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Aug[ust] 30 to Oct[ober] 18 1889

Book No 17

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[1]

1889 Aug[ust] 30. Returned with Father from our Holidays in Ireland. In the afternoon Mr Hartley came in &[and] told me that the Grey cat which had been "at the birds" many times during our absence was in the garden. I took the gun &[and] shot it dead. Mrs Mellish who was in the garden was startled by the shot as her husband came to our door &[and] charged

me with nearly shooting his Wife pooh' I said nonsense he would have me go with him  
When I found the woman [2]

in a considerable state of excitement. Mellish threatened to find the owner of the Cat and  
get me into trouble. in the evening I had a walk [shorthand symbol] up Altery Road through  
the fields Spen Lane & Kirkstall. 31 Went to the Museum to see how things were getting  
on found that Grassham had received all the birds I sent but not in very good condition  
owing to the time taken in transit Paid JW Smith & Son £4.8.0 for my new Grey  
Suit. [3]

Branson I was told called to see me on Wednesday so I returned the visit this morning he  
wanted me to take charge of the excursion to Ribstone to day I afterwards saw both Walker  
& Addyman. Found letter awaiting me from C.C. Smith Craven Natu[ralist] Club. asking  
for assistance with syllabus. I wrote & promised a paper for Dec[ember] 9th "Flying  
Walking and Swimming" to be illustrated with Lantern & expenses to be paid also letter  
from [4]

Backhouse asking for report of Vertebrate Section. Got new Camera stand from white  
Sep[tember] 1. H[eadingley].H[ill].C[ongregational].C[hurch]. in morning Commenced lecture  
on Life of Mammals for Museum Lecture. In the afternoon had a walk [shorthand symbol]  
thro[ugh] Meanwood, Stainbeck Lane & Meanwood wood. 2. Recommenced duties at  
the Museum. My face has commenced to swell again so at noon I went to Birch to have the  
tooth drawn he was however engaged but asked me to call tomorrow [5]

W[illiam].H[enry].W[ilfred].W[ilfrid]. called at the Museum & told me that Father was  
going up to Fallowfield Terrace to tea & asked me to go also. I promised to do so but  
should have to leave in time for Club Meeting at 7.30. Went to tea as arranged & found  
Mrs Wilkinson the only represen tative of the family the rest being Switzerland. Attended  
meeting of L[eads].N[aturalists'].C[lub]. Which was to examine the results of the excursion of  
Saturday to Ribstone I was voted to the chair & learned that only one member had put  
in an [6]

appearance so the excursion was not held. there being "no exhibits & no remarks"  
& seeing that the evening was going to be a failure I gave an hour & ½ on  
Connemara & my Irish tour left at 8.45 [shorthand notation] Brownridge has in his shop  
an albino Java sparrow. 3 At noon I went to Birch as arranged and he drew my tooth under  
Nitrous oxide my second experience - this time I knew nothing - of what was taking place

Gurnell called to see me at the Museum. Dr Teale called with his son & inspected the [7]

cases fitted with his filtration system and was well satisfied with the result. & recommended the adoption in the Bird Cases. Birch lent me Gray's anatomy. 4. Made further progress with my lecture on the Life of Mammals. letter from Craven Nat[uralist] Ass[ociatio]n asking me to change date of lecture from Dec[ember] 9th to the 2nd Replied stating that as the Annual Meeting of the L[eads] Natu[ralist] Club was fixed for this date I could not attend; but Dec[ember] 16th would suit me. [8]

5 Gurnell called at North Lane & brought me from Paris a pin set with a piece of Connemara marble Grassham gave me 2 J[unio]r Swallows taken at Eccup and 1 adult at Collingham wrote to Mr StuartWestport & Sent him ¼ lb[pound] of Naphthaline. 6 Got up at 4.45 and Grassham called according to arrangement we went to the farm but I got nothing he shot 2 ♀[female] Chaf- -finches 1 Blue Tit and 1 Song Thrush. Yesterday I gave Collinge notes of Shells from Ireland for Meeting of Conchological [9]

Society and saw Crossfield who invited me to see him at Lane Ends Horsworth Raymond came and spent the night. 7. Showed him round the Museum wrote to Backhouse re[garding] Vertebrate Section to Clarke and to Crossfield saying I might call on him this afternoon. Gave Gurnell balance of photo[graph]s of figures. After tea I walked [shorthand symbol] to Horsforth & called at Crossfield's house it is nearly at Rawdon but as I did not get there until 7.0 he had gone out. Came [10]

back by train 8 Did not go to Church to day. In the morning I finished the Bats of my lecture & after tea walked to New Leeds [shorthand symbol] to see Mrs Mann by the Ridge but found that she was away from home Walked home by Chapeltown & Stainbeck Lane. 9 Post Card from Backhouse Saying in reply to my letter that he would be at the Museum this morning. Letter from W Bland giving me a list of his eggs &c[et cetera] &c[et cetera] Took my pictures of [11]

Fieldfare & Hoopoe to the Art Gallery but found I could not exhibit them without becoming a member of the Art Union of Yorks[hire]' so paid the necessary 5/-[shillings] subscription & entered my works for competition Backhouse called and I promised to subscribe to his book - "Hand book to the European Birds" 10 Miall came down to Museum and I arranged to have my lantern slides made at the College as before. Went on the ridge

[shorthsnd symbol] at night. Both the turtle doves eggs hatched yesterday Took home the articles [12]

on Mammalia in the voyage of the Beagle. from Phil[osophical] Library Some boys limed a G[rea]t Tit which they brought to me 11. