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se jurday.

A hot day. I was at work all day at Miss Simons putting wires on cow paddock fence with Mr Box, Nellie took Winnie Davis to the evening train,

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We all went to church in the morning and then to Albert's for dinner, Nellie visited the old place at night, Very hot day

At work" Capped posts and swung gate into cow paddock and started putting netting on fence, A close muggy day.

At work. Continued putting netting on fence. Then worked with the tree puller until it broke. Afterwards I worked at the netting» W. Richards attending and assisting.

Another hot day» At work WR. and I worked at the fence"

6rjat work, Finished fence and resumed work on new fowl-yard fence that was commenced last winter, Nellie went to her Mother's to make butter» Weather very hot still.

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At work" Worked at fowl-yard fence all day,

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At work until noon at fowl-yard fence, After dinner commenced sawing up trees on the back clearing, Very hot day«

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I went to church in the morning. Went to the old place in the afternoon. After tea Nellie & I & children went for a walk to the back clearing. Cool change. in afternoon,

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A light rain fell all day, I stayed at home and continued cutting up the timber on the clearing

At work, Busy at the fowl-yard fence with W, Richards,

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At work. At fowl-yard fence" Very strong east winds%

At work, Fowl-yard fence finished. Still terribly windy,

At work, Repaired a gate and fixed it for new fowl-yard in the morning» In the afternoon joined the other men in forming new track. Windy all day, Rain at night,

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At work" Mr, Box, W. Richards and I started another track in the morning, In the afternoon I finished my log cutting and commenced cutting a strip of scrub round clearing.

Wet day, Stayed at home all day,

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At work" Making track" Nellie went to town by mid-day train and returned in the evening

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Wet morning. I stayed at home and thinned out the carrots and did other odd jobs, Had an early dinner and went to work for half a day. Forming track.

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through eating unripe fruit,

At work", Tree pulling all day» Lucy no better,

At work" W"Rond and I chopped overhanging trees over new road while the other men pulled them with the tree puller, Lucy keeping about the same. I sowed a row of maize after tea,

Stayed at home" Wet morning, Planted a row of maize also some annu8ls, also mended fence. After dinner went to Mr» Mitchell's for cow No one home. On returning I cut scrub. Lucy improving slightly, apparently,

I attended church in the morning. We all visited the old place in the afternoon, Lucy eats very little, mouth ulcerated"

At work Chopping trees for tree puller, Nellie took Lucy  
Met and attended the church business  
tree pulling in afternoon and started to put barb wire on

on kitchen garden fence where the cows had broken through, Luoy a good deal better. A terribly hot day» I brought cow home from Mr. Mitchell's after tea

At work, finished barb wire, and started with A"Hodges and W"Richards to put fresh side posts and hand-rails on foot-bridge over oreek, Lucy getting along nicely«

At work, A"Hodges & I worked at the foot-bridge all day, Light mist in morning wind strong from S"E, at night Sowed row of maize after **te**

At work" A"Hodges & I finished the bridge and did a little track forming. In the afternoon we hoed potatoes, Started grazing the cow in Jim's to=night, After tea tied up some young apple trees that had been blow **over**, Did a little digging for swede turnips«

At work, Hodges,W,Bond & I went round to top boundary fenceclearing limbs & repairing fence At home in afternoon cutting scrub%

Nellie went to church in morning with LuOy, I went to

church at night" At work A"Hodges and I finished clearing and repadring fence by 1 orclock., After dinner we cleared rubbish off bank at back of mansion ready for excavation.

At work, Resumed work on terraces in front of mansion. Forming the earth which was carted out from excavation at the back, Sowed a row of Swede turnips after tea. Hot day

At work" Horse and driver did not tumn up so could only work on terraces until afternoon,! then helped to clear some rough grass ebe, near terreaces» Hot day again,cool change inevening» After tea, I dug some potatoes",

At work. On terraces all day% Wamm weather,

At work, On terraces, Light showers of rain in the afternoon.

I went to work, but could not start as the morning proved wet, I returned home and cut scrub until evening, and then sowed two rows of swede turnips, Weather cleared at noon,

I went to church in the morning and then went to

Willies, Nell & children met me there and we spent the afternoon with Willie,Ruby & family Heavy rain fell at night"

Ab work» Ground to wet for the horse to wo±k, so nothing was done on the terraces, Will Richards and I started work on the fowl@yard dividing fence Dull weather in the morning but fine in afternoon. I prepared a little piece of ground for maize a: after te&,

At work, On the terraces. Nellie & children visited Henry!s" I sowed a row of maize after tea, A lovely day«

At work, On the terraces, Sowed 2 rows of maize after tea, At work, On the terraces,

At work, On the terraces,

At work" On the terraces until noon. In afternoon I commenced putting the logs together on clearingo

We all went to church in morning taking lunch with us to Mrs Richards. Attended S"S, anniversary in afternoon, Mr, Smale came home to tea &he & I returned to evening services.

At work. On terraces. Hot day

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At work, On the terraces» we all attended the S"S% Anniversary at night%

'' At work, On the terraces» Still hot weather«

At work, On terraces, Nellie went to her mother's to make butter« Hot weather" At work" On terraces Hot weather»

At work, On terraces until noon" Went to my log rolling after diner, but was call away to fight a fire at Albert's place» A very hot day,

"g I went to church in the morning. Nell visited the old home in afternoon & we all went to Jirn\*s to tea" Very hot day«

At work" On the terraces, Hot day again" Cool change at night with some rain, At work, On the terraces, Hot day again.

At work, On the terraces, Nell went to station to meet Emmie who had written to sa she was coming for the afternoon, but she failed to come«

At work, On the terraces, Weather much cooler,  
At work, On the terraces«

At work, On terraces in morning. At home rolling logs together in the afternoon, Went to Montrose at night for boots for Eric% Letter arrived from Emmie Legg« Corning tomorrow on a visit«»

I walked to Croydon met Emmie and returned with herby coach. She spent the afternoon with used® & Janie had diner with us" Nellie drove Emmie to station at night%

At work, On the Terraces»

At work, On the terraces, Nellie's birthday After tea I returned the cow to Mr% Mitchell

At work" On the Terraces" Nellie walked through Jim's paddock in search of our cow but could not see her% After tea I searched but failed to find her

At work, On the terraces» Nellie went to the old  
Ria68±5°oR°Ef\_PE&E@zles" After tea I went to Albert's to see him about going to look for the cow,

At work on the terraces until noon, After dinner I put some logs together & burnt some scrub« A nice steady rain fell at night, Very welcome

I went to church morning and night" Splendid rain fell day & night

A work" Ground too wet to work on the terraces. Bond, Richards, Hodges & I spent the day carrying wire and wire netting on to a line of fence. That is being erected by contract, Weather very dull but pleasant,

At home, Rained all day. I worked between the showers rolling logs on the clearing Albert called with the welcome news that he had found our cow & had Miz Hefigd\*s paddock«

At work% Helped to chop & pull down a tree and clean up before dinner, In the afternoon W, Richards & I with Mr. Box repaired telephone wire and cleared obstructing branches of trees» After tea I went to Mr% Helwig\*s and brought home the cow«

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At work" On the terraces until noon. In the  
p3ft@n e93 Pen9ed b190ea8Pg.toughed a piece of the orchard for oats for  
green feed for the cow»

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Nellie went to church in the morning and paid a flying visit to Ruby in  
afternoon. I went to the night service,

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At work, On the terraces, Nellie went to town to do some  
shopping» At work» On the terraces,

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At work« On the terraces«:

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At work, On the terraces" Nellie went to the old  
place to make the herb bushes« After tea I started to sow some oats drilling  
them in by hand%

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At work" On the terraces till noon« In the afternoon I set fire to my logs  
on the clearing» Bumnt nicely,

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I went to church in the morning. I borrowed a horse and spring cart from the  
old place and drove Nellie and the children to Miss Simson's in the  
afternoon,

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At work, On the terraces After tea I sowed a few  
more oats«

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At work« On the terraces» After tea sowed more

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tea"

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At work, On the terraces, Nellie hard at work preparing for a trip to  
Macclesfield At home working at my clearing«

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At work all day» On the terraces" Nellie and children went on a visit to my  
brother Jim's at Macclesfield%

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I caught the 11,27 train at Bayswater and went to Macclesfield. Jim met me  
at Wright, and later we arrived at his place where Nell & children  
were

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Spent the day at Jim's leaving Nellie and the children to retm on Saturday  
next, I walked out towards Wright in the evening to the train, Jim came with me  
to the station, Arrived at Bayswater at 7-30pm & walked home reaching  
theeetaboutf's for some tea,

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At work. On the Terraces"

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At work% On the terraces«

At work« On the terraces»

At work, On the Terraces«

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At work. Rain fell in the morning, And we ground tools until 9 o'clock When the  
weather cleared and I returned to the terrace work, Nellie and children arrived  
safely at night» H' Loveluck met them with pony and I met them later at  
Willie's,

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I went to chreh morning and night, Mrs, Loveluck &  
sbui@rk; @nne"eeles» Cow calved%

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A work% On the terraces,

At work on the terraces» After tea I sowed a few more  
oats, Dateg 7th to 10th (inclusive) absent from book.

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16th

At work finished drain. In afternoon at home. Finished mu6lfni&w&9.mmenched

17th

I went to church in the morning • We had a visit from Ruby and the children in the evening

18th

At work% Took some levels for excavation and then continued taking out formation metal path immediately behind new building« Thider storm in the late afternoon.

19th

At work Same as on

20th

Monday» At work same as

21st

on Mondayo

At work. Excavation for metal path"

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At work% Finished excavation for metal path by noon, After noon hosed the meat'l on drive in front of mansion while it was being rolled. Then I helped Mr. Yeadon <sup>8F9,</sup> KR94988%7848 C835e other part or tne with' Lilly and went to [w to do some shopping and returning again that night,

23rd

At work. Spent the morning trimming batter at the back of the new building« In the afternoon I filled in stump holes on my clearing

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Went to church in the morning>

25th

At work" rimming hatter« Bush fire on the mount, Magnificent sight at night% I attended church busuiness meeting. Rain fell at night%

26th

At work, Repaired broken telephone wireand trimmed batter» Visit from Mrs. Love - luck and children and Elsie at night,

27th

At work. Trimming batter, Nellie visited Jim's at night after putting children to bed At work% T"imming the batter«

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Trimming the batter«

29th

At work% Finished the batter« In the afternoon at home" Chopped down 2 trees over-hanging clearing and finished fillong in holes

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Attended church in the morning» In the afternoon Nellie visited the old home, and went to the Gospel meeting at night

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At work, Started to make tle drain at the foot of batter

At work" Assisted by Mr, A" Hodges, I strutted ah erected a large post for clothes drying apparatus to be fixed to, Finished the drain and prep-red levels ete" for putting soil on level space where earth has been excavated for terraces" Halley!s comet a grand sight this morning

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At work", Started laying soil on level space, Nellie drove to Croydon to meet her friend Mrs, Davis but she missed her and returned without her%

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At work, Laid soil in the morning but rain falling fora while prevented us cone -tinuing in afternoon, I took levels and started a small excavation & drain at the end of building" Nellie went to meet Mrs" Davis. and found her at Willie's having come there last night,

6th

At work. Laying soil,

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At work, Laying soil, In afternoon commenced splitting posts to fence my clearing at home" Heard the news of the death of K+ng Edward VII"

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I attended church in the morning • Nellie & I went to the night meeting Mrs.

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interesting sight, /Came home by evening

10 At work, Laid soil and pulled down wood-shed, Then continued excavating for path and drain at end of building

ii At work. Prepared post for clothes drying apparatus in the morning, Nellie took Mrs. Davis. to the coach in the evening,

12 A wet morning kept me at home.Unsettled and windy all day"I went to the old place in the morning & ground my new axe"Split posts for my fence afterwards,

3 At home" Heavy rain fell during last night, First for months", I split droppers for fence and cut around posts and stays'

14 At work, Fixed the apparatus for drying clothes" In the afternoon was at home and started to fence clearing<<

\$ Nellie went to church in the morning» Mrs" Jackson"®Senior) and children visited us on afternoon, I attended service at night%

1b At work, The clothes dryer not being, a success" Miss Simson decided to have it reeva, mo Boesen aaa 1l ataana Ale "SIG Z.TE755 EeG&. io El'd one ail"! the effortoonassiste a by W, Rionara@and made a start ailing and erecting +nm,

17 At work until noon erecting line posts, Came home to dinner and then went to Kilsyth in order to meet Dr. Adams and get a certificate of health went to Croydon by coach in the evening had tea at Janie!s after which I attended a meeting of the Rec ha bite LOdge at which I was initiated as a member. At 9=30pm I started to walk home in the pouring rain"Arrived nearly LL o'clod]"

18 Slept to late to go to work, so I continued my fencing Went to work #day in 8r+erg 9n+ Shaped end cappec line posts, mall.e vent to the coach to moat May. g Pow. a young man from tom to make arrangements for board ana lodging,She also took him back in the evening, More rain fell tonight%

19 At. work" Started to brick drain and put metal footpath at -ding, the back of the new buil

20 At work, Bricking drain and metalling foot path, Public holiday on account of King Edward s funeral"

At work, Bricking drain",In bhe afternoon at home I fixed the little shed for to keep a pig in and afterwards started to get things ready for erecting Mr,Pow!s tent%

22 at@aea cnuron in the morning Nelle ana Lvey attenaea Gospel meeting at night%

23 At work, Bricking drain, and laying metal on path" A wet morning, I did a little more towards mor!!R Yept to t?? }Y{{gay train, Bought chairs,linoleum and wire mattress preparf'm8PR7?9Be8nag 15am

25 At work. Bricking drain and metalling path, Jessie and AlRekegei@ing@la6

26 Heavy rain fell at night.Jim and Lilly were here to At work" I finished bricking drain-x and continued laying metal om footpath. Nellie tea"

27 visited Jessie's& the old place on business. Also had to go to Ruby!s afterwards for Lucy who had gone there to look after her

(Overleaf"),

May

- 28 At work., Finished metallingfoot path In the afternoon at home, I erected tent for Mr% Pow% Mr, Parker visited us in the evening and stayed to te&<
- 29 I attended service in the morning taking Eric with me,
- 30 At work" Making steps at end of metal path" Nellie went to the coach and met Ir.Pow%
- 31 At work<< Laying metal at end of new building

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2 I started for work but the morning proved wet and I returned after getting halfway Made a floor to put in Mr% Paw's tent, had an early dinner and went to work for half a day. Busy at gutter and path,

3 At work% Finished gutter & path & commenced working  
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21 Slept in till too late to go to work, Spent most of the floor in Mr% Pgw's tent and rearranging same morning and afternoon tixing

gent to church in the morning>> Did'nt feel well enough to go at night. Troubled with indigestion" Mr, Larsons last day at Montrose,

g At work, Helped Mitchell mark out site for new fowl-house" Finished laying soil on drying lawn, and raked it after<<, Mr, Box had sowed seed upon it, Tarred steps, cleaned up etc,

At work, Started to build a new fowl-house" Cold weather<<

At work At the fowl-house Cold and dull,

At Work At the fowl=house Cold daj with very severe wined6sari5BHome rain in

9 At work At the fowl-house" Still cold and dull"

At work, At the fowl-house" After dinner at home

fen!pg.Sas[83518<< 4%g!mtg?<< Mr. ZK Powte brother and two friends came on a +KERO'88 REBFRE BR% \*R9US86HS. "T,

3 At work until noon, Had to leave off work then on account of rain, Came home and made a W"C" for Mr Pow<<

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19 Went to church in bhe morning, 'Went to the old place in th@fte@an 4@eds4IGlspel meeting at night>>

26 At work at the fowl-house, N&}}S{nt to tow by noon,f@@int5akigt! tall@@heteal, Lilly kept house during Nellie's absence,

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- 21st At 4t the fowl-house" The afternoon was wet, work% I cover all the same, worked
- 22 At work% At the fowl-house
- 23 At work" At the fowl-house,
- 2+ At works At the fowl=house"
- 25 At hpm all day, Albert ploughed my clearing (one third of an acre.) while 1 ran the roots%
- 1( I attended church in the morning after fetching cow feed home" Attended Gospel se - vice at night, Mr, Goodwin ls first Sunday,
- 27 At work. Finished fowl-house and commenced to make path to get soil to level off floor, Lillie looked after children at night while Nellie attended socialheld in Chapel to farewell Mr. Larsen and welcome Mr. Goodwin
- 2% At work, Finished levelling for floor of fowl-house, Began stoning floor and making hen perches"
- 22 At work, Stoning floors of fowl-house and erectingtp@@lkesinished stoning floor of fowl-house,

July 1st (Friday)

- At work, Finished erecting fowl perohes, and formed path from gate, Lillie and Jim were here for tea,
- 2 Ab work till noon clearing up around new fowl=houseand fixing wire netting in old fowl +house" At home in the afternoon fencing at the back"
- 3 Nellie attended church in the morning, I went to gospele@iRe **syglig** metal off new path (f-ot) round new building, in order to rain water from getting under house, Replaced and blended metal, prevent
- eAt work, Lame washing inside of new fowl-house, Splashes of lime in my eyes great pain and eyes to swell, caused me
- 6 At work, Finished lime washing to my very great relief" Eyes still sore" Started top paint roof of fowl-house with red arabio, But a light rain fallig I had to knock off en cutd wood for the rest of the day,
- 7 A wt day, At home at work, Finished erecting the posts  
 Re {{8Pf& day being slightly showery« I could not keep at the painting all the time, but had to resume work occasionally at the division fence of the fowl-jard started some months ago"
- At work, Painting until noon, Fencing at home in afe7\223E5338893He8 #re},s Nent to the old place for cowfeed Mr. Pw's brother and friend paid him a visit mxtoday, in the after
- 1 At work., Painting for most of the d8y, but had to leave it for a while by reason of r rain, and did a little more to the division fence,
- 12 At work, Painting and division fence,
- 13 Went to work but heavy rain fell and I returned home I went to town by 12 noon brai returning again by the evening train,
- lit At work, At the division fence, A rainy miserable day«



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Wet afternoon.

the afternoon straining wires in new fence,

I went to church in the morning, went to old place for cow-feed in the agternoon, (7  
and attended preaching service at night,

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'p At work" Wood cutting.

21 At work" Painting part of fowl-house with red arabic, Also lime washing same insi de, at  
22 work, A wet day. Lime washing inside fowl-house,

23 At work, Another wet day, Made gate under cover "At home in afternoon, Finished  
straining wires of new fence and put in some droppers" Sharpened and set cross out  
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24 I went to chrh in the moming" Went to the old place for cow-feed in the after anoon"  
Nellie went to Helwig's at night with Lucy, Lucy started going to s"\$,

25 At work, Started to put more red arabic on new fowl-house,, but rain coming I had 'o  
knock off, Made opening in fence of old fpw-hue yard, erected gate post and  
stays

26 A+ work" Swung gate, put fasteners on fowl-yard gates &  
fowl=hous doors etc

7 At work, Made hand holes in netting of gates, Started to close in with iron, opening in  
side of old fowl-house" Nellie and the children & Mr> Pow went to the Montros@@' D@Je  
celebration in the afternoon,

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At work. After making a hand hole to old fowl-yard gate" I spent the rest of the da 24  
with Mr% Box, Hodges & Bond pulling logs with the tree pulling machine at alter  
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U At work" Hodges and I pulled logs until noon. Afte {inner r continued my fencing at  
homes

I was at home all day, Nellie, Erie & Lucy were at  
church in the morning.

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Wet morning stayed at home" in the forenoon fencing. Started to put on wire netting. I  
went do work for half day, Finished log pulling and cleared up rubbish"

2 At work, Richards, Hodges and I started on side cutting to widen old road at stone  
ford over creek«

At work, Finished side-cutting etc, and then commenced to dig a trench to divert I  
creek from the bank new road near the

g} SSZ After finishing divert the course of creek, started to clear the bed of I  
creek and its banks of all dead scrub timber and rubbish, the

(At wok" Clearing creek of Scrub, rubbish and logs, At  
work, Clearing oreek till noon, In afternoon at

Rm@sci8ch in moming. Brought home cow feed in the afternoon & got heifer home, / +ellie  
visited her mother in the afternoon, Mr% Pow was visited by his brother and fiend. I went to  
church at night.

UUt i-e--rQ,-;\_-t to paint new :tiowl-house with another coat of arabic, but rain comin C' I could not start, Helped Mr. Box make a log fire and then as the rain came on more

/ heavily I started to whitewash the inside of the old fowl-house, Weather clearer in the afternoon,

/0 At work% Finished whitewashing the old fowl-house,

At work, Painted the roof of the new fowl-house with red arabio and started on the walls,

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At work" Finished painting fowl«house by noon"Afterwards I started to grub stumps on site of proposed new cow shed"A peculiar pain in my left elbow which I have felt slightly during the past week, caused me much pain and inconvenience while grubbing« This being heavier work than what I have been doing lately

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12 id to go to work I walked to Jailer's ale and consulted a sear. Ho era anamoon 1 atanea to prune my

[q Went to church in the morning, Went home to dinner with Mr" I H% Chandler, Nellie visited her mother who is veirl ill with rheumatism,

/ At home Pruning,

(i At home " Finished pruning and assisted by Mr. Pow picked up prunings and pulled carro

Taking Fyio with me I caught the Mid-day brain to tow (getting a ride to Croydon wit // Mr, Andrews" ), On arrival in towm took Eric to Hoyt's Mowing Pictures, Caught 4-30pm train to Dandenong & visited my father & step-mother,

Took Eric to Dandenong Cemetery and saw the grave of our little Eughie" Afterwards went // to house of old friend Mrs. Welch, Not at home but we were entertained by her sister Mrs% Sholbrook, Back to Dad's foe a while & then rebumed to towm by 2", 7pm train, Visited Coles Arcade until train time at 5.12. Reached home safely later.

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, Spent the day' digging holes for Raspberry canes, Gib Badger arrived with Raspberry canes in the afternoon«

I attended church in the momning, Mr, Paw's two friends up on a visit, Nellie and I 1 & children visited the old place in the afternoon,

At work again, Repaired big break in cow paddock fence, In afternoon Hodges, Richards 2" %1 sterted to clear fallen trees off fence (II Gibson's part of Boundary,

23 At work" Finished clearing fallen breees, and I started to repair fence & sb-ain up slackwi res on boundary«

At work, Repairing fence on Jackson's boundary and stprtred straining slack wires on ) I Daly's slated on Forwood boundary. Visit from Mr, Pow,

Wet morning, At home planting Raspberry canes until 1l o'clock, Im afternoon again at UUUK at fence, Put in new stays snd righted cornerpost at Torwood and Daly's corner Continued straining wires on Torwood boundary,

24 At work, Finished on Torwood boundary and started on the boundary going up the mountain,

27 At work, On Biisizg mountain boundary until noon, In afternoon planted R\_spberry oan I we nte

28 to church in the momning with Eric, We all visited the old place after dinner, I went to the Gospel meeting at night

{b work, Reached the top of the mountain and put in new stays at the corner" ery windy all day

At work" Continued MXXKaXKI straining wires along fence at - 1 'tbe·bopro! (he'mountain«-

September

- 1 At work. Took levels for new cow-shed and commenced excavating for same.
- 2 At work. Excavating for cow-shed.
- 3 At work. Excavating for cow-shed. After dinner at home finished planting Raspberry cane
- 4 I attended church in the morning. Nellie and children and I visited the old place in the afternoon.
- 5 At work. Excavating for cow-shed.
- 6 At work. Excavating for cow-shed and filling in old saw pit.
- 7 At work. Excavating for old cow-shed.
- 8 At work. Finished excavation for cow-shed and marked out square for same. Gib <sup>B</sup>Badger here today digging gooseberry patch and started on digging around fruit trees.
- 9 At work. Cutting posts for new cow-shed, Fred Box assisting. Mrs. Davis arrived tonight on a visit from town.
- 10 At work. Finished cutting posts and began sorting timber for cow-shed. At home in the afternoon. Rain fell all day, but heaviest in the afternoon. Too wet to do much work. Cut a bit of wood. Mrs. Davis went home.
- 11 I stayed at home while Nellie went to church. Nellie also visited her mother in the afternoon.
- 12 At work. Assisted in the pulling in of posts for the cow-shed, and prepared them for tarring. Heavy rain fell in the late afternoon.
- 13 At work. Sorted timber for cow-shed, tarred the posts and made a start erecting them.
- 14 At work. Erecting posts for cow-shed.
- 15 At work. Erecting posts for cow-shed.
- 16 Went to work but the day proved wet and I returned home. Spent the day grubbing scrub stumps near new raspberry patch.
- 17 At work. Busy at the cow-shed until noon. Spent the afternoon grubbing scrub stumps and ringing some trees.
- 18 I attended church in the morning. Nellie visited her mother in the afternoon. Jim & Lillie came to tea at night.
- 19 At work. Erecting posts for the cow-shed.
- 20 At work. At the cow-shed.
- 21 At work. At the cow-shed. Mr Box started Bert Graham to work today to help me.
- 22 At work. At the cow-shed.
- 23 At work. At the cow-shed.
- 24 At work. At the cow-shed until noon. At home in the afternoon. Borrowed a plow from the old place and set G. Badger plowing with Albert's horse. I sowed a few maize.
- 25 *at home*  
all day. Very severe headache. Easier in afternoon.
- 26 Wet day. I stayed at home and made an opening in Jim's fence and fixed panels there and also for gateway near cow-shed.
- 27 At work. More rain late in the afternoon. Cut a piece of my right little finger on top of first joint.
- 28 Wet day at home all day. Made a door for W. I dug around a few fruit trees. Children all have colds. Little Ethyl's the worst.
- 29 At work. At the cow-shed. Heavy showers fell at intervals all day. Ethel's cold slightly improved.
- 30 At work. At the cow shed.

October

OCT 1-29

1 Saturday At work until noon at the cow-shed. In the afternoon I pulled up some scrub in the orchard and dug round some fruit trees. At night was out till 11 o'clock with a party searching for a lost child. Found at 10-15pm.

2 I attended church in the morning and brought home cow feed in the afternoon.

3 At work. At the cow-shed. Showers in the afternoon heavier at night. Gib Badger was here today ploughing orchard.

4 At work at the cow-shed.

5 At work at the cow-shed. G. Badger finished ploughing.

6 At work. At the cow-shed.

7 <sup>at work</sup> At the cow-shed and assisting with tree puller pulling log in fowl-yard.

8 At work until noon. Cow-shed and filling hole in drive where water pipe had been mended. In afternoon at home and digging around fruit trees. Suffered all day from my liver.

9 Wet day. At home. Feeling very queer all day.

10 At home. Very heavy rain fell in the morning. Snow on the mountain. I mended boots, brought home cow-feed from the old place and cut wood. Also repaired netting fence around waterhole. Liver still troubling me.

11 At work in the morning. Had to work with the tree puller for a while which I could not stand on account of my complaint. Ceased work, came home and went to Kilsyth after dinner and met Dr. Adam. Consulted him and returned home.

12 Went up to Kilsyth to see if the medicine had come, but it was not there. Returned home and Mr. Wilken sent the medicine home in the afternoon after bringing it from Croydon.

13 At home all day feeling rather miserable. Mended 2 childrens barrows for Eric and Ethel. Cut some wood in the afternoon. Felt a lot easier at night.

14 At work again. Working at the cow-shed.

15 At work at the cow-shed until noon. After dinner Jim came to put up new spouting on the verandah roof. I sowed some more maize, and helped Jim towards night.

16 I attended church in the morning, Mr. Smale came home to dinner, & he & I visited the Raspberry patch afterwards. Nellie visited her mother in the afternoon and I went to the meeting at night.

17 At work at the cow-shed. Very heavy rain fell in the night.

18 At work at the cow-shed.

19 At work at the cow-shed.

20 At work at the cow-shed.

21 At work at the cow-shed.

22 At work at the cow-shed until noon. In afternoon at home planting pumpkin, melons and peas.

23 I visited the old place before going to church in the morning. Ruby & children came to tea. I went to church in the evening.

24 At work at the cow-shed. Weather very close and muggy.

25 At work. At the cow-shed. Heavy thunder storm and rain during last night.

26 At work. At the cow-shed.

27 At work. At the cow-shed.

OCT 29 - Nov 20

October

29 Put handle in hoe and did some work, in the flower garden. Wet day. Mr. Pow left here today and returned to town.

30 I went to church in the morning and with Eric visited the old place after dinner.

31 At work at the cow-shed. While Eric, Lillie and Stanley Kerr were returning from a drive today, the pony played up, kicked and bolted and capsized the jinker. Lillie was much bruised & Eric got a nasty cut over the eye. Mrs. Round and Nell (Neil)? bandaged Eric as well as they could.

November

1 At work. At the cow-shed. Nellie took Eric up to Kilsyth to meet the Doctor, and had the wound dressed. Lucy suffering from a severe cold. Ehtel also has a cold.

2 At work at the cow-shed. The doctor came today and stitched Eric's wound. Also prescribing for Lucy and ordered her to bed. She is in danger of getting Bronchitis. Temperature high.

3 I stayed home to be on hand if wanted. Lucy no worse and Eric progressing favourably. I dug and hoed a little in the gooseberry patch in the morning and helped Nell inside while she did her washing. A thunderstorm brought very heavy rain in the afternoon. I walked to Kilsyth for Lucy's medicine, but it had not arrived. Jim Jim brought it at night. Poor Nellie utterly tired out at night.

4 At home in the morning on account of rain. Went to work for half a day in the afternoon. The doctor called again. Children getting along fairly.

5 At work at the cow-shed until noon. Spent the afternoon doing various jobs inside the house and out.

6 I attended church in the morning. Very heavy rain fell in the afternoon.

7 At work. I finished the main part of the cowshed & commenced squaring beams in connection with the flooring. Children improving slowly.

8 At work. Squaring timber.

9 At work. Squaring timber, Hot day.

10 At work. Finished squaring the timber and after helping W. Bond to get the hauled to the cow-shed commenced placing them in their position.

11 At work fixing the squared beams into their position/

12 Rose early and caught the first train to Melbourne. Did some business there and returned by an afternoon train.

13 I attended church in the morning. Short visit from Mr. Edmonds & Roy in the afternoon.

14 At work. Finished putting beams in their positions and commenced to take out excavation for part of cow-shed floor.

15 At work. Finished taking out excavation, made a sand and cement guage also a sand scene and started to put down the stone and cement floor. Bob Davis came today and harrowed the orchard.

16 At work. Laying the floor. W. Richards sent to help me in the afternoon.

17 At work laying cow-shed floor.

18 At work laying cow-shed floor.

19 At work until noon laying cow-shed floor. The afternoon turned out very wet. I emptied my round tank and after fixing the stand again, put it up near the back

14.  
November.

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YEAR 1910.

Nov 21 - DEC 20

21st. At work laying cow-shed floor.

22nd. At work laying cow-shed floor.

23rd. At work laying cow-shed floor.

24th. At work laying cow-shed floor.

25th. At work laying cow-shed floor.

26th. At work till noon. Altered beam for floor & prepared for laying another section of stone and cement. In the afternoon I hoed my raspberry patch.

27th. I attended church in the morning. We all spent the evening at the old home.

28th. At work laying cow-shed floor.

29th. At work laying cow-shed floor.

30th. At work laying cow-shed floor.

DECEMBER.

1st. At work laying cow-shed floor.  
Wednesday.

2nd. At work laying cow-shed floor until 3-15pm when we had to leave off on account of rain., preventing us from drying sand. At night I attended social in chapel in honour of Miss Ettie Chandler.

3rd. At work till noon laying cow-shed floor. In afternoon I took out an excavation at home on the site of the new wash-house and took squares for building.

4th. I attended church in the morning after bringing home the cow-feed from the old place. In the afternoon Nellie & I & Ethel visited the Raspberry patch.

5th. At work laying cow-shed floor.

6th. At work finished the cow-shed floor.

7th. At work. W. Richards & I cleared up rubbish and started to level off surface of cow-yard.

8th. At work finished forming cow-yard and cleared away log from corner.

9th. At work I started to board up partitions of stalls in the new cow-shed. Thunderstorm and heavy rain in the afternoon.

10th. At work. Boarding up partitions. In the afternoon was at home hoeing maize and pulling in some blocks for wash-house.

11th. I attended church in the morning & Gospel meeting at night.

12th. At work I finished partitions of cow-shed stalls and cleaned up the shed ready for lime-washing.

13th. At work. Lime-washing cow-shed.

14th. At work. Lime-washing cow-shed.

15th. At work. Lime-washing cow-shed. Visit from Mrs Davis, Also Mr. Parker who stayed all night.

16th. Finished first coat of lime wash, and commenced second.

17th. At work. Lime-washing cow-shed. In afternoon at home hoeing raspberries, canes.

18th. Attended church in the morning also the night meeting. Mrs. Jackson called and took the children for a drive. Returned and had tea with us as did Jim and Lill also.

19th. At work finished washing cow-shed. Mr. Box having decided to try tarring the parti

DEC 21-31

NOVEMBER.

- 1st. At work. Finished tarring in the afternoon and started to paint the cow-shed roof with "Indeliblo". Went to Willies' at night to arrange about carting sawn timber from Bayswater.
- 2nd. I started out to go to Bayswater to unload the timber intending afterwards to go to Miss. Simson's for the rest of the day, but rain fell heavily and I was detained at Willie's, so that by the time that I walked to Bayswater & unloaded the timber it was not worth my while going to Miss. S's. I picked 3 boxes of Raspberries after I got home. Willie arrived with a load of timber in the evening.
- 3rd. At work. Painted the sheltered wall & end of cow-shed but could not do the rest on account of rain. Started to clean & paint doors of cow-shed and feed room. Willie arrived in the evening with the rest of the timber.
- 4th. At work. Cleaning and painting doors. In the afternoon I was home putting in blocks for wash-house.
- 5th. I attended church in the morning. and the gospel meeting in the evening.
- 6th. At home all day. Started to build a new wash-house.
- 7th. At work. Painted doors until I ran short of paint. Afterwards I continued to paint cow-shed with indeliblo.
- 8th. At work painting cow-shed.
- 9th. At work. Finished painting with indeliblo in the afternoon, and started to paint the barge boards of the cow shed.
- 10th. I rose earlier than usual and went to Bayswater with Mother's pony & trap and met Emmie who was accompanied by Henry who had both come from Emerald. I went to work for half aday. Painting barge boards.
- 11st. At work till noon. Finished painting barge boards of cow-shed. Worked at the wash-house in the afternoon. Henry very much out of sorts.

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JAN. 1 - 18

JANUARY.

1<sup>st.</sup>  
Sunday.

In the morning found that Henry (Jim.) had developed measles. After church I borrowed a bike and rode to Lilydale and saw Dr. Adams about him. Also got some medicine for my cold. Henry (Jim) in bed all day attended by Nellie. Em went to church with me in the morning with Lucy and Eric also at night. Mr. Harward started a fortnights mission today.

2<sup>nd.</sup>

At home all day working at the Wash-house. Henry's temperature a little lower. My cold is worse through my trip to Lilydale. My left nostril and side of face aching very much. I did not go to mission. Em went alone.

3<sup>rd.</sup>

Did not feel well enough to go to work at Miss Simons. Did some little jobs at home, instead made a little gate for fowl-yard. Heifer calved last night. Emmie and I went to the mission at night. Henry (Jim) improving.

4<sup>th.</sup>

At work again but did not feel very well. Put another coat of paint on the barge boards of the cow-shed. Ruby, Lillie & Mrs. Jackson senr. called to see Nellie this evening. Em went to mission.

5<sup>th.</sup>

At work. Put another coat of indelible paint of walls of cow-shed. Started to clean out the feed shed to paint it. Henry got up today. After tea Jim drove Nellie and I to Croydon station where we got the 9-15 train to town thence to Collingwood getting to Mrs Davis's after 11 o'clock. Still troubled with my cold.

6.

Leaving Nellie at Mrs Davis's at 9am I walked into Melbourne and after doing some shopping got the train for Croydon at 12-15pm/ Arrived at Kilysth where Henry (Jim) met me. Got home a bit later and found all well. Went over to the old place with raspberries for the market.

7<sup>th.</sup>

At work until noon painting inside of feed-room. At home in the afternoon, Henry (Jim) went home this morning. After I had started work at the wash-house, my brother arrived (Jim). ~~XXXXXX~~ to see how Henry (Jim) was. Spent the rest of the day & evening having a chat.

8<sup>th.</sup>

I attended church in the morning. Emmie, the children & I went to the mission at night. Jim went home in the morning.

9<sup>th.</sup>

At work. Painting the inside of the feed-room with indelible. Em went to the mission at night taking Lucy with her.

10<sup>th.</sup>

At work. Finished painting the feed-room in the morning. Spent the rest of the day making a brick sink for the grating, in the water hole on the drive where W. Richards & A. Hodges were putting in a pipe culvert. I attended the mission at night.

11.

At work. Finished the sink and made a start at a new cement drain in front of new cow-shed. Emmie went to the mission at night with Lucy.

12<sup>th.</sup>

At work. Making the stone drain. Very windy weather. I went to the mission at night.

13<sup>th.</sup>

At work. At the stone drain. Terribly windy all day and evening. Em went to the mission at night.

14<sup>th.</sup>

At work. Finished all I could of the drain until the plumbers have done certain work. At home in the afternoon doing a bit more to the wash-house. Went to the mission at night. Still windy but more moderate.

15<sup>th.</sup>

Em, Lucy & Eric went to church in the morning. At night, as I did not get expected telegram from Nellie I went to town and stayed the night at Mrs. Davis's place.

16.

Learned last night that Nellie was in the Women's Hospital and had given birth to a son, but stillborn. I called at this morning and after learning that Nellie was doing all right I caught the 8.7 train home. On getting there found Lucy in bed with the measles, and Em getting them fast, I had had to do the housework and write some letters and go to the old place in the afternoon. Em had to lie up this evening. Eric and Ethel running about still. Very close day.

17<sup>th.</sup>

Home all day doing housework and attending to Lucy and Emmie. Eva Money came over from the old place and helped for most of the day thus enabling me to do a little



BY JANUARY

JAN 18 - FEB 7

- 18 I did a little more to the wash-house in the afternoon. Misty showers fell for most of the day. Em and Lucy still in bed but improving.
- 19 At home. I am doing a little more to the wash-house each day when I can spare a few minute from the various jobs I have to do indoors. Eva came in the afternoon and did some ironing. Em & Lucy still in bed.
- 20 At home. Lucy allowed to get up but strictly kept her indoors. Was delighted to get a note from Nellie herself to say that she was getting on well. Had to go to Kilsyth on postal business afterwards. Eva over for a while in the afternoon.
- 21 At home. Same old programme of work. Got another letter from Nellie. Still doing well. Eva over in the afternoon.
- 22 At home all day except for a few minutes to go over to the old place in the afternoon. Em got up today, doing well.
- 23 At work again. Continued work at the cow-shed drain. Letter from Nellie. Doing well. Emmie and Lucy improving, Eva came over for a while.
- 24 At work at the drain.
- 25 At work. Finished the drain and after tarring a beam of the cow-shed floor, started work at a piece of fence near cow-shed. Another letter from Nell. Came out of Hospital yesterday, now at Mrs. Davis's.
- 26 At work. Continued the fence near the cow-shed. Was absent for a while in the afternoon helping Mr. Box mend the telephone wire. Also with Mr. Box measured & marked out the cow-yard. Letter from Nellie.
- 27 At work at cow-yard fence until noon. In the afternoon I did some little jobs about the place at home before going to town. Got 6pm train at Croydon and arrived at Mrs. Dais's place in Collingwood about 8 o'clock. Was glad to see Nellie looking very well. Hot day.
- 28 At work. Began to work at home. Eric getting the measles. A
- 29 Came home by the 11-10pm train from Melbourne. Terribly hot day and poor little Eric feeling it very much in bed. Temperature 103 deg. Visited old place.
- 30 ~~At work at the cow-yard fence near the cow-yard~~ At work. At the fence near the cow-shed and also the cow-yard fence. Eric a good deal better. Ethel improving and Eric also doing fairly well. Letter from Nellie.
- 31 At work at the fence. Eric improving and Ethel also doing fairly well. Letter from Nellie.

BY February

Wednesday

day. At work. Sinking holes for posts in cow-yard fence. Very hot day. Tot arrived from Emerald. Eric and Ethel improving.

- 2 at work at the cow-yard fence. Nellie at her sister's (Tillie's) place at Rockbank. Eric is now up out of bed.
- 3 At work at the fence. Eric is now up out of bed.
- 4 At work at the fence until noon. After dinner did a little more to new kitchen having started it at evenings lately. Tot went home this morning. Letter from Nellie. Still doing well. Some rain fell today.
- 5 I went to church in the morning after a months absence. Em went to the night meeting. Children doing well. Rain fell today.
- 6 Wet morning home from work doing a little to the building. Went to work at Miss Simson's for the afternoon. At the fence. Heavy rain fell last night.
- 7 At work at the fence. Heavy rain fell last night.

FEBRUARY

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YEAR 1911.

28th. Working at fence. Weather hot.

FEB 8 - MAR 1

- 9 Went to work, but the morning turned out wet and I came home. Worked at the building in the afternoon except for a little while I was absent for a while taking Lucy and Eric over the way to see Tillie who was on a visit from Rockbank. She had gone however when we got there.
- 10 At work. At the cow-yard fence. After tea Jim killed the calf for me & I helped skin and dress it. Wet night.
- 11 To work got to work. Rose at 4am and cut up the veal. After breakfast took the veal out to those who had ordered some. Worked the rest of the day at the new shed between showers. Letter from Nellie.
- 12 I went to old place for pig. Em went to church & Lucy to S.S. and church. I went to church at night.
- 13 At work. At the cow-yard fence. More rain fell in afternoon. I attended a church business meeting at night. Letter from Nellie. Leaving Rockbank to go on a visit to my niece Fannie at Geelong.
- 14 At work. Finished cow-yard fence, started to swing gates but could not continue for want of a boring bit of a certain size.
- 15 At work. Finished hanging gates and stoning steep bank in cow-yard. Letter from Nellie, safely arrived at Geelong.
- 16 Assisted by W. Richards I put wire netting on part of stock yard fence and adjoining fence leading to fowl-yard and orchard. Afternoon wet. Very heavy rain fell at night.
- 17 At work. Making gateways of new fence rabbit proof & fixing fasteners to new gates.
- 18 At work. Same as usual (yesterday.) In afternoon continued work at my new building. Two letters from Nellie. Leaving Geelong for Melbourne tomorrow.
- 19 I went to church in the morning. Em went to the night morning.
- 20 At work. Sawing tops off posts of stock yard.
- 21 Emmie, the children & I rose early and caught the coach at Kilsyth for Croydon. At the station we were met by Nellie who had come from town yesterday & stayed at Janie's. We all went to town and spent the day at St. Kilda beach and the afternoon at the Zoo. Children delighted with the outing. We returned by the evening train.
- 22 At work. Finished sawing tops off the posts. Hung a wooden gate leading onto the cow-yard. Nellie home again and everything seems brighter now.
- 23 At work. Put wire netting on the wooden gate. Fixed up the gutter at gateway, reformed the entrance, and then started to fix a large piano-case for a feed-bin.
- 24 At work. Finished the chaff-bin and commenced to ram the earth around the posts of stock-yard to ensure their firmness in the ground. Mrs. H. Chandler called in the late afternoon.
- 25 Helped Mr. Box clear out cement in barrels, tools etc. out of new cow-shed then swept & hosed it out. Also cleared rubbish of drive to motor-house. I spent the afternoon at home making a new couch. Nellie, Emmie & children went to Stanley Kerr's birthday party.
- 26 We all went to church in the morning. Emmie and I went to the night meeting.
- 27 At work. Put a swinging rail to passage of new cow-shed. Finished ramming the stock-yard posts. Started to repair two pairs of Cyclone gates at new stables which had got out of order. Heavy rain fell towards evening.
- 28 At work. Finished fixing the cyclone gates while heavy rain fell. The weather clear later, I repaired fence & cleared branches away assisted by Fred Box. Finished the day by helping Mr. Box clear out water drains, on new road. Nell took Em to Bayswater on her way home to Emerald.

March

MAR 2 - 28

- 2 At work finished the cow-paddock fence.
- 3 At work. Started to repair section of horse-paddock fence near water-trough. Jim & Lill came to tea.
- 4 At work. Same as yesterday until noon. Building at home in the afternoon.
- 5 We all went to church in the morning, went to Lill's for tea, after which I went to night meeting.
- 6 At work. Finished repairing fence started on Friday and hung gate. Some rain fell in the afternoon.
- 7 At home. Rain fell in the morning and in the afternoon poured down heavier, than any rain I have ever seen. I put on some new weatherboards to end of kitchen between showers and put in blocks for floor while the rain fell.
- 8 At work. With Mr. Box & W. Richards & A. Hodges cleared out water channel on road. Very heavy rain fell in the evening and night.
- 9 Alarm clock failed and I awoke to late to go to work. Finished the weatherboards of new kitchen & put in some blocks for floor. Had an early dinner and went to work for half day. Filled in netting trench I had done on Monday, storm water having washed it empty of dirt. Started clearing line of fence on far side of cow-paddock.
- 10 At work repairing cow-paddock fence.
- 11 At work repairing cow-paddock fence until noon. At home in the afternoon at the building.
- 12 I went to church in the morning and attended service at night. Jim and Lill, to tea.
- 13 Wet morning. Hung a door temporarily in new room and blocked up chimney space and window to keep out the weather until I can do the job permanently. I went to town by the noon train to do some shopping, returning by the evening train.
- 14 Another wet day. I did a bit more to the building.
- 15 At work. Finished creek line of cow-paddock fence. Eric 5 years old today.
- 16 Started to repair division fence of cow-paddock.
- 17 At work. Division fence of cow-paddock.
- 18 At work. Same as yesterday until noon. After dinner at home. Weather-boarded most of last wall of wash-house. Stacked boards under cover they arrived this morning. Started to put down a few floor boards. Wet afternoon & night.
- 19 Wet day & all night. I went to church in the morning,
- 20 At work. Finished repairing division fence of cow-paddock. Made a flood gate in the fence near road and started to cut ferns on each side of back and top fence of cow-paddock before repairing it. Nellie went to town at mid-day & returned in the evening bringing little Lindsay Macpherson with her.
- 21 At work. Finished clearing lines of fence and commenced to repair back fence.
- 22 At work. Repairing back line of fence of cow-paddock.
- 23 At work. Repaired a piece of top line of fence, cut round posts for corner near creek and erected them.
- 24 At work. Cut round post and stay and after pulling up old gate-post of creek sideline of fence near trough put them up and rehanging gate. Put up barb-wires for temporary fence to keep stock in.
- 25 At work. Capped new gate-posts with iron & started to re-erect line of fence along creek. At home in afternoon. Put barge board and cap at end of new building & painted. Pulled down spouting & put up last of boards at the back.
- 26 We all went to church in the morning, and being invited to dinner at Mr. Langley's went home with them and spent a pleasant afternoon.

MAR 29 - APR 27

March

- 29 At work. Fencing along creek line. News of the wreck of S.S. Yongala" on Queensland coast. 142 lives lost.
- 30 At work. Finished fence on the creek line & resumed work repairing top line of fence.
- 31 At work. Finished top line <sup>of</sup> fence in the morning and started to repair small enclosure fence at entrance to cow-paddock.

APRIL - Saturday

- 1 At work repairing., small enclosure fence. In afternoon at home at my building. Put up some of the hessian which I had begun at night. Prepared for spouting.
- 2 I went to church in the morning. After dinner Nellie went to the old place & at night went to the Gospel meeting. Taking Lucy with her. Census day.
- 3 At work. Finished repairing enclosure fence and cleaning up.
- 4 At work. Hung gate into kitchen & garden and commenced pulling down old fence & erect a new one.
- 5 Stayed at home in the morning to help Mr. Rivett put our pig into his wagon to be taken to market by him. Put up some hessian while waiting. Had an early dinner and went to work for half day. Busy at the new fence.
- 6 At work. At the new fence to kitchen garden.
- 7 At work at the new fence to kitchen. Finished by night.
- 8 At work. Made new gate rabbit proof, capped post with iron and cleaned up rubbish. At home in afternoon putting up spouting to the two back rooms.
- 9 I went to church in the morning. We all went to the old place in the afternoon & stayed for tea.
- 10 At work. went down to the old road and cut two gate posts & stays for a fence across the road at Gibson's corner. Started to put up the gate posts.
- 11 At work. Busy at the fence.
- 12 At work. Worked at the fence for a while. Repaired and hung a gate in middle of the road.
- 13 At work. Finished the fence across the road. Repaired fence on boundaries of Gibson's & Salvation Army properties.
- 14 At home. I pulled down the iron chimney in the kitchen and boarded up the space left by it. Nellie went to the station and met Fannie Macpherson, my niece with her other children Mally & Jean.
- 15 At home. Prepared place for chimney to new building and erected the body of the iron chimney that I pulled down yesterday.
- 16 I went to church morning and evening.
- 17 At work. Put up the flue of the chimney and started bricking the fireplace.
- 18 I started for work but the rain made me return on reaching Davis's orchard. I finished bricking the fire-place had an early dinner and as the rain had finished I went to work. Spent the afternoon assisting to widen the track on which I travel to and from work.
- 19 At work. Widening track.
- 20 At work. Widening track.
- 21 At work. Widening track.
- 22 Woke too late to go to work. I made a box drain from kitchen & removed tank stand.
- 23 We all went to church in the morning. Went home with Mr. H. Chandler. Returned to night meeting.
- 24 At work. At the track work. At night I attended a church social to say good-bye to Mr & Mrs W. Richards & Jack Batterham who are leaving the district.

APR 28 - MAY 26

April

28 At work. Widening track.

29 At work until noon cleaning up rubbish etc. near Mansion preparing for Governor's visit. At home in afternoon fixing tank with tap into kitchen.

30 I went to church in morning. Emmie came home for dinner. In afternoon I went to old place for cow-feed. Nellie &amp; Em went to night meeting.

MAY - MONDAY

1 At work. Widening track.

2 At work. Widening track.

3 At work. Widening track.

4 At work. Widening track.

5 At work. Widening track.

6 At work till noon widening track. In afternoon at home making and fixing new window frame having begun it by night during the week.

7 light rain all day. I attended church in the morning. Nellie visited the old place in the afternoon.

8 At work. Widening track.

9 At work. Finished widening "Legg's" track and ground tools.

10 At work. Started work widening the "Birthday" track. Attended church business meeting at night.

11 At work. On the "Birthday" track.

12 At work. On the "Birthday" track. Nellie went to town and returned by evening train.

13 At work on the "Birthday" track till noon. At home in the afternoon at work at the hessian &amp; dadoe of new room.

14 We all went to church in the morning. Nellie visited the old place in the afternoon &amp; I attended gospel service at night.

15 At work. Widening "Birthday" track.

16 At work. Widening "Birthday" track.

17 At work. Widening "Birthday" track.

18 At work. Widening "Birthday" track.

19 At work. Widening "Birthday" track.

20 At work. Widening "Birthday" track until noon. Continued work at the hessian at home in the afternoon.

21 Woke at 4am with terrible pains in my head &amp; retching, Home all day with Nellie attending to me. Improved towards night.

22 Pouring rain all day. At home. Not feeling very well, but did a bit to dadoe of new kitchen.

23 Still raining. Hardly ceased once all day. I finished off the dadoe &amp; commenced work at the partition wall. Nearly crazy with toothache nearly the whole day.

24 Started for work but when half-way rain came on and drove me home again. I finished the partition wall.

25 Weather a bit finer. At work. At the "Birthday" track.

MAY

- 27 Again wet in the morning until, too late to start for work. Finished the door and hung it. Also fixed moulding etc.
- 28 We all went to church in the morning. Mr. Davis on a visit. We all visited the old place in the afternoon. While there dog bit Eric's ear. Wet night.
- 29 At work. Widening "Birthday" track. A cold sleety day with light fall of snow on the mountain.
- 30 Went to work but the day turned out to wet to continue track. Cut wood until 2-30pm & then as the rain fell more heavily had to go home.
- 31 At work. Cutting wood. The afternoon turned out very wet but we found work under cover grinding tools.

JUNE THURSDAY

- 1 At work. A lovely day with the sun shining at last. Cutting wood all day.
- 2 At work. Cut wood until dinner time. In afternoon repairing old road.
- 3 At work clearing stumps & stones from a piece of road for ploughing. In afternoon at home. Shifted stone chimney from its old position and fixed it to wash-house. Fixed barge board to wash-house temporarily. Jane arrived on a visit.
- 4 I attended church in the morning. Rain fell all afternoon and night.
- 5 At work. Finished the clearing and resumed work on the track. Light fall of snow in the morning. Came home after dinner on account of rain, but it cleared up soon after leaving. I put down some of the boards of wash-house floor permanently. Nellie took Jane to the coach.
- 6 At work. At "Birthday" track.
- 7 At work. On the "Birthday" track. A miserable day with occasional showers.
- 8 At work. On the "Birthday" track. Bitterly cold showers in afternoon.
- 9 At home. Wet weather. I worked all day at the hessian and dadoe of the children's room.
- 10 Still wet. At home. Worked at the dadoe & fixed door to new children's room. Very heavy rain in afternoon & night.
- 11 My birthday. Rain, rain, rain, all day. At home all day. Running short of cow-feed. I went to the old place for a little.
- 12 Still raining. I stayed at home ~~ALL NIGHT~~ got the children's new room ready to occupy.
- 13 At work. Went down the road & repaired a fence upon which a tree had fallen. Afterwards continued work on the track / Had to leave the birthday track, & open up a new one in order to get a good grade.---- Mr. Ben Darby arrived on a visit from W.A.
- 14 At work. At the track.
- 15 At work. At the track. Ben returned to Melbourne today.
- 16 At work. At the track. More rain in the fore-noon & late afternoon.
- 17 At work. At the track. At home in the afternoon. Sharpened saw cut fire-wood carried some posts up from the cow-paddock to trim for building, split ~~XXXX~~ blocks for porch & hung door of wash-house.
- 18 Attended church in morning. Nellie went to Jessie's in the afternoon. I attended the

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JUN 20 - JUL 16

JUNE 20

At work finished the track as far as the creek and began to get material for a bridge. Got girders ready & cleared out the ~~track~~ creek. Showery all day.

21 At work. Put girders in position before dinner while showers of hail, snow and rain fell. In afternoon attended to flood water on road near quarry, cleahed out water tables near old shrubbery. Cold showers all the afternoon.

22 At work. Cut, trimmed and carried tree-fems for bridge decking and placed them on girders. Began to fix gravel beams. No rain, for a wonder. quite a treat.

23 At work. Finished the bridge and started forming the approaches.

24 At work. Finished the approaches to the bridge. In the afternoon at home. Helped Jim kill and dress our pig.

25 Cut up pig. Took some pork to Davis's. Went to church in the morning. Visited the old place in the afternoon.

26 At work. Resumed work making the track. A lovely day at last.

27 At work. At the track.

28 At work at the track. Still fine weather.

29 at work. At the track.

30 At work. At the track.

JULY - SATURDAY

1 At work at the track. At home in afternoon putting down floor on which I intend building a porch to shelter back doors.

2 We all attended church. I went to Mrs. Darlings & dinner on my way to Lilydale to see the Doctor about cough that has been troubling me. Home by night.

3 Wet morning I stayed at home all day. Cut some firewood and did a little bit of work to the porch.

4 At work at the track.

5 at the track.

6 At work at the track. Nellie and children attended Arbor day celebration in afternoon at Kilsyth. I joined them at night in attending the concert.

7 At work at the track.

8 At work at the track. In the afternoon I worked on the porch.

9 We all attended church in the morning. In the afternoon I visited Mr. Gilmour who is not well. Em paid us a visit in the afternoon. Nell went to church at night.

10 At work at the track.

11 At work at the track all day except for a little while after dinner when we had to take out some large stones in the orchard.

