friends of my excellent friend Prof. Silliman; their society was most gratifying to me.

July 22  

July 23  

July 24  Tuesday - A restless night: terrible headache today; yet I must go out as usual.

July 25  Received letters from Prof. Silliman and Reginald to July 8th. Yesterday returning from Clapham my horse fell down and cut his knees so as to be irreparably lame. Mr Edward Duppa called. Several suddenly fatal cases of Cholera.
July 26  
Severe thunder storm in the afternoon.

July 27  
Wrote to Professor Silliman. Prof. Kurr of Stuttgart called: sent copies of Belemnite and Iguanodon Memoirs for Dr Jaeger. Went to the British Museum: called on M. Dinkel and inspected progress of lithographs. Wrote to Dr Melville, Sir C. Lyell and Mr Williamson.

July 29  
Mr Morris took tea with me.

July 31  
Went to Mr Bowerbank’s at Highbury Grove, Islington, to see a portion of skeleton of a young Iguanodon he had obtained from the Isle of Wight. Called on Topping, and left specimens to be cut.

Aug 1  
Wednesday - Drove to Clapham; went with Mr and Mrs Allnutt to Leigh, the seat of Mrs A.’s brother, Mr Brandram: a very lovely place. Called on Mrs Broderick at Elliott House on Blackheath; a charming spot. Saw Mr and Miss Broderick and Mr and Mrs Pennyfather. A beautiful day. Returned and dined with Mrs Allnutt, and home by omnibus.

Aug 2  
M. Dinkell came and made drawings of some vertebrae borrowed of Mr Bowerbank. Took him home and inspected his lithographs. Went with Mr Alfred Woodhouse to Ross to order a microscope for him.

Aug 3  
Corrected proof of Iguanodon Memoir for the Royal Society. Mr Geo. Grantham came on a visit. Wrote by Mail Steamer to Reginald.

Aug 4  
Parcel for Walter to go by N.Z. Company’s bag - by ship Pekin. Went with Mr Grantham by steamer to the City. Called on Stayner. Very much fatigued, and passed a wretched night.

Aug 5  
Sunday - In the evening went with Mr Grantham by steamer to Hammersmith and back.

Aug 6  
To the Zoological Gardens in Regent’s Park in the afternoon. The "Reptile House" recently erected, contains many highly interesting specimens. The Rattle Snakes are thriving: a healthy looking Cyclara - Beautiful Lacertae and Hylaeviridae. The bower birds of Australia have begun a bower - but a very shabby one.

Aug 7  
Letters from Reginald and Professor Silliman. In the evening went to Cremorne Gardens with Mr G. The weather very beautiful : did not return till midnight.

Aug 10  
Friday - To St Katherine's Docks and saw Capt. Mickleburgh of the ship Cornelia, about to sail for New Zealand. Called on Mr Morris of Kensington. Left copy of "The Pebble" for Mr Leigh Hunt, in Edwardes Square. Bought of Stibbs in the Strand a copy of Apollonius Tyaeanus translated by Blount, 1680; a very curious volume. [Messrs Reeves ...copies bound.]

Aug 12  
Letters from Reginald and Professor Silliman. Still detained in London with two very sad cases of malignant disease. Wrote to Mr Blauw, Grantham, Smith, etc.

Aug 17  
Sent letter to Reginald. Returned Mr Bowerbank's fossil to his own hands. Attended meeting of Council of Geological Society to advertise for a Curator in room of Prof. Nicol who is appointed Professor in the new Irish College at Cork. Gave Professor E. Forbes a copy of "Thoughts on a Pebble" for his lady. Called on Mr Reeve. Mr Moore from New Zealand drank tea with me.

Aug 18  
Sent copy of Pebble by post to Capt. Brickenden in Scotland

Aug 19  
Sunday - In the evening went by steamer to Hammersmith and back.

Aug 20  
By Eastern Counties Railway to Ingatestone in Essex and thence by carriage to Stock to see my poor friend and patient Miss L. Broadhurst formerly of Stockwell: took tea and returned at seven to Ingatestone, and after a tedious railway and omnibus journey reached home before eleven. The day pleasant and warm: the country looking rich with a glorious harvest; but a very uninteresting district altogether.

Aug 21  
Letter from Reginald, New York, August 6th; a very unsatisfactory one.
Aug 22 Went to M. Dinkel and examined the last lithograph of Hylaeosaurus; took four bones to Dew, of the British Museum to be cleared of the matrix. My old friend Mr Grantham came in the evening from Lewes.

Aug 23 Mr Grantham left at ten. Capt. Blackwood brought me a portfolio (some scores) of beautiful drawings, taken during his exploring voyage along the coral reef off the coasts of Australia: a few of which only appear in Juke’s narrative of the expedition. Called yesterday on Mr Carrington of Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, and saw some beautiful models of various countries and towns; some birds and insects from New Zealand.

Aug 24 To the British Museum and compared my vertebrae etc. with specimens there. Heard of the death of Mr Aston Key yesterday morning after a few hours illness from Cholera! Called on Mr Morris and Mr Tomes.

[Aug 25-26]

Aug 27 [Sent cheque ... vanity!] Took up Mr Morris at the Geological Society and he accompanied me to Clapham, and returned to tea and spent the evening with me. [Mr Lawrence ... case indeed!]

Aug 28 Called on Sir Woodbine Parish and inspected his collection of Roman lamps, Cinerary Vases etc. which he exhumed from numerous tombs (Columbaria) on the road from Naples to Rome; especially from Puteoli and Pompeii. He gave me several lamps, glass lachrymatories, etc. and a large glass cinerary urn containing ashes and calcined bones; quite a rich collection of precious relics, and all collected by himself. [In the afternoon ... epidemic.]

[Aug 29]

Mrs Shaw .... doing well] My old friend Mrs Bakewell came to dinner, and left at ½ past 8 o’clock; as well as last. [Sent for .... cholera]

Aug 30

Aug 31 [My Cholera patients ....well.] Sent letter and lithographs to M. Pictet of Geneva.

Sept 1 To Clapham, Stockwell, etc. In the evening called on Mr Woodhouse - the Athenaeum. A severe thunder storm in the evening.

Sept 4 Received letters and papers from Reginald and Prof. S., also letter from Walter via Valparaiso, dated Wellington, April 28, 1849.

Sept 5 Still much engaged: my poor patient living on in hopeless misery.


Sept 7 In the evening presided at the meeting of the West London Medical Society: discussion on Cholera - a good attendance and satisfactory meeting. Prof. Shepard had a cheque for £35 for Reginald.

Sept 9 Sent Hannah to Capt. Mickleburg on board the Cornelia, St. Catherine’s Docks, with two parcels for Walter and one for the Lt. Govr Eyre of New Zealand. [The Cholera ... Hungerford Pier.]

[Sept 10-12]

Sept 14 [After going to Clapham .... relief was over] Wrote to Prof. Silliman and sent Prof. Shepard’s note for £35 for Reginald. Sent box of 12 slides to Mr Smith of Wisbeach. Wrote to Mrs Buckland. Mr Mounsey here to draw Rotatiae etc. [No news .... of the Creator]

Sept 15 [Still harassed ... Cholera.] The “America” steamer still due. Letter from Prof Shepard at Portsmouth, acknowledging a cheque for £10 I lent him.

[Sept 16]

Sept 18 Letters from my dear boy Reginald. Twice to Clapham yesterday and today. Yesterday Mr Morris came and looked over Reginald’s collection of Oxford Clay fossils from Wiltshire. [The Cholera ... 400 daily.]

Sept 19 [All the shops ... Waggoner!] Wrote to Prof. Silliman, Agassiz, and Reginald.
Twice to Clapham.

[Sept 21]
[Sept 25]

Sept 26 Letter from my dear boy Reginald, Montreal, Sept 6. Answered it this day. Have had all my pictures cleaned and varnished, and the frames retouched etc.: altogether at an expense of nearly two pounds. [All my ... convalescent.]

Sept 27 Wrote to Walter and Mr Duppa of Nelson, to send by Mr Knyvett (Miss Richardson’s brother-in-law) who sails on Oct. 1 in the Berwick. [Left by twelve train ... a sad loser.]

Sept 28 [Friday - Passed a night ... to my Inn.] My brother Thomas called - went with him to St. John’s Churchyard. Returned to dinner. Took tea with my old friend Mr Williams Kell.

Sept 29 A wet morning: left for London at eleven. Reached home at ½ past two. To Clapham and returned to dinner, very much fatigued.

Sept 30 Sunday - Very wet. To Clapham, and afterwards to Mr Morris at Kensington. "That life is long, that answereth life’s best ends"

Oct 1 Mr Morris called and looked over Reginald’s fossils. Called on Sir Woodbine Parish and Lady Lyell. [Heard of the sudden death ... done today.]

Oct 2 Prof. W. Rogers and lady (of Philadelphia), Mr Allnutt, Capt., Mrs and Miss Smyth, Mr Morris etc. drank tea with me; a very pleasant evening, though I was half-dead with an intense headache. [Learnt that ... Commissioners!]

Oct 3 Letters from Reginald, Prof. and Mr B. Silliman.

Oct 5 Delivered a Lecture on Physiology (Animalcules) to the West London Scientist Institution; from a ¼ past eight to ½ past nine. A full attendance; passed off very well.

Oct 6 Saturday - After Clapham, went to the British Museum, with a dermal spine of Hylaeosaurus that a cast of it may be taken for the National Collection. Many sudden deaths from Cholera in the vicinity of London still occur. I have had several slight cases the last few days, all have recovered.

Oct 7 To Clapham: a quiet evening at home alone.

[Oct 8]

Oct 9 To the British Museum to receive money for Prof. Shepard; and shew M. Dinkel what belemnites to copy. Met the Marquis of Northampton who informed me he was about to depart for Egypt with his son for the winter. Afterwards went into the City.

Oct 10 Received Copies of my Memoir on the Sacrum, Vertebrae etc. of the Iguanodon. Sent one to Prof. W. Rogers, and Dr Buckland. M. Dinkel came and made a few sketches of parts of belemnites etc. Wrote to Professor Silliman.

Oct 11 Thursday - To the British Museum to see M. Dinkel’s drawing of belemnites etc. Looked over many specimens. Compared the spine of Hylaeosaurus which I borrowed of a man at Lewes, with those on my original specimens; this appears to belong to the same individual reptile: it was found in a block of stone, close by the spot where the former was discovered.

Oct 12 Went to Clapham. Delivered a Lecture on Corals and Coral Islands at the West London Institution. Returned before eleven. [Bought at a pawnbroker’s ... by Hogarth.]

Oct 13 A thorough wet day. At home writing, and arranging my mountains of papers. Received Copies of my Memoir on the Iguanodon (the fourth in the Philos. Trans.) from the printers, Messrs Taylor. Selected copies for my American and other scientific friends.

Oct 14 Sunday - Sir Charles Lyell and his lady took tea with me and stayed till eleven.
Oct 15 Sent out numerous copies of my Memoir.

Oct 16 All day engaged in clearing and washing my fossils in the large glass case. - Dreadfully fatigued.

[Oct 17]

Oct 18 [At two .... category] Called at the geological Society and on Mr Bohn. On my return home had to go to a patient at Clapham.

Oct 19 [Letter from ... cannot go.] I delivered the third and last lecture at the West London Institution, Chelsea, on Fossil Animalcules and Corals. A crowded room, and apparently much gratified.

[Oct 20]

Oct 21 Sunday - To Clapham - dreadfully ill.

Oct 22 Monday - In the evening gave the Introductory Lecture to the Clapham Athenaeum - "On Corals and Coral Islands". As usual a very full attendance.

Oct 23 Tuesday. To Clapham as usual. Went on to Balham Hill and called on Mr G. Gorse to inspect some fossil bones found some years since at Battle and described by Owen. Nothing of any value. [Learnt from ... five o’clock.]

Oct 24 [Wednesday - Another ... To Clapham.] Wrote to Walter by Mr Bohn's parcel; and to Reginald by post.

Oct 25 Thursday - The weather remarkably mild.

[Oct 26-27]

Oct 28 Sunday - To Clapham as usual.

Oct 29 Called at the Royal Society respecting the Committee of Geology: quite a farce! Called on Mr Bohn.

Oct 31 Sir Woodbine Parish called and brought me a skull of a Roman from a tomb near Naples. [The Dean of Westminster...bones etc.] Mr Morris called, and Mr Alfred Woodhouse with Infusoria from ponds at Surrey Zoological Gardens: shewed them to him under the microscope: the first time he had seen Rotifera etc.

Wrote to Walter by post via Sydney.

Nov 1 Wrote to Reginald and Prof. Silliman by Mail Steamer. Went to Clapham and thence to British Museum to superintend M. Dinkel's drawing of vertebrae etc. Afterwards to the City, and purchased a Copy of Ellis's Corallines. [Dined ... return home.]

Nov 2 M. Dinkel called and brought drawings of the bones and vertebrae.

Nov 3 My brother left this morning. Sent Memoir to Royal Society.

Nov 4 Still suffering greatly. In the evening the Dean of Westminster called and looked over some of my specimens relating to the Colossosaurus.

[Nov 5-6]

Nov 7 [All the specimens ... Drawing room.] To the Geological Society and presided at the Council. Too ill to attend the evening meeting.

Nov 8 Sent letters and paper parcel for Walter by a Mr Wrey, who sails in a few days.

Nov 9 Mr Weld called upon me: and Mr Reade, yesterday. [Received ... Medals.] Wrote to Prof. Silliman. Mr Alfred Woodhouse called and brought in the evening a live Stephanoceros! Mr Tennant called and looked over some of the rocks from New Zealand. Letter from Lady Lyell: Mr L. still alive. Wrote to Sir Charles.

Nov 10 Went to the British Museum to meet M. Dinkel and induce him to correct his drawings of the vertebrae which are very wrong. Afterwards to Clapham. In the
evening employed in arranging Walter's collection.

Nov 11 Sunday - Mr Woodward called. To Clapham. Weather very mild and fine.

Nov 12 [Flower .... by railway.] Wrote to Sir R. Murchison, Mr Greenough, Leonard Horner, Dean of Westminster, and to Mr Wilson at Paris.

Nov 14 Flower came and put together the phalangial bones.

[Nov 15]

Nov 16 [Attended meeting ... 'fficiate as Secretary] Wrote to Prof. Silliman in reply to a letter received on Wednesday. To Clapham - afterwards to the City. Saw at Mr Tennant's a collection of diamonds in crystals the finest in England; he had just purchased them. he told me they were worth £400 but had cost many thousands. Last Tuesday Mr Tennant looked over all Walker's rocks and minerals from New Zealand; nothing of particular interest, except for localities. [Employed .... gigantic] Wrote to Capt. Brickenden.

[Nov 18]

Nov 19 Letters from Reginald and Prof. Silliman, Reginald is in all probability now in New Orleans.

Nov 20 M. Dinkel came and finished the drawings for my Memoir on the Pelorosaurus. [Very much ... amend the decision.]

[Nov 22]

Nov 23 [Still ticketing ... of the Council.] Wrote to Reginald and Prof. S. Poor Miss Harford died this day.

Nov 24 Saturday - Prof. Faraday, Dr Grant, Mr Gould, Bowerbank, Grey, and Barlow called; and Mrs and Miss Smyth; and inspected my new treasures. Learnt nothing new respecting them.

[Nov 25-26]

Nov 27 Tuesday - Still very unwell. A severe frost. M. Duppa called and stayed till very late.

Nov 28 Wednesday - Intensely cold; all my sufferings aggravated by it. Called on Sir R. I. Murchison and went to Clapham.

[Nov 29-30]

Dec 1 Sent box for Walter to go by the Lady Nugent. Mr Alfred Wills from New Zealand called on me.

[Dec 2-3]

Dec 4 Letter from Reginald at New Orleans Nov. 7th; and from Prof. Silliman of Nov. 19th; my Iguanodon Memoirs had arrived.

[Mr Alfred Wills ... New Zealand.]

[Dec 5]

Dec 6 [Went to the ... not present.] Sir R. and Lady Murchison called.

Dec 7 [Called on Sir C. Lyell .... Council] Busy after my return from Clapham, in arranging the vertebrae sent home by Walter. On Wednesday sent box of Moa bones for Prof. Silliman: and received from Mr Dana, his Geology of the U.S. Exploring Expedition. Still suffering greatly notwithstanding all the exertions I have been able to make.

Dec 8 Called on Sir C. Lyell. In the evening Mr Tennant and Mr Woodhouse took tea with me.

Dec 9 Sunday - Very ill. In the evening answered all letters.
**Dec 10**

Tuesday - Wrote to Dr Melville [Went into the city .... wisely and well!] Wrote by post to Walter to go by the Lady Nugent, which sails from Plymouth tomorrow.

**Dec 11**

Clapham as usual. In the evening to the Microscopical with Mr Alfred Woodhouse.

**Dec 12**

[Wrote by post to Walter to go by the Lady Nugent, which sails from Plymouth tomorrow.]

**Dec 13**

[Clapham as usual. In the evening to the Microscopical with Mr Alfred Woodhouse.]

**Dec 14**

In the evening Mr Topping brought me specimens of my New Zealand earths mounted: examined them with him.

**Dec 15**

Sir C. Lyell, and Dr Fitton called and examined my N. Z. specimens. M. Dinkel altered the diagram of the Dinornis. [In the evening ... preparations.]

**Dec 16**

Wrote to Dr Melville, Charlesworth, my brother, Miss Broadhurst etc. To Clapham as usual.

**Dec 17**


**Dec 18**

Topping called in the evening with N.Z. specimens. Letters from Reginald and Professor Silliman; all safe; Reginald arrived at Louisville. In the evening busy over the microscope.

**Dec 19**

Went with Mr A. Woodhouse to the meeting of the Geological Society. Lyell on "Craters of Elevation".

**Dec 20**

[Snow ... fatigue.] Mr Wilson of Tenby called yesterday and agreed to purchase such of Walter's bones as I could part with. To Clapham as usual; and to Kensington. Mr Morris called.

**Dec 21**

Saturday - At home all day arranging papers etc.

**Dec 22**

Christmas Day - Received letters from Prof. S. and Reginald. To Clapham. Walked to Capt. Smyth's at Cheyne Walk and back: wrote to Prof. Silliman, and a long letter to Walter, to send by tomorrow's post.

**Dec 23-24**

[Delivered a Lecture ... satisfactorily.] Wrote to Professor Silliman. Mr Mounsey here making transcripts of Walter's sketches etc.

**Dec 25**

Friday - Snow - very cold.

**Dec 26**

Bitterly cold. Letter from Mr Williamson of Manchester.

**Dec 27**

Walked to the Athenaeum and back; met Prof. Graham.

**Dec 28**

[The last ... year.] Last evening Mr Tomes called and examined under the Microscope sections of the teeth of Labyrinthodon, and bones of Dinornis; the latter have turned out very beautiful. [Busy writing ... has been.]
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Jan 1  Tuesday - Called at Royal Society, on Mr Tomes etc. Mr Lovel Reeve called in the evening. [Sent my ... annoying.]

Jan 2  To Clapham and afterwards to the City, to my Bankers. Purchased six fine bronze medals for one pound; of the Queen, Prince Albert etc. for Walter and Prof. Silliman.

Jan 4  Went in the afternoon to the meeting of the Archaeological Society, and lent some signet rings to exhibit. Met Sir Charles Lyell at the Athenaeum. [Received the Gold .... Secretary.]

Jan 5  [Received ... Cetiosaurus etc.] Mrs Allnutt called with Mrs Carr.

Jan 6  Sunday - Bitterly cold. To Clapham. Mr Tomes and his brother called in the evening.

Jan 7  [Intense frost. ... Mr Mounsey.] Mr Morris called.


Jan 10  Attended Council of the Royal Society.

Jan 11  Went to Paddington, afterwards on to Camden Town to see some Moa bones at Mr Bartlett's, for sale, the price required £25. A good femur, tibia, and tarso metatarsal; the rest very poor; many seal's bones. Saw the admirable restoration of the Dodo by Mr B. made of feathers from various birds; claws, scales of the legs etc. ought to be in the British Museum. Afterwards went to Mr Tomes and saw sections of my Albatross from New Zealand. [Then to ... blistered.]

Jan 12  Obliged to keep on my sofa.

Jan 13  Sir Charles Lyell called. Still a prisoner. Wrote per post on Friday to Walter and Professor Silliman. Preparing a suite of rocks and minerals for Walter to go by the Poictiers in February.

Jan 15  [To Clapham: ... floating ice.] Received from Miss Fenwick of Brook, Isle of Wight, through Capt. Blackwood R.N., a fine, but rolled, concavo-convex vertebra from the seashore. Much as usual: my foot healing up.

[Jan 20]

Jan 22  Tuesday - Received two newspapers and two letters from Walter, from Banks' Peninsula, August and September 6th: also a letter from Reginald at Newhaven January 6th, and Prof. Silliman of the same date. Sent box of Moa bones for T.B. Wilson Esq. of Philadelphia, to the Agents at Liverpool; and wrote to Mr Wilson at Lydstip House, Tenby.

Jan 23  Attended Council of Geological Society; proposed and carried a resolution that the Wollaston donation (£31) be awarded to Mr Morris for assisting in the publishing of the new edition of Catalogue of British Fossils. Went to Kensington.

Jan 24  Suffering from pain in the face etc. - Wrote to Prof. Silliman. Accepted bill for £41-17-3 for Reginald. To Clapham.

Jan 25  Delivered a lecture at Kensington; the room, a miserable one, crowded, and dreadfully oppressive; felt exceedingly overpowered.

Jan 26  To Clapham; scarcely able to get out. Taken very ill and obliged to go to bed.

Jan 29  Have been extremely ill and confined to my room ever since. Mr Morris called.

Jan 30  Sent off Cabinet and Box for Walter, to the agent Mr Stayner.

Jan 31  To Clapham.

[Feb 3 - 4]
Feb 5   Letter from Reginald from Liverpool. To Clapham as usual.

Feb 6   Wednesday - Attended meeting of Council of the Geological Society; too unwell to go to the evening meeting. Last night it blew a most violent gale till morning.

[Feb 7]

Feb 8   To Kensington: called on Mr Morris.

Feb 9   Saturday - To Clapham. Wrote to Walter via Sydney.

Feb 10  Sunday - At home - quiet all day.

Feb 11  Monday - To Clapham etc. Engaged in sorting etc. shells and fossils brought home by Reginald.


[Feb 14 - 15]

Feb 17  Sunday - To Clapham etc. Seized in the evening with rigors and spasms and obliged to go to bed, inhale chloroform, take calomel and opium, all of no avail for hours.

Feb 18  In bed the greater part of the day.

Feb 19  To Clapham though very ill.

Feb 20  Returned the MSS and drawings and abstracts to the Royal Society.

[Feb 27]

Feb 28  My specimens were brought home, and I have worked all day in putting them back in their cases: called on Lady Lyell and Sir R. Murchison.

Mar 1   Too ill to go to the Royal Institution.

Mar 3   Sir Woodbine Parish called.

Mar 4   Went to the Mus. of Practical Geology, Royal Society and Geological Society. Letter from Memphis, U.S. from a Dr Sanders. [On Saturday ... contemptible!]

Mar 7   Thursday - Attended the Council of the Royal Society: did not break up till near six. Wrote to Prof. Silliman, and Dr Sanders of Memphis.

Mar 8   Too unwell to go to the Royal Institution. Wrote to Prof. Silliman and Dr Sanders by mail steamer.

Mar 11  Monday - A beautiful day: no letter from Reginald!

Mar 12  Anniversary of the death of my dear Hannah Matilda.


[Mar 14 - 15]

Mar 16  Wrote a strong recommendation to the Founders of the New College of Manchester, of Mr Williamson, for the Chair of Natural History, for which he is eminently qualified. My Memoir on the Pelorosaurus, and "Notes on Belemnites”, referred to Sir P. Egerton, Dr Carpenter, and Prof. E. Forbes.

Mar 21  [Attended ... researches.] Wrote to Mr Dana and Prof. Silliman. Sent parcel to Messrs Willis for Walter to go by the ship "Lord Wm. Bentinck”.

[Mar 22]

Mar 27  Attended the Meeting of the Council of the Geological Society: too unwell to go to the evening meeting.

Mar 31  My brother Thomas came up to see me.
April 1  Monday - My brother left in the afternoon.

[April 3]  

April 5  Wrote to Prof. W. B. Rogers; sent by post many copies of the Abstract of my two papers read to the Royal Society, February 14th.

April 7  Walked with Reginald to Kensington Gardens. A mil balmy day.

April 8  Attended the Clapham Athenaeum in the evening; a very poor affair indeed.

April 10  Council of the Geological Society: and attended the evening meeting with Reginald.

April 11  Council of the Royal Society: detained till six o'clock; a long desultory discussion respecting a paper of Lord Brougham's as to publication; also respecting the persons to be selected for the 15 new F.R.S. Earl of Rosse in the Chair. My friend Professor John Phillips of York breakfasted with me, and looked over my New Zealand specimens etc.

[April 12]  

April 15  Miss Chassereau of Brighton, the daughter of my old friend, came on a visit.

April 16  Letters from Prof. Silliman and his son.

April 17  To the Bank and received my dividends. A fine day. Suffering very much. Capt. Blackwood called and saw some objects under the microscope!

April 20  Attended Earl of Rosse's first Soirée; took my jaw of Iguanodon, Moa's feet, and Pelorosaurus: Reginald and Mr Woodhouse took the microscope. A very select and good attendance.

April 21  Miss Chassereau left. To Clapham etc. Mr Alfred Woodhouse dined with us.

[April 26,27,25]  

April 28  Sunday - Walked to the Athenaeum and back with much difficulty.

April 30  Attended with Reginald the Institution of Civil Engineers. Spoke on the occurrence of water in the Chalk strata; in allusion to a paper by Professor Ansted on the absorbent power of chalk.

[May 1 & 2]  

May 3  In the afternoon the Archaeological Society; Sir J. Boileau in the Chair: in the evening a lecture on certain optical phenomena connected with Astronomy by Prof. Baden Powell.

May 4  Prof. Faraday's lecture at three; and Lord Rosse's Soirée at nine: dreadfully fatigued; the rooms crowded. Reginald took some live Infusoria to exhibit in the microscope.

May 6  Went with Reginald to see the Overland Route to India panorama; some of the scenes very good; suffered horribly from the confined sitting.

[May 8]  

[May 10]  

May 11  Very ill from yesterday's fatigue. Reginald received letters from Prof. Silliman etc. The box of Moa bones sent last December had arrived safe.

[May 14]  

May 15  Went into the City: still very cold.
May 17 Wrote to Walter by post via Sydney - and to Prof. Silliman by mail. The box of Moa bones sent to Prof. S. last December has reached him safe at last. Yesterday took box of fossils etc. for Dr B. Silliman to the railway office to go to Liverpool, and thence to Newhaven.

May 22 [Note from ... Pebble'.] Attended meeting and Council of the Geological Society. Prof. Sedgwick, Dr Fitton, Sir I. Murchison, De la Beche present: Sir C. Lyell presided. Returned home with Reginald soon after twelve! Called on Mr Bohn.

May 29 Dined at Lord Rosse's, with the other members of the Council. A beautiful day; Lord and Lady Lovelace of the party.

June 1 [With Reginald ... ashes.] Sent parcel for Walter to go by the ship Eden; enclosed an introduction for W. to Mr Valpey of Otago.

June 2 Sunday. - To Clapham; a fine summer's day.

June 3? Monday - Dined with Mr Bohn, my publisher. Invited to a Soirée of Lady Lovelace, but unfortunately prevented by the previous engagement.


June 6? Thursday - At three meeting of the Royal Society for the election of Fellows; attended but came away before the election was over.

June 7? [Friday evening ]

June 8

June 11

June 15

June 17 Prof. Hitchcock and lady and friends, with Mrs and Miss Allnutt spent the evening with me.

June 19

June 20 To Clapham and Kensington. [At five ... papers read.]

June 25 Attended Committee for the Government Award at the Royal Society.

June 27 Meeting of Council of Royal Society.

June 29 Called at the British Museum. Received proofs of lithograph of Moa's foot; and of papers in the Geological Journal.

June 30 Took paper parcel to Mr Clifford (Baker Street) for Walter, to go to Wellington. Parcel contained 12 proofs of Moa's foot; and proof sheet of Geology of New Zealand from Geol. Journal.

[Last evening ... favorable.]

July 1-2 [Wednesday - Sir Robert Peel ... acquainted with him.] Called on Dr Grant, Mr J. S. Gray, Somerset House, Mr Tennant; left my MSS. of my Oxford lecture at the
Archaeological Institute. Wrote to Professor Silliman.

July 5
Friday - Called at Mus. Pract. Geology, and left a slab of one of the perforated pillars of Puzzuoli. Wrote to Walter - Prof. Rogers - and Prof. Silliman. Sent box to Dr Schaffer of Cincinnati, Ohio.

July 8
Letter from Prof. Silliman, and Sir David Brewster.

July 13
Yesterday received a large hamper of fossils from the Isle of Wight. [Left for Brighton at two. ... Esplanade.] Walked to Bedford Square and took tea with Mr Charles Harford.

July 14
[Sunday. Reginald ... expectations.] At ½ past one by train with my son and Mr A.W. to Lewes: my brother Thomas met us at the station; called on my old friend Grover. Dined with my brother; went to St John’s Churchyard: to the Castle, and to the top of the tower. Went to St Michael’s Church; to St Anns; and to the Station: left for Brighton at six. Reginald and Mr W. returned to London by the Excursion train.

July 15
Monday. Left Brighton at eleven: my carriage in waiting at the London station. Went to Clapham; returned home by four. The weather exceedingly fine and warm.

July 16
Tuesday. To Paddington and Clapham; the day very sultry; suffering as usual from neuralgia.

July 17

July 18
To St John’s Wood to see a gentleman who has many Wealden fossils. Among others a portion of a humerus, and two fragments of jaws of Iguanodon.

July 19
Friday. Two letters from Walter of Feb 8th and 11th. Mr Beckles gave me the two fragments of Iguanodon jaws. Received a rough copy of the "Pictorial Atlas" to correct.

July 20
Called on Mr Scharf, Brit. Mus., Mr Bohn and Geolog. Society: met Lyell. Arranged respecting my lithographs etc.

July 21
Sunday. Went with Reginald and Mr A. Woodhouse by boat to Kew and back. Met Mr Hannay.

July 22
Letters from Prof. Silliman and Mr Dana.

July 25
Called on Sir Charles Lyell previously to his going to Germany. Cleared out the fragment of the Jaw of Iguanodon. Went to British Museum.

July 26
Went to the City and saw the printer Mr Clay. Letter from Bishop Terrot; kind invitation to his house at Edinburgh. Wrote to Prof. Silliman.

July 29
Letter from Mr Benj. Silliman.

July 30
[Went with my son ... at noon.] Mrs Allnutt called.

[Aug 1 - 10]

Aug 11
To Clapham as usual. Reginald’s 23rd birthday.

Aug 12
Monday. Dreadfully ill all night, with severe spasms.

Aug 13
Called on Mr Bohn, Basevi, Dinkel, Scharfe and Erxleben to see the lithographs etc.

Aug 16
Friday. Dr Melville called - accompanied him to the British Museum. Sent off many copies of Memoir on New Zealand. Wrote to Reginald. Called on Dr Andrew Smith and saw two live specimens of Lepidosiren from Gambia. My cousin Dr George Mantell of Faringdon called. Sent packet of Memoir to Edinburgh.

Aug 17
Saturday. Suffering dreadfully from neuralgia. In the evening, on the river with my niece.
Aug 18
Sunday. Dr Melville called. To Clapham. Still very ill.

Aug 20
Called on Mr Basevi, Mr Bohn, Reeve etc. and went to the College of Surgeons to examine the skeletons of reptiles etc. - to explain the fragment of Iguanodon jaw. All unavailable at present.

Aug 22

Aug 23
Letter from Lt. Governor Eyre, from Auckland, New Zealand, March 26th. My niece Fanny left.

Aug 28
[Letter from Reginald ... August 13th.] Wrote to Walter via Sydney, and box to Stayner to go by the "Titan".

Aug 29
[Letter from Walter ... been very different.] Dr Melville called in the evening.

Aug 30
Wrote again via Sydney to Walter in answer to his letter received yesterday, and to Reginald. [Went to the Zoological ... healthy.]

Sept 1
Went with Dr Melville to Mr Bowerbank's - not at home. Went up the river to Hammersmith and back. Dr M. dined with me.

Sept 5
Went with Dr Melville to the British Museum to compare bones etc. M. Dinkel made some sketches on wood. Note from Reginald on Thursday.

Sept 6
Mr Wheeler brought proofs of lignographs for I. of Wight. Sir Charles and Lady Lyell returned; presented them a proof of the Belemnite.

Sept 7
Saturday. Went alone by boat to Gravesend. Walked through Rosherville Gardens; left at five for Blackwall Railway; reached home by nine. A lovely day.

Sept 8
Sunday. Dr Melville called, and Mr Tomes.

Sept 9
Very unwell; at home all day: in the evening Dr Melville called and took leave.