12 At work at the track. Nellie & children accompanied by her mother & Lill went to the Arbor Labour celebrations at Croydon. At work continued the track until dinner time & then commenced to get material for a bridge over the creek near corner of horsepaddock.

13 At work. Started work on bridge.

14 At work on the bridge.

JUL 16 - AUG 6

JULY JULY

6th. (cont) I attended church in the morning. In the afternoon we all took a walk to the Raspberry patch.

7th. At work at the bridge.

19th. At work. Finished the bridge cleared and burned some logs & rubbish that were in the way of track and resumed work forming the track.

19th. At work forming the track. Jim was here today fixing spouting to wash-house & down pipe overflow from tank at kitchen corner.

RASPBERRIES SOLD.

|                              | LLBS       | S. S. D.         |
|------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| In crate to market 17 boxes. | 17         | 8. 0             |
| To Janie.                    | 15         | 3. 9             |
| "    "                       | 15         | 3. 9             |
| To Mrs. Kerr Senr.           | 16         | 4. 0             |
| To market. 24 boxes          | 24         | 12. 0            |
| To Mr. Tippet                | 14         | 3. 6             |
| To Rockbank                  | 42         | 10. 6            |
| To Mrs. Bavis                | 15         | 3. 9             |
| To Lill.                     | 15         | 3. 9             |
| To Mrs. Round.               | 15         | 3. 9             |
| To Ruby.                     | 15         | 3. 9             |
|                              | <u>203</u> | <u>£2- 16-9.</u> |

20th. At the track until 3pm when rain came on and we finished the day grinding tools.

21st. At work at the track till noon and then started to build a log bridge over a water course up the hill from the creek.

22nd. At work at the bridge till noon. In afternoon at home. Finished laying floor of wash-house started at night previously and worked at the porch afterwards.

23rd. We all went to church. After dinner visited old place. Emmie visited us, had tea & she & Nell & Lucy went to night meeting.

24th. At work. Finished log bridge and resumed work forming track.

25th. At work. Forming track.

26th. At work. Forming the track. Nellie and the children went to the Arbor Day celebrations at Montrose. Nellie won the Married Ladies race.

27th. At work, forming track

28th. At work forming track.

29th. At work. Forming track. In afternoon I had to seek cow in Davis's paddock and take her to the old place to be sold. The rest of the afternoon I spent in the raspberry patch pruning etc. Emmie came to stay a few days before returning to Emerald.

30th. Wet day. At home all day.

31st. At work. Forming track past bee stand near orchard.

1st. AUGUST

1 day. TUESDAY At work. Forming track. Nellie went to town to do some shopping.

2 At work. Forming track. Nellie returned in the afternoon.

3 At work. Forming track.

4 Went to work but rain coming on heavily. I returned home. Afterwards the weather cleared and I spent the day pruning and tying up Raspberry bushes. Emmie left on a visit to town and Cheltenham before returning home to Macclesfield.

At work till



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AUGUST.  
7th  
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YEAR. 1911.

AUG 7 - 29

At work. Forming track.

At work. Forming track. Aunt Em, Emmie, Maud & Reenie arrived on a visit about 10pm having walked from Croydon.

At work. Forming track through old shrubbery.

At work. Forming track through old shrubbery. Nellie borrowed horse and buggy from her mother and took Aunt Em, Emmie, Maude & Reenie to Bayswater to catch the train to Emerald. Maude returned with Nellie, and Eric went for a holiday with his Aunt Em to Emerald.

At work. By myself. Finishing track through shrubbery making small culvert and stone crossing to metal drive. Maud caught the early train by coach & returned to town. We miss Eric very much especially Nellie.

At work till noon. Finished stone crossing and started to make alteration to part of track through shrubbery. In afternoon pruned cherry trees and commenced to prune the gooseberry bushes. Letter from Em, Eric all right.

I attended church in the morning. Rain fell in afternoon getting very stormy by night. Jim and Nell called on their way home from Croydon.

Wet morning but got finer before noon. I pruned a few gooseberry bushes and as my cough has returned of lately I was determined to go to Lilydale and see the doctor again. Had an early dinner and after a dirty walk reached Lilydale after 1 o'clock only to find that the doctor was away at Warburton. Waited about until his return at 5-20pm. After being attended to and getting my medicine I started to walk home about 5-45pm reaching home about 20 to 8, tired out.

At work. Finished altering part of shrubbery track, put up two clothes lines and with the other men connected the new track through the orchard to the drive near the mansion. Afterwards we started to alter and re-grade parts of the Birthday track. Letter from Emmie, Eric having a fine time at Macclesfield with the boys.

At work. Altering and re-grading parts of Birthday track.

At work alone. Altering birthday track. Ruby & Lill called at 4pm.

At work. Altering birthday track.

At work, altering birthday track. At home in afternoon. Finished pruning gooseberry bushes and commenced pruning apple trees.

We all attended church in the morning. At Lill's for lunch and tea. Nellie, Lill & Lucy went to night service my cough preventing me from attending.

At work altering birthday track. Albert started to cut me some fire-wood this afternoon.

At work altering track. Albert here again for a while.

At work altering birthday track.

At work finished track. Helped W. Bond cart some sand stone from quarry and then put it in calf-shed for a floor. Afterwards cut the two beams and started to put them down in front of calf-shed. Nellie went to Mrs. Fassell's and cleaned out her house. Mrs. F. having a sore leg.

At work finished fixing beams and commenced making portable hurdles for the front and divisions of calf-shed.

At work at the calf-shed. At home in afternoon pruning. Nellie borrowed horse and jinker from her mother and drove to Bayswater in afternoon to meet Jim and Maud who were to bring Eric home. Jim did not come but Tot came instead with Maud and Eric, glad to see him home again. Lucy's Birthday. (7 Years.).

Tot, Maud & I went to church in the morning. Mr. Noble home with us to dinner and tea. Maud, Nellie, Lucy & Tot accompanied him to the night meeting.

At work. Finished the calf-shed work. With Mr. B x marked out and measured for new fence round raspberry patch. Cut down a tree and got it ready to be sawn and split up into posts and droppers. Tot and Maud got the mid day train in.

AUG 29 - SEP 21

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AUGUST  
(cont)

1. 29 fence across the road. The gate having got out of repair. Afterwards pulled down gate and fence crossing the new road towards Chandlers.
2. 30 At work. Cut corner posts for new fence of raspberry patch and in afternoon cut stays for the same job.
3. 31 At work. Digging post-holes for new fence.

SEPTEMBER.

FRIDAY.

- 1<sup>st</sup> At work. Dug a few holes for new fence. Helped Fred Box to pull material for new J&K fence.
- 2 Wet morning. I stayed at home all day. Pruned until noon. After dinner I walked in the raspberry patch weeding the canes for digging. Mr. Noble came in the afternoon to spend the week-end.
- 3 Mr. Noble, Lucy, Eric and I went to Sunday School and Bible Class, Church afterwards. At night Nellie accompanied Mr. Noble to the gospel service.
- 4 Wet morning again. I went to Melbourne to do some shopping travelling with Mr. Noble as far as Camberwell on his way back to College. I returned by night train & coach.
- 5 At work. Putting in corner posts for new fence. Very light rain fell occasionally. Nellie not well with a cold.
- 6 At work. At the fence.
- 7 At work. At the fence.
- 8 At work at the fence.
- 9 At work. At the fence till noon. In the afternoon I finished cleaning around my raspberry canes put on the mahure and commenced digging them.
- 10 I and the children went to S. School. Nellie joined us at church afterwards. In the afternoon we went to the old place. We all went to night service.
- 11 At work at the fence till about 2-30pm when rain coming on, Fred Smale and I spent the rest of the day grinding tools.
- 12 At work. At the fence.
- 13 At work at the fence.
- 14 At work at the fence.
- 15 At work, finished the fence. Got permission to stay home to-morrow to help Mr. Thomas plough my raspberry patch.
- 16 Wet morning but as Mr. Thomas came I decided to start the ploughing. Finished by 12-30pm. The day kept showery. I cut & split blocks for the square tank stand and put in 4 of them
- 17 The children and I attended S. School & Bible Class. Nellie joined us at Church Mr & Mrs Howard came to dinner and tea and we all attended the night service.
- 18 At work. Spent the day cutting corner posts & stays for a new fence.
- 19 At work. After finishing getting the stays, I began to prepare for putting up some fences near new stables and sheds but had to leave it and start to strip metal of bank near cart shed & make a roadway to the lower level at the back.
- 20 At work. Helped W. Bond draw some of the posts & stays until the horse was wanted for another purpose and then resumed work at the work of reducing the bank for a roadway.

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YEAR, 1911.

SEP 22 - OCT 13

SEPTEMBER.

1. 22<sup>nd</sup> At work finished the roadway & started to put on the metal.
2. 23 At work till noon metalling the new roadway. At home in the afternoon digging the unploughed strips of my raspberry patch.
3. 24 The children and I attended S. School and were joined at church by Nellie, and Ethel After visiting the old place in the afternoon attended night service.
4. 25 At work. Finished metalling roadway also formed and metallled bank at end of new ~~car~~ cart-shed. Trimmed some earth that I had tipped on bank of carriage drive a end of curve.
5. 26 At work. Assisted Fred Box to draw the rest of the posts & stays for new fence and then tarred most of them. Rain fell at 2pm & at 3 o'clock we had to go home. I appl-ied some lime to earth around gooseberry bushes.
6. 27 At work. At the new fence. Nellie visited Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Darling. With Mrs. Darling she met me at the chapel at night & attended a business meeting of the church. Thunderstorm in the evening.
7. 28 At work. At the new fence. Thunderstorm at 1-30pm drove us into grinding tools for a while. Weather became a bit clearer & I resumed work at the fence. Another storm of rain after I got home.
8. 29 At work at the fence.
9. 30 At work at the fence till noon. At home in afternoon. Finished digging the rasp-berry patch.

OCTOBER.

1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday.

We all went to Bible Class & church. Albert & Jassie came to dinner also to tea. Jim Jim and Lill came to tea & wa all went to night meeting.

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> At work at the fence. Thunderstorm with heavy rain about 2-30 to 3 o'clock. ~~again~~ again about 5-30 ending in a wet night. Nellie and children visited Ruby's but managed to escape most of the showers.
2. 3 At work at the fence, more thunderstorms today.
3. 4 I awoke to late to go to my work so split some slabs for covering a drain leading f. from the house sink and placed some of them in position. Had an early dinner & went for the afternoon working at the fence.
4. 5 At work. Resumed work at the fence but had to leave it to help Smale & Hodges with the forest devil at pulling stumps. The hook of the anchor cable broke and Hodges recieved a nasty blow on the knees by the machine. I had to take his place for the rest of the day. Visit from the Mrs. Porchas. Also Lin in the evening.
5. 6 At work. Hodges absent. I worked with Fred Smale pulling and Jacking stumps all day Heard at mid-day of the death of Mr. W. Chandler, Senr. Disappointed at not hear- ing of it early enough to enable me to go to the funeral.
6. 7 At work, pulling stumps with the Forest Devil. In the afternoon I dug around some of my gooseberry bushes.
7. 8 Lucy and Ethel having colds, only Eric and I could go, out. We went to S. School & Bible Class & church I went to the night meeting alone.
8. 9 At work. Hodges being well enough to work again I resumed work again at the fence. Troubled all day with a disordered stomach which weakened me a good deal. Nellie has a cold as well as Lucy and Ethel.
9. 10 At work. Fencing/ Lucy's cold improving.
10. 11 At work. Fencing.

OCTOBER

OCT 14 - Nov 5

- 14 At work. Fencing until noon. In afternoon I cut rubbish growing in our orchard to make it ready to plough, cut some sorrel on gooseberry patch and lifted it and re-planted some dahlias in the flower garden. Eric not at all well.
- 15 Nellie had a bad turn with earache. Eric no better. I attended church with Lucy. Nellie had with earache again at night.
- 16 Nellie thoroughly knocked out and weak. I stayed at home and attended to the house-work. Eric also in bed except in the middle of the day. About 3pm I did a little work outside cutting sorrel on the gooseberry patch and lifted and replanted some more dahlias.
- 17 Nellie a good deal better so I went to work again. Fencing all day. Eric complained of pains in his side so Nellie kept him in bed.
- 18 At work. Fencing.
- 19 At work fencing. Eric a little better Up for a little while. R. Davis started to plough our orchard this afternoon.
- 20 At work. Fencing. Eric improving.
- 21 At work. Repairing fence on side of old road leading towards stone crossing. In afternoon at home preparing ground for tomato plants. Rob Davis finished ploughing this morning. Eric doing well.
- 22 Lucy, Eric and I went to S. School & Nell joined us at church. After dinner we all visited the old place.
- 23 Wet morning cleared early. I dug in flowers garden and levelled furrows in gooseberries. At work in afternoon. I finished repairing fence leading towards the ford. & started fencing another little piece of ground between the stables & curve of ~~the~~ drive.
- 24 At work. Fencing. Thunderstorm in afternoon.
- 25 Wet morning but I ventured to work, as the weather looked like clearing. Came on worse after starting work & I came home by 9-30. Westher again cleared. I took down door at back of kitchen, hung a new one & re-hung old one leading into front room.
- 26 At work. Fencing.
- 27 At work. Fencing.
- 28 At work. Fencing. In afternoon at home. Fixed down piping from front ~~room~~ of house to kitchen ~~room~~. Tank. Started to hoe raspberries.
- 29 Lucy, Eric & I went to S. School. Nellie joined us at church. Nellie and the children visited Ruby's in the afternoon. I went to the gospel meeting at night.
- 30 At work. Fencing. Weather quite hot. Lill came today to stay for a while she is suffering from an ulcerated mouth. Nell is attending to her.
- 31 Wet day. I stayed at home. Finished altering door of porch & kitchen made a gate for entrance to raspberry garden and also made a bench for wash-house.

NOVEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. Weather still wet. At home all day. I covered the rest of open drain with slabs & earth cleaned away rubbish near the waterhole. In afternoon started papering the kitchen.
- 2 At work. Fencing. Wet weather still but workable.
- 3 At work. Continued fenceing for a while but had to leave it to help Mr. Box to fix some feed-boxes for stock. Put wire netting on big cyclone gate & hung it near stables.

NOVEMBER

Nov 5 - 29

- 5<sup>th</sup> <sup>cont</sup> afternoon & went to Gospel meeting at night.
- 6 At work fencing.
- 7 At work fencing.
- 8 At work fencing.
- 9 At work. Fixed clothes lines at the mansion and spent the rest of the day fencing.
- 10 At work. Fixed ground beam to new cyclone gate. repaired old fence at the bottom of the terraces and cut 2 new round posts for new fence between stables and little orchard.
- 11 We all attended S. School picnic on recreation ground at Montrose. Splendid day and an enjoyable day spent.
- 12 We all went to S.S. and church. Mr. ~~NELLIE'S~~ Noble's last day with us for a time. Nellie and children visited Lin's in afternoon. I went to church at night. Jim Lill and her father here for tea.
- 13 At work. Helped Fred B x draw round posts & stays & took off barb wire & old netting from little orchard fence getting ready for a new one.
- 14 At work. Put in round post & stay for start of new fence & hung cyclone gate at entrance to little orchard from drive.
- 15 At work. Fencing.
- 16 At work. Fencing. I left work an hour early and went to Kilsyth & voted at State Election. Nellie also went to vote visiting Ruby & Mrs. Malotte as well.
- 17 At work. Fencing and prepared for hanging new cyclone gate from stables into little orchard. Bob Davis was here for half a day scarifying my raspberry garden and land in the orchard for maize.
- 18 At work. Hung gate. Hoeing in the raspberries after dinner at home.
- 19 We all attended Bible class & S. School, Church afterwards. Visited raspberries in afternoon. At Lill's for tea. I went to the evening service alone.
- 20 At work. Rolled up old netting & wire from old fence, hung new gate near garage entrance and altered fastening of gate leading from drive into little orchard. Nellie went to town by mid-day train leaving Lucy & Ethel at Lill's. Took Eric with her.
- 21 At work. Removed cyclone gate from entrance towards septic tank, and hung a new one in its place & fixed up fastening ground beam etc. Carried the other gate to entrance near cherry plum tree and began to hang it there. Nellie & Eric returned from town by mid-day train.
- 22 At work. Finished hanging gate ground beam etc. at cherry plum trees and commenced to do the same kind of work at entrance to raspberry garden.
- 23 At work. Finished gate etc. at raspberry garden & commenced to clean up chips, rubbish & material where I have been fencing.
- 24 At work. Finished the cleaning up by noon. Afterwards cleared young saplings & scrub from side cutting & culvert embankment on road near entrance to shrubbery.
- 25 At work. Cutting firewood. At home in afternoon hoeing my raspberry garden.
- 26 Eric, Lucy & I went to Bible school. I remained to church. Nellie visited her mother who is ill in bed. We all had dinner there. I had a bad headache. Spent a bad night. Hot day.
- 27 At home all day, suffering from ~~diarrhoea~~ diarrhoea. Felt a little easier in the late afternoon and put wire netting on new gate for raspberry garden. Very hot day. Nellie went to her mother's to do some work for her.

14.  
NOVEMBER.  
3th.

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Nov 30 - DEC 19.

Went to Mr. Harry Chandler's in the morning to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, Mr. Gilmour. Started at 12-15 for Box Hill cemetery arriving at about 2-30pm. Terribly hot & dusty journey after funeral got train & went to town and did some shopping and returned by evening train/ Hottest November day on record, 107.8 temp in shade.

DECEMBER.  
1st.  
FRIDAY.

At work. Altering trough in cow-shed.

2nd.

At work. At the cow-shed. At home in the afternoon. Erected gate at raspberry garden & planted a few rows of maize. Bob arrived on a visit tonight.

3rd.

Lucy, Eric & I attended S.S. and Bible class. Nellie joined us at church with Bob we all went to the old place in the afternoon. Jim & Lill came to tea.

4th.

At work. I finished work at the cow-shed trough & cleaned up. Bob left this morning for Tasmania. A very welcome rainfall at night.

5th.

At work. Started work preparing to make a brick sink and to lay pipes to take away water from the cow-shed, but rain fell heavily & stopped me. The weather got clearer after a while & Fred Smale & I spent the rest of the day weeding the drive near the mansion.

6

At work. Bricked a sink at the cow-shed.

7

At work. Laid pipes to take water away from new catchment sink.

8

At work. Dug trench at end of pipes, made a moveable grating for sink and started to make the sink secure from the cattle.

9

At work. Finished fencing in the sink cleaned up waste material from job & rolled away a log. In afternoon at home making a shelter shed of bags near raspberry garden, Nellie assisting. Sent Lucy and Eric on a message to Mr. Tippetts.

10

Lucy, Eric & I attended S.S. Nellie joined us at church. Mr & Mrs. Langley & some of family also. Alf Milne & Alice Badger came to dinner & tea. I went to night meeting.

11

At work. Cemented bottom of new sink at cow-shed altered bailsticks strained some wires of calf-yard mended opening in fence beyond little orchard & started to level off bumps at site of old stables. Rain fell at night. Nellie got a bad attack of toothache.

12

Rain fell steadily practically all day. Nellie much off on account of toothache It has stuck to her all day. I went to the store for some goods and spent the rest of the day at house work & one or two other odd jobs. Nellie a bit easier tonight but very weak.

13

At work. Repairing wire fence on the old bullock track boundary. Nellie much better. Lill came to help her with her work. Bob and his wife arrived from Tasmania tonight, they having been married last Monday.

14

At work. Repairing fence Nellie, Bob & Lillian picked Raspberries and went to see Mater who is ill in bed. In the afternoon Bob & Lillian visited Lil's.

15

At work repairing fence Sent away first lot of raspberries away to night, 17 boxes in crate. Bob and Lillian went to town, returning tonight.

16

At work. Repairing fence on old bullock track. In afternoon at home cutting scrub on fire break around raspberries garden.

17

I went to S.S. & Lillian joined me at church. They with Jim, & Lill & Janie & Joe were there to tea. Nell visited her mother in afternoon.

18

At work. Repairing fence. Nell picked raspberries. Bob & Lillian left for home at Direel today. Bob Davis harrowed orchard today.

19

Wet day. I started job

15.

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YEAR 1911.

DECEMBER.

DEC 20-30

1st. 20

At work, at the fence repairing. Nellie went to town by noon train returning at night.

2nd. 21

At work. Finished repairing fence on Bullock track boundary and started on Dodd's line of fence. Nellie picked raspberries. Showery weather.

3rd. 22

At work. Finished Dodd's line of fence and carried tools to Chandler's boundary & began to repair break in fence & clear trees off line. Rainy miserable weather, Nellie picked raspberries.

4th. 23

Finished repairing fence & carried tools back to Doongalla. At home in afternoon cutting firewood etc. Still showery.

5th. 24

I rose early to pick a bucket of raspberries. Went to church. In afternoon took raspberries to Mr. Tippetts. Nellie & children & I went to night meeting. A lovely day.

6th. 25

Miserable showery weather. Nell's father & Mother came to dinner & the latter stayed all night. Heard today of the death of Mr. P. who was staying with us last year.

7th. 26

Nellie and I picked raspberries for part of the day. Dull weather but improving.

8th. 27

I went to train by morning train & returned in the evening. Nellie and her mother & the children met me at the station with the Mother's pony & pharnton. Fine rain in the morning.

9th. 28

At work. I cut scrub on a strip of land on north side of mansion to give a better view of the lower country. In the afternoon with Mr Box taking some native trees out of shrubbery near drive. Afterwards started to make a short piece of path to connect 2 others.

10th. 29

At work. Finished the path and with Mr. Box cleared up some grass and rubbish. After dinner we cut more scrub to widen the strip I cut yesterday. Nellie picked raspberries.

11th. 30

At work. Finished the strip of scrub cutting and cut firewood for the rest of the morning. At home in the afternoon. I drove to meet Jane and little Mally Macpher-son and brought home the mater's bed with the pony and cart. Hoed pumpkins & tomatoes & got firewood.

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DIARY. JANUARY

JAN 1 - 21

- 1<sup>st</sup> Saw the new year in with Nellie, her mother, Jane & the children. Made a bonfire and made a noise and then went to bed. In the forenoon I picked raspberries. In the afternoon I hoed weeds in the flower garden.
- 2 At work. Took levels and started excavating & forming at the back of the engine room. Nellie drove to Croydon with Jane who returned to town in the evening.
- 3 At work. Excavating & forming at back of engine room.
- 4 At work. Excavating drain & forming path at end of engine house. Hot day. Nellie picked raspberries.
- 5 Wet morning. Carried home some lining boards from the old place and cut some scrub along open drain near orchard. Had an early dinner and went to work. Excavating drain near engine room.
- 6 Wet morning after getting to work. In afternoon rode to Dandenong on Jim's bike. Visited the old people staying there all night.
- 7 Rode to cemetery in the morning. Went to church afterwards. After dinner started for home about 3pm, reaching home after 5. Cow tick with inspection.
- 8 At work. Forming water table and levelling between engine house and drive. Very hot day. Winnie Davis arrived on a visit. Nellie went to town with Mally by mid-day train and returned in the evening. I treated the cow with Linseed oil. A bit better.
- 9 At work. Forming and grading in front of engine house. Very hot in the morning. Cool change in the afternoon. Nellie picked raspberries.
- 10 At work. Forming and grading in front of engine house. Light showers at intervals.
- 11 Light rain in the morning kept me at home & light showers fell through the day. I cut and prepared mouldings for doors put some of it on the outside of the back door, and put a coat on it. Also painted moulding on one of the back windows.
- 12 At work. Forming and grading in front of engine house. Nellie's Mother returned to the old place to-day having been here since Christmas day.
- 13 At work. Finished work in front of engine house and began to take out water table & grade between engine house and brick drain. In afternoon I was at home painting back doors and windows. Nellie took Winnie Davis to the coach on the way to town.
- 14 Children went to S.S. & Nellie joined them at church. I was kept in all day suffering from a terrible headache. It got easier by night. A very hot windy night.
- 15 At work grading between engine house and brick drain/ Wheeled surplus earth to form water table near nursery.
- 16 At work. Grading.
- 17 At work. Finished grading between engine house and brick drain. Altered stone gutter near nursery and began to form bank ~~XXXXXXXX~~ and water channel of earth from last job.
- 18 At work. Finished forming the water channel and began to wheel earth from land-slip and grade near the nursery. Nellie brought her mother home here again today she having another bad turn of rheumatism.
- 19 At work. Wheeling earth from land-slip and grading near nursery.
- 20 At work. Grading near nursery. At home in afternoon hoeing in the raspberry patch. Nellie and Lucy went to a concert at Croydon at night.
- 21 I went to church in the morning, In the afternoon I visited Mr. Langley who is ill.

(overleaf.)



JAN 22 - FEB 12

- 22 At work. Grading near nursery and tanks.
- 23 At work. Finished grading near nursery and tanks. Strained some loose wires in fence at corner of horse paddock. Altered cyclone gate near stables and commenced to wheel away earth from land slip to widen roadway over little creek.
- 24 At work. Wheeling away earth from land slip and trimming batter.
- 25 At work. Wheeling away earth from land slip and trimming batter.
- 26 At work. Wheeling away earth from land slip trimming batter & stoning big hollow of same. Fannie, Lindsay and Jean arrived on a visit to-day. Nellie at work at Mr. Brett's.
- 27 At work. Carting stones for top of bank at land slip with W. Bond. Placed a few in position. At home in afternoon hoeing in the raspberry garden.
- 28 I went to church in the morning. Neil, Fannie, Lucy, Jean and Ethel went to the night meeting.
- 29 At work. A large tree having fallen from the creek into the raspberry enclosure. Hodges, Smale & I started to clear it away.
- 30 At work. Finished clearing away the tree and began to repair fence.
- 31 At home. Bushfires being about Jim and I spent the morning checking one in Hickford and Balfour's property. In the afternoon hoed in the raspberry patch. After tea Nell & I went to Thomas's to examine a large fire near there. With Mr. Thomas & G. Fussell put it out by 10pm.

## February

- Thursday. 1 Spent the day with Jim at fires raging in his and our properties. Had to get help from J. Buckley and ~~Mr~~ Albert. Bob Davis also came along for a while. Finished work at about 12pm.
- 2 Spent the day fighting the fire in Brett's adjoining our place near the sawmill & up till late with others burning round Mr. Brett's new house to protect it from the fire. Fannie and children went home to-day.
- 3 Up till 2 o'clock this morning at Brett's. Back again at about 10 am near Davis's. Went to the store for a few things. Back to Brett's after dinner. Was sent for to fight a fire at home. Nell, ~~Mr~~ Mr. Round and Mr. Rivett helping. At the same task with others in Baldwin's until 10pm.
- 4 With over 20 others spent the day fighting the fire to protect Kerr's, Gibson's & Miss Simson's.
- 5 At work. With Smale and Hodges patrolling the edge of the fire, cutting down burning tree etc. Had a narrow escape from being killed by a falling limb. Hodges also had a nasty blow on the face from a falling sapling.
- 6 At work. Along the edge of the fire in the morning. In the afternoon finished repairing the raspberry garden fence and resumed work at stoning the batter at the back of the drying lawn.
- 7 At work. Stoned and cemented an iron shoot from drain over the batter. Resumed work stoning batter. Welcome rain at last. A nice fall in the afternoon.
- 8 A terrific thunderstorm and heavy rain occurred at about 3 in the morning. The weather being still uncertain at daylight I did not go to work. Mended some of the burnt fence on Brett's line. Went to the old place to see Nellie's father about land tax. Had an early dinner and went to work. Wheeled stones and stoned some more of the batter.
- 9 At work. Gathered stones on my track to be carted in to the batter. Laid some of them on batter. Jim and Lill to tea.
- 10 At work. Stoning the batter. At home in the afternoon mending fences. In the ~~raspberry~~ raspberry garden & on Mr. Brett's line. Mr. Mitchell came with sheet of glass I bought from him.
- 11 The children and I went to S.S. in the morning. Nellie joined us at church afterwa-

## February.

FEB 13 - MAR 10

- 13th. At work stoning the batter.
- 14th. At work. Gathering and ~~EXAMINING~~ carting stones with W. Bond. Continued stoning batter afterward.
- 15th. At work. Finished stoning the batter and commenced to clear away rubbish and open up drain which had been covered up by land slip. Nellie went to town by noon train and returned at night.
- 16th. At work. opening up drain.
- 17th. At work. Finished drain, cleaned out drain on top of batter, formed earth at ~~the~~ ~~bank~~ tip, cleaned up dirt at feet of batter near engine house & cleared some scrub near terraces. In afternoon at home repaired front gate, cleared line of fence after fire between us and Jim's and started to repair fence.
- 18th. Lucy, Eric & I went to S.S. I stayed to church. Mrs. Jackson & Lizzie Fleming came to tea. I went to the night meeting.
- 19th. At work. Hung a gate (new) into little enclosure near corner of kitchen garden. Started to fence shrubbery near Camelias. Nellie took Lizzie Fleming to the coast with her mother's pony and ~~WAGON~~ jinker, then drove to Burleigh's for potatoes and returned the pony afterwards.
- 20th. At work. At the netting fence. Went along my track and started to bore blocks that had been split by Hedges and Smale. A baby boy was born to Lill and Jim at 5am.
- 21st. At work. Finished the boring and continued the fence after the blocks had been ~~now~~ carted.
- 22nd. At work, at the netting fence Nellie visited her mother at Lill's.
- 23rd. At work, at the fence.
- 24th. At work, helped W. Bond to cart more fence material and continued fence afterward. At home in the afternoon repairing back fence. Mr. Noble came to tea.
- 25th. Lucy, Eric & I went to S.S. Nellie joined us at church. Invited by Mrs. H. Chandler home to dinner and went. All went to church at night.
- 26th. At work, at the fence.
- 27th. At work at the fence. Nellie and the children & their grand-mother went to the picnic per train to Hampton of the three schools, Mt. Dandenong, Montrose and Kilsyth. Had a great day returning safely at night.
- 28th. At work. At the fence.
- 29th. At work, at the fence and repairing path.