Sept 12
[Thursday. Went to Clapham. ... fishing boat.] In the evening called on Miss Lees, and strolled through the Old Churchyard. At Miss Chassereau's.

Sept 13
To Lewes by early train. Called on my old friend Grover and Mr M. A. Lower, and Mr Woolgar. Went with my brother Thomas by train to New Haven: by boat across the harbour to the foot of the Downs. Went to the top of Castle Hill and along the broken and creviced slope of the tertiary deposits which are rapidly wasting away. No good sections exposed. Found a very interesting group of fish vertebrae in a block of ironstone, the casts of the concavities appearing like convex nummulites. Collected shells (potamides and oysters etc.), and obtained a few rolled masses of Aluminite. Returned to Lewes, and to Brighton by eight.

Sept 14

Sept 15
Sunday. To Clapham as usual.

Sept 16
Letter from my son R. Called on Sir Chas. Lyell.

Sept 17
Sent parcel to my friend Grover at Lewes. Called on Mr Reeve, Bohn, Tennant etc. M. Dinkel here drawing on wood for the I. of Wight new edition.

Sept 20
Sent parcel to Edinburgh. Leash of partridges from my friend Mr Martin of Pulboro'; the only game I have had this season! Wrote to Reginald. M. Dinkel still drawing fossils.

Sept 23
Letter from Reginald; dated New York.

Sept 24
Mr Moore (of New Zealand) and Mr Ralph, drank tea.

Sept 25
Packed up many copies of my Memoirs etc. for various friends and societies. Very ill again!

Sept 26
Wrote to Prof. Silliman; sent to Dublin, Dr Harwood, Joshua etc.

Lyell and his lady called on Sunday and looked at my new specimens; lent Sir Charles copy of the Pictorial Atlas.
Sept 27 Mr Morris called in the evening; gave him a copy of my "Fossils of Tilgate Forest"; and Memoirs. King of Shepherd's Chine, I. of W. called and brought a few fossils. Received a letter from Mr Duppa of Nelson, dated May 24th. Gave Miss Foster a copy of the Atlas.

Sept 30 Professor Hitchcock and lady called to bid me farewell. Letter from Reginald, dated New York, Sept. 17th. Sent off many copies of my three Memoirs to various Societies in London, and to France. Gave Mr Morris a copy of my work on "The Fossils of Tilgate Forest"; and a copy of Parkinson etc.

Oct 1 Mrs Alnutt and Miss A. took tea with me and spent a quiet evening.

Oct 2 Mr Alfred Woodhouse returned from his tour and took tea with me. My sister and Mrs Chaplin of Lewes dined here. Prof. Tennant called respecting lecture at Woolwich.

Oct 3 Henry Sowerby called and corrected map of New Zealand.

[Oct 5]

[Oct 10]

Oct 11 Received a parcel (Memoir on Imprints) from Dr Deane of Greenfield. [Prof. Tennant ... I destroyed.]

Oct 12 Saturday. To Clapham as usual.

Oct 13 In the evening Mr Fred Moore called to tell me of Mr Cooke (Walter's friend) having reached London, but no letter for me.

Oct 14 Received letter from Prof. Silliman, Sept. 29th: he had received the copies of my New Zealand and Reginald's papers.

[Oct 18]

Oct 19 Mr Gould called to see the birds. Dined at Mr Wollaston's. In the evening Mr Woodhouse called.

Oct 21 Mr Gray of the British Museum, and Mr Morris called, Mr Wilson of Tenby.

Oct 22 Called on Mr Gould and saw his humming birds. Mr and Mrs Woodhouse drank tea with me. Busily engaged in unpacking and arranging Walter's fossils, drawings etc. Called at British Museum.

[Oct 23 - 24]

Oct 25 [Sent for my bird ... my son.] To Clapham - quiet evening. Wrote to Sir W. Hooker, Lyell, Lord Delaware etc. etc. etc.

Oct 26 Saturday. Called on Lyell, Sowerby, and Mr Woodhouse, and Mr Moore called in the evening.

Oct 27 To Clapham. Mr Tomes called in the evening.

Oct 28 [Monday. Called on Sir Charles Lyell ... Iguanodon found in 1848.] Presented Lady Lyell with a copy of Pictorial Atlas; sent one also to Mrs Buckland.

Oct 29 [Tuesday. Passed a night ... leave my house.] Sent box to Gibbs and Crouch to forward by Cornelia for Walter. (Books etc.). Mr Cooke, Walter's friend, called for an hour, but I was so ill I could scarcely speak to him. Returned Mr Bowerbank's specimen of Iguanodon.

[Sent yesterday ... some years since.] Letter yesterday from "Memphis", U.S. but no letter from Reginald. Gave Mr Frederick Harford specimen of Terebratulae from N.Z. [Earl Delaware ... forge-hammers.]

Oct 30 Wednesday. To Clapham; home late; very debilitated.

Oct 31 [Thursday.] Called on Mr Gould and saw the drawing of Walter's bird. [To the British Museum ... own contribution!]
Nov 2 Mr Wills and Mr Woodhouse took tea with me. Yesterday sent box to Gibbs and Crouch for Walter; paid £1-3-2 to go by "Cornelia". Wrote also by post via Sydney and per Cornelia.

Nov 4 Letters from Reginald, Louisville, Oct. 11, and two Wellington papers from Walter of May 25, 1850. [In the evening ... a full meeting.] Mr A.W. attended and assisted me. Exhibited my birds' feet, and the Moho, Apteryx, Strigops etc. Returned home by soon after ten.

Nov 5 Sent another letter for Walter by Cornelia. [The late Papal ... for £10.] Wrote to Mr Wilson, Sir W. Jardine, Mr Williamson.

Nov 7 Received two Hampers of fossils from S. King, at Shepherd's Chine, Isle of Wight, by vessel. Specimens of Fir-cones, wood, fragments of bones, shells etc.

Nov 11 Monday. Went in the afternoon with Mr Tennant to the Military Academy at Woolwich and delivered a lecture to the Cadets on Chalk and Wealden formations. The young officers were very attentive. Returned with Mr Tennant and Mr Morris. Sent parcel (Papers of Zoological) and letters to Walter by Mr Ralph.

Nov 12 Tuesday. In the evening to the Zoological Society. Read a narrative of Walter's discovery of the Notornis; exhibited the birds; a full attendance. Prof. Owen described eight or nine Crania of Moas from a cave near Auckland. Mr Gould described the ornithological characters and relations of the Notornis.

Nov 14 [Council of the Royal ... demented.] Wrote to Walter on Wednesday by Mr Ralph, and also today via Sydney with account of Zoological meeting.

Nov 16 Sent Lity Gazette with Report of the Zoological to Walter, Reginald, Prof. Silliman and Melville. [Wrote to Dr Melville, ... declined.]

Nov 17 Sunday. Called on Capt. Smyth, at Chelsea; Mr Tomes called. Wrote to Prof. Silliman.

Nov 18 Letter from Reginald, dated Mammoth Caves, October 24 - 29th. Sent the last part of MS. to Mr Clay of new Edition of Isle of Wight.


Nov 22 Friday. Mr Sharpe took tea and looked over my collection of Turrilites; to borrow specimens for the Palaeontographical Society to figure and describe.

Nov 25 Monday. Received two N.Z. papers from Walter of June 12 and 15th: no News.

Nov 27 Called on Mr Bartlett with Apteryx etc.

[Nov 28]

Nov 29 Friday. To the City to sell out £100 stock.

Nov 30 St Andrew's Day - Anniversary of the Royal Society. Attended the meeting and afterwards dined at Freemason's Tavern; a pleasant party; met many friends or rather acquaintances.

[Dec 1]
Dec 4 At home all day; arranging and putting by specimens and books and papers. Wrote to Dr Melville. Ann came to assist me. Dreadfully good-for-nothing.

Dec 5 [In the evening ... the multitude.] Went to the Royal Society; met several friends.

Dec 6 Mr Morris called in the evening. Busy in arranging specimens and papers etc.

Dec 7 M. Barrande (of Bohemia) and two gentlemen from Berlin came, and saw many specimens. Mr B. is a highly intelligent, and very agreeable man. Showed him the soft parts of foraminiferae in chalk and flint. In the afternoon received a basket from the Isle of Wight with one large block of limestone with a femur and a few caudal vertebrae of a young Iguanodon, evidently of the same individual as Mr Bowerbank’s.

Dec 8 Sunday. To Clapham. Wrote to Sir R. Murchison, Mr Way, Bartlett, Thomas, Fuller, Morris, Lee, etc.

Dec 11 Received back the "Moho" from Mr Bartlett.

Dec 12 Called on Mr Morris: afterwards to Clapham.

Dec 13 Dined with Mr Gray at the British Museum. [Yesterday attended ... discourse.] Afterwards went to the Royal Society. Finished my new fossil from I. of W.

Dec 14 Saturday. Received yesterday the two aptryx from Mr Bartlett.

Dec 15 A thorough wet day. To Clapham.

Dec 16 Monday. Wrote to Walter and Reginald. Dined with Mr Albert Way (10 Chester Sqre), and met one of the Officers lately returned from the survey of the Coast of New Guinea.

Dec 17 Tuesday. To Brighton by 4 o’clock train to visit Rev. Andrew Brandon (of Beckingham), the brother of my kind friend Mrs Allnutt. Found him in a most precarious state from a bronchial affection and disease of the heart. Met Mr Scott in consultation. Sat by his bedside till one in the morning.

Dec 18 Wednesday. Visited Mr Brandon, a little better, but in a very hopeless state. Called on Mr Basevi in Brunswick Square and Miss Chassereau. Returned by the two o’clock train to London and reached home by five. A fine cold day. No letters of moment.

Dec 19 Went with Mr Woodhouse to hear Mr Dawson’s third lecture at the Whittington, and afterwards called at the Royal Society. Saw a fine collection of Roman Glass vessels from Nismes, on the table of the Society of Antiquaries.

Dec 20 To the British Museum: afterwards to the City. Mr Martin took tea with me. Received the Strigops from Mr Bartlett.

Dec 23 Letters from Reginald and Prof. Silliman. Mr C. Moore called. Wrote to all letters due.

Dec 24 Dr Grant and Collier called and Capt. Blackwood. Very ill.

Dec 28 Mr Cook called on me - Mr Woodhouse in the evening. Still very unwell indeed.
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Jan 1 [Wednesday ... day!] Called on Mr Tennant and at the Whittington Club. Took a copy of the "Pictorial Atlas" as a present to Mrs Allnutt, and to Mr Tapson for his professional aid in my absence. Capt. Blackwood and Mr Hamilton called to see my "Curiosities".

Jan 2 Delivered a lecture on Corals and Coral Islands at the Whittington Club: a very large and attentive auditory. - Wrote to Walter and Reginald.

Jan 4 Miss Chassereau and little girl arrived.

Jan 5 Walked to the Park and round the Serpentine with Miss Chassereau. Very ill again!

[Jan 6]

Jan 9 [Lecture ... three nights.] Sent yesterday box with Papers and books (Zoolog. Trans. - Owen's Part IV), Illustrated News etc. to Devonport to go by the Calliope; - Capt. Sir E. Home - Mr Woodhouse attended me at the lecture and returned home with me.

Jan 11 Went with Miss Chassereau to Astley's Amphitheatre.

Jan 13 [With Miss Chassereau ... crowded of course!] Sent parcel to Walter to go by Mr Roach Smith's nephew, Surgeon of the Pandora.

Jan 14 Wrote to Reginald. Miss C. left.

Jan 15 Mr and Mrs Bohn, Mrs Allnutt, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Mantell etc. and Mr Woodhouse took tea with me. Terribly tired.

[Jan 18]

Jan 19 Suffering greatly from spasms. Went to the Athenaeum.

Jan 20 Letters from Reginald of December 27, and Prof. Silliman of Jan'y 6: the latter acknowledging the receipt of the box sent last September, with Copy of the Atlas and my papers from the Roy. Soct. Transactions. Reginald temporarily engaged at Cincinnati.

Jan 22 Mr Williamson of Manchester breakfasted with me. Attended Council of the Geological Society and the evening meeting. Sir C. Lyell in the Chair. Murchison, De la Beche, Hopkins, etc. present. A paper by Mr Austen on elevated sea beaches etc. A very rambling and unsatisfactory affair. Mr Woodhouse returned home with me to supper. [Yesterday ... Grand Exhibition house.]

Jan 27 Monday. To Salisbury at eleven: arrived there at three: went to the Assembly Rooms and had the drawings fixed up. Put up at the White Hart Inn. Lecture at 8, on Corals and Coral Islands: a crowded room; between 400 and 500 persons: passed off very well: very enthusiastic applause: requested to deliver another lecture soon, but declined it. To bed by 1/2 past eleven.

Jan 26 [Tuesday. Passed ... miserable night.] Rose soon after 8; at 1/2 past nine went to the Cathedral and took a hasty walk through the Cloisters, Chapter House, and the nave and aisles. Left Salisbury at half past ten; reached home before three. [Lovely weather ... my excursion.] Evening to Lady Lyell's.

Jan 30 At home very ill yesterday and today. Wrote to Reginald, Prof. Silliman and Mr Dana: and to Walter via Sydney.

Feb 1 Received 100 copies of my paper on Archaeology and Geology from the Archaeol. Institute.

[Feb 3]

Feb 2 Dr Fitton called and looked over my specimens.

Feb 4 Letters from Reginald (Jan'y 15) and Mr Dana. Went to the British Museum to

[Feb 5]

Feb 6  [So ill ... all day.] Wrote to Prof. S., Reginald, Schaffer; and sent to Mr Dana the books on Crustaceae for which I paid 7/6.

Feb 7 To Clapham and returned home; too ill to attend the Archaeol. Wrote to Prof. Silliman; sent present to Mrs Bakewell.

Feb 10 Monday - Letters from Reginald and Prof. Silliman. [Heard of the death ... Pulborough called.]

Feb 11 Called up at five to Mrs Kemble at Stockwell, returned at 9. Called on Mrs Harcourt Vernon; to Clapham: Mr Woodhouse.

Feb 12 Council of the Geological Society. In the evening went with Mr Woodhouse to the Anniversary meeting of the Microscopic Society: a crowded attendance: met many acquaintances: no objects of particular interest.

[Feb 15]

Feb 16 Sunday. M Dinkel drank tea with me. Mr Ricardo called yesterday - did not see him. Received a fine fossil Elephant's tooth from Lord Londesborough; fished up off Margate. Wrote on Friday to Reginald and Prof. Silliman.

Feb 18 Called at the British Museum and on Mr Bohn.

Feb 20 Council of the Royal Society.

Feb 21 Anniversary of Geol. Society at One. [Received ... no letter!] Dined with the Geol. Society in the evening at Willis's Rooms.

Feb 22 To Clapham as usual.

[Feb 23]

Feb 24 Went to the Geographical Society to hear a paper read (by Capt. Stokes of the Acheron) on the southern part of the Middle Island of New Zealand. Capt. Fitzroy (formerly Governor of N.Z.) spoke upon the subject: afterwards went to the Athenaeum Club, but was in such misery that I was compelled to take a cab home. Letter from Reginald of Feb. 3.

[Feb 25]

Feb 28 Wrote by post to Reginald and Walter. Gave Mr Alfred Woodhouse the miniature of his grandfather, Mr G.E.W.

Mar 7 My sister very ill: more than usually suffering myself. [In the evening ... acquaintances.]

Mar 10 Wrote to Walter by the Clara, and sent Australian and N.Z. Gazette.

Mar 11 Letter from Prof. S. dated Feby 20th, Newhaven.

[Mar 13]

Mar 14 [Wrote to ... still.] Mr Sharpe returned my turritilites and Ammonites.

Mar 18 To the British Museum: met Lady Hastings. Yesterday heard from W.

[Mar 19]

Mar 21 [Letter from Walter ... August last.] Yesterday attended Council of the Royal Society.

Mar 22 Seized with spasms in the gall duct: suffering intensely all night: obliged to keep on my sofa - unable to leave the house.
Mar 23 Rather better; went to Clapham: scarcely able to stand.

Mar 25 [Mr Bush ... tomorrow.] Four newspapers from Walter to November: but no letter. Incessant rain for the last week. Yesterday went to the Brit. Museum.

[Mar 26]

Mar 27 Another wet day: to Clapham and called on Mr Woodhouse: home late to dinner.

Mar 28 Friday - M. Dinkel to breakfast; looked over drawings on wood. [Prof. Faraday ... scientific men.] Prof. S. and Mr Alfred Woodhouse returned home with me.

Mar 29 Prof. S. dined and in the evening all his party, Mrs and Miss Alnutt and Mr A. W. joined us.

[Mar 30]

Mar 31 [My excellent ... evening.] Received newspapers from Walter and Reginald but no letters.

April 1 Tuesday - To the British Museum and made memoranda of Cases etc. Called at Mus. of Econ. Geology.

April 3 Attended Council of the Royal Society.

[April 4]

April 5 [To the Museum ... exhibition.] Went over great part of it with Prof. Forbes and Sir H. De la Beche; lent them my new large bivalve from Atherfield. Afterwards to the British Museum; spent two hours in noting the Cabinets etc. Mr Gould sent me coloured prints of Walter's Notornis.

April 7 Monday evening - Attended Mr Pritchard's lecture on Greenwich Observatory, at the Clapham Athenaeum.

April 9 Wednesday - Delivered a Lecture on the "Law of Extinction of Races of Animals" at the London Institution. Took the Moa's feet and bones etc. A very full attentive auditory. Mr Woodhouse accompanied me home.

April 10 Attended Council of the Royal Society to select the 15 Fellows for Election this year: eighteen members of Council present.

April 11 M. Dinkel came and made drawings for my new work: too ill in the evening to go to the Royal Institution to hear Prof. Faraday's lecture.

April 15 Capital letters from Reginald of March; with sketches and Map.

[April 16]

April 17 Wednesday - Packed up paper parcel for Walter to go by Willis's ship Simlah; wrote also by post to go by the Thames. (Sent only papers - Athenaeum, Lit Gazet. Lyell's Address, Oxford Lecture, Plates of Crystal Show etc.). Received yesterday a cargo of fossils from the Wealden of the Isle of Wight: chiefly enormous vertebrae from Brook, of the Cetiosaurus and one fragment of an enormous Pterodactyl. Sent the man 35/- for the same.

April 18 To the British Museum; hard at work till five o'clock noting the principal fossils. [In the evening ... delivered.] Letter from Prof. Silliman from Paris.

April 19 Good Friday - Wrote to Reginald. Met Count Strelitzchi at the Athenaeum. Called on Mrs Smyth.

April 20 Easter Sunday - Mr Hamel - (of Russia) called to see my New Zealand specimens. Gave him copies of Memoirs on Pelorosaurus, last Iguanodon, and last Belemnite paper; and Archaeological Lecture. At home and alone all day.

April 21 Monday - Miss Duppa called. Saw Mr Bohn respecting woodcuts. Two packages of fossils from the I. of Wight.

April 22 Letter from Walter dated Wellington of October 22. Mrs Wolton of Colchester came up to consult me.
April 23 Delivered a lecture on the Geology of New Zealand at the City of London Institution, Aldersgate Street.

April 24 To the British Museum; on my work; called on many persons; came home by the Exhibition: hundreds of carriages!

April 25 Wrote to Reginald and enclosed Walter’s letter for him. Went to the British Museum as usual. Sent King post office order for 28/- for fossils last received.

April 26 M. Dinkel made drawings on wood etc.

April 27 In the evening walked to Capt. Smyth’s; met Mr Baden Powell and Dr Hamel.

April 29 Yesterday went again to the British Museum to make up the list of fossil fishes. Dreadfully tired. Wrote to Walter and enclosed a tracing of Mr Gould’s lithograph of the Notornis. To Clapham: received letter from Reginald to April 2. Cold, wet, and thunder storms.

April 30 Wednesday. In the evening with Mr Woodhouse to the City and delivered a lecture to the City of London Institution on “Petrifications and their teachings”. Called at the Geological Society on our way home: a poor attendance on Lyell “On Rain Drops”! Dreadfully fatigued, and suffering very much.

[May 1-3]

May 6 Mr Woodhouse received a letter from Reginald.

May 9 [Went with ... exhausted.] The day before went to the British Museum.

May 10 Saturday - Called on Mr Lee. Very good for nothing.

[May 12]

May 14 Council of the Geological Society. In the evening attended the meeting to hear Sir R. Murchison’s paper on the Drift of Sussex. A very full attendance, and an animated discussion on the theory of the Wealden denudation. Nothing came of it all! A large collection of Mammalian bones from diluvium of Folkestone; among them Irish Elk and Hyaena - Hippopotamus etc.

May 15 Mr Morris and Mr Mackay of Fowlstone called. (sic)

May 16 M. Dinkel came to draw the Notornis. Yesterday Mr Bohn and I arranged about the book. Sir Phillip Egerton called.

May 17 [Attended ... Mr Woodhouse by 12.] Mr Lee, the lignographer, called and brought me a few more blocks, and took others. Left with Mr Bohn the drawing of the Notornis.

May 21 Took tooth of labyrinthodon to Corthill; two vertebrae to Dew; called on M. Dinkel with drawings. [On Monday ... knocked up.]

[May 22-23]

[May 26-27]

May 28 [Wednesday - Council of ... correspondents.] Called on Mr Bohn. Wrote to Reginald.

May 29 Had a model made of Mr Saull’s specimen of Sacrum.

May 30 To the City: called on Mr Clay the printer: looked at a fossil Coral supposed to be a “horn”, from Ireland. Returned home dreadfully wearied. M. Dinkel called.

May 31 Saturday - Too unwell to attend Lord Rosse’s soirée.

June 1 To Clapham and back. My old and valued friend Prof. Phillips of York, and Mr Sharpe, breakfasted with me.

June 2 Monday - Two Cincinnati papers from Reginald but no letter. Went for two hours to the Exhibition.
June 5

Received twelve papers and three letters from Walter dated February 8, 1851. Letter from Naples from Prof. Silliman dated May 23rd. Busy in having models of vertebrae etc. by Luckize: and Mr West to draw Sacrum of Iguanodon. Modelled teeth of jaw of Iguanodon. Suffering very much: too ill yesterday to go to the Lord Mayor's Soirée.