## MARCH.

- 1st. At work. At the fence and regrading path. Nellie's birthday.
- Friday.
- 2nd. 2 At work, at the fence. At home in afternoon digging in some oats. Ruby and Mrs. R. Royal called on their way to and from Lill's.
- 3rd. 3 Lucy, Eric and I went to Bible School. Nellie joined us at church with Ethel after which went to Mrs. Murray's for the day returning to evening service then home.
- 4th. 4 At work. At the fence.
- 5th. 5 At work. At the fence except for a couple of hours fixing axe-handles while some light rain was falling in the morning. Not sufficient rain, however to do any good.
- 6th. 6 At work. Went into the bush and cut a long beam wanted in connection with the fence. Helped get it in and continued the fence.
- 7th. 7 At work at the fence;
- 8th. 8 At work at the fence.
- 9th. 9 At work. At the fence. Steady light rain fell nearly all the morning but unfortunately cleared up by noon. I was at home in the afternoon digging in some

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- MARCH.
- 11th. At home. A very welcome rain fell last night & part of the morning. I started to fix moulding etc. of the middle door. Went to work for half a day in the afternoon. Worked at the fence.
- 12th. At work at the fence. Nellie and her mother went to town driving to Croyden with the pony and jinker. Missed the evening train and had to wait till 9pm. Reached home after mid-night.
- 13th. At work. At the fence.
- 14th. Went to town by the 7-30am train to get rid of a tooth that was worrying me lately and some purchases. Returned by mid-day train from town. Had a rest on reaching home had a rest and then sawed ~~some wood~~ a little bed of swede turnips, (seed)
- 15th. At work at the fence. Away for an hour with Mr. Box repairing a telephone.
- 16th. At work. At the fence. At home in the afternoon searched for a leak in the roof of the children's room. Put on a new cap to barge board & and painted it and the one at chimney end of kitchen.
- 17th. I went to church in the morning and stayed to S.S. Anniversary. Meeting in afternoon which Nellie and the children came. We all stayed to night meeting.
- 18th. At work. At the fence. Nellie visited Janie at Croyden with her Mother's pony & jinker.
- 19th. At work. At the fence. I took Eric with me to see the place and he spent a happy day.
- 20th. At work at the fence.
- 21st. At work. At the fence till 2pm. Worked for the remainder of the day with others keeping a bush-fire in check near Gibson's on the road and in Miss Simson's preperty.
- 22nd. At work. At the fence.
- 23rd. At work at the fence till noon. At home in the afternoon. Soldered a few nail heads in skillion roof, made a roof ladder and painted barge boards on north end of house. Willie came in afternoon for Ruby's sewing machine and ~~some~~ returned ours.
- 24th. Lucy, Eric and I went to B.S. Nellie and Ethel joined us at church. I gave a short address. Nellie and the children went to see the mother in the afternoon. I joined them at the night meeting.
- 25th. At work. I finished the netting fence and started to dress some timber with which to construct some steps through gate-way to new petrol house. Nellie took Lucy to town in the afternoon to get a tooth drawn, Lucy having had the toothache for some time. The dentist however advised her against having it drawn. They returned by evening train.
- 26th. At work. Made the flight of ~~steps~~ steps to gate-way from drive and began to work on those leading from gate-way to petrol-house. The 10th anniversary of our wedding day.
- 27th. At work. Making steps.
- 28th. Went to town by first train. After doing some trustee business with Mr. Langley at the bank at Abbotsford I did some shopping and returned by mid-day train. After having a rest I put second coat of paint on barge boards at north end of gable of house and put first coat on those at south end.
- 29th. At work. Making steps.
- 30th. At work. Making steps Finished those leading to petrol-house and started on another flight of steps nearer the side of the mansion. A nice rain fell during the afternoon and heavier in the evening, Nellie took Lucy to a dentist in Prahran who drew 11 teeth. She stands it well though gums are rather sore. They returned by evening train. I met them at Willie's.
- 31st. Lucy, Eric & I went to B.S. Nellie and Ethel joined us at church. Nellie and children visited her parents after dinner and joined me at the night meeting.
- APRIL,
- 1st. At work. Finished making steps and started to clear up rubbish.

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- 3 At work. Bored the holes for iron posts and tarred the latter. Mrs Jackson came in the evening with pony and phaeton to take Nellie and children to Bayswater to-morrow on their way to Macclesfield.
- 4 At work. Connected the blecks and iron posts ready for erection. Dressed and tarred wooden posts and stays for new fence. Mrs. J. took Nellie and children to Bayswater station.
- 5 At home. Worked until 5pm painting the house with indelible paint. Had tea and walked to Bayswater and went by train to Wright where I was met after 10pm by my nephews, Percy, Walter & George. Arrived safely at Jim's home later and found Nellie and children had reached there all right yesterday.
- 6 Spent the day with Jim, Em and family
- 7 Wet day. Could not go to church. The weather cleared in the evening enough for me to reach the station on my way home. Arrived home at 10pm.
- 8 At home. Painting the house. Was interfered with by showers of rain with wind all day.
- 9 At work. At the fence. Ted got married to Mr. Romeral at Macclesfield.
- 10 At work at the fence.
- 11 At work at the fence.
- 12 At work at the fence until dinner-time. Rain fell in showers all afternoon and Fred Smale & I spent the time grinding tools.
- 13 At work at the fence. In afternoon at home painting house.
- 14 Attended B.S. and church in morning. Was invited by Lill to dinner and tea. Went to night meeting.
- 15 At work. At the fence. Ceased work at 4pm came home and after milking cow went to Nellie's mother's place, had some tea and then set out for Bayswater with the Mother's pony and phaeton, where I met Nellie and the children by the 8.40 train from Wright. After a cold ride we all arrived home safely.
- 16 At home. At work at the fence.
- 17 At work. Finished the netting fence.
- 18 At work. Hung a new gate at the entrance to new enclosure and commenced to make wooden steps to it from the path above. Heard to-day of the wreck of the "Titanic" between England and America. 1600 lives lost.
- 19 Wet day., at least the morning was but stayed at home all day as the weather looked un-settled. I put a coat of paint on the front door and windows. Also began to paint the south end of house with indelible.
- 20 At work. Painting the steps. In afternoon I was at home putting second coat of paint on front door and windows.
- 21 We all went to Bible School and church. Emmie came to see us in late afternoon and after tea she and Nellie went to night meeting.
- 22 At work. A few light showers fell making the day rather miserable. I spent the day a wretched day suffering with tooth ache all the time. I finished the steps and began to dress material for extending steps that I recently made through Camellias near the Mansion.
- 23 Wet morning. Walked to Creyden and caught the 8-15 train for Melbourne. Had two teeth drawn and returned by 12-15 train. After reaching home I packed some apples and took 4 cases over to Spring Farm for market.
- 24 Went to work as usual but the morning proved wet with misty showers. I held out until dinner-time when it got brighter. then wet again I came home, but weather cleared again before my arrival. I continued painting the house.
- 25 Wet day, misty showers most of the day. I stayed at home and put mouldings on back door also door of children's room and fixed middle door and lock. Gathered & wheeled in the melons. Also painted the spouting at back of house.
- 26 At work. Busy at the steps. Heard to day of the death this morning of Albert & Jessie's baby boy.

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At work. Finished all I could do to the steps until more tar arrives. Fixed two seats on Legg's track and spent the rest of the afternoon with Mr. Box top dressing some bare parts of dying lawn. Nellie and Mr. Noble went to Mr. Badger's and attended the funeral of Jessie's little baby at Box Hill / Nellie returned safely but cold in the evening.

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At work. Painting stenes on the batter by the drying lawn with indelible.

MAY

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day. At work. After finished the extension of the steps near camelias and cleared away rubbish. Feeling a bit queer with a cold.

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At work. Started forming and metalling portion of the drive leading from main-drive into the stables. Pains in my head most of the day.

3

At work. Forming and metalling stable-drive.

4

At work. Finished the stable-drive. At home in afternoon painting north end of house second coat also front chimney. Nellie went to Bayswater & met Percy Legg from Macclesfield with Miss. Edie Davies. On their way home they called at Mr H. Chandler's & brought Emmie with them.

5

We all went to Bible Class and church in the morning. Also attended gospel meeting at night.

6

At work. I formed water channel leading from the drive near old plum trees. At night we attended a church social in the chapel. Emmie went to town in the morning returning in time for the social.

7

At work. Commenced to make a new stone and cement drainleading from the stable.

8

At work. Finished the drain and repaired cement floor in stable and opened shed in front. Percy, Edie and Emmie returned home this morning by train from Bayswater Nellie borrowed horse and trap from Albert and drove them over.

9

At work. After cleaning up rubbish from drain work levelled off bumps and filled in holes on site of old stable. Afterwards cleaned leaves and rubbish off the drive towards horse-paddock.

10

At work. Started to stone approach to cow-yard entrance from bush paddock.

11

At work. Stoning at cow-yard entrance. At home in the afternoon painting kitchen chimney, perch and south end of house with second coat.

12

We all attended Bible School and church in the morning also night meeting. Nellie visited her parents in afternoon.

13

At work. Stoning at cow-yard entrance needing a beam in connection with my work, I felled a big sapling. Fell the wrong way back and came right across the cyclone gate at entrance to the yard, bending it all out of shape and practically ruining it. I spent the afternoon clearing away the boughs taking the gate to pieces and putting up temporary slip-rails. Felt very angry.

14

At work. Stoning the cow-yard approach.

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At work. Stoning cow-yard approach.

16

Wet day. At home all day painting etc. in the children's bedrooms.

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At work. Stoning the cow-yard approach.

18

At work. Stoning the cow-yard approach. At home in the afternoon, painting the window of the two back rooms.

19

We all went to B.S and church. After dinner Nellie went to see Mrs. Badger. I joined her at the night meeting, leaving the children at Lill's.

20

At work. Stoning the approach to cow-yard.

21

At work. Finished stoning the approach to the cow-yard and commenced to gather stone to be carted for stoning a portion of the inside of the cow-yard. Nellie took Lucy to Kilsyth to see a doctor about her sore thigh but he did not come.

22

Wet morning. Lucy & I started at 8 o'clock to walk to Croyden being too late for coach, and caught the 9-20 train for Lilydale. Arriving there I took Lucy to the doctor who prescribed for her also for me for a bad cough I have had for some weeks. Arrived back at Croyden at 12 had some dinner at Janie's and came home in coach. Did a little painting with Calcimine in the late afternoon.

7 MAY

THE DIARY OF HARRY LEGG.

YEAR. 1912.

MAY 24 - JUN 16

- 24 At work. Gathered stones until 10am and then commenced to lay the stones in cow-yard. Lucy's eye seems to be improving.
- 25 Wet day. Home all day painting in front room with calcine.
- 26 Lucy, Eric & I went to B.S and church. I visited Nellie's parents in afternoon. Nellie went to night meeting.
- 27 At work. Repaired wheelbarrow & continued laying stones in cow-yard.
- 28 At work. Laying stones in cow-yard.
- 29 At work. Laying stones in cow-yard.
- 30 At work in the morning laying stones but as the day advanced I got bad pains in the head through my cold. I had to cease work at 11 o'clock and come home. Get into bed & Nellie put hot flannels on my head which eased it towards night. Wet miserable day
- 31 Wet day. Stayed home and managed to do a little work preparing the front bedroom for painting.

JUNE

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- Saturday. At work. Laying stones in cow-yard. At home in the afternoon painting front bedroom with calcine. Another damp day with rain.
- 2 Lucy, Eric & I attended B.S. & were joined by Nellie at church. In afternoon Nell visited Lill, Freda being ill. Nellie, Lucy and Eric went to night meeting.
- 3 At work. A miserable day. I continued laying stones. The cramped position possibly assisted by the rain and weather has brought on an old complaint a cutting pain in joint of right leg from groin to hip suffered a great deal all day. My cough seems to be on the mend. On returning home found Nellie to be suffering from influenza.
- 4 At home all day. Nellie in bed all the time in misery with influenza. I could not do much except attend to her needs as well as I could do the house-work & a few little jobs outside. Pains in the groin very severe at time during the day.
- 5 At home again. In afternoon I decided to walk to Lilydale to see the doctor about Nellie. Found that it is tonsillitis she has. Also got fresh medicine for my cough and got advice about the pain in my groin and hip. Reached home with remedies for us both at about 7-20pm after suffering terribly from my hip.
- 6 Having no one to attend to Nellie I could not go to work although I did not feel equal to it anyway. Nellie's mother kindly came for a few hours and I went to work for half a day. Suffered a good deal although Mr. Bex chose a different job for me. I helped him and Fred and W. Bend fill in rut in the old road.
- 7 At home. Could hardly get about. Sent a letter to the doctor asking to be put on the Ledge. Nellie a good deal better but still in bed. The Mater came again for a while and helped a great deal.
- 8 Nellie got up for while from mid-day till late afternoon. I stayed home. Nellie's mother came again to-day. Ethel not too well to-day.
- 9 At home all day. Nellie got up for a while again to-day. Mr. Noble called and had tea with us. Ethel much better.
- 10 At home. I felt much easier. Nellie getting along well.
- 11 At home. Feeling much better I walked to Montrose met the doctor and got his permission to try work to-morrow. Nellie getting about some work. Doing to much of course. My Birthday.
- 12 Went to work and get on fairly well. Slight pain for a while while walking over also on changing work at 4 o'clock. Laid stones in cow-yard until about 4pm then helped Mr. Bex get a load of stones near old cottage.
- 13 At work. Finished laying stones and prepared to finish the job with metal. Also levelled off bank near gate at little orchard cornered.
- 14 At work. Helped W. Bend cart metal. Then finished the cow-yard job with it. In the afternoon started to put in posts and hand rail at steps leading up to the camelia's
- 15 At work. Finished hand rail and commenced to lay stones in cow-yard.

JUN 16 - JUL 2

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and I attended a meeting for men at the mission in afternoon and with Jim Legg met Jane and Nellie at Chris's at S. Melbourne. We attended mission at night. Nellie and I going back to spend the night with Chris. Spent a glorious day, but the pain in my groin returned.

17 Left Nellie to do some shopping in South Melbourne and went to Mr. O'Neill, Dentist and got my remaining teeth, (12) drawn. Through my mistake Nellie and I failed to see for the mid-day train so we had to wait at Janie's for the 3-40. Waited at Janie's for the coach home.

18 What with my sore gums and groin pain did not feel equal to work in the morning. Had an early dinner and went to work for a half day. The afternoon proved damp and I had to grub and carry off rubbish from part of the orchard. Groin troubling me all the time.

19 At work. Finished the flight of steps I commenced on Saturday and spent the rest of the day in the orchard getting out rubbish. Showery day and my groin paining me. I spent a miserable day.

20 At work. Cutting ferns and grubbing scrub on a piece of ground next to the walnuts. Groin pain all day and in addition had a violent head-ache in the afternoon which did not leave me until after tea-time.

21 At work. Finished the ferns and scrub & raked some of it together to be burnt, some for the bedding & carried off the remainder. Started to grub out grass tussocks & weeds in top portion of orchard. Groin still troubling me.

22 At work. Finished grubbing up rubbish at top of orchard and started to clear dead leaves on path leading down past the pine trees. At home in the afternoon. After getting some firewood rested my groin for the rest of the day.

23 Lucy & Eric went to B.S. in the morning. Nellie & I went to church in the morning leaving Ethel at Lill's. Nellie visited her parents in the afternoon and went to the night meeting accompanied by Eric, Lucy & Lill.

24 Went to work and heard the sad news of the death of Mrs. Simson yesterday morning. Mr. Box and Fred had left early to attend the funeral in town leaving word that we had to take a holiday. After acquainting F. Smale & Hedge's with the news I came home with Mr. Mitchell whom I met on his way to work. I rested my groin all day only getting some firewood and attended social with Nellie in the night at Kilsyth given to Walter Badger & Miss. Ada Phillips by the church.

25 At work. I continued clearing the leaves off the path for a little while and then cut wood down the road with W. Bond until dinner time and afterwards by myself. The change of work seemed to suit my complaint but on reaching home it treated as bad as ever. Determined to see the Dr. tomorrow.

26 Went to Lilydale by the 9-20 train to Croydon and saw the Doctor. After a long examination he pronounced my complaint as Femoral Hernia a certain kind of rupture and said nothing but an operation would cure me, but also advised me to see Dr. G.A. Syme of Collins Street. I returned by mid-day train. Spent a little while at Janie's going & coming home. Placed on the ledge for sick pay again.

27 Went down to town by mid-day train and consulted Dr. Syme. His opinion of my trouble was that it was an abscess. He gave me a reference for admission to Melbourne Hospital but when I went there I was too late to see the Superintendent. I went to Janie's and after tea accompanied her to the mission returning to sleep at Mrs. Kneese's. Nellie and children attended the Arbor Day celebrations at ~~Melbourne~~ Kilsyth and concert at night.

28 At 11-30 I attended at the Hospital and was told that we could not take me in until Monday next. In the afternoon I went out to Chris's at South Melbourne. Came back to the mission at night and met Nellie who had come down with a party from Mentrose & Kilsyth. After the mission we returned to Chris's for the night.

29 We rose early and had breakfast with Chris, Harry and some of the children and then came into town and caught our train for home, arriving here at about 11 o'clock. Nellie went to Lill's for the children who had stayed there during Nellie's absence.

30 I stayed home all day. Lucy and Eric went to B.S. & Nellie joined them at church. Nellie and Lucy went to the night meeting.

JULY

Harry went into Melbourne to go into Hospital. I visited MOTHER. Mother away

JULY 3-22

- 3 At home.
- 4 At home.
- 5 At home.
- 6 At home.
- 7 At home all day with a violent headache. Nellie went to church. The children to B.S. Mr. Langley came to see me in the late afternoon and accompanied Nell to church.
- 8 Went to town by morning train, and after calling on Jane attended at the Melbourne Hospital. In the afternoon after a long wait I was admitted to No. 1. Ward upstairs Ward was full of sick men most of whom had been operated on. Wrote to Nellie.
- 9 Felt the ward a bit cold. Was allowed to get up and warm myself by the fire. Getting acquainted with some of the inmates. Boy in next bed a perfect pest. Talks all day & is impudent to everyone.
- 10 Operation day. Also visiting day. Jane called to see me also Edie Davies. I was carried downstairs and had my hip radiographed. Got a chance to-day to have my bed shifted away from the pest. Am now between an english sailer and a chinaman both quiet men. Examined by students. Jim Legg called at night.
- 11 Dr. Syme's visiting day. More examinations by Doctors and students all puzzled over my case. Dr. Syme also in a fog. He has decided to operate next Monday. Wrote to Nellie.
- 12 Time seems to pass very slowly. One or two men leaving, more coming in. Chinaman quite a jovial old bleke every one jokes with him. We all call him Charlie. He has a horror of operations. I was delighted to have a visit from Nellie. Felt her visit very short.
- 13 I am longing for Monday to come and go. Charlie's three little daughters called to see him to-day.
- 14 A nice break in the monotony of hospital life. Was visited by Jane, Chris, Christie, Jack Andrews, Jim and Mr Allen. Wrote to Nellie. Was partly prepared for the operation to-day.
- 15 The eventful day at last. After further preparation was carried to the Anaesthetist's room about 9am. Chloroformed and knew no more until about 1-30pm. Felt very miserable the main trouble being the horrible taste and fumes of the chloroform. A letter had arrived from Nellie in the morning which I was able to read toward night. Jane called at night also Jim.
- 16 Felt wretched all day and headached. Visit from Esther in the afternoon.
- 17 Operating and visitors day again. Was cheered by a visit from my dear Nellie who brought Eric with her. Jane, Eddie Davies, Mr. Allen, Mr. Noble and Mr Precter also called. A man named Thompson from W.A. with whom I had become friendly had his leg taken off below the knee today. He was expecting it. Charlie the chinaman was horrified when he saw Thompson carried back to his bed with only one foot.
- 18 Getting on well but get headache and backache very. Dr. Syme called to-day and examined my wounds. My case is still a mystery. The X-rays revealed nothing wrong with the hip, and the operation revealed neither rupture nor abscess. Wrote to Nellie. Visit from Mrs. Davis at night. Thompson doing fairly well. Noticed Mary the wardmaid smile for the first time today.
- 19 Got a cold in the head. Windows open to widely letting in strong breezes. Mr. Noble and Mrs. Thurgood called to see me in the evening. Wrote to Nellie. Not in love with Hospital management. Not enough nurses for the number of patients, who have to wait to long sometimes for ordinary and necessary attention.
- 20 Charlie went home today. We shall miss him. Letter from Nellie.
- 21 At 1-30am and elderly man was brought into next bed after an operation, but died about 6am. First death in ward since my arrival. In afternoon Jim & Mary I Swift and M.



JULY

JUL 23 - AUG 12

- 23 Operation today again. Letter from Nellie., and I sent one to her. I was told by the doctor ~~WHI~~ that I could get up which I did for one & a half hours in the evening after the stitches were taken out of my wound. Felt terribly weak however.
- 24 Asked the doctor when I could go home and he replied tomorrow. Felt delighted. Wrote telling Nellie. Jane visited me again today and brought in my clothes at night. Mr. Prester also called. Only one operation from our ward today. Am feeling a little bit stronger.
- 25 Owing to some un-necessary red tapeism I did not get dis-charged until nearly 1-30 Was glad to get away although sorry to part with some of the poor fellows in the ~~WHI~~ ward. Had a shave visited Jane and enjoyed a cup of tea with her. Visited the dentist about teeth and then went by tram to my sister Chris (Mrs. Swift.) at Albert Park, where I spent a very happy evening. Gramophone etc. Soft bed at last.
- 26 Leaving Chris's at 10-30am visited the dentist again and caught the train at 12-15 for Croydon. Coached to Kilsyth where the Pater met me with pony & jinker and brought me most of the way home. Was delighted to see Nellie and the dear children again. Feeling stiff about the wounds and rather weak.
- 27 At home all day. Resting and helping Nellie just a little in the house. Mr. Noble called in the evening. Something seems wrong with part of my lower gums since visiting the dentist.
- 28 Lucy and Eric went to B.S. and Nellie and I joined them at church afterwards. Nellie visited her parents in the afternoon.
- 29 Went to town by the noon train and visited the dentist afterwards to went to Chris's and stayed there all night.
- 30 After doing a little shopping I came home by 12-15 train, eating terribly since I came home from hospital. Should soon get strong at this rate but am not fit for work yet.
- 31 At home all day. Mended some boots. Nellie went to Kilsyth & Croydon to do some postal business,

AUGUST

- 1 Cut some wood up the paddock and wheeled some home. Very little work tires me.
- 2 At home.
- 3 At home.
- 4 Lucy and Eric went to B.S. and Nellie, Ethel & I joined them at church, Helped to try and get a sick cow of Mrs. Pound's on her legs in the afternoon. Nellie, Lucy & Eric went to the night meeting. Visit from Fred Box.
- 5 Nellie went on a visit to Mrs. Fiedler's. I visited Nellie's parents in the afternoon, taking Ethel with me.
- 6 In the afternoon I went to Montrose to meet the doctor but he did not come on his usual round.
- 7 I walked to Croydon and got the 9-30am train for Lilydale saw the Doctor and got permission to try work again. Returned to Croydon by noon train and walked home. Feeling a bit stiff in the bad leg. Nellie went to town by the 6 train.
- 8 Cleared out rubbish etc. from under the verandah floor. Also raked up chips of wood heap and burned them. Nellie arrived in the late afternoon having come to Croydon by the 1-30 train.
- 9 I started culling out old Raspberry canes and tying up those of this season.
- 10 Finished the reaspry canes and commenced putting on bone dust and cultivating around the bushes.
- 11 Lucy, Eric & I went to B.S. and I stayed to church. We all went to visit Nellie's parents in the afternoon.

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31. AUGUST

AUG 13 - SEP 4

- 13 I had intended going to work again at Mrs. Simson's this morning but the day was wet. I pruned a few trees between showers in the morning but had to discontinue through not having suitable secateurs. In afternoon manured and dug around some apple trees.
- 14 At work again at Doongalla after an absence of 7 weeks. Grubbing scrub in the fowl-yards. Felt pretty stiff after work. Hope I shall be able to continue work.
- 15 At work. Grubbing scrub in lower fowl-yard. Some rain fell in the morning but afterwards the day was a lovely one.
- 16 At work. Grubbing scrub in the lower fowl-yard. Nellie visited Mrs. Keyte at night.
- 17 At work. Grubbing scrub in lower fowl-yard. In afternoon I pruned apple trees. Cold & showery in afternoon.
- 18 Lucy, Eric & I went to B.S. in the morning. Nellie joined us at church. Mr. Langley came to dinner and tea. He with Nell, Lucy & Eric went to the night meeting.
- 19 I did a little pruning until nearly 10 o'clock. Had some lunch and walked to the mid-day train at Croydon for Melbourne. Saw the dentist, visited Mr. Davis and Olive Kennedy at the Melbourne Hospital, did some shopping and returned to Croydon by the 3-40 train from town. Walked home arriving at 6-20pm. Nellie visited her parents
- 20 Finished grubbing scrub and saplings in fowl-yard, and commenced the same kind of work between the fowl-yards and the culvert.
- 21 At work. Continued grubbing scrub and rubbish above fowl-yards. Lovely weather.
- 22 At work. Continued grubbing scrub until about 9 o'clock, when the morning turned out very wet and had to go into the wood-shed and put handles in axes etc. In afternoon weather fine, but remained under cover grinding tools. Nellie went to Kilsyth in the afternoon and voted for the council election.
- 23 At work. Grubbing scrub weather fine but dull.
- 24 At work. Grubbing scrub, in afternoon at home pruning.
- 25 Lucy, Eric & I went to B.S. and Nellie and Ethel joined us at church. In the afternoon we went on a visit to Mr. Lippett's.
- 26 At work. Grubbing scrub.
- 27 At work. Finished grubbing scrub above fowl-yards, and commenced grubbing all scrub on 6 foot space around fowl-yards.
- 28 At work. Finished clearing space around fowl-yard and started to build a flight of steps up the bank on path leading past the end of terraces. Cold day with showers of rain towards night.
- 29 At work. Continued working at the steps. Snow fell last night and again this morning.
- 30 At work. At the steps. George Romeril and Tot arrived late at night having walked from Bayswater. First time I have met them since their marriage.
- 31 At work. At the steps. Pruning at home in the afternoon.

SEPTEMBER

- 1st SUNDAY George, Tot, Lucy, Eric & I attended B.S. and church. After dinner we all went on a visit to Doongalla and were entertained by Mr & Miss Box and Fred.
- 2 George & Tot went away by the noon train. I also went to town and got my teeth from the dentist. Returning by the 5-12 train. Rain fell in the late afternoon and night and I got wet coming home. Before going to town I finished my pruning.
- 3 At work at the steps.

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- 5 At work at the steps.
- 6 At work. Finished the steps and made up the adjoining bank. Cold miserable day, wind and showers in the afternoon.
- 7 Went to town by the morning train to the dentist but found him away from town. Returned by noon train. Dug around some fruit trees in the afternoon. Harry Swift and sons Willie and Eddie arrived during my absence for the week-end.
- 8 All of us but Nellie and Ethel attended B.S. They joined us at church. Went for a walk after dinner to the back. Harry, Willie and Eddie went home after tea.
- 9 I manured and dug some of the raspberry canes until about 9 o'clock. After some lunch walked to Croydon and then to town by the noon train. Saw the dentist and did some shopping and returned to Croydon by the 3-40 train. Walked home.
- 10 At work. Grubbed rubbish from ~~the~~ drive near new steps, and cleared other rubbish & scrub near at hand. Terrific gales of wind and some light showers in afternoon.
- 11 At work. Cut up and stacked the saplings I had grubbed in the lower fowl-yard.
- 12 At work. Raked up all rubbish & scrub grubbed in lower fowl-yard and in the drive side of the creek. Cleared culverts and swept drive of fallen leaves opposite old shrubbery and commenced grubbing coarse grass and rubbish between drive and lower fowl-yard.
- 13 Had a bad turn last night. Cold shivers of weakness. Up a bit late in consequence this morning. Reached work by 8am but only worked until 10-30 when I had to stop work through a bad head-ache coming on. Came home and stayed home for the rest of the day, got a bit easier at night.
- 14 At work. Grubbing out coarse grass between drive and fowl-yards. Showery morning. At home in afternoon manuring the raspberry canes in spite of heavy rain. Came in wet through.
- 15 Lucy, Eric & I attended B.S. & church. Very wet afternoon. Visit from Albert.
- 16 At work. Grubbing out coarse grass between the fowl-yard and Drive. Strong gales of wind hail & rain in the afternoon.
- 17 At work. Finished grubbing out the coarse grass early and then commenced to repair Legg's track Nellie attended W.C.T.U. at Mrs Royal's and became a member. Rain again to-day. Great floods in Goulburn Valley.
- 18 Went to town by the 8-15 train and saw the dentist again as my teeth acting properly Had another impression of my gums taken for re-modelling teeth. Spent a little time at Chris's and came home by 3-40 train. More rain this afternoon.
- 19 At work. Repairing track & putting in small culverts. More rain this afternoon and night.
- 20 At work. Repairing the track and making culverts.
- 21 At work at the track all day in an effort to make up a little of my lost time in going so often to the dentist. Fine day at last.
- 22 We all went to B.S and church. Invited to Mr. Archer's to dinner and went.
- 23 At work in the morning digging around fruit trees. Caught noon train at Croydon and went to town to the dentist again to try in new teeth. Came home by 3-40 train.
- 24 At work. Finished repairing track raked rubbish off it by 11 o'clock. Cleaned rubbish off paths near the mansion & then made a start to grub out blackberry bushes below the drive near the old shrubbery.
- 25 At work. Spent the forenoon grubbing the blackberry bushes and helped Mr. Bex with Fred to mark out a line for new fence down the road. The afternoon started wet & I had to go home by 3pm being too wet for the blackberry job. ~~THE WEATHER~~ The weather cleared a little and I dug round some fruit-trees, rooting out some stones also.
- 26 At work. Busy at the blackberry patch all day. Nellie went on a visit to Croydon. Dull weather.
- 27 At work. At the blackberry patch.

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SEPTEMBER

30 I went to town by the morning train on dentist business again. Visited Chris's at Albert Park for an hour or two.

OCTOBER

- TUESDAY 1 At work. Commenced work at erecting a new fence from Chandler's towards the homestead on the lower side of the road. Fred Smale ax visiting me. Also A. Hodges for to-day.
- 2 At work. At the fence.
- 3 At work At the fence.
- 4 At work. Fencing. F. Smale absent in the afternoon. Wet morning I got to work at 8-15.
- 5 At work. In afternoon at home digging around fruit-trees and getting firewood.
- 6 We all went to B.S. and church. After dinner went to see the raspberry garden. I attended the night meeting.
- 7 At work. Fencing. Nellie attended the social at night.
- 8 At work. Fencing.
- 9 At work. Fencing.
- 10 At work. Fencing. Heavy rain in afternoon. Came home at 3 o'clock Nellie visited Mrs. Gilmour.
- 11 At work. Fencing.
- 12 At work. Fencing. At home in the afternoon working in the raspberry garden digging. We all went to B.S. and church. Afterwards to the Mater's and to night meeting. Very wet weather in afternoon and night. Sheltered by Mr. H. Chandler's wagen.
- 13 At work. Fencing. Showers all day of rain, hail and snow. F. Smale absent in the morning.
- 14 At work. I cut stays for the fence during most of the fore-noon. Fencing afterwards.
- 15 At work. Fencing.
- 16 At work. Fencing.
- 17 At work. Fencing.
- 18 At work. Fencing.
- 19 At work. Fencing. In the afternoon I planted some vegetable seeds at home. Jack Andrews arrived on a visit. The children met him at Kilsyth.
- 20 We all attended B.S. and church. Mr. & Mrs. Archer came to dinner. Nellie went to meeting at night.
- 21 At work. Fred and I had to leave the fence & commence forking up & burning off ferns above the mansion. Nellie went to town to do some shopping returning by evening train. Lucy was sent home from school early suffering from earache and hot and feverish.
- 22 Nellie sent word to Dr. Short to call to see Lucy while on his round. He was puzzled as to what her complaint is. Something in the fever line. Medicine arrived at night per train & Mrs. Rivet's milk cart. I was at work all day burning ferns.
- 23 Lucy keeps a high temperature and has to be kept in a room by herself. No worse. I worked all day burning ferns.
- 24 Lucy's temperature a little lower slightly over 101. Suffering very much from earache however. Nellie very much worked and worried. I worked all day at the ferns A. Hodges also helping us.
- 25 Lucy improving. At work at the ferns.
- 26 Lucy still improving. I worked at the fern job until noon. At home in afternoon hoeing among the raspberry canes. Jack assisting cutting sorrel etc.
- 27 Jack, Eric & I attended B.S. and church. Short visit from Janie in the afternoon. I

ER. OCTOBER

- 30 At work. At the ferns. Fred Davis did half-a-day of ploughing for me to-day.
- 31 At work. Burning ferns for most of the day. Went with Mr. Box in the morning to inspect the telephone wire after last night's severe wind storm.

ER. NOVEMBER

FRIDAY

- 1 At work. Burning ferns. F. Smale had to return home this morning having a severe bilious attack.
- 2 Arose early and accompanied Jack to his home in Fitzroy travelling by the 7-30 train from Croydon. Rain commenced in the morning and got heavier in the afternoon. I returned by the 12-15 train.
- 3 We all went to B.S. and Church. I attended the night meeting.
- 4 At work. The ferns being too wet to burn since the rain. Fred Smale & I returned to the fencing job.
- 5 At work at the fence. Rain fell again and got so bad that we had to cease work at 11-15am., and go home. Very heavy rain in the afternoon. I managed to get some firewood and put up a slipp panel in the back fence on the way to the raspberry garden.
- 6 At work. Fencing.
- 7 At work. Fencing.
- 8 At work. Fencing.
- 9 At work. Fencing. In the afternoon I hoed in the raspberries. Nellie and children attended church & Bible School picnic at Montrese and had a very enjoyable day.
- 10 We all attended B.S. and Church. Asked to Lill's to tea after which we all attended the night meeting accompanied by Lill & Eric.
- 11 At work. Had to help Mr. Box, Fred, A. Hodges & W. Bend load metal into two carts to be put on the road, the heap of metal being in the way of our new fence. After dinner however one of the horses ran into the road bank and got thrown down, breaking a shaft. Fred Smale and I then resumed work at the fence.
- 12 At work. Fred and I had to turn to the fence clearing job until the heap of metal is removed.
- 13 At work. Burning ferns. Warm weather.
- 14 At work. Burning ferns. Warm sultry day. Rain at night.
- 15 At work. After getting to work rain fell heavily. Fred Smale and I ground tools in the forenoon. After dinner we cleaned out the water table on road beginning opposite Chandler's.
- 16 Wet morning. Started to make fruit crates. The weather becoming a little finer in the afternoon I weeded in the raspberry garden. Mr. Noble came in the evening for the week-end.
- 17 We all attended B.S. and church in the morning. Mr Noble, Jim & I went to church at the night meeting. Terrific storm of wind at night.
- 18 Weather again wet. I finished the fruit crate and as the weather got a bit clearer I had an early dinner and went to work. The rain set in though again and continued until night. I hung a new cyclone gate for cow-yard & spent the rest of the day clearing top of a large uprooted tree from the old track near its junction with the new road.
- 19 At work. Fred Smale, Fred Box, A. Hodges & I cleared away top of a large tree that had fallen on the water pipe up the creek. Fred Smale & I then cut ferns on pipe track until noon. We then went down the road and commenced to clear away a large gum tree which had fallen along the new fence line.
- 20 At work. Fred & I continued clearing away the tree and almost finished it.
- 21 At work. Finished clearing away the tree and resumed work at the fence. In the afternoon I had to go up to the house and make a sledge on which some new tanks are to be taken up the hill to the water supply. Nellie visited Croydon also meeting of W.C.T.U. at Mrs. Royal's house.

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NOVEMBER

- 23 garden from Jim's paddock. Cleared it out and repaired ~~the~~ fence. Rain in afternoon.
- 24 We all went to B.S. and church. To Mr. Milne's afterwards I returned to chapel with them for night meeting. Mr. Noble's last sermon here.
- 25 At work. Fencing. At night we all attended a social at the chapel to say farewell to Mr. Noble. Spent a good time. Mr. Noble had a sleeve-links (gold) and a pocket book given to him by the church. Mr. Pratt who is taking Mr. Noble's place was present at the social.
- 26 At work. Fencing and clearing line of some tree's after 3 o'clock. Fred Smale absent cutting his hay.
- 27 At work. Finished clearing away trees in forenoon. Resumed work fencing afterwards.
- 28 At work. Fencing.
- 29 At work. Helping clear away trees from fence line. & continued fencing.
- 30 At home all day. Started to repair broken fence on Brett's boundary and hoed in the raspberry garden for the rest of the day. Very hot day finishing up with thunder-storm.

DECEMBER

- 1 We all attended B.S. and church in the morning. I went to the night meeting. Mr. Wilson speaking. More rain.
- 2 At work. Fencing.
- 3 At work until about 10-30 when heavy rain came on and at 11-30 we went home. During a break in the weather in the afternoon I finished repairing damage done to the new fence on Brett's boundary. Also cut out some boards for a new crate.
- 4 At work. Fencing. Nellie went to L<sup>I</sup>lydale via Croydon to consult the doctor about severe pain she has had recently in the back.
- 5 At work. Fencing. Very heavy rain fell at night.
- 6 Wet morning. I had an early dinner and went to work for half a day. Fred Smale and I cleaned out the water in the channel of road beginning opposite Chandler's.
- 7 Another wet morning., after we started work. We continued fencing however for the half day. In the afternoon rain fell again heavily I stayed inside and finished my raspberry crate & started work on another one.
- 8 We all attended B.S. and church in the morning. Went for a walk to the raspberry garden in afternoon. I went to the evening service.
- 9 At work. Fencing.
- 10 At work. Fencing.
- 11 At work. Fencing.
- 12 At work. Fencing.
- 13 At work. Fencing.
- 14 At work fencing. F. Smale absent. In afternoon at home. Finished staking raspberry canes having been busy each evening this week at this job. At night Nellie, children & I joined a party driving to Croydon to an open air concert by the Croydon-Emerald & Box Hill bands. Had a grand time. Met my brother Dave, & nephews Walter, Percy & George Legg who are in the Emerald band. The three boys came home with us and stayed the night.
- 15 Walter, Percy & George having to return home left for Bayswater as Nellie, I & the children started to B.S. & church. In the afternoon we picked our first lot of raspberries, 27 boxes. At work finished the fence & started putting in gate posts on old road. Nellie & her father with the children went to town to sell the raspberry crop. Nellie missed train and caught a later one & had to walk from Croydon

BOOKS. DECEMBER

DEC 19-31

- 19 At work. Finished capping round posts in afternoon and started to hoe the three cornered shrubbery. Knocked off work at 4pm to get home earlier to help Nellie with the raspberries.
- 20 At work. Finished hoeing three cornered shrubbery and cleaned round outside fence assisted by F. Smale.
- 21 At work. Fred Smale & I commenced to hoe shrubbery above drive. In afternoon I picked raspberries assister later on by Nellie & children.
- 22 We all went to B.S. and Church. Picked raspberries in afternoon. Nellie attended night meeting with Lucy and Eric.
- 23 Stayed at home feeling very queer. Little better after dinner. I then went to Mr. Badger's & brought home a small milk separator on trial. Cow calved.
- 24 At work. Hoeing in shrubbery at end of the terraces.
- 25 At home. Chrissie Swift came by morning train to stay for a few days. I hoed the flower garden. A terrific storm of rain fell in the late afternoon.
- 26 At home. I went to Mr. Archers in morning for cherries. Mr & Mrs Davis & Winnie with three young ladies and a gentleman arrived on a picnic party. Returned by evening train to town. Winnie stayed here. I did a little more hoeing in the afternoon.
- 27 At work. With W. Bond hoeing and cleaning the Birthday track.
- 28 At work. With Fred Smale cleaning up on the birthday track. At home in the afternoon. Sowed some maize also some peas and a test plot of oats. Lovely weather.
- 29 Lucy not being well Nellie stayed home from B.S. and church but Chrissie, Winnie, Eric, & Ethel went. I picked rasps until church time & then went. In afternoon we all picked raspberries. Nellie, Eric & I went to the night service.
- 30 At work. Cleaning up the Birthday track with Fred Smale.
- 31 At work. Cleaning up the Birthday track. I cut my wrist in a nasty way by the slash-er slipping from my shoulder just missing the thumb sinew. Chrissie & Winnie returned to-day. (home.).

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JANUARY

THE DIARY OF HARRY LEGG.

YEAR. 1913.

JAN 1-26

- day. 1 At home. Did some hoeing in the morning and picked raspberries with Nellie & children in afternoon. Jane and Mally Macpherson came in the morning to stay for a few days & helped us with the raspberry picking.
- 2 At work. Cleaning up on the Birthday track. Nellie went to town by morning train, returning again at mid-day.
- 3 At work. Finished work on the Birthday track with Smale and began the same kind of work beginning at the bridge and working on the paths through the old shrubbery & past the raspberry garden. Mr. Pratt called in the evening on his way to singing practice.
- 4 At work. Clearing paths in shrubbery. At home in afternoon. Not at all well with diarrhoea. Jane & children & I picked some raspberries. Bob came on a visit arriving about mid-day.
- 5 Too ill to go to church but all the rest went. Mrs. Jackson came home with them. Jane went home in the evening taking Lucy with her who is going to Swift's for a holiday. Nellie went to the night meeting.
- 6 At work. Hoed potatoes with F, Smale until middle of afternoon and then commenced to hoe in the little orchard. Bob went away to-day.
- 7 At work. Hoeing in the little orchard and altering gate into the cow-yard.
- 8 At work. In the morning worked with all the others blending metal on road. Fred & I continued hoeing afterwards.
- 9 At work. Finished hoeing the little orchard and started hoeing out blackberries etc. in the old orchard.
- 10 At work. Hoeing in the orchard. Nellie went to town by the first train returning by mid-day, and brought Lucy home also Eva to stay for a little while.
- 11 At work. Hoeing in the orchard. At home in afternoon. Sowed more maize, beans and did some hoeing.
- 12 We all went to B.S. and church in the morning. In afternoon Nellie visited Mr. Rivett who is ill. I attended the night meeting.
- 13 At work. Hoed raspberry garden and repaired telephone line.
- 14 At work. Hoed path at the end of the terraces and resumed the hoeing in the orchard.
- 15 At work. Hoeing in the orchard. Nellie not at all well.
- 16 At work. Hoeing in the orchard. Nellie in bed all day, apparently bilious. Edie Loveluck came down from Lill's to help for the day.
- 17 At work. Finished hoeing in the orchard, cut grass on the top of bank from engine house to drying lawn, cleaned out top drain and hoed up rubbish near the creek above drying lawn. Nellie out of bed and improving.
- 18 At work. Repaired break in cow paddock fence and commenced to restrain wires in fences around stables etc. At home in afternoon clearing small piece of land for more orchard. Harry Swift arrived in afternoon. I made the discovery that our cow had cut her leg badly on barb wire.
- 19 Harry, children & I went to B.S. and church, Nellie not being too strong remained at home. Harry & Eva returned home to town in the evening.
- 20 At work. Straining loose wires of fences near stables.
- 21 At work. Straining wires.
- 22 At work. Straining wires.
- 23 At work. Finished straining loose wires & started to hang new cyclone gate out of the cow paddock near the creek. Nellie and the children with Mally left for town on their way to Geelong for a holiday. Went by mid-day train.
- 24 At work. Finished hanging gate and stuzzed loose wires on either side. After having tea I caught the 8.15 train at Croydon and arrived at Cris's at Albert Park at 9-30.
- 25 I joined Jane in town & together we boarded the Courier at 10 o'clock for Geelong arriving there about 1-30. Went to Fannie's and found Nellie & children. Nellie not too well with Neuralgia. She & I with the children paid a visit to M.



JANUARY

- 27 Leaving Nellie and children to stay until Thursday, Jane & I caught the "Coogee" at 9 o'clock and arrived at Melbourne at 12-30. After dining with Jane I got the 3-40 train to Croydon.
- 28 Slept in till too late to go to work. Worked a little at the clearings had an early dinner and went to work for half-a-day. Straining loose wires on calf-yard fence.
- 29 At work. Repairing road in cutting near Chandler's with A. Hodges & Fred Smale. By myself in the afternoon.
- 30 At work. Repairing road near Chandler's and metaling further on with W. Bend. Nellie and children arrived home from Geelong to-night.
- 31 At work. Finished repairing road and after returning to the home-stead strained wires in calf-yard fence and started the same kind of work round the horse paddock at the back of the stables.

FEBRUARY

- 1<sup>ST</sup> At work. Finished straining loose wires in horse paddock fence. In afternoon at home grubbing scrub on new clearing.
- 2 The children & I went to B.S. Nellie joined us at church. She & the children visited her mother in afternoon. I attended night meeting.
- 3 At work. I strained broken wires on fences of bullock track & Dodd's boundaries. Then commenced grubbing out coarse grass & weeds close to stables.
- 4 At work. Grubbing out grass & weeds near stables. Very hot day. Fires in adjoining districts. Thunderstorm at night. Nellie's mother came to see us and stay for a while as her rheumatism is on her again. The Pater brought her over, returning home in the evening.
- 5 At work. Grubbing out grass and weeds at the back of the stables. Big fire on the mountain at Monbulk last night. Some settlers burnt out, Schoolhouse & hall burnt down. S. Army burnt. A fine welcome rain fell through last night, 52 points fell at Doongalla.
- 6 At work. Finished grubbing out rubbish etc. by noon. In afternoon began to run a straight line through the bush from corner of cow-paddock towards Bonnie Doon fence on which a new fence is to be put up.
- 7 Finished the line for the fence and repaired old fence at the bottom of the terraces. Nellie's mother returned home to-day. Eva Money came on a visit and stayed all night.
- 8 At work. Put handles in axes & slasher and ground some tools ready for clearing the new fence-line. In afternoon at home. Dug in some oats for greenfeed and other odd jobs. Mr. Pratt came in the evening for the week-end.
- Mr. P and the children & I went to B.S & Nellie joined us at church. Mr. P & I went to night meeting.
- 10 At work. I started to clear the line for new fence. Began at "Bonnie Doon" fence. Mr. Pratt returned to town this morning.
- 11 At work. Clearing the line for new fence. Hot weather.
- 12 At work. Clearing line fence. Hot weather.
- 13 At work. Clearing line-fence. very hot.
- 14 At work. Clearing fence-line until 2 o'clock. A very welcome fall of rain came on & I went home. It cleared a bit later and I started to clean out cow's water-hole but changed my mind and dug in a little patch of oats. Nellie visited her mother.
- 15 At work. Clearing fence-line. At home in afternoon. Cultivated some maize and dug in more oats for green feed for cow. Very close muggy day with occasional few drops of rain.
- 16 The children & I attended B.S. Nellie joined us later at church. Were asked To Mr. H. Chandler's where we spent a pleasant time. All went to night meeting.
- 17 At work. Clearing line for fence. Dull close weather. Continued cleaning out cow's water-hole on getting home. Nellie attended meeting at Kilsyth in connection with coming school picnic.
- 18 At work. Clearing line for fence. Finished...

FEB 21 - MAR 16

FEB. FEBRUARY.

- 21 At work. Cutting straining posts and stays for new fence. In the evening I emptied the water-hole took away surrounding fence and carried more rails.
- 22 At home all day working at the water-hole cleaning it out and slabbing sides deepening it at the same time. Mr. Muldowney called about some apples. Lucy and Eric went to the final practice in the chapel for anniversary tomorrow.
- 23 We all went to church. Taking refreshments with us, we stayed for the afternoon and evening meetings in connection with the Bible School anniversary.
- 24 At work. Cutting down and rolling off overhanging trees from fence-line. In the afternoon went to the homestead for fresh tools & while there had to strain a broken wire on new fence near the creek. Returned to the fence line. At night I worked a while at the water-hole.
- 25 At work. Cleared off trees and helped Fred Box with the hauling of straining posts and stays for new fence. Started to repair "Bonnie Deon" fence. At night did a little more to the water-hole.
- 26 At work. Repairing "Bonnie Deon" fence. We all went to the entertainment of B.S. in the chapel at night. Had a really good time.
- 27 At work. Finished repairing "Bonnie Deon" fence. In late afternoon started to put up new fence in the line recently cleared. At night got other jobs and got firewood. Nellie hard at work preparing for picnic tomorrow.
- 28 At work at the fence. Nellie and the children went to the State School's picnic at Hampton. Beach arriving safely home at night. After tea I cut more wood carried more rails for water-hole and ~~WILLIE~~ went to Willie's to meet Nellie and children.

MARCH.

- 1st Saturday. At work. Fencing. In afternoon I did a little more to the water-hole. Nellie's Birthday.
- 2 We all attend B.S. and church. Stayed at home the rest of the day.
- 3 At work. Fencing. Thunderstorm in afternoon. Nellie went to Fitzroy and brought home my little grand-niece, Ettie Andrews.
- 4 I stayed at home to pick our Jonathan apples but as they were a little damp from the rain I waited until the afternoon before picking them, working at the well in the meantime. I picked most of the apples Nellie assisting later, but was stopped by rain again towards evening.
- 5 At work. Fencing. Hot & muggy with thunderstorm and occasional shower. Heavy rain about 5 o'clock.
- 6 Heavy rain showers all day. I emptied the square tank and fixed an overflow pipe to it. In afternoon finished off well.
- 7 At work. Fencing. After tea dug in a little patch of oats. Mr. Muldowney took away Jonathan apples. Nellie picked the few that were still on the trees.
- 8 At work all day fencing.
- 9 We all attended B.S. and church. I spoke. Cold winds and showers increasing at night.
- 10 At work. Fencing. More rain at 5 o'clock p.m. Esther arrived on a visit.
- 11 At work. Fencing and falling a tree near line. Esther returned to town this morning.
- 12 At work. Fencing. Dug in a few more oats in the evening.
- 13 Wet morning. I soldered some down-pipe together and with it formed an underground connection between the square tank overflow and the well. In the afternoon which was still showery I fell a tree and started splitting some posts for a new fence around the proposed small orchard extension.
- 14 At work. Fencing. After dinner I had to go to the fence on the Bayswater fence and mend a broken wire. A severe headache and some heavy showers of rain sent me home at 3 o'clock.
- 15 At work. Fencing.

MAR 17 - APR 9

MARCH

- 17 At work. Fencing. Dug in some more oats in the evening.
- 18 At work. Fencing. Dug in some more oats in the evening,
- 19 At work. Fencing. Grubbed some scrub on the little clearing at night.
- 20 At work. Fencing . Sowed a little patch of swede turnips at night.
- 21 At home .Cleaned the soot from the kitchen chimney, and split some more posts and continued grubbing out scrub on the clearing. Cloudy but fine weather.
- 22 Finished grubbing out scrub & started to take the remaining stumps. In the afternoon I left work for a while to meet Fannie who arrived with Lindsay and Jean.
- 23 The children with Nellie and me went to B.S. Nellie & I stayed to church. I went to the night meeting.
- 24 Finished grubbing out the stumps, raked all the scrub together and burnt it.
- 25 Wet weather. Could not go to work. Wheeled down some posts for new fence and filled in stump holes on the clearing.
- 26 Finer waather. Went to work. Fencing. Eleventh anniversary of our wedding. Mr. Mul-downey came for Five Crown apples. Nellie helped him pick 16 cases.
- 27 Weather terribly wet again. Home all day. Managed to put up a few posts.
- 28 Finer in the morning. Went to my work but steady rain set in again at 11-30 & I had to return home. In the afternoon I managed to get and draw down 5 stays for fence & put in 3 of them. Fannie & Jean returned to town to-day. Visit from Nellie's mother.
- 29 Still another wet morning but finer in the afternoon. I finished putting up the posts of my new fence.
- 30 We all went to B.S. Nellie & I with Lucy, Ethel & Essie stayed to church. I went to the night meeting.
- 31 At work. Fencing. Having decided to remove the cow-shed from the new clearing, I prepared a place for it near Jim's fence after tea.

APRIL TUESDAY

- 1 At work. Fencing. Cut some poles for cow-shed at night.
- 2 At work. Fencing. Nellie went to town at mid-day to have her teeth drawn, but returned home without having them attended to, the dentist being too busy, and needing an appointment. Mrs Jackson came over to keep house while Nellie was away. I met Nellie at Willie's at night.
- 3 At work. Finished the fence before dinner. Went to the homestead, ground my axe & got some wires to put in a few panels of "Bonnie Doon" fence. Fixed that up and then shifted tools to fence on Daly's boundary which needs repairing. I did a little to the cow-shed at night.
- 4 At work. Repairing fence on Daly's boundary. Worked for a little while at the cow-shed at night..
- 5 At work. Repairing fence on Daly's boundary. In afternoon I pulled down some of the old cow-shed and continued getting material for and building the new one.
- 6 We all went to B.S. and church. I went to the night meeting.
- 7 At work. I finished repairing Daly's fence at 10-30 am and took some of the tools to the homestead. Took out bottom wire in fences near garages and stables and started to repair a sledge. Got some poles for side-rails for cow-shed at night.
- 8 At work. Finished reaping sledge and started cleaning up ferns and the weeds in the little three cornered shrubbery. Worked at the cow-shed at night. Lovely weather
- 9 Was at home all day because of Mrs. Jackson not being able to come as arranged to keep house while Nellie kept her appointment in town with her dentist. I finished

APRIL 10-30

At work. Finished cleaning up in the three cornered shrubbery and commenced the same kind of work in the shrubbery near the little creek. Nellie's gums began bleeding fresh in the evening and through out the night's at intervals. The only thing that would stop it was kerosene on wadding.

Nellie very weak from loss of blood and need of sleep. I had to attend to the children & her and get the former off to school. As Nellie felt a bit better later on I went to work for half-a-day. Weeding and cleaning in the shrubbery. Nellie much better to-night but gums ache a good deal.