June 6

To Clapham. Meeting of the Archaeological Society. Called on Ross for glasses. Topping called in the evening with section of flints etc.

June 9

Letter from Reginald - Maryville - May 11th.

June 11

Council of Geological Society at three. In the evening with Capt. Smyth, to dine at Earl Rosse, with the other members of the Council of the Royal Society. Very ill; returned early with Capt. S.

June 12

Thursday. Called on Mrs Vernon: too ill to go to the meeting of the R.S. Wrote to Reginald, Walter, Mr Dana, Prof. Silliman. Dew sent home cleared vertebrae: paid him £1.12 for the last specimen he chiselled. My man, Cannor, finished his Scapula, and splendid Vertebrae.

June 13

Friday - To Clapham as usual. Home and alone, scribbling. Mr and Miss Baker of Northampton called: brought me the brass shield of John Mantell's tomb.

June 15

Sunday - Mr Alfred Woodhouse and friend breakfasted with me. Mr Tomes called.

June 21

[Invited to ... either.] Poulton brought me specimens mounted; bought 20 slides 25/- for Prof. Silliman. Bray of Chippenham brought belemnites etc. paid £5.10.

June 22

Called on Mrs Smyth, Dr Andrew Smith, Mr Morris. In the evening on Sir C. Lyell, and gossiped for an hour with him and Lady Lyell. Mr Alfred Woodhouse breakfasted with me.

June 23

Sir C. Lyell came in the afternoon and looked over my Wealden bones.

June 24

Tuesday - Dined at Earl Rosse. A pleasant party. M. Quetelet, Sir D. Brewster, Mr Hopkins, Dr Pain - and M. Soissier and Peter Fuller called.

June 28

Wrote yesterday to Reginald. Too ill to be able to go to the Soirée at the College of Physicians.

June 29

In the evening Miss Duppa and her nephew called, and looked over my microscopic Rotatiae.

June 30

Monday - Took a pair of large (word illeg.) to Mr Frederick Harford; went to the British Museum.

July 1

Received a letter from Reginald of June 8th.

July 2

Wednesday. Wrote to Prof. Melville, Sir C. Lyell and Mr Gassiott.

July 3

To the British Museum to examine Iguanodon etc. Called on Mr Bohn respecting the Wealden. Mr Beckles called and brought bones for my inspection. Yesterday went up the river to Kew Gardens. Walked till seven and returned home dreadfully tired. The Gardens in a beautiful state.

July 4

Wrote to Reginald in reply to his of June 8th.

July 5

To Clapham as usual.

[July 6]
July 7  Monday - Letter (Newspapers) from Walter, dated March 8 - 16th by the Robert Syers. Mr Baley called on Saturday evening respecting Theodolite for Reginald. Went for two hours to the Exhibition.

July 8  Prof. Williamson arrived in the evening.

July 9  Wednesday. To Clapham etc. In the evening over the microscope. My old friend Grover came up yesterday.

July 10  In the evening attended with Prof. Williamson and Mr Woodhouse Sir R. Murchison's Soirée. Met Miss Burdett Coutts, the first time since the death of poor Miss Langham! Very affable and chatty. A large attendance!

July 11  Louisville newspaper from Reginald.

July 12  Mr Tomes and his brother and Mr Woodhouse came down and looked over Mr Williamson's specimens.

July 14  Monday - Letter from Mr Dana, and Paper from Reginald.

July 15  Prof. Williamson left me. Miss Weekes called. Dr Andrew Smith gave me a specimen of "Moloch". Mr Morris called in the evening. Yesterday went to the British Museum with Mr Williamson, and looked over the Iguanodon bones etc. Mr Geddes called and took leave for New York.

July 16  Wednesday - As usual suffering greatly. To Clapham.


July 20  Sunday - In the evening walked to the Athenaeum.

July 21  Monday - Letters from Reginald, Prof. Silliman, and Mrs Impey from India. In the afternoon went with Mr A. Woodhouse to Woolwich. A beautiful evening; climbed to the top of the hill. Returned soon after ten.

July 22  Tuesday - Wrote to Prof. Silliman. Received last week a fine young tibia, and the shaft of another very large one from the Isle of Wight.

July 23  Council of Geological Society. M. Constant Prevost at the G.S. Called on Mr Bohn.

July 24  Thursday - A thorough wet day. M. Prevost called when I was absent.

July 25  [Wrote a letter ... just out.] Called at Sabloniere's Hotel to see M. C. Prevost, but he was absent: left copy of the Pebble for Madlle Prevost. Went up the river before dinner. Received my Microscope with condenser from Manchester from Dancer. Wrote to Reginald and Prof. Silliman etc. [Wrote to Mr Bowerbank ... triflers.] Mr Woodhouse came late and tried my condenser.

July 30  Letter from my boy Reginald. [In the evening ... exhibited.]

[July 31]

[Aug 2-3]

Aug 4  Monday - My boy Reginald has now left me one year last Wednesday! And so time wears on!! On Saturday sent Mr Albert Way my druidical ball, shield of the Heyfords, and seal of Poulett, to exhibit at the Bristol Archaeological meeting, in compliance with his wishes.

Aug 11  Another week has muddled away most unprofitably. No news from Professor Silliman. Letter from Reginald. His birthday - aet. 24. To the City - called at the printer's.

[Aug 13-14]

Aug 15  Friday - A gentleman called from Croydon with a small box from Walter with some pieces of marl with shells; not worth sending. Left at two: reached home at 1/2 past four: found a letter from Prof. Silliman.

Aug 16  Saturday - To Clapham. Professor Silliman arrived at eight o'clock: hearty and
Aug 17 In the evening drove Prof. S. to Clapham; called on Mrs Allnutt and Miss Foster.

Aug 18 Letter from Reginald. Down the river and back with Prof. Silliman; and went to the Crystal Palace with him for a short time.

Aug 19 To Clapham.

Aug 20

Aug 22

Aug 23 Saturday - To Clapham etc. - very ill and suffering acutely.

Aug 24 Sunday - In the evening Prof. Silliman and I looked over my microscopic objects.


Aug 26 Tuesday - Still suffering greatly from the fatigue of my excursion to the Isle of Wight. To the City and Clapham.

Aug 27 Wednesday - Mrs Silliman and all the party (except Miss Forbes) took tea with me. Presented Mrs S. and sister, papier-maché articles (cost £1-7-6); and Prof. S. my marble table top, and book of Royal Society signatures. To the City and Clapham.

Aug 28 To Clapham. Prof. Silliman went to Kew and Hampton Court, and returned very late.

Aug 29 Mr Lee, my late Assistant, called and went with me to the City. Mrs Silliman and the whole party breakfasted with me. Wrote to Walter and Reginald. Mr Cooke, Walter’s friend, called. Prof. Silliman dined and spent the evening alone with me.

Aug 30 [Saturday - To the City ... Athenaeum.] Returned home with Prof. Silliman. Mr Alfred Woodhouse called.

Aug 31 Sunday - To the City; called at Morley’s: [took ... St James Park] After dinner visited Mr Allnutt, Prof. S. accompanied me. Took tea on our return and then accompanied Prof. S. to Morley’s; stayed awhile with the party and [finally ... this dream.]

[Sept 1]

[Sept 3] Wednesday - Met Dr Paris at Mr Allnutt’s; afterwards to the City to meet Dr Thompson and Mr Smith in consultation. In the evening seized with neuralgia in the left thigh, which continued unmitigated all night.

Sept 4 Dreadfully ill from the many hours of agony I have gone through: the hydrocyanic liniment (here quantities) alone afforded any alleviation, and that but little.

Sept 5 Friday - To Clapham and the City. Afterwards to the British Museum to look over Room IV.

Sept 6 Wrote yesterday to Reginald. Another night of intense neuralgia in the left knee and thigh. To Clapham notwithstanding; almost dead.

Sunday - To the City to meet Dr Thompson. Home all the evening and quiet.

Sept 7 Monday - Letter from Reginald of August 18: letter from M. Pictet. Sent MSS to Mr Clay: Chap IV: Room IV.

Sept 10 Tuesday - Went to the British Museum. Afterwards up the river to Putney and back with my sister.

Sept 11 To the City; called at Mr Clay’s.

Sept 12

Sept 13 Saturday - Called on Mr Clay, and afterwards on Mr Bohn.
Sept 15 M. Pictet of Geneva called. Went to British Museum.

Sept 21?? Went with M. Pictet to the British Museum; met M. Gervais there: looked over the Iguanodon, Hylaeosaurus and New Zealand birds' bones etc.

Sept 20 Still hard at work on my book; the continued sitting at my desk makes me suffer dreadfully. Mr Morris called in the evening.

Sept 21 In the evening M. Pictet, M. Gervais, Mr Tomes, and Mr Morris took tea with me, and looked over my fossils and microscopic foraminiferae etc.

Sept 22 Monday - Letters from Reginald of August 24 and Sept. 3rd.

Sept 24 [Wednesday ... I ever knew.] Went last evening to Mr Tomes and met Mr Morgan, and M. Gervais.

Sept 25 [Thursday ... last folly.] Sat up late to write to Walter by Mr Bohn's box and sent him Athenaeum, Illust, News, Papers etc.

[Sept 27-28]

Sept 29 [Received ... ten days.] Mr Grantham came on a visit. Sent 30 pages more MSS to Mr Clay.

Sept 30 Tuesday - To the British Museum to examine the case of Brazilian cave-bones, and the Mastodon Crania. Sir C. Lyell and Capt Le Hor called in my absence to see my "Kurosities".

[Oct 4]

Oct 6 Called on Sir C. Lyell; met M. le Hor of Belgium. Went to the British Museum, and received Prof. Shepard's money £48-9. Went to Mr Bohn, and arranged finally respecting the book.

Oct 7 Letter from Reginald, dated Sept. 14th in the forests of Kentucky.

Oct 8 [Wednesday - Went again ... California.] Mr W. came in the evening and made a diagram for me.

Oct 9 Thursday - Wrote to Reginald in reply to his letter of Sept. 14th.

Oct 10 [Friday - To the Exhibition ... Chester Square.] Wrote to Reginald and Prof. Shepard.

Oct 11 [Saturday - The last day ... ever beheld!] My brother came up to see the finale; Mr A. Woodhouse and his brother drank tea with me. Wrote the preface to my book, to send off to Mr Clay on Monday.

Oct 12 Sunday - To Norwood Cemetery with my brother. Another lovely day.

Oct 13 Returned to Geological Society Dixon and Pictet; to Mr Bohn Kirby and an American book. Called on Mr Murray.

Oct 14 In the afternoon drove to Epsom; delivered an opening lecture at the "Institution on the Geology of Surrey". The room crowded to suffocation. Left at ten and reached home at 12. A beautiful warm day.

Wednesday - A thorough soaking wet dark day: at home hard at work on Index etc. Dr Melville called.

Oct 16 Mr Martin of Pulborough breakfasted with me: gave him a copy of my Isle of Wight. Mr Woodhouse called in the evening. To Clapham.

[Oct 17-18]

Oct 19 [Sir Charles Lyell called ... of Owen!] Wrote to Longman's, Bohn, and Mr Clay and Sir C. L.
Oct 21  
In the evening to see Mr Wyld's Globe with Mr Alfred Woodhouse. Received a clean copy of my new book.

Oct 22  
Wrote to Walter (via Sydney), to Prof. Silliman, and Reginald.

Oct 23  
To the City. Sold out £200. Received dividends. Mr L. Reeve called last evening respecting the Literary Gazette. [Went with ... woman and the subject.]

Oct 25  
Saturday - Called at the Econ. Mus. Geology and left a proof of the plate of Notornis for Prof. E. Forbes. [In the evening ... insulting as usual.]

Oct 26  
Mr Tomes called on me in the evening.

Oct 27  
Monday - Letter from Reginald dated October 6th. [Received six copies ... British Museum.]

Oct 28  
Wednesday - The last two nights suffering severely from spasms, but know not the reason. Sent a copy of my book to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Oct 29  
Wrote to Reginald. Packed up parcel of books for Prof. Silliman. Sent Mr Quekett bones from Stonesfield and Tilgate Forest to examine.

Nov 3  
Monday - Delivered the (tenth) Anniversary Lecture at the Clapham Athenaeum, at 1/2 past seven in the Boys' Schoolroom near the Church. A crowded and selected audience: the Rector in the Chair: all passed off very agreeably - "On Petrifactions and their teachings" - Letter from Reginald. Received fossils from Dr Dunker.

Nov 5  
Attended Council of the Geological Society; and the meeting in the evening. Presented a copy of my new book.

Nov 6  

Nov 7  
In the evening a lecture on "Petrifactions etc." at the Institution at Kensington; returned home by 1/2 past ten, thoroughly exhausted. Wrote to Reginald.

Nov 10  
Sent box to Walter by Willis's ship the Agra to sail on the 12th (3 copies of "Petrifactions" - Art Union Catalogue - Carpenter's Phys - Forbes' star fishes, --- 2 Proofs of Notornis - Copper one - Woodward's Mollusks etc.)

Nov 13  
Thursday evening - Lyell, Morris, Tomes, and Mr Quekett and Woodhouse. [Over the microscope ... no doubt.]

Nov 14  
Friday - Letter from Walter via Sydney, dated July 19th. Went to the British Museum and examined some supposed birds' bones from Stonesfield - but all are I believe Pterodactylian.

Nov 15  
Saturday - To Clapham: called on Miss Broderick. Mrs Allnutt presented me with a copy of the Art Union Catalogue.

Nov 16  
Sunday - Walked to the Athenaeum and back; could scarcely accomplish it. Mr Morris called in the evening.

Nov 17  
Wrote to Walter via Sydney. To Reginald, Dr B. Silliman and Dr Dunker of Hesse Cassel.

Nov 19  
Attended Council of the Geological Society, and the evening meeting with Mr Alfred Woodhouse.

Nov 22  
Saturday - To the City. Paid Prof. Shepard's bill for £48-9 and 3/- charged above! Received parcel of old books from Kersley, the bookseller of Bristol.

Nov 26  
Wednesday - In the evening to Sir Chas. Lyell's: took with me drawings of a
reptile and footprints of a quadruped from the Devonian of Elgin, Morayshire, sent me by Capt. Lambert Brickenden. L. was greatly pleased with this discovery. - Sir John Herschel, Mr Babbage, Dr Hooker, the Belgian Ambassador etc. were there. On Monday my old Brighton friend Mr Hannay (now of Kew) dined and slept here, and left on Tuesday.

Nov 27
Attended evening meeting of the Royal Society: a paper of Faraday's was read.

Nov 28
Letter from Reginald dated Nov 2: replied by return of post. Mr Pritchard and Mr H. White of Clapham came in the evening and took tea with me. Poulton of Reading brought me some slides of Rotatiae from flint and chalk.

Nov 30
Sunday - Seized with sickness and spasmodic cholera last night: confined to my bed all day very ill.

Dec 1
Out to Clapham but very ill; unable to attend the Anniversary of the Royal Society. [Sir C. Lyell ... "Elements".]

Dec 3
Attended the Council of the Geological Society; presented Capt. L. Brickenden's paper to the Council, and proposed Rev. C. Pritchard as a Fellow.

Dec 4
Called on Sir W. Parish and Lyell.

Dec 5
Wrote to Reginald. Received in the afternoon a letter from R. dated Louisville Nov 7. Wrote also to Prof. Silliman. [Attended meeting ... South America.]

[Dec 6]

Dec 7
Called on Lyell: in the evening Mr Tomes and Mr Newport called and looked over the fossil ova from Forfarshire figured by Lyell as probably referable to those of gastropodous mollusca, but which I believe belong to batrachians. Mr Newport confirmed my opinion.

Dec 8
Wrote to Walter via Sydney and sent papers. Busy in making out the Devonian Reptile from Elgin: great trouble for little purpose.

Dec 11
 Called on Mr Gray at the British Museum and examined and compared the Devonian Reptile with the recent specimens of lacertae and batrachians and the skeletons.

Dec 12
Called at the Geological Society, and on Mr Bohn. M. Dinkel finished the drawing of the Elgin fossil.

Dec 15
[ Went with Mrs Allnutt ... A. Australis.).] Letter from Prof. Silliman.

[Dec 17]

[Dec 20]

Dec 22
[Monday - Called at the British Museum. ... live in Camp.] Miss Foster and Mr Woodhouse dined with me: Mr Duff came in the evening.

Dec 23
To the Geolog. and Royal; and to the City. Suffering greatly in the evening and all night. Parcel for Edinburgh to Mr Bohn.

Dec 24
Wednesday - Very ill indeed; with difficulty to Clapham, etc.

Dec 25
Xmas Day - Another horrible night. Letter from Walter of Sept. 5: he had received my box by the Clara and the Calliope. Went to Stockwell: very ill from spasms in the chest and limbs. [Wrote to Reginald ... think of me.]

Dec 26
Still suffering greatly. To Kensington, Clapham etc. Mr Woodhouse called in the evening.

Dec 27
Saturday - Mr Beckles called on me. Letters from Capt. Brickenden, Prof. Williamson etc. At home all day.

[Dec 29]

Dec 30
Yesterday letters and fragments of Hippopotamus tusk from Sir R. Murchison. Letters etc. from Lyell. Dr Andrew Smith called and Mr Beckles yesterday.
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[Jan 1]

Jan 3 Called on Sir Chas. Lyell, Mr Bohn, Geolog. Society etc. Sent a box with model of Telerpeton and Stagonolepis to Mr Williamson of Manchester.

Jan 4 Sunday - To Clapham: alone all the evening.

Jan 5 Called at the British Museum and compared the models of the Stagonolepis with the genoid fishes and dermal bones of saurians; determined the Stag5. to be a fish.

Jan 6 To Clapham and Stockwell as usual.

[Jan 7-8]

Jan 9 Wrote to Reginald: called at the Geological; paid the Westminster Life Assurance; Mr Dinkel took the drawing of the Telerpeton to lithographize.

Jan 10 Still suffering greatly from the exertion of Wednesday. Mr Woodhouse came in the evening.


Jan 12 Sent letter to Mr Dana. Artist from the Illustrated News came to make a sketch of the Telerpeton. Letter from Prof. Williamson.

Jan 13 Went in the evening to the meeting of Civil Engineers with Mr Alfred Woodhouse.

Jan 14 Letters from Reginald (Dec. 20), Prof. Silliman (Dec. 28), and Shepard (Dec. 22). Called on Dr Paris.

Jan 16 Called at the British Museum; saw a model of the Egg, and portions of two metatarsals, and the head of a fibula, of the "Epiornis" from Madagascar: the egg is of an enormous size; the metatarsals resemble those of the Moa but are wider and less in the antero-posterior diameter. presented a model of Telerpeton and of the Stagonolepis to the British Museum; and of the latter to the Museum of Practical Geology in Jermyn Street. Called on M. Dinkel and looked over the lithograph of the Telerpeton he is executing. In the evening received a copy of the new edition of Lyell's Manual of Geology. Very wretchedly ill; cannot do anything.

[Jan 17-18]

Jan 19 Newspaper from Reginald, at Louisville. Sent Sir E.B. Lytton a copy of my Petrifactions. In the evening after returning from a long professional round (Stockwell, Clapham, Kilburn) seized with neuralgia in the left knee joint.

[Jan 20]

Jan 21 [Comparatively ... to Clapham.] Sent box with model of Telerpeton and the Stagonolepis for Prof. Silliman; presented also models to Brit. Mus. and Mus. of Pract. Geology. Too ill to attend the meetings of the Geological Society.

Jan 22 Called at the Brit. Mus. and inspected M. Dinkel's lithograph of the Telerpeton etc.

Jan 23 Wrote to Prof. Silliman and Reginald. Mr Potter of Lewes called and shewed me specimens of "Loricula" attached to an Ammonite from Lewes; and a capsule of the eye of a fish 5½ inches in circumference from Malling Hill quarry. [Received ... Mr Morris.]

Jan 24 Sent to Dr Duff the specimens of Telerpeton and Stagonolepis, by Mr Alfred Woodhouse who had them unpacked in Dr Duff's presence to show that they were delivered uninjured.
Jan 26  Letter from Reginald of Jany 6th. Went into the City: called on Messrs Longman respecting Geology of the South-East of England, and on Mr Bohn, relating to the new edition of Medals of Creation: at the Geological Society to inspect specimens of Cape of Good Hope reptiles: could not find the skull of Acrosaurus. Yesterday called on Mr Gassiot, Clapham Common.

Jan 27  Mr Bensted of Maidstone called. Wrote to Mr Hamlin, Belvidere, Illinois. [In the last ... turpitude.]

Jan 28  Wednesday. - To the Microscopical Society in the evening with Mr Woodhouse. Called at College of Surgeons.

Jan 29  To Lady Lyell's party in the evening: took proof of lithograph of Telerpeton.

Jan 30  British Museum: left Unio for Mr Woodhouse to compare: gave proofs of Telerpeton to Mr Gray, Waterhouse etc. Sent microscope to Miss Chassereau for present: and prints to Capt. Brickenden and Prof. Williamson.

Jan 31  In the evening went with Mr Alfred Woodhouse to Kensington and called on Mr Evans (of the Acheron) and inspected a fine collection of recent shells which he collected in New Zealand: some unique; all very fine. Saw many sketches of New Zealand scenery.

Feb 1  Sunday - Went to the Athenaeum.

Feb 4  To the Geological Council; in the evening with Mr Woodhouse to the meeting: a paper on Gold Regions by Sir R. Murchison; a good attendance.

Feb 5  Very unwell from last night's exertion. To Clapham as usual.

Feb 7  [Yesterday confined ... to Clapham.] Received a few Wealden fossils from Brixton, I. of Wight.

Feb 9  Called on my old patient Mrs G.H. Vernon in Carlton Terrace.


Feb 13  [Went to ... discourse.] Yesterday a hamper of fossils from Isle of Wight. Copies of Zoological Paper on Notornis.


Feb 17  Sent off box for Walter (insured for £7 - worth £10) to Messrs Willis, to go by the Persia on the 20th.

Feb 18  To the Linnean Society. In the evening went to the Anniversary meeting of the Microscopical Society - a very crowded room; met many friends. [Received ... ever seen.]