At work. In the shrubbery. At home in afternoon cleaning and burning scrub near the new cow-shed above fowl-yard. Also made slip-panels at the corner of fowl-yard leading to cow-shed. At night Nellie had another attack of gum bleeding.

Nellie stayed at home. The children & I went to B.S & I stayed to church. I went to the night meeting.

At work. In the shrubbery. Cleaned up under the house and fixed it to keep fowl's out after tea.

At work. Heavy rain knocked me off the shrubberywork in the morning. Sharpened hand saw during part of rain. After the weather cleared I went down to the S.Army boundary and started to clear line for new fence. Mended Erie's & Essie's beets at night.

At work. Drizzling rain kept me an hour. Late in getting to work. Continued clearing line. I fixed a deer the opening under the house at night. Nellie had a visit from her mother.

At work. Clearing line Started to dig a drain round the new clearing after tea.

At work. Clearing line. Little Ethel not at all well.

At work. Cut straining posts and stays and carried a few split posts on the line. At home in the afternoon digging drain. Got two surprises in the evening. George and Tet Romeril arrived first and afterwards came Willie Nelson and wife. Had to procure lodging at Lill's for the latter two.

Ethel being worse stayed at home. Lucy, Eric & I went to S.S. Willie, George and Tet joined me at church. After dinner Willie wishing to see the top of the mountain, he, Sarah, Tet, George & I set out. After climbing to the top we walked to the observatory, then home by road. Ethel no better Decided to visit the doctor.

As George and Tet were returning home via Lilydale I went them that far in the jinker only to find that Dr. Short was away in Warburton. Fearing diphtheria Mrs. Short advised me to ring up the Doctor on his return. Walked home. Dug a little more drain. As Ethel got no better sent telephone message to Doctor by Willie and Sarah as they went to the train.

Dr. Short came last night at about 10 and prescribed for Ethel. Gave her treatment, also Essie who seems to be getting the same complaint. I borrowed Jim's bike and rode to Lilydale for the medicine returning by 10-30 p.m. Dr says the trouble is tonsillitis. Ethel a shade better. I went to work for half-a-day. Assisted by to put posts on new line for fence. Mr. Muldowney came to-day for the rest of the apples.

At work. Started to put up new fence on S.A. boundary. Children a bit easier to-day. Esther came up for Essie, but she being too ill to remove she returned home by night train.

At work. Fencing. Children improving, Essie up out of bed. Jane arrive to-day on a few days visit.

At work. Fencing. Ethel improving.

Wet morning. Between showers I continued the new fence near the old cow-shed.

Lucy, Erie, Lin & I went to S.S. I stayed to church. Ethel still in bed.

At work. Fencing. Ethel out of bed to-day for a while.

At work. Fencing. I was sent home by noon train taking Lindsay with her on the way to

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MAY 1-31

10. <sup>1st</sup> MAY  
 THURSDAY At work. Fencing. Nellie went to town by mid-day train taking Essie home to Fitzroy with her. I finished the bit of rail fence near fowl-yard after tea.
- 2 At work. Fencing. After tea I went to the raspberry garden and took off some wire from the fence to be used around the new clearing.
- 3 At work. Fencing. At home in the afternoon putting wire on the new fence.
- 4 The children and I went to B.S. Nellie joined us at church. In afternoon we visited Nellie's parents the mother being ill. Wet night.
- 5 At work. Fencing.
- 6 At work. Fencing.
- 7 At work. Finished the fence after dinner. Went to the homestead and after getting tools and flat iron returned and commenced capping the ~~WIRE~~ straining posts.
- 8 At work. Finished capping the posts early and then commenced to grub out and rake away all scrub ferns etc. from between the metal road and ~~the~~ inside the fence starting at the S.A boundary and working towards the homestead.
- 9 At work. Clearing scrub alongside of the road.
- 10 Wet morning. I did not go to Doongalla. I spent the day digging the drain on the south side of my new clearing.
- 11 The children and I went to S.S. & I stayed to church. Nellie & Eric visited her parents in afternoon. I went to the night meeting.
- 12 At work. Clearing along the road.
- 13 At work. Clearing.
- 14 At work. Clearing.
- 15 At work. Clearing along the road. I dug a bit more drain at night.
- 16 At work. Clearing.
- 17 At work. Clearing. At home in the afternoon draining. George Legg and Mr. Cemer arrived from Emerald towards evening. Dull weather.
- 18 George, Lucy, Eric & I went to S.S. and church. George and Mr. Cemer left in the afternoon for town I went to the night meeting.
- 19 Wet day. At home. Draining. Nellie visited her mother.
- 20 Wet again. I started for work, but showers sent me back. Worked at the drain until 11-15 had dinner and went to work for half-a-day. Clearing. Started to make a wardrobe for children's room after tea.
- 21 At work. Clearing. Nellie went to town by noon train & returned in the evening. Did a little more to the wardrobe after tea.
- 22 At work. Clearing. Finished wardrobe after tea.
- 23 At work. Clearing.
- 24 At work. Clearing. At home in afternoon. Loosened wires of new fence and ~~REMOVED~~ restrained them to a different gauge.
- 25 After attending S.S. and church Nellie left her sister Edie, Eric and I climbed the mountain. Walked through Mt. Dandenong & Montrose home in the evening.
- 26 Wet day again. Home all day. Finished the drain. Nellie visited her mother., also going to see Mrs. Milotte and Miss Elms on business.
- 27 At work. Clearing. Heard the news of the death of Mrs. W. Baldwin.
- 28 At work. Clearing. Read in the paper the notice of the death of my old friend Kittie Williams. (Mrs. J. Welch.) at Dandenong. Nellie visited Mrs. Badger senior who is ill.
- 29 At work. Clearing.

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The children and I attended S.S. and I stayed to church. Nellie visited her parents in afternoon. I went to night meeting.

At work. I started trimming & making up the batter of new road at its junction with old road. Still cold and light showers or two in the afternoon.

At work. Trimming & making up the batter. Weather finer but cold.

At work. Trimming and making up the bank.

At work. Misty rain nearly all day. I trimmed the bank in the forenoon, and spent the afternoon in the wood shed with Fred Smale grinding axes. Nellie went to town by the noon train and had an impression taken at the dentist's for a set of teeth. She returned by evening train.

At work. At the bank.

At work. On the bank. In afternoon at home measuring & pegging out for fruit trees on new clearing.

The children & I attended S.S. Nellie joined us at church. In afternoon she visited her parents & at night went to night meeting with Mrs. Pound & Doris, Lucy & Eric.

At work. Finished the bank in the afternoon and made a start at forming the road below it.

At work. Forming road. My birthday, also Lill's. She with Jim & children came to tea & stayed the evening. Mrs. Pound and Dornie also came after tea. We all had a pleasant time together.

At work. Forming road. Nellie visited the dentist and took Eric along to have some of his teeth drawn but will have to go in again on Friday.

At work. Forming the road at the bottom of the bank.

At work. After finishing the formation at junction of old & new roads, I started work lower down the old road and put in a culvert. Nellie took Eric to the dentist again and had 8 of his teeth drawn. Also got her new set. They went down by morning train and returned in the evening.

Ethel's 5th birthday. At work. Forming road at culvert. In afternoon I stoned up a break in new drain. Commenced to clean out drain leading from the kitchen drain to top of orchard. Albert called at night. And stayed to tea.

The children & I attended B.S. and Nellie joined us at church. After dinner Nellie visited Mrs. Royal with Ethel and Mrs. Pound. In the evening she, Doris, Lucy & Eric attended the night meeting.

At work. Forming on the new road near new culvert. On reaching home tonight I heard the sad news that my nephew Jack Andrews had died on Saturday last, after his long treatment at Kew Hospital since he was here last spring.

I rose early and walked to the train at Croydon for Melbourne on my way to poor Jack's funeral. On reaching town I did a little shopping and then went to Jane's. Fannie and Malcolm were there, also Dave's wife, Nellie from Dandenong. Chris arrived later. After dinner we all went to Napier St, Fitzroy to Jack's home. The funeral started about 2-30 for Coburg Cemetery, The weather had been wet but brightened during the ceremony. It was all over by about 4pm when we returned to our homes, I returning by the 6-30 train.

At work. Put in another culvert on old road, and continued repairing the roadway. I attended the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Church held at Mrs. H. Chandler's.

At work. Repairing old road. Nellie took Eric to the Dentist to-day again ~~and had~~ more of his teeth extracted.

At work. Repairing old road.

At work. Repairing old road. In afternoon at home & cut some firewood and started to make a trench for wire netting on the new fence.

Attended B.S with the children being joined at the church afterwards by Nellie. She visited her mother in afternoon. I went to the night meeting.

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JUNE

- 24 At work. Carried some posts from where they had been split and put them over the fence in to the cow-paddock. Selected two of them for a runner for a new sledge and carried them to the homestead. Spent the rest of the day making a sledge. Showery weather.
- 25 At work. Wet day. I spent the day in the wood-shed cutting down the grindstone to a new circumference, it having worn irregular.
- 26 At work. Trimmed some posts and carried them from where they had been split to the track to be carted in to be used in connection with paving a slipping ramp walk near camelias. Also collected stray posts along new fence from cow-paddock to Bennie Doon. Started work at the ramp.
- 27 At work. Continued the ramp. Finished placing posts in position for outside support.
- 28 At work. Started to lay the fern trees to pave the ramp. In afternoon at home. Got some firewood, planted bulbs in garden stapled on some netting to new fence and pulled down netting on fence going towards Brett's.
- 29 With the children attended B.S. Nellie joined me at church. In afternoon she went to Ruby's and at night went to the Gospel meeting with children, Derrie and A.L. Pound.
- 30 At work continued working on the ramp. Light drizzling rain fell most of the day. Nellie visited her parents.

JULY

- 1<sup>st</sup> At work. Fern paving the ramp. More drizzle.
- Tuesday. 2 At work. Finished the ramp. More drizzle.
- 3 At work. Cleaned up rubbish from ramp job. Refixed stonework at top. Spread waste fern fibre on slippery part of path and commenced getting material ready to do more fern work on path at the feet of ramp.
- 4 At work. Laying ferns on path. Away for a little while with W. Bond getting more ferns. More rain towards night.
- 5 At work. Finished laying ferns on path. Came home at 11-15 in order to take a note to Mr. Mitchell. In afternoon I finished the netting on the fence of south side of new clearing.
- 6 The children and I attended B.S. as usual. Nellie & I attended church. After dinner we all visited Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin. Bitter cold evening.
- 7 At work. I cleaned up rubbish of path job and commenced cutting and clearing away coarse grass and scrub from the end of camelias round the bank of the drive past the little fernery.
- 8 At work. Finished clearing round the bank of drive and commenced the same kind of work above the three cornered shrubbery. Nellie went to town by mid-day train and returned in the evening.
- 9 At work. Clearing above shrubbery. George Brown came tonight to beard for a little while.
- 10 At work. Clearing above shrubbery.
- 11 At work. Clearing above shrubbery.
- 12 At work. Clearing above shrubbery. At home in afternoon. Finished the netting fence. Mr. Pratt arrived for the week-end. He accompanied me to a Rechabite Social at Greydon at night. We got a ride down and back with Albert.
- 13 Mr. P. the children & I attended B.S. Nellie joined me for church, after which Mr. H. Chandler, Mr. Langley & I drove to Mt. Dandenong & visited Mr. E. ~~Badenhop~~ Badenhop & Mr. Jeeves on church matters. After returning here had tea and with Mr. Pratt went to night meeting.
- 14 At work. Finished the clearing early and spent the day digging in the shrubbery near the camelias. We all attended church social at night.
- 15 At work. Digging in the shrubbery.

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- 18 At work. Continued digging and finished the shrubbery near camelias. Cleared off rubbish near the creek by flood gate & commenced digging the three cornered shrubbery
- 19 At work. Digging. In the afternoon at home. Started to plant fruit trees on cleared land recently fenced.
- 20 Attended B.S. with children and remained for church. Attended the night meeting.
- 21 Wet morning. At home all day. Finished planting fruit trees.
- 22 At work. Finished digging the three cornered shrubbery and commenced gathering up stones on the path above other shrubbery.
- 23 At work. Finished gathering stones from path, cleared rough grass & rubbish from bank below the three cornered shrubbery and commenced making a stone gutter at end of the top terrace near camelias.
- 24 At work. At the stone gutter.
- 25 At work. Finished the gutter towards night and started to repair depression in the metal opposite. Nellie and children went to the Arbor Day celebrations at Montrose.
- 26 At work. Finished the metalling assisted part of the time by W. Bond. In afternoon at home. I started pruning the orchard.
- 27 The children and I attended the B.S. Nellie joined me at church. After dinner we visited Mrs. Archer who is ill and Mrs. Millotte. We all went to the night meeting.
- 28 At work. After gathering some stones with W. Bond began to stone up a depression in the bank of the drive where it is crossed by a sewer pipe.
- 29 At work. Stoning the bank.
- 30 At work. Finished stoning the bank of drive cleaned up, and started to clean out the water-hole on each side of stone work. George Brown returned to Willie's.
- 31 At work. Finished cleaning out water-table strained loose wire in the fowl-yard fence. Constructed small reservoir in creek in fowl-yard and started clearing and burning rubbish between fowl-yards and log culvert. Lucy in bed with bad cold.

AUGUST

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- ay. FRIDAY
- 1 At work. Clearing.
  - 2 At work. Clearing at home in afternoon. Straining up loose wires & putting in fresh in fence on Jim's boundary
  - 3 Lucy, Eric & Nellie too unwell to go out, I went to B.S. and church alone having a bad headache. Had to leave before the meeting was over. By night time was well again. Went to Gospel meeting.
  - 4 At work. Clearing. Nellie better than she was. Children up and out of bed but did not go to school.
  - 5 At work. Clearing. Eric & Ethel in bed. Lucy on the mend.
  - 6 Slept in on account of having to get up to the children. Put up some posts on Jim's boundary fence and went to work for half-a-day. Continued clearing.
  - 7 At work. Clearing. Lucy went to school but Eric and Ethel are still in bed.
  - 8 At work. Finished the clearing and picked up the stones on cleared ground.
  - 9 At work. After tying up creeper near the long steps and taking out a little tree. I fixed the flume on the bank at the back of the drying lawn, cleared out drain on top of bank and started to clean out the bottom one. In afternoon at home pruning with Mr Wylie who was here for a half day. Eric and Ethel out of bed today.
  - 10 Lucy & I went to church and B.S.



## AUGUST

- 12 At work. Clearing in the fowl-yard/ Nellie went to town by mid-day train to do some shopping and returned by evening train.
- 13 At work. Clearing in the fowl-yard.
- 14 At work. Finished clearing in the fowl-yard in the late afternoon. Commenced to clean up on the terraces.
- 15 At work. Cleaning the terraces.
- 16 At work. Cleaning the terraces. At home in the afternoon getting wood and pruning.
- 17 The children & I went to B.S. Nellie joined me at church. We all visited at Jim's in the afternoon & evening. I went to the night meeting.
- 18 At work. Cleaning the terraces.
- 19 At work. Cleaning the terraces.
- 20 At work. Cleaning the terraces. Rain in the evening.
- 21 At work. Cleaning the terraces until about 3-30 when I had to stop owing to rain coming on worse. Ground tools for the rest of the day.
- 22 At work. Too cold & wet to continue on the terraces. Started to clean out the water-table on the drive from the long steps down hill. Also had to lower the water-table in places.
- 23 Started with Nellie and the children on a trip to Dandenong to see my father and step-mother. Albert drove us to the station. On reaching town went to Jane's first. Then Eric Lucy & I went to Chris's at Albert Park while Nellie and Ethel went shopping and to see Esther. Davis. She joined us at Chris's at night.
- 24 We went to Dandenong by train arriving at 12 o'clock. Had dinner with Dad & mum and later paid a short visit to Mrs. Shelbrooks. Returned to Dad's and after tea got the train back to Albert Park.
- 25 I came home by first train coach. Prepared some ground and set out some cabbage plants given me by dad. Afterwards pruned. Nellie & children came home by evening train & drove them from station.
- 26 At work. Cleaning out and reforming water-table. Lucy's ninth birthday.
- 27 At work. At the water-table and repairing ~~metal~~ metal near old shrubbery.
- 28 At work. Clearing and burning ferns & rubbish on the creek side of the raspberry garden and also cleaning path. Nellie went to vote at the council election also visited Mrs. Edmonds at Camberwell with Janie. Being school holiday I took Eric with me and he had a great day, returning home tired out.
- 29 At work. Cleaning track up the creek from raspberry garden.
- 30 At work. Cleaning rubbish from paths leading towards foot-bridge. At home in afternoon finished pruning. Nellie down with a bad cold.
- 31 Lucy & Eric went to B.S. but I could go nowhere having too much to do, in the house. Nellie a bit better & got up but had to go to bed early.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 MONDAY Nellie not well enough to leave and the day being wet I stayed at home. In the afternoon I cut out the old raspberry canes and tied up some of the young ones. Willie was here to-day ploughing the new piece of land recently planted with fruit-trees.
- 2 At work. Cleaning paths until 3pm. I then started to dress a square post to be erected for tying horses to. Nellie a bit better & out of bed.
- At work. Fixed the post for...

- 5 At work. Cleaning the terraces. Nellie still unwell. I feel a cold gripping me also.
- 6 At work. Finished the terraces and started to clean paths on north side of little creek. At home in afternoon. Went to Mr. Archer's for loan of spray pump but he was away from home. Carried off prunings from orchard painted a tree badly infested with blight & got firewood. Nellie very much off.
- 7 The children and I attended B.S. & Lucy & I stayed to church. Nellie set about her work feeling a little better but had to go to bed early. My cold is right on the me my voice being quite hoarse.
- 8 At work. Not feeling too well. I cleaned paths on north side of little creek and also cleaned most of my track. Nellie a trifle better.
- 9 At work. Finished my track and finished worked the rest of the day on paths below the fern tree ramp. Cold much worse and could hardly get through the days work. Nellie a good deal better.
- 10 In bed all day cold very bad with pain between shoulder blades. Lucy also in bed with cold and ear-ache, temp 103 degrees. Wrote to Dr. for advice. Eric also has cold. Had to depend on Jim & Albert to milk cow and gat wood.
- 11 Lucy a trifle better, but Nellie not so well again. Too much work in her weak state. Mrs. McDonald here doing the washing. I had a very painful night but a bit easier to-day. Got up out of bed for a change in the afternoon.
- 12 ~~At home. Out of bed too weak to do any work worth talking about. Lucy also out for a while.~~ At home. Out of bed too weak to do any work worth talking about. Lucy also out for a while.
- 13 At home. Planted a few rose-bushes & cut some wood. Getting a little stronger Eric & Ethel have the complaint but not so badly yet.
- 14 I did not feel equal to going to B.S but went to church.
- 15 As the weather did not promise too finely I did not go to work as I did not feel very strong. Manured and dug round the gooseberry bushes, sowed a few broad beans peas and radish seed. Word came to-night by letter from Nellie (Mrs. Dave) that Dad in Dandenong was very ill.
- 16 At work. Cutting & clearing ferns etc. between the north shrubbery and the fire-break. Fred Box helped me part of the day. Heard again to-day about Dad. A bit better.
- 17 At work. Clearing etc. Fred assisting part of the day. Ruby, Jessie, Alice Badger & Lil called to see Nell in the afternoon. Nellie's father brought the mater to-night & returned to Janie's afterwards.
- 18 At work. Clearing. Tillie arrived this afternoon on a short visit.
- 19 At work. Clearing. Nellie & Tillie went home, with their mother and helped her arrange some things in her new home. Tillie returned to Janie's afterwards.
- 20 I failed to wake up in time to go to work so put the whole day in at home. Cut wood dug around some of the young fruit trees and started digging the lower garden.
- 21 Leaving Ethel at Lill's, Lucy, Eric & I went to B.S. Nellie & I attended church afterwards.
- 22 At work. Clearing.
- 23 At work. Clearing.
- 24 At work. Clearing.
- 25 At work. Clearing.
- 26 At work. Clearing.
- 27 At work. Clearing. At home in afternoon. Dug a little of the flower garden, repaired door of closet. Did not feel too well and went to bed early.

SEP. SEPTEMBER

SEP 29 - OCT 21-

- 29 At work. Clearing. Nellie took Lucy to town and attended the Eye and ear hospital to have her ear examined, she having had ear-ache frequently for some time past. Has to be in town next week for treatment. **XX**
- 30 At work. Clearing. Nellie visited her mother also Ruby.

OCTOBER

- 1 At work. Clearing.
- 2 At work. Clearing. Mr. Maguire came at night to assist me in selecting tunes for church hymns.
- 3 At work. Clearing.
- 4 At work. Clearing. In afternoon finished digging around young trees and burnt up rubbish & prunings.
- 5 Lucy, Eric & I attended B.C. I remained to church. In afternoon Eric went to Jim's to stay while his mother is away. I saw Nellie, Lucy, & Ethel off to town at the coach in the evening.
- 6 At work. Clearing. Eric not too well and had to come home from school. He got home-sick and stayed with me tonight.
- 7 At work. Clearing. I had to walk up to Kilsyth after tea for a letter from Nellie. Lucy was operated on for post nasal growth yesterday and is progressing favourably. Eric vomitted after going to bed.
- 8 At work. Hoeing in the raspberry garden. Poor old Eric had a bad day and had to come home from school early. Vomitted several. I gave him a dose of oil and bread and milk for tea. Slept well.
- 9 Eric a bit better today. Kept him home from school and he stayed at Jim's. I was at work as usual. Finished hoeing in the raspberry garden and started hoeing in the shrubbery on north side of house. I attended a church business meeting. Left him at Lill's. Very much better.
- 10 At work. Finished the north shrubbery & also the triangle shrubbery. Also started hoeing in shrubbery at end of terraces. I expected a letter from Nellie on getting home but was delighted to find herself & the children at home instead.
- 11 At work. With Mr. Box repaired the telephone wire. Also put handles in two axes. At home in the afternoon, dug around some of the fruit trees.
- 12 The children and I went to B.S. Nellie joined us at church afterwards. Nellie had a bad headache in the evening.
- 13 At work. Hoeing shrubbery at the end of the terraces. During rain which fell in the afternoon helped grind some tools. Rain very welcome. Mrs. Archer & Mr. Dawes called in the afternoon with Mr. A's spray pump.
- 14 At work. Clearing with the exception of 2 hours in the afternoon repairing telephone wire with Mr. Box and Fred. Nellie saw the doctor at Kilsyth about Lucy to-day.
- 15 At work. Planting potatoes until 3pm when rain came on and stopped us. I ground tools for the rest of the day.
- 16 Went to work and put in an hour or two grinding tools but rain knocked us off other work. I came home and worked inside, at a chest for the children's room that I started at night.
- 17 At work. Cleaning rubbish off the drives and paths.
- 18 At work. Cleaning paths. In afternoon at home preparing places to set out tomato plants & vegetable seeds.
- 19 The children and I went to B.S. Nellie joined us at church. After dinner she went to see Mr. Badger who is ill. I went to dinner with Mr. H. Chandler & with him & Mrs. C WENT TO SEE Mr. Badger. Went to night service.
- 20 At work. Clearing sticks, bark etc. from the terraces. Started to clean weeds out of gutter over the big log culvert.

## 1. October

- 22 Wet day again. Scoured out the raspberry buckets. In afternoon opened out the earth from around some stumps & small trees on a piece of ground I want to clear next opposite Jim's stable.
- 23 At work. Finished cleaning the gutter of weeds & started to take out grass and weeds from; portion of shrubbery from above the log culvert.
- 24 At work. Finished cleaning in the shrubbery & commenced cutting ferns etc. in the fowl runs beginning in the lower one.
- 25 At work. Finished the fern cutting. Left work a bit early in order to take a note to Mrs. Mitchell. In afternoon I set some peas & maize in new ground.
- 26 The children and I went to B.S. and I stayed to church. I also attended the night meeting.
- 27 At work. After grubbing out a couple of saplings from the shrubbery near the creek. I cut saplings and commenced to replace rails of the netting fence above the log culvert. An attack of what seems to be lumbago gripped me while at work.
- 28 At work. Suffered a good deal with lumbago. Worked at the netting rails until heavy rain stopped me just before dinner. In the afternoon I had a job in the wood -shed painting wire-work chairs and the iron -work of out door seats.
- 29 At work. Painting seats. Went to Mr. Archer's at night and got his spray pump again.

OCTOBER 30th (INCLUSIVE) TO 5TH NOVEMBER (MISSING FROM DIARY)

## R. NOVEMBER

- 6 Rain again. Showers all day. I tied up the raspberry canes part of the morning, and put up a hat rack in the kitchen. In afternoon I grubbed a rdry tree up the paddock near Jim's boundary and cut some fire-wood.
- 7 At work. Stripping metal from the side of the drive near log culvert and wheeled it away. Light misty showers fell for most of the day.
- 8 At work. Finished stripping the metal and took out weeds at that spot. At home in afternoon spraying fruit-trees. Nellie and children attende B.S. picnic at Kilsyth. A lovely day at last.
- 9 The children & I attended B.S Nellie joined me at church. I went to-night meeting. Mr. Pratt's last service here.
- 10 Worked all day for Mr. Box at his place between Croydon and Lilydale I met him and Fred on Liverpool Road and drove over with them. Busy putting up gate-pests and hanging gate at his entrance, also fixed stay etc. Fine day.
- 11 At work Cutting grass and weeding on end of terraces near the orchard. Lovely day.
- 12 At work. Working with Mr. Box digging and cleaning up in the creek shrubbery near the hammock. Thunderstorm & terrific downpour of rain at nearly 5 o'clock.
- 13 At work. With Mr. Box, W. Bond & Fred some of the time cleaning away rubbish & weeding from under the camelias. Miserable day, showers of rain & strong wind.
- 14 At work. Miserable showery weather. Weeded on top plot of terrace. In afternoon helped W. Bond cut grass with the lawn mower. Heavier rain came on & I finished the day grinding tools.
- 15 At work. Worked with the lawn-mower until it broke, then cleaned up gutters in the front of mansion & cut some grass with reaping hook. In the afternoon at home. Planted 2 long rows of potatoes & one of peas Nellie and the children went to Jim's to Freda's birthday party.
- 16 The children & I attended B.S and I stayed to church. Also went to night meeting.
- 17 At work. Cut grass & rubbish on each side of bank leading to the stables and started to uproot docks in little horse-paddock. Fine weather. Nellie went to town at noon and returned at night.
- 18 At work. Rooting up docks in stable enclosure & cutting grass & rubbish there and



DECEMBER.

- 15 At work. Showery morning. I made a seat in ferns above the drying lawn. In the afternoon cut grass between camelias and the creek.
- 16 At work. Finished cutting grass and carried it off after raking. In afternoon with Mr. Box and the other men lighting fires in the outer cow-paddock.
- 17 At work. Hoeing in shrubbery at the north end of the terraces.
- 18 At work. Finished hoeing at end of the terraces and started hoeing in the shrubbery next to the camelias.
- 19 At work. Hoeing in shrubbery near camelias. Also hoed the three cornered shrubbery.
- 20 Eric and I went to town to do some shopping & returned by mid-day train. Very hot day. The children & I picked raspberries in the afternoon, and evening.
- 21 Nellie and I picked raspberries in the early morning. The children and I went to B.S.. Lucy & I attended church. Eric & I went to the night meeting. Hot.
- 22 At work. Cleaning and sweeping on Legg's track. We all picked raspberries after tea. Very hot day.
- 23 Wet morning. Very welcome heavy rain fell in the morning I painted in the kitchen & went to work for half-a-day. Continued work on Legg's track. After tea I felt queer & after going to bed got worse. Towards morning showed symptoms of Ptomaine poisoning and had a real bad time.
- 24 In bed most of the day. Vomitting in the early morning accompanied by diarrhoea & pains through my whole body. A little easier towards night.
- 25 Felt a bit better but rather weak. Borrowed the pony & jinker from Nell's mother and with Eric went to Kilsyth., and met my sister Chris with Harry & Enid and Eddie with them. Chris was not well at dinner-time. In the afternoon Harry and the children & I picked raspberries until stopped by rain.
- 26 Finished picking raspberries early. I started to make a fly proof door for the kitchen. Nellie got the pony again and took Chris on a drive to Janey's at Creydon. Jessie Sissen called for a little while in the aft evening.
- 27 I worked at the door again. Harry, Chris & children went home by evening train. Nellie visited Mrs. Fussel afterwards.
- 28 The children and I went to B.S and Church. A cold in my eye kept me home at night. Lill, Edie & Jessie visited us at night.
- 29 At work. Finished cleaning on Legg's track & continued along the path along above the iron-fenced shrubberies.
- 30 At work. Cleaning paths.
- 31 At work. Finished cleaning paths and cut grass on east side of the top terrace.

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- 1 At home. Busy making a fly proof door for the porch doorway.
- 2 At Doongalla. With Fed Smale I hoed weeds pear suckers etc. on path near east-side of the terraces. Was absent for a little while making a new door clutch for a door in the mansion.
- 3 At Doongalla till noon. Cleaning up on path east of terraces. In afternoon at home put up a fly door at perch & covered the two back windows with fly wire. Took young calf to Mr. Royal and sold it.
- 4 The children and I went to B.S. and church. I visited Mr. Archer's in the afternoon. With the children I went to the night service.
- 5 At Doongalla. Cutting grass on the slope on the bottom terrace.
- 6 At Doongalla. Cutting grass on lower terrace slope. After gathering stone from the bottom of the slope, I started raking up & carrying off the cut grass. Janie came with her mother's pony and jinker & took Nellie to Croydon. After Nellie returned at night her mother who had come over took the pony home.
- 7 At "Doongalla" Cutting grass on lower terrace slope of bottom terrace, also finished cutting on south side. Helped Mr. Box put up hessian on the front wall of the dairy. Mr Turner came in the evening & I sold them 12 raspberry buckets.
- 8 At Doongalla. After cutting grass on top of the bottom terrace for a little while I spent the rest of the day assisting Mr. Box. to put up hessian on the other three walls of the dairy for the cooling system. Cow sick.
- 9 At Doongalla. Cut some sighting pegs and after helping to clear some laurel trees away near the creek pegged out and measured the line of proposed new fence around the drive. Selected some posts and continued cutting grass. Esther and children arrived today on a visit. Cow still sick.
- 10 At Doongalla. I cut grass on the north end of terraces. In afternoon at home heeing in the garden.
- 11 I attended B.S. and church. Esther & Children & Eric went to church also. I was too busy with the cow to go to the night meeting.
- 12 I went to Kilsyth to try and get some bone-meal for the cow but could not. Rain fell in the morning, but cleared sufficiently for me., to go to work for half-a-day. Heavy rain fell again in the afternoon. I prepared some material for a seat near the fire-break on far side of creek. Cow still sick. Shifted her into Jim's stable.
- 13 At Doongalla. Made the seat on far side of the creek and started to make another on path near the tree bridge. Cow still sick. A regular puzzle.
- 14 The cow being no better I visited Mr. h.r. Chandler & Mr. James Kerr to get their opinion as to treatment. Mr. Kerr advised me to give her treacle & ginger & feed her on gruel. Had an early dinner and went to work for half-a-day. Finished seat near foot-bridge.
- 15 At Doongalla. Made another seat on far side of creek on little path. Was glad to hear on reaching home that the cow had eaten a little food.
- 16 At Doongalla. Repaired narrow path below tree bridge, fixed a sagging gate leading to old cow-paddock & sorted material for new seat on Mr. McKinnon's track. The cow much improved.
- 17 At Doongalla. Worked at the new seat. At home in afternoon. Took out a patch of couch grass in the orchard. Esther and the children went home this evening. The cow is eating well again.
- 18 Lucy & I went to B.S and I went to church. I attended the night meeting with Lucy. Eric not so well as usual.
- 19 Light misty rain promised a wet day but cleared off in the forenoon. I started to make a milk cupboard had an early dinner and went to work for half-a-day. Finished the seat on Mr. McKinnon's track. Nellie's mother and Ruby paid Nellie a visit in the afternoon.

JAN 21 - FEB 13.

21. JANUARY

- 21 At Doongalla. Working at the fence.
- 22 At Doongalla. Working at the fence and grading the bank of old drain.
- 23 At Doongalla. Working at the fence. Hot weather.
- 24 At Doongalla. Until late fighting a bush fire that raged on the north side of the mansion.
- 25 Had to go to the fire again. Clearing & burning a break from a point on Legg's track down to the cow-paddock. Welcome rain came and stopped operations. Went home in the afternoon. More rain fell later. Thunderstorms.
- 26 At home in the morning. Did a little more to the milk cupboard. At Doongalla in afternoon the rain having cleared. Cutting and clearing away fallen trees after the fire on the birthday track and later on Legg's track with the other men.
- 27 At Doongalla. With the other men clearing away trees on Legg's track in the morning. In afternoon with Mr. Box, Fred, A.H, other men around the fence fire edge on the mountain. Back at the fence job at 3-30. Storm of wind & rain to-night.
- 28 At Doongalla. Cleared away large branch of a tree that had fallen during the night on netting fence of shrubbery north of the mansion. Started to repair fence. A miserable day. Windy., with heavy showers of rain.
- 29 At Doongalla. Finished repairing the netting fence & had just got back to the fence job when I had to go away in the cart with Mr. Box, Fred & W. Bond to repair the telephone wire near the Army home. Got back about 3-30.
- 30 At Doongalla. Working at the drive fence.
- 31 At Doongalla. At the drive fence until noon. At home in afternoon put up a bag sun screen for the new milk-cupboard on the verandah. Sowed some maize in the old orchard.

21. FEBRUARY

- Sunday. ~~At Doongalla. Working at the drive fence. Also grubbed an old stump that was in the way. I attended a church business meeting at night.~~ The children & I went to church At night
- 1. I attended the gospel meeting.
- 2 At Doongalla. Working at the drive fence. Also grubbed an old stump that was in the way. I attended a church ~~business~~ business meeting at night.
- 3 At Doongalla. Working at the drive fence.
- 4 At Doongalla. Working at the drive fence. Also cut away and cleared off a large plum tree that was in the way. Fred Box assisting most of the day. Very hot day.  
At Doongalla. At the drive fence.
- 6 At Doongalla. At the drive fence fixing gate posts on path leading to the old shrubbery. A very hot day. Thunderstorm at night.
- 7 Walked to the 7-30am train at Croydon for Melbourne. Went to Esther's with a parrot from Eric. After doing some shopping I paid a short visit to Cris's. In afternoon I went to Caulfield and witnessed a wonderful exhibition of flying by H. Hawker per the Australian aviator, 25000 people present. The grandest sight I ever saw. Stayed Cris's at night. Went to pictures with Willie.
- 8 Went to church in Swanston Street. Met my old friend Bert Boldeun who took me home to dinner. Leaving him immediately after I caught the train for Bayswater where I arrived at 3pm. Walked home, and found all well.
- 9 At Doongalla. Working at the drive fence. Heard to-night of the death of Mr. Badger, also last night confirmation of the report of Mrs. Tussel's death.
- 10 At Doongalla. Working at the drive fence. The children and I attended the B.S. anniversary. It took form of a limelight views of a trip around the world given by Mr. H. Chandler also gramophone selections. Very good.
- 11 At Doongalla. At work at the drive fence.



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FEBRUARY.

THE DIARY OF HARRY LEGG.

YEAR. 1914.

FEB 14 - MAR 7

- 14 At Doongalla till noon. Worked at the fence. In afternoon at home. Cutting down saplings, stacking them on end to dry for firewood. Picked the last of our peas also beans. Very hot,
- 15 The children & I went to B.S. I stayed to church. Mr. & Mrs Langley & Vera came to dinner, and after tea Lucy, Eric & I went back with them to church.
- 16 At Doongalla. Worked at the fence until 3:30pm and then commenced to stone up a break in the bank where I had grubbed out a stump. First thing in the morning drove in the cart with W. Bond down the road and removed a tree that had fallen across it. Ethel's first day at school.
- 17 At Doongalla. Finished stoning the break in the bank, and helped W. Bond clean up. After dinner I sharpened the hand saw made a new rammer and pulled down some of the old fence. Hot day.
- 18 At Doongalla. Working at the drive fence. Very hot day and smokey atmosphere.
- 19 At Doongalla. At the drive fence. Nellie suffering from a bad cold and the intense heat. Terribly hot night.
- 20 At Doongalla. At the drive fence. Still very hot. Cooler at night.
- 21 At Doongalla. At the drive fence and started the cross fence at the bottom of the terraces. At home in afternoon cutting down saplings. Weather cooler. Nellie in bed most of the day.
- 22 Eric and I went to B.S. & church. Lucy stayed home to assist her mother. Eric visited his G. Parents, Lucy and Ethel went a message to Mr. Archer's. Lucy & I went to the night meeting.
- 23 At Doongalla. At the fence below the terraces. Away for two & a half hours in the afternoon mending two breaks in the cowpaddock fence near septic tank. Nellie's cold still bad. Taking medicine from the doctor.
- 24 At Doongalla. At the fence below terraces. Nellie sent for Dr. Short to call to-day. He changed the medicine. Jane arrived to-day on a visit, Lucy's eye sore to-night.
- 25 At Doongalla. At the fence below the terraces.
- 26 A mild scare in the house this morning at about 5-15. Nellie took two teaspoonfuls of Eucalyptus oil in mistake for her medicine. Mustard & water helped her vomit most of it up and she improved as the day wore on. I went to work as usual after seeing her on the mend. Finished the fence below terraces and pulled down the old one. Nellie doing fairly. Lucy's eye worse.
- 27 Took Lucy to Lilydale by coach & train to consult the doctor about her eye. After getting the mixture we returned to Croydon, had dinner at Janie's and then came home by coach to Kilsyth. I cut down saplings for a while after having a rest.
- 28 Nellie not well enough to leave her bed. I decided to go to Macclesfield to try & get Emmie to stop. Walked to Bayswater and caught the 3pm train arriving at Jim's place in the evening. Edie Loveluck looked after Nellie and children in my absence.

MARCH

- SUNDAY  
y. 1 Nellie's birthday. Emmie, Percy & I went to church. In the late afternoon Bert drove Emmie & I to the train at Wright. Reached Bayswater at 7-30. Got home safely and found Nellie no worse.
- 2 At Doongalla. Commenced a new fence leading from the drive near the stables up the hill towards the terraces. Emmie in charge to-day. Eric at school. Nellie about the same. Cough pretty bad. Lucy improving.
- 3 At Doongalla. Working at the new fence and pulling down the old one.
- 4 At Doongalla. At the fence. Nellie seems a little better.
- 5 At Doongalla. Working at the fence and pulling down the old one.

MARCH  
8

All day at Doongalla, trying to save the gullies from the fire. Failed. Lucy & Ethel went to B.S & Em to church. Nellie not much better.

9

At Doongalla. Finished the new fence in the morning except some of the stapling. After dinner with Mr. Box and the other men putting out smouldering fire along the edge of the burn above the rustic bridge. At 4-15 started to run wire in the new fence at the foot of the terraces.

10

At Doongalla. Straining wires in new fence below the terraces. Started to run wire in the drive fence. Hot dry day.

11

At Doongalla. Straining wires in drive fence. Some sections could only be done temporarily until gate post timber arrived.

12

At Doongalla. On account of a new gate being too short I had to alter gate-post at entrance to old shrubbery. I then hung the gate made the path wider fixed little culvert & commenced to clean up.

13

A very welcome rain fell last night. Thinking it was going to continue I lay too late to go to Doongalla in the morning. I wheeled out some manure to the garden and cleaned out the drain near the cow-shed. Went to work for half-a-day. Continued cleaning up around the new fences. Mr. & Mrs. Archer paid us a visit at night.

14

At Doongalla. Cleaned up & then cut grass and grubbed wild raspberries bushes near little orchard on the bank of the drive. In the afternoon I spread manure, cut ferns on the little burnt ~~grass~~ patch near Brett's fence and afterwards commenced to hoe up scrub on the head land of old orchard.

15

Eric's 8th birthday. Emmie, the children & I went to B.S. and church. Emmie, Lucy & I went to the night meeting.

16

At Doongalla. The gate-posts having arrived I started the job of preparing and erecting them swinging gates straining wires etc. in the new wire fence. Began at the gateway near the creek leading into the old shrubbery. Rain fell after I started and I was away for most of the morning putting handles in axes.

17

At Doongalla. Swinging gates, straining wires at entrance to old shrubbery. Nellie getting about a bit lately. She is able to rest now & then by having Emmie here.

18

At Doongalla. Finished the work at the gateway and after grading a bank inside it I cleaned up and commenced at the small gateway opposite the entrance to stables. Emmie went to Croydon to do some shopping for Nellie.

19

At Doongalla. Working at the gateway and entrance to stables.

20

At Doongalla. Finished work at the small gate, pulled up old fence and started work at the gateway at the foot of the long steps.

21

At Doongalla. Working at the gateway. At home in the afternoon after preparing the patch of ground recently occupied by maize. I sowed some rye and benanza oats.

22

The children and I went to B.S. Emmie joined us at church. Nellie's mother came with us to dinner & tea. All except Nellie & ~~Emmie~~ Ethel went to the night meeting.

23

At Doongalla. Working at the gateway at the foot of the long steps. Found necessary to alter our plans thus prolonging the job. Very windy weather last night & to-day but still no rain.

24

At Doongalla. Working at the gateway hanging gate shifting short line of fence between the gate & the top corner etc. A very welcome shower of heavy rain fell at about 3pm.

25

At Doongalla. Working at the same spot straining wires in short piece of fence & grading along the bank on each side of it.

26

At Doongalla. Grading and making entrance track to the new gateway. Our 12th wedding day anniversary.

27

At Doongalla. Finished work at the new gate-way track & commenced levelling off the land where the old cottage and fence had been. Another fine shower fell at dinner time and more in the late afternoon. My nephew Jim & wife & child came on a visit to-day.

28

At Doongalla. Finished work at the site of old cottage, mixed half a cwt. of white lead with oil for paint & cut grass on the bank of drive leading to the stables. At home

MARCH

30 At Doongalla. Painting the new drive fence. Began at the week-end.

31 I went to town by the 8-15 a.m. did some shopping and returned by the mid-day train. After having some dinner and a rest I bailed most of the water out of the well and sowed another little patch of rye.

APRIL

1 At Doongalla. Painting the drive fence. Mr. Langley came to-day & took away 25 cases of Five Crown Apples.

2 At Doongalla. The weather being a little damp for painting I spent the day altering and straining wires near stables. Nell had a visit from her mother and Janie. After the necessity unexpectedly arose of taking Nellie to Nurse Freeman's at Lilydale. I ran most of the way to Mr. Harry Chandler's who very kindly came with his buggy. Mrs. Round kindly helped Nellie and accompanied us to Lilydale. Arrived safely and as there was no necessity for me to stay I returned home with Harry and Mrs. Round reaching home at mid-night.

3 At Doongalla. Worked at the wire fence until 11. Then continued painting the drive fence. Feeling very much the bustle and loss of sleep of last night. Anxiously awaited a phone message from Nellie but none came.

4 At Doongalla. Painting the drive fence. Received by telephone joyful news that a little son was born at Lilydale last night. Nellie doing well. Came home by the Mater's to tell her the news. Also Chandler's and Mrs. Pound. Spent the afternoon putting in some more rye and oats.

5 The children and I went to B.S. Emmie joined us at church. I left early returned to Jim's and after dinner rode on J. m's bike to Lilydale to see Nellie and the baby. Spent over three happy hours with them at Nurse Freeman's. Both still doing well. I returned in the evening & stayed at Jim's until Emmie & the children returned from the night meeting.

6 Damp weather. Cleaned out the growth of rubbish in the orchard drain. In afternoon at Doongalla., altering wires near stables.

7 At Doongalla. Painting the drive fence.

8 At Doongalla. Painting the drive fence. Letter from Nellie doing well.

9 At Doongalla. Painting the drive fence. Emmie took Ethel to Lilydale by 1-30 train & saw Nellie & Trevor. Both still improving. Lucy got tea ready after coming from school. Em & Ethel returned in the evening.

10 In the morning I repaired the fowl-house fence. In afternoon continued cleaning out the drain above the old orchard near the wattle trees.

11 Taking Eric with me I went to the chapel ground and repaired wire fence and re-fixed the gates. Got home to a late dinner nearly 4pm. After tea Tot & George Romeril came on a week-end visit.

12 The children & I attended B.S. At church we were joined by Em, Tot & George. After the meeting I rode on Jim's bike to Lilydale & saw Nellie and the dear little babe. Still doing well. Returned in the evening. George went to the city by evening train. Em, Tot & children went to the night meeting.

13 I spent the day cleaning out and deepening orchard drain. Tot went to town at mid-day Em & the children saw her off at the coach.

14 At Doongalla. Mixed paint did some puttying and continued painting fence.

15 At Doongalla. Finished the first coat of paint for the fence and started on the second. Expect Nellie to come to Croydon on her way home. Children very anxious to see her and the new baby brother, Trevor.

16 At Doongalla. Painting the drive fence. Nellie and the baby arrived home this afternoon. Children excited over the first sight of Trevor. Both Nellie & baby seem to be doing well.

17 At Doongalla. Painting the fence. At Miss Box's kind invitation Emmie & I took the children to Doongalla after tea, where we spent a pleasant evening listening to Mr. W. Bond's gramophone. Mrs. Box also showed Em and the children through the mansion. The only drawback was that Nellie was not with us.

18 At Doongalla. Painting the fence. In afternoon at home doing odd jobs.

APR 20 - MAY 6.

APRIL  
20

At Doongalla. Painting the new fence.

21

Wet morning. I dug the last of the potatoes and cleaned out some more drains. Went to Doongalla for half-a-day. Painting.

22

At Doongalla. Finished painting fence early and commenced putting iron straps on posts. On reaching home at night I learned that poor little Ethel had been taken ill at school and been brought home almost unconscious by Mr. Geeness the teacher. Mrs Pound and Nell applied home remedies and sent for Dr. Short who came in the afternoon. He diagnosed the trouble as Inflammation of the stomach and prescribed for her. I had to walk to Croydon for medicine sent by rail I got home by 10-30. Ethel a little easier.

23

Ethel spent fairly good night. Has to be kept in bed and no solid foods. I spent the day as usual at Doongalla. Putting iron straps on posts until 4pm when heavy rain coming on. I did a little more to the saw-horse.

24

At Doongalla. Finished strapping the posts & started altering and restraining wires on the pony paddock fence near the stables. Ethel very much better. Got out of bed this afternoon. Mr. Langley came for the last of the apples.

25

At Doongalla. Working at the pony paddock fence. At home in afternoon. Started to close in the porch for winter weather.

26

Lucy, Eric & I went to B.S/. Em joined us at church. Brought Mr. P. Aurisch home to dinner and tea. Went to the night meeting. Ethel doing well. Nellie not too well., with swelling ink leg.

27

At Doongalla. Painting the gates of the new drive fence also the straps of iron recently put on the posts of same.

28

At Doongalla. Altering wires on pony paddock fence. Nellie complained a good deal of her swollen leg and pains. I thought it best to get the doctor so got Mr. Box to phone for Dr. Short to call while on his way to Croydon. He called in the afternoon and prescribed for Nellie.

29

At Doongalla. Finished the wires of pony paddock fence. Afterwards painted some more of the drive fence. Nellie a little better.

30

At Doongalla. Finished making saw horse in the morning. The end straining post of the new wire fence between the horse paddock and old shrubbery having lifted I started to remedy the matter.

MAY  
1

At Doongalla. Finished the fence and continued painting the drive fence. Nellie had a very severe turn of indigestion and pains which kept us busy until a late hour.

2

At Doongalla. Painting the drive fence and new gates. At home in afternoon. Closed in the north side of the porch. Head-ache most of the day. Nellie a little easier.

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The children & I went to B.S. as usual. Em joined us at church. After dinner Nellie's pains returned worse than ever and she had to go to bed. After I returned from the night meeting they continued well into the night.

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I rode to Lilydale on Jim's bike to see the doctor. Arrived home with medicine at 9-30. After an early dinner went to work at Doongalla for half-a-day. Painting new gates. The Doctor told me this morning that Nellie had Gastritis. No better to-night. The only thing to ease her is a linseed meal poultice. Up till a late hour.

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Nellie's pains and the baby's restlessness kept me going till late last night and I got very little rest. Stayed at home during the forenoon helping Emmie a little and also planting out a few strawberry plants given to me by Mr. P. Aurisch. Nellie seemed a little easier. I went to Doongalla for half-a-day and continued painting. Nellie seems a little better. Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Loveluck and Auntie Lily visited Nell in the afternoon.

At Doongalla. Cleaned out watertable at junction of old road opposite old shrubbery. Painted gate in the afternoon. Nellie about the same. The doctor called to-day and

- MAY 7 At Doongalla. Repairing metal road on drive at big culvert. Nellie much better to-night. Visited by Auntie Ruby, Auntie Jessie, Mrs. Badger, Alice, Mrs. Royal and a friend Mrs. Hallam.
- 8 At Doongalla. With W. Bond carting metal and some blending. Continued repairing the road at the big culvert. At home in the afternoon planting strawberry plants from George Romeril. Nellie doing nicely.
- 9 Lucy, Eric & I attended B.S. Em & I at church. In afternoon Mrs. Badger & Jessie visit Nellie. Mrs. B went with Em, Lucy, Lucy Eric & I to the night meeting.
- 10 At Doongalla. Finished repairing road at culvert, finished painting gates and started to trim off high edges of the drive into the stables. Nellie still improving. Got up from bed to-day. She was visited by her mother, Mrs. Gilmour who was accompanied by Mrs. Rothery.
- 12 At Doongalla. Trimming off the edge of the drive leading to the stables.
- 13 At Doongalla. On the drive leading to the stables repairing. Nellie up & doing well.
- 14 At Doongalla. Wet day. At work on the drive until about 2-30 when rain got heavier & I had to come home.
- 15 Wet morning. I started to fix door way from the porch on the south side. At Doongalla for half-a-day. F. Smale & I split some runners for sledge.
- 16 At Doongalla. Finished the sledge runners also split a few ~~XXXXXXXX~~ posts from remains of the log. Back at the metalling on the stable drive afterwards. At home in afternoon planting strawberry plants.
- 17 Eric & I went to B.S. Em came to church. Eric & I afterwards rode with Mr. H. Chandler as far as my father-in-laws to borrow the pony and jinker to take Nellie, Ethel, Emmie & Trevor to the coach. Wet afternoon but cleared sufficiently to go to the coach after an early tea. I took the pony & jinker home afterwards. Lucy & Eric bravely stayed by themselves in the meantime. Nellie, Em, Ethel & Trevor went to town.
- 18 At Doongalla. Finished the metalling on the drive and started the same near stables.
- 19 At Doongalla. In the afternoon working at the metalling. A wet morning made me too late to go for a whole day. I fixed door to the south doorway of the porch. EM & Ethel arrived home to-day. They had all seen the crowds at the arrival of the new Governor-General. Sir. R. Munro Fergusson. Also saw two Military aeroplanes for the first time.
- 20 At work at Doongalla. Renewed and reset the metal floor at entrance to the cart-shed.
- 21 At Doongalla. Repaired a piece of the road at big culvert over the creek and started dig the shrubbery on the north side of the mansion. Nellie and baby came home from town to-day.
- 22 At Doongalla. Digging.
- 23 At Doongalla. Digging. At home in the afternoon. Odd jobs.
- 24 The children & I attended B.S. We all attended church afterwards Nellie for the first time for 5 months. Emmie, Lucy, Eric & I went to night meeting.
- 25 At Doongalla. Digging. Left work a bit early to take a note for Mr. Box to Mr. Mitchell. Mr. M. came in the evening with a reply. Rain at night.
- 26 Wet day. Had some work indoor to do at Doongalla but having lent my overcoat last night to Mr. Mitchell I could not go. I cut some fire-wood and started putting up a set of shelves in the wash-house.
- 27 Still wet. I continued work on the shelves.
- 28 Emmie returned home to Emerald this morning. The necessity for her departure regretted by us all. We shall all miss her very much. I went to Doongalla as my coat had been returned. Very wet for most of the day. I commenced squaring the sledge runners in the cart-shed. Weather a bit clearer to-night.
- 29 At Doongalla. I finished dressing the sledge runners and resumed work digging in the shrubbery north of the mansion. Cloudy dull weather.
- 30 At Doongalla. Digging. In afternoon at home as usual. Weather showery again, I brought a tank iron from the raspberry patch also gate from the same place.

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JUNE

- Monday
- 1 Wet day. At home. I altered the small gate down from the raspberry garden and in the afternoon hung it and fixed up the back entrance.
  - 2 Still wet. I spent the day at home. Cut some firewood, grubbed out small saplings & knocked off shhots on stumps, of larges saplings on the patch I burned last.
  - 3 At Doongalla. Didding.
  - 4 At Doongalla. Finished digging in the little shrubbery next to the little creek. In the afternoon with W. Bond grubbed out ferns and other rubbish preparing for lifting and replanting the bed of iris. Fine day but chilly.
  - 5 At Doongalla. With W. Bond assisted Mr. Box lift and replant the iris, afterwards digging along the little creek from iris bed past the long steps near the mansion.
  - 6 At Doongalla. Finished digging and cleaning up. In afternoon at home. Started digging a drain in the orchard for underground drainage leading towards the cleared part of paddock.
  - 7 Children & I attended B.S. and Nellie came to church. In afternoon visited Lill & Jim. Elsie, Jim, Lucy, Eric & I went to night meeting.
  - 8 At Doongalla. After digging around a few shrubs at the foot of the long steps near the mansion began to clear paths from the mansion through the orchard and old shrubbery.
  - 9 At Doongalla. Cleaning up leave and other rubbish from path and bordering shrubs.
  - 10 At Doongalla. Cleaning up leaves etc. through old shrubbery.
  - 11 My birth-day At Doongalla. Cleaning up leaves through shrubbery. Mr. Box, Fred, W. Bond helped with a horse & cart in the afternoon. Continued the same work under the laurels. Lill, Elsie & children came to tea. Also Jim later on.
  - 12 At Doongalla. Finished cleaning up the leaves. Started to prepare a large dead tree fern for a foot bridge to be put across the little creek north of the terraces.
  - 13 At Doongalla. Made the bridge. At home in afternoon. Draining for underground drainage in the orchard.
  - 14 After B.S. and church we all went to Mr. H. Chandler's for the afternoon. We all went in his waggon to the meeting at night. Ethel's birthday.
  - 15 A wet dreary day. As I had some indoor work to do at Doongalla I went as usual. Sharp-ened & set a hand saw and started to make a sledge.
  - 16 At Doongalla. Finished the sledge, placed stones in muddy holes worn by the horse near the old cottage site, and set a large fire on a big stone in the kitchen garden in order break the stone below plow depth.
  - 17 At Doongalla. Prepared to dig the triangle shrubbery but as Hodges was unable to work through having a sore eye I had to take his place with Fred Smale picking up and burning logs & wood on the new clearing near the old pig-copper chimney.
  - 18 At Doongalla. Finished picking up the main lot of logs & wood and started to prepare a very large log for charring. The log being up a steep bank from the fowl-yards we could not roll it into the creek without much cutting. At my suggestion Mr. Box decided to try the charring. Fred Smale helped me.
  - 19 At Doongalla. Finished packing wood to the log for charring. In the afternoon Fred & I commenced to sod it. Miserable day, light drizzly rain.
  - 20 At Doongalla. Sodding the log for charring. At home in afternoon, Cut firewood. Planted wattle trees one in space on the bank of orchard drain two in the paddock. Put in new pane of glass in front bedroom window.
  - 21 After B.S. & church we all went to Nellie's parents place to meet Tillie who was on a brief visit. I went to the night meeting.
  - 22 At Doongalla. Started the log charring and finished sodding it.
  - 23 At Doongalla. Burning up logs and sticks near the big log while attending it.
  - 24 At Doongalla. The charring process doing well. Attended to it and rebuilt other logs for fire also raked and burnt up sticks etc. Fine weather.