Feb 20  Friday - Anniversary of the Geological Society; went to the meeting and heard the President's address. To the dinner with Mr Alfred Woodhouse, at Willis's St James St.; a very good attendance. Dr Fitton received the Wollaston Medal. Mr Morris had the award of the fund (about £30) for his work on British Fossils.

Feb 22  Mr Morris called in the evening.

Feb 25  To the Council of the Geological Society; too ill to go to the Evening. [Went to ... and Ulna with.] Returned "Voyage d'Astrolabe" to the Royal Society.

[Feb 26]
Feb 27 Wrote to Reginald and Prof. Silliman: finished sketches of plants, shells, and insects, for diagrams of Wealden Lecture. Note from Mr Beckles stating he thinks there are traces of the humerus in the same block. Sent book to? [Attended in ... radius.]

[Feb 28]

Feb 29 Leap Year. - Called on Mr Morris, Sir C. Lyell, and Mr Woodhouse.

Mar 1 Called on Sir R.I. Murchison, Royal Institution, etc.

[Mar 4 - 5]

Mar 6 Saturday - John brought home the diagrams and fossils. Called on Mrs G.H. Vernon in Carlton Terrace; to Clapham as usual. Dreadfully fatigued. [Letter from Sir C. Lyell ... in the evening.]

[Mar 7]

Mar 9 Tuesday - Letter from Reginald Feby 9. Called at Brit. Mus; met Sir C. Lyell there; convinced him that the Stagonolepis is a fish, by showing him the Glyptopomus scales, and dermal bones of Mystriosaurus. Went on to the City; returned dreadfully knocked up.

[Mar 10 - 13]

Mar 14 Passed a tolerable night.
Sunday. In the evening went to Honble Mr Broderick in Clapham New Park.

Mar 17 Wednesday - Letter from Reginald of Feby 21st. Wrote notes of lecture for Mr Barlow. Mr West finished drawings of the bones, and John Canner completed a cast of the humerus. Received from Capt. Brickenden specimens of ova from Forfarshire. Yesterday Rev. J. Reade called on me. Returned bones and drawing to Dr Grant. Mr Woodhouse came in the evening.

Mar 18 Presented Miss Foster with 5 vols. Lodge's Portraits. To Clapham Park. [In the evening ... decorated the walls.]

Mar 19 Attended the Lecture (on Lake Superior) by Dr Bigsby at the Royal Institution, and afterwards Barlow's Soirée; Mrs Lawrence, the American Minister's wife, was introduced to me, and we had a long gossip. [Suffering ... the last.]

[Mar 20]

[Mar 24]

Mar 26 [At home ... lectures.] M. Desor called yesterday: gave him Memoirs on Belemnites etc. Received, and sent off by post, reports of my lecture at the Royal Institution. Wrote to Reginald.

April 1 Received letters from Prof. Silliman, Henry, Dr Yandell, and Mr Hamlin of Belvidere. Sent papers to Reginald.

April 2 [Attended ... passed off well.] Wrote to Prof. Silliman and sent him Report of Roy. Inst. lecture. [Yesterday went ... pull it down.]

[April 3]

April 4 Sunday - To Clapham etc: arranged everything for my journey.

[April 5 - 7]

April 8 Received from Geolog. Society proof of my paper on the Telerpeton; corrected and returned it by post to Mr Rupert Jones the Secretary. [My second ... auditory.]

[April 9 - 15]

April 16 Friday - Letters from Reginald and Profesor Silliman. To Clapham etc.

April 17 [Attended the ... it was over,] and called on Mr Bohn, and at Geological Society:
to Clapham. In the evening attended a meeting at Dr Marshall Hall’s of the Committee for a testimonial to Dr Grant: met Dr Sharpey, Webster, Tomes, etc.

April 18
Sunday - Called on Mrs Harcourt Vernon, and on Mr Morris of Kensington.

April 19
[Monday - My trip ... about £32.10.] Called on Sir Richard Murchison, the American Minister (Mr Abbott Lawrence), Earl of Rosse, Rev. B. Powell, Archaeological Institute, etc. Wrote to Miss Phillips, Mr Boissier, Miss Chassereau, etc.

April 20
Tuesday - Sent Miss Phillips of York a Copy of my "Pictorial Atlas", etc. by railway.

April 21

[April 22]

April 23
[Wrote to ... Silliman:] yesterday took Prof. S. notes of lectures to Mr Stevens, at Morley’s Hotel.

[April 24]

April 25
Sunday - After dinner with Mr Alfred Woodhouse drove to Twickenham, and called and took tea with Mr Bohn (the bookseller) who has a fine house and grounds there, near Col. Peel’s: returned home by nine o’clock.

April 26
Letter from Reginald March 31 and paper. Sent box for Walter to go by the "Stately": 6 copies of Zoolog. Trans. - miscellaneous papers and books; carved paper knife.

[April 27]

April 28
Letter from Dr Benjamin Silliman. Sir Phillip Egerton called and looked over my fishes, and bones etc. Called on Mr Bohn and Messrs Taylor.

April 29
Attended meeting of the Royal Society: Lord Rosse in the Chair: about eight persons present!

April 30
At home all day; suffering from neuralgia in the gluter muscles - why I know not; nothing afforded me relief. Wrote to Reginald.

[May 1 - 2]

May 3
Monday - Lent M. Dinkel my specimen of Endaphodon from the Chalk, to make a drawing for Sir P. Egerton. [Went ... beautiful!]

May 5
Wednesday - Council of Geological Society: went into the Royal Society: conferring of degrees on the graduates of the London University. At four to Dr Connolly’s first lecture on Insanity at the Royal Institution; much disappointed. M. Dinkel brought his friend Mr Taylor to see me. In the evening attended meeting of the Geological Society: Lyell a paper on the tertiary beds of Belgium: a very desultory, unsatisfactory affair!

May 6
Thursday - Mr Strickland of Oxford and Dr Heaton of Leeds called. To the Antiquarian Society: exhibited my glass Roman cinerary vase presented to me by Sir Woodbine Parish. Afterwards went into the Royal Society: a paper by Col. Sabine on terrestrial magnetism; got home by eleven, of course thoroughly knocked up.

May 7
Friday - Wrote to Reginald. In the evening attended Professor Edward Forbes’ lecture "On the life of a Species" at the Royal Institution.

May 8
Saturday - Went into the City: called on Mr Roach Smith the antiquary. In the evening attended Lord Rosse’s Soirée with Mr Alfred Woodhouse: took my humerus of the Pelorosaurus, and that of Mr Beckles, with the radius and ulna of the same individual: a crowded attendance; met many old acquaintances; returned before midnight.

May 9
My cousin George Mantell of Faringdon called; Mr Morris came in the evening; dreadfully fatigued.
May 10 Letter from Reginald of April 17th. Attended Dr Connolly's second lecture at Royal Institution; a very meagre discourse indeed.

May 11 Tuesday - At home till 1/2 past five; called on Mr A. Woodhouse, and went to Islington to dine with Mr Taylor. Returned very weary before midnight.

May 12 Very wet day. To Clapham etc.

May 13 Thursday - British Museum. [Called on Mr Bohn ... Mr Akerman.]

May 14 Friday - Very busy. Mr Alfred Woodhouse called in the evening.

May 15 Wrote yesterday to Reginald and sent eye-glass for his theodolite by post - paid 4/-. Received fossils from King (Brook.) I. of Wight.

May 16 Mr Rupert Jones (Sect Geol. Society) breakfasted with me. To Clapham: a beautiful day: unable to walk out.

May 18 To the British Museum, and Clapham.

May 19-20

May 21 Friday - Called on a Mr Stuart, just arrived from New Zealand; and purchased of him (for ten pounds) four enormous tibiae of Moa, and about 100 other bones from Walkouaiti: M. Dinkel made drawings on wood, for new edition of Medals.

May 22 Saturday - Mr Blencoe called and gave me a fragment of lepidotus scales dug up at the Hooke near Chailey. Wrote to Walter via Sydney. Sent my belemnites and belemnoteuthis to Lord Rosse's for the Soirée: attended with Mr Alfred Woodhouse; met many friends: a pleasant meeting.

May 23 Sunday - Mr Woodhouse dined with me.

May 24 Monday - In the evening to the Clapham Athenaeum Soirée with Mr Alfred Woodhouse. A goodly meeting; returned home by ten.

May 25 Went yesterday to the Exhibition of Royal Academy. To Clapham as usual. Sent off many of my Memoirs on the Telerpeton - had 100 printed: a great expense and much trouble, to little purpose. Mrs F. called.

May 26 Letter from Reginald of April 6th. Mr West, the artist, finished drawings of Wealden plants. Letter from Miss Fanny Duppa, Florence May 10th.

May 27 Friday - Wrote to Reginald and Miss Duppa. [Went to Mr Yates ... before twelve.]

May 28 Mr Savage called; Mr Lee finished two woodcuts; M. Dinkel here drawing on wood. To Clapham as usual. [In the evening ... very, very tired.]

May 29 Sunday - In the afternoon to Clapham. Called on Mr and Mrs Turputt at the Cavendish Hotel.

May 30 To Clapham by Battersea. Received books from M. Koninck of Liège.

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June 3 Thursday - Dr Lloyd of Warwick called to see Labyrinthodon teeth etc. [Called on Sir C. Lyell ... very beautiful.]

June 4 Friday - Mrs Buckland called. Wrote to Reginald and sent him copy of my Telerpeton paper, and monthly Narrative by post. Attended meeting of Archaeological Institute a short time: met Sir W. Parish at the Athenaeum, and Sir David Brewster in the street. Parcel from Mr Beckles.

June 5 Saturday - Mr Lee and Mr West came with woodcuts etc. Called on Mr Taynton,
Harford etc.

June 6  Called on Mr Taylor, Brixton, and saw his splendid collection of Chalk fossils: borrowed a remarkable fossil fish.

June 7  Monday - Earl and Countess of Rosse came by appointment to see my specimens; Mr Woodhouse met them, and showed various objects under the microscope. They remained nearly two hours, and appeared much gratified. Letter from Prof. Silliman dated May 16. Mr West here all day drawing on wood. Last evening spent two hours with Mr and Mrs Savage in Wimpole Street.

June 9  Dined at Lord Rosse's: a party of 22: sat next at table to the Bishop of Oxford (Wilberforce); Sir R. and Lady Murchison, Mr Hallam, were the only other persons known to me, except by sight. A pleasant party; Lady Rosse as affable and pleasing as usual; a dreadfully wet evening: returned soon after eleven.

June 10  Sent books to the Athenaeum at Wellington, New Zealand (Cuvier's Regne Animal - 5 vols. bound), Telerpeton paper for the Governor, and a few pamphlets etc. for Walter.

June 11  Went to the British Museum; into the Crypts with Mr Waterhouse to see a splendid collection of mammalian remains from the tertiary deposits of France collected by M. Bravard who is now an exile and compelled to sell his collection; also some good Iguanodon bones from the Isle of Wight, purchased of Lady Hastings for fifty pounds. Met Rev. J. Fisher of Dorchester who had sent up some fossil insects from Swanage. Called on Messrs Taylor, Roy. Soc. and Mr Bohn. [In the evening ... took tea.]

[June 12 - 14]