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JUNE

THE DIARY OF HARRY LEGG.

YEAR. 1914. JUN 27 - JULY 19.

- 27 Caught the 7-30 train at Croydon and went to town. Did some shopping. Saw the French aviator fly over Melbourne a good distance off. Returned by evening train.
- 28 The children & I attended B.S. Nellie joined us at church. I went to the night meeting.
- 29 At Doongalla. Finished packing logs and set fire. Began to rake rubbish but had to stop at 3-30 on account of heavy rain. Sharpened the axe and began to level a sledge runner.
- 30 At Doongalla. ~~Finished clearing~~ Finished clearing and levelled off lumps near the track.

JULY

- 1 At Doon galla. Continued the digging in the three cornered shrubbery for a little while ~~Wed~~ day. at the beginning and the close of the day. The rest of the day I was with Mr. Box & W. Bond cleaning out the water supply dam & the settling tanks. I have a very heavy cold.
- 2 At Doongalla. Digging. A foggy cold day.
- 3 At Doongalla. Digging. Still foggy and cold. Attended tennis club concert at night. Splendid affair. My cold is still very bad & I should not have gone at all.
- 4 At Doongalla. Finished digging and hoed off the rubbish above the shrubbery fence. At home in afternoon. Cleaning chimney etc.
- 5 The children and I attended B.S. and I stayed to church. Ethel, having a cold stayed at home with Nell. Lill, Mrs. Badger & Jessie came in afternoon. I went to the night meeting.
- 6 At Doongalla. I finished clearing away the rubbish I had hoed on Saturday, & in afternoon started making a flight of steps near the entrance to the little orchard. I attended for a little while at ~~the~~ night a social given by the church to say goodbye to Mr & Mrs Milne and their two daughters.
- 7 Very cold day., and some snow at Doongalla. I worked at the steps until noon but the afternoon being wet I trimmed a level to the sledge runners in the cart sgd also some timber to be used in making the steps. My cough very trying.
- 8 At Doongalla. I finished the steps and began to put in, posts for a hand rail. Horrible weather & my cough a nuisance.
- 9 At Doongalla. I finished the hand rail and cleaned up by noon. In afternoon between the showers I began digging the flower beds at the north end of the terrace's beginning on the next one to the drive. Terribly cold with hail rain & snow. The children have colds. Ethel & Eric's being the most severe.
- 10 Wet morning. After cutting some firewood I went to Mr. Archer's and borrowed his spray pump. In the afternoon Lucy, Eric & I went to the Arbor Day celebrations at Kilsyth which included a concert at night, Not so good as last year & weather horrible On account of Ethel's cold Nellie did not go.
- 11 I slept in till too late to go to Doongalla. I planted a lemon tree recently bought sprayed some apple trees affected with blight., and pruned a few trees. Another horrible day. I coughed my top set of teeth out yesterday and broke them.
- 12 Lucy, Eric & I went to B.S. I went to church. A very wet afternoon.
- 13 Went to town by the early train and visited Mr. Price the dentist who took an impression of my mouth to re-model the broken set of teeth. After visiting Jane and doing some shopping I returned home by the 3-40 train. More rain at night.
- 14 At Doongalla. A wet day. Having an indoor job I went to work. Busy making another sledge. Every one in our house have colds. Eric & Ethel home from school for some days. My cough still with me & bad cold in the right eye.
- 15 At Doongalla. Still wet weather but not as bad as yesterday. Did a little more to the sledge but was away most of the day. With Fred Box I mended a break in the cow-paddock fence. In afternoon Fred & his father & I spent some time on the road cleaning out water-table and searching on old road for rubble for metal.
- 16 At Doongalla. Finished the sledge early and resumed work digging in the beds at north end of the terraces. Cold miserable weather. Colds are getting a little better.
- 17 At Doongalla. Digging. Strong cold wind. My teeth arrived today.

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JULY

- 20 At Doongalla. A. Hodges being away for a week I had to take his place with Fred Smale splitting posts in the cow-paddock. Fine weather but cold.
- 21 At Doongalla. Splitting posts. Fine weather.
- 22 At Doongalla. Splitting posts. Weather still fine.
- 23 At Doongalla. Splitting posts.
- 24 At Doongalla. Splitting posts. Lovely weather but rather cool.
- 25 At Doongalla. Splitting posts. At home in the afternoon. Finished pruning the goose-berry bushes also young apple trees planted last year.
- 26 The children, Nellie & I went to B.S, and stayed to church except Eric who came home and cooked dinner. I went to the night meeting.
- 27 At Doongalla. A wet morning but turned out nice and fine afterwards. I spent most of the day scrubbing the floor of the electric battery house which has to be painted. A very awkward dirty job caused by the action of the chemicals. Attended church business meeting at night.
- 28 At Doongalla. Cut away the top of a tree that had fallen across my track. Squared a corner post split last week and resumed digging north of terraces.
- 29 At Doongalla. Digging for a little while but spent most of the day painting the floor of the battery room with chemical resisting paint.
- 30 At Doongalla. Digging. War has commenced lately between Austria & Serbia. Germany likely to help Austria. Russia likely to help Serbia.
- 31 At Doongalla. Digging.

## AUGUST

- Monday. At Doongalla. Commenced to dig new piece of ground at top of long steps. At home in the afternoon pruning apple trees. Mr. Maguire helped for a few hours.
- 2 The children & I attended B.S. Nellie & I attended church. As we were returning home G. Fussel & another boy pelted us with apples nearly hitting us. On learning that I intended to report it to the police they came over to the house & G.F. affirmed that they had not thrown at us. I sent a note to the L. Lydale police about the incident. Nellie not having been too well lately was not improved by this incident. I went to the night meeting.
- 3 At Doongalla. Digging at the long steps. Nellie not at all well.
- 4 At Doongalla in the afternoon. Started to rim away the ridge on the edge of the drive from near long steps downwards. Nellie not well enough to see to the children. I had to stay home this morning. War declared between Germany & Russia. Germany also starts operations in France. Great excitement in Australia.
- 5 At Doongalla. Working at the drive. Nellie a good deal better.
- 6 Doongalla. Working at the drive. Heard to-day that war has been declared by Britain against Germany.
- 7 At Doongalla. Finished the drive work and gathered up the spare metal. Sensational reports of battles in Europe.
- 8 At Doongalla. Raking up leaves between the drive and fowl-yards. Mr. Mackinnon came up to-day. After his departure all the men were told that on account of war we may lose our jobs at the end of the month. In afternoon at home pruning.
- 9 Lucy, Eric & I went to B.S. I attended church. In late afternoon Nellie with Trevor visited Lill. I attended night meeting with Eric & Lucy.
- 10 At Doongalla. I finished raking up leaves. W. Bond assisting. In the afternoon I cut down two large saplings outside the raspberry patch & began to cut them up for burning.
- 11 At Doongalla. Finished cutting up & splitting the saplings & packed them on a fire.
- 12 At Doongalla. Rain in the morning. I cleaned up after yesterday's work in the morning. With Mr. Box in the afternoon marking out lines for a new fence round the clearing facing Legg's track & grubbing tree on one of the lines. Cut two round posts.



## 1. AUGUST

- 14 At Doongalla. Started fencing. Fred Smale sent to assist. The terrible war in Europe is going on and Australia soon sending troops. Bad times ahead expected.
- 15 At Doongalla. Fencing. At home in the afternoon pruning.
- 16 The children & I went to B.S. & I went to church. In afternoon Miss Box & Mr. W. Bend paid us a visit and stayed to tea.
- 17 At Doongalla. Fencing.
- 18 At Doongalla. Fencing.
- 19 At Doongalla. Fencing.
- 20 At Doongalla. Fencing.
- 21 At Doongalla. Fencing.
- 22 At Doongalla. Fencing. At home in the afternoon, planted some cabbage plants. Esther arrived to-night on a visit. Nellie still very much depressed.
- 23 I borrowed Jim's bike and rode to Lilydale and consulted Dr. Short about Nellie. He advised a holiday, more than medicine. I arrived home in the afternoon. Jim, Lill & children came to tea also the Pater.
- 24 At work. Fencing. Jim, Lill & children shifted to-day to Henry's place nearer Croydon. They recently sold their property to Dr. Murray. We shall miss them very much especially Nellie.
- 25 At Doongalla. Fencing. Fred Smale very much disheartened over his only son offering for the war. England has sent troops to France to fight Germany. Russia also fighting Germany. Servia succeeding against Austria. Japan declared war against Germany. Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Gilmour & Mrs. H. Chandler paid Nellie a visit to-day.
- 26 At Doongalla. Fencing. Nellie seems brighter. Reported that English & French troops have at last met the Germans in Belgium and that a great battle is going on.
- 27 At Doongalla. Fencing. Reported that the English & French troops have had to fall back from the Germans. A letter from my sister Chris informs us that her second son Arthur has volunteered for the war & is in camp at Broadmeadows.
- 28 At Doongalla. Fencing. Nellie not so well again.
- 29 At Doongalla. Wet morning. I reduced the thickness of sledge runners and helped grind tools. No instructions having been received by Mr. Box about discharging the men I continue on Monday. At home in afternoon. Started to clean and dig strawberry bed.
- 30 Lucy stayed at home to help her mother while Eric, Ethel & I went to B.S. and church.
- 31 Wet morning. At home in the forenoon. At Doongalla for half-a-day. Fencing by myself again. Nellie somewhat better but decided to get the doctor to call, tomorrow.

## SEPTEMBER.

- 1 Tuesday. At Doongalla. Finished the fence. Fred Smale's with me again. Dr. Short called to see Nellie to-day. She has to receive careful treatment and wean the baby. If possible a change away from the children is needed.
- 2 Went to Macclesfield to try and get Emmie for a while. Could not. Aunt Em kindly offered to come down & take the children home with her for a while. She returned with me at night. Walked from Bayswater with me like a Briton. Arrived home late and found that Nellie had just had a bad turn but was getting round a little.
- 3 I went to Mr. H. Chandler's on my way to work for half-a-day to ask him to spare his buggy to take Em & children to the station tomorrow morning. Worked at Doongalla in the afternoon. At night Esther received word that little Essie was ill & I had to get Tom Davis to drive her to the station.
- 4 I went to the Mater's to get her to stay a day or two with Nellie. Mr. H. Chandler kindly sent horse, buggy & driver to take Em, Lucy, Eric & Ethel to Bayswater station. The house seemed very quiet after they had gone.
- 5 At Doongalla. for half-a-day as usual. Putting in gateway to new enclosure from cow paddock. Went to Kilsyth in afternoon & voted for the Federal Houses. Nellie not well

- 7 At Doongalla. Finished off the gateway and commenced to gather some stones at east end of lower terrace & grade an old bank. The house seems deadly quiet after the bustle of last week. Labor victory at the elections. Germans getting nearer to Paris.
- 8 Went to town calling on my way to see Nellie and Trevor. After doing some business I returned to Lill's & stayed for the doctor's visit in the afternoon. Not too well satisfied with him. Trevor has a bad cold and Nellie does not get the rest she needs. Arrived home tired & anxious about 7pm.
- 9 At Doongalla. Rather wet morning. Finished grading at end of terrace. Ground tools until dinner time. In afternoon with Fred Smale began digging in the old orchard. Heard from Jim at night that Nellie had spent an easier night last night. I have to send milk down by Jim who is putting up a new verandah for Dr. Murray.
- 10 At Doongalla. Digging in old orchard. Mrs. Simson & Mrs. McKinnon paid a short visit to Doongalla to-day. I was glad to get a note at night from Nellie that she & the baby seemed a little better. Thank God for that. I miss them all so very much.
- 11 At Doongalla. Digging.
- 12 At Doongalla. Digging. At home in afternoon. Finished my pruning and cleaned around strawberry plants. At night I went down to see Nellie & baby. Found them much improved. Stayed all night.
- 13 Came home before breakfast. After church walked again to where Jim is living to see Nell & Baby. Stayed until 9-20pm & then walked home.
- 14 At Doongalla. Digging.
- 15 At Doongalla. Digging. Nellie & Trevor improving. Paper reports Germans being driven back out of France by British & french troops. Also Brussels has been retaken from Germans.
- 16 At work. Still digging, in the orchard with F. Smale.
- 17 At Doongalla. Digging. Went to see Nellie at Jim's (Henry's) to-night. She is doing well and hopes to go to Janie's tomorrow and to Mrs. Follett's at Cheltenham on Saturday. Dear Little Trevor getting on finely. Letter from Macclesfield. Children doing well.
- 18 At Doongalla. Digging, in the orchard and grubbing some saplings near the walnuts.
- 19 At Doongalla, in the morning. Finished grubbing the saplings. In afternoon I raked up and carried off prunings from the orchard at home. Rained practically all day. Afternoon the worse time.
- 20 Attended church. Was invited to Mr. Archer's for dinner & went. Spent most of the afternoon there.
- 21 At Doongalla. Digging in the orchard and under the walnut trees. Letter from Nellie. Arrived safely at Cheltenham on Sat. Very kindly treated by Mrs. Follett. Thoroughly enjoying herself & she & baby doing well. Letter from Dandenong about poor old Dad's health. Still in bed.
- 22 At Doongalla. Finished digging under the walnuts & continued digging in the orchard. The greatest battle of history was now being fought in France, the English & French against the Germans.
- 23 At Doongalla. Digging. Cold wind at mid-day with some showers.
- 24 At Doongalla. Digging between showers and grinding tools. Cold wet day. An Australian submarine lost at New Guinea. 35 lives lost.
- 25 Wet morning. I went up to the store at Kilsyth & got a letter from Nellie & one from the children. All doing well. I had an early dinner and went to work for half-a-day. Started with F. Smale to grub out rubbish and dig near camellias in the old shrubbery.
- 26 At Doongalla. Miserable morning. Busy in the shrubbery. At home in afternoon. Started to clean up paths & dig the flower garden.
- 27 Went to church as usual. Invited to Mr. Archer's to dinner and went.
- 28 At Doongalla. Digging and taking out brambles etc. above path in the old shrubbery. A letter from Nellie arrived, still at Cheltenham. Doing well, Trevor not quite so well.

OCTOBER.

- 1 At Doongalla. Working on the terraces accompanied by F. Smale still. In the evening I took the cow to Albert's who is going to milk her while I go to Macclesfield.
- 2 At Doongalla. At the terraces. Left work at 1/4 to 4 came home had a hurried tea and walked to Bayswater & caught the 7-26 pm train. Arrived at Wright at about 9-30 George Legg met me at Fern-Tree-Gully. Arrived safely at Jim's and was glad to see my dear old Nellie there again also children.
- 3 Stayed all day at Jim's.
- 4 Attended church with Emmie, Percy, Jim, Jnr. Wall, George & Bert. In late afternoon Jim with Maud drove us to Emerald and we caught the train. Arrived at Bayswater at 7-40. G. Daviss met us as I had arranged and we arrived home in good time.
- 5 At work as usual. On the terraces. Nellie not so well again. The Macclesfield trip has not improved her health. Trevor is doing well & the other children fairly so.
- 6 At doongalla. At the terraces. Nellie no better. Very poor appetite.
- 7 Nellie not being well enough to look after the children I stayed home and sent to the Doctor for some medicine for Nellie. I went to work for half-a-day in the afternoon. Nellie ate very little all day.
- 8 At Doongalla. On the terraces. Nellie a trifle better.
- 9 At Doongalla. On the terraces. Nellie much improved. The doctor's medicine has given her an appetite.
- 10 At Doongalla. On the terraces. At home in the afternoon, spraying some of my Jonathan apple trees. Heard the sad news of the death of Mrs. H. Chandler. Senr.
- 11 The children went to S.S. Nellie & I went to church. In the afternoon went to Mrs. Baldwin's funeral to Box Hill with Mr. H. Chandler.
- 12 At Doongalla. On the terraces. Nellie's mother being ill she went to see her to-day.
- 13 At Doongalla. On the terraces. The doctor saw Mrs. Jackson to-day. Nellie was ever there again to-day.
- 14 At Doongalla. On the terraces. Nellie went to her mother's to fetch her here but the weather was not fine enough to carry out the plan.
- 15 At Doongalla. On the terraces. Nellie's father bought her mother over to-day. He stayed all night.
- 16 At Doongalla. At the terraces. Very sharp frost this morning.
- 17 At Doongalla. Finished work on the terraces. Did a little weeding at the back of the mansion. At home in the afternoon mending couch. Also started preparing ground for tomatoes.
- 18 Children went to B.S. I went to church as usual. Mrs. Chandler visited Nellie and her mother in the afternoon. I went to town by the 8 train, to Chris's at Albert Park. Just missed seeing Arthur who had said goodbye on leaving for England, with the military contingent. Great secrecy observed in their departure.
- 19 Did some shopping and caught the 12-15 train home. Began to prepare ground for tomato plants after getting home. Also went to Albert's.
- 20 At Doongalla. Hoeing by myself in the small fruits garden. Rather warm day. Nellie went to Lilydale to-day to get Trevor vaccinated. Alice Badger very kindly drove her there and back.
- 21 At Doongalla. With Fred Smale finished the hoeing at 4pm., And began to grub out rubbish in the big fowl-yard. The Mater is only doing middling and Nellie is beginning to show the strain very much.
- 22 At Doongalla. Repaired break in the cow paddock fence past septic tank <sup>after</sup> which I resumed work with F. Smale in the fowl-yard. Nellie eating very little and not at all well.
- 23 At Doongalla. Working in the fowl-yard. Sent for medicine for Nellie. Hot day.
- 24 At Doongalla. In the fowl-yard. At home in the afternoon hoed in the flower garden, finished hoeing strawberry bed. Also prepared ground for some melon seeds and set some. Hot day. Fires on mountain. Nellie a trifle better.

- OCT 27 At Doongalla. Raked up and burned rubbish in the big fowl-yard. We afterwards commenced to hoe potatoes. Alice Badger again kindly drove Nellie to Lily-dale with Trevor. His ~~arm~~ arm is beginning to get sore.
- 28 At Doongalla. Hoeing potatoes. At night I attended a first meeting of a mission which is to be held in the chapel for 10 days by Mr. Haggar & Mr. Clay.
- 29 At Doongalla. Hoeing potatoes.
- 30 At Doongalla. Finished hoeing potatoes and with Fred Smale commenced to clean weeds & suckers of the path on the east end of the terraces. The children and I attended the mission at night. Enjoyed it very much.
- 31 At Doongalla. Finished the path and started to grub out rubbish from little paddock At home in the afternoon. Planted potatoes and pumpkins and got firewood. Heavy shower about 5pm. Light rain before it for a while.
- NOVEMBER.
- 1 SUNDAY. We had a great day at the chapel. The children went to B.S. & Nellie & I & the baby joined them at church. We took lunch with us as did many others and had it at the chapel. At 2pm had a great address on temperance from Mr. Haggar. With a few others attended a service in the Methodist chapel afterwards. Nellie and children had tea with others at chapel. I came home milked the cow had tea & returned to a grand meeting at night.
- 2 At Doongalla. Cleaning up in the little paddock below terraces. I attended the mission at night.
- 3 At Doongalla. Finished cleaning up and commenced moulding up potatoes. Nellie the children & I went to the mission at night. Four converts so far.
- 4 At Doongalla. Finished the potatoes and commenced to hoe in the shrubbery north of mansion.
- 5 At Doongalla. Hoeing in the shrubbery. I attended the meeting at night.
- 6 At Doongalla. Hoeing in the shrubbery. Nellie, Children & I attended the last meeting of the mission at night. Chapel crowded. Splendid meeting. Four young people confessed their faith in Christ making confessions for the mission.
- 7 At work at Doongalla. Finished in the north shrubbery & commenced hoeing on north of terraces. In afternoon Nellie the children & I attended Bible School picnic. Very good affair.
- 8 The children went to B.S. Nellie the baby & I joined them at church. Afterwards Nellie and children returned home. Mr. Moysey, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Minahan, Mr. H. Chandler Mr. Langley and I had some lunch in the chapel and then drove to Mt. Dandenong and held a meeting in the hall with a few members of the churches in the district. Returned to Montrose and had tea at the chapel and attended the night meeting. This was a splendid one, crowded house, a splendid sermon by Mr. Moysey and a young girl made the good confession. Nellie and children met me at the meeting.
- 9 At Doongalla. Hoeing beds at end of terraces.
- 10 At Doongalla. Finished hoeing. Cleaned up paths made a little trench to fetch overflow water from the getting tanks to the maize patch. Started with Fred to weed the drive near the mansion.
- 11 At Doongalla. Weeding the drive around the mansion. Heard today the the Australians warships SYDNEY had discovered and sunk the German warship EMDEN which has sunk a great number of British and other merchant vessels since the war started.
- 12 At Doongalla. Weeding the drive.
- 13 At Doongalla. Weeding the drive and for a change of work began hoeing path around the western shrubbery with iron post fence.
- 14 Very welcome rain but only enough to keep me home. Did some odd jobs. Heavy shower in afternoon, after which I sowed carrots, parsnips, radish, lettuce seeds. Mrs Downs called with sewing just as the big shower started.
- 15 The children went to B.S. Nellie with Trevor & I went to church. We all went to the night meeting.
- 16 At work. Hoeing weeds on path and cleaning up round shrubbery. Mr. Box suffering from a bad cold.

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- 18 Stayed home to go to town with Nellie. In the morning I sowed some more maize and cultivated strawberries beds and melons, pumpkins & cucumbers. With Nellie, Trevor & Ethel went to Croydon in the new motor coach. Went to Richmond by mid-day. Did some shopping and returned in the evening.
- 19 At Doongalla. Picked red currants by myself and cut ferns afterwards in the new cow-paddock with Fred Smale as usual. Light rain fell in the middle of the day. Dr. Langley visited Mr. Box yesterday.
- 20 At Doongalla. Fred & I finished the fern cutting and commenced picking up sticks and rubbish in the same paddock.
- 21 At Doongalla. Finished picking up rubbish & commenced to hoe in the kitchen garden. Eric went ~~ka~~ with me to-day. We called at Davies' on the way home & got their horses & harrows. After dinner harrowed our orchard. Was away for about an hour with Jim measuring a back line for a new fence.
- 22 Children went to B.S. Nellie & I joined them at church. In afternoon Mr & Mrs. H. Chandler, gave Johnston & I went to Mt. Dandenong to a meeting. Returned later. Mr. Moysey accompanying us. Nellie, Lucy with Mrs. Pound and Doris went to the night meeting. Inez Langley who had been here for the afternoon went with them.
- 23 Damp morning. I cut down some overhanging trees on the line for new fence. At work in afternoon. Cutting ferns in lower cow-paddock.
- 24 At Doongalla. Cutting ferns in lower cow-paddock. Mr. Box still indoors.
- 25 At Doongalla. Grand rain fell to-day. Ground tools in forenoon. In afternoon started to make a temporary fowl-yard to accommodate a new lot of fowls.
- 26 At Doongalla. Finished fowl-yard. Finished fern cutting & commenced to knock sapling shoots off stumps in the same paddock. After getting home, Hubert Jeeves drove Nellie & I up to Montrose to vote for the State parliament.
- 27 At Doongalla. Finished knocking off shoots and commenced to clean up drive gutters near camelias. Suffering from a severe cold for some time past, coughing a great deal.
- 28 At Doongalla. Picking red currants and gooseberries. At home in afternoon gardening. Visit from Jim.
- 29 Children attended B.S. Nellie, Trevor & I went to church. Terrible headache all afternoon. Got easier towards night, and we all went to night meeting.
- 30 At Doongalla. Working in the kitchen, garden.

## DECEMBER

- 1 My cold being no better I went to Lilydale via Croydon and saw Dr. Short. Got medicine and returned by mid-day train & coach. Did a little gardening in the late afternoon.
- 2 At Doongalla. Working in the kitchen garden. Muggy weather, rain falling to-night.
- 3 At Doongalla. Damp muggy morning. With Fred Smale cleaned rubbish off most of Legg's Track.
- 4 At Doongalla. A beautiful day. Fred S. & I spent the day setting poison for rabbits on the mountain boundary. Nellie's father came and took Nellie & baby with Ethel to Aunt. Lillies for a drive.
- 5 At Doongalla. Working in the Kitchen garden. At home in the afternoon. Getting wood & gardening. Expecting some medicine at the store. Lucy, Eric & I went up to a Patriotic Concert at night.
- 6 Children went to B.S. I felt too ill with my cold to go anywhere. Nellie went to night meeting.
- 7 At Doongalla. Digging and planting Astor plants on the bank of little creek.
- 8 At Doongalla. Worked for half-a-day in the kitchen garden. Had a half holiday then as Miss. Box was married to-day to W. Bond. Did some gardening in the afternoon putting in some more maize.
- 9 At Doongalla. Digging and hoeing in kitchen garden.

At Doongalla. Finished hoeing in the kitchen garden and commenced with Fred S.

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- 11 At Doongalla. Working at the cricket pitch. Nellie took Trevor to the doctor to-day as he had had a very bad night. The Doctor says that it was Bronchitis. I met Nellie at Willies and helped her home. Trevor much better at the moment.
- 12 At Doongalla. At the cricket pitch. Picked Codlan Mothed apples at home in the afternoon. Trevor improving slowly.
- 13 Children went to B.S. After church we all went from there to Mr. Langley's for the afternoon. Came home after tea.
- 14 At Doongalla. Grand rain fell in the forenoon. Fred, S. & I ground tools during the rain. In afternoon continued grubbing stumps on the cricket pitch site. At night I went to Mr. H. Chandler's and was driven by him to his brother's, a J.P. who witnessed our signatures with others, to a church land transfer. Very heavy rain fell most of the time. Got home about 10-30.
- 15 At Doongalla. Grubbing for the cricket pitch. In the afternoon Nellie's father came & spent the night with us.
- 16 At Doongalla. Grubbing stumps on the cricket pitch site.
- 17 At Doongalla. Working at the grubbing. Started to form the cricket pitch. Four German warships bombarding Scarborough & Hartlepool on English coast.
- 18 At Doongalla, until about 10-30am when a severe headache sent me home. I spent all the day indoors until about 5pm when I went into the garden for a little while.
- 19 At Doongalla. Forming the cricket pitch. At home in the afternoon. Hoeing in the garden and planting peas, beans & a little patch of swede turnips. Set poison for birds.
- 20 Splendid rain fell in early morning. I went to church alone. Lucy & I went to the nightmeeting.
- 21 Wet morning. Home from work. Started to repair ground plates and boards eaten by white ants in the front room. Needing some material to paint against the ants, I went to town at Mid-day and returned in the evening.
- 22 At Doongalla. Forming the cricket pitch and levelling.
- 23 At Doongalla. Part of the day forming cricket pitch. Also helped Mr. Box while he cleaned out some gutters of the mansion roof. Started to prepare dairy wall to put fresh hessian for water cooling system. Rain in afternoon.
- 24 At Doongalla. Finished the cricket pitch and put hessian on part of the dairy. Some rain in the morning. Very hot day afterwards.
- 25 At home. Busy all day taking out timber under the house eaten by white ants, and renewing with fresh material. An awful mess, awkward job and the front room topsy turvey. Vert heavy rains fell in the afternoon, and torrents at night.
- 26 Working all day at the house. In the afternoon had a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Davis of Collingwood with Winnie and a girl friend. The pater came later. The Mater is ill.
- 27 Wet day. I went to church in the morning and also to the night meeting. The children went to B.S.
- 28 Weather finer. I worked all day at the house finding fresh evidence of the ravages of the white ants. Set some poison today for birds in the orchard. Nellie, Lucy & Ethel with Trevor visited the grand-mother in the afternoon.
- 29 At Doongalla. Cleaning up on the "Birthday" track with F. Smale & W. Bond. Very dull weather.
- 30 At Doongalla. Cleaning up on the Birthday track. Drizzly rain fell practically all day. Came in at 3030pm. and ground tools.
- 31 At Doongalla. A ~~KNATIX~~ beautiful day. Working on the Birthday track. Finished the section south of the creek and started on the north side. Miss. Jessie Lisson called today with Mr. G. Richards.

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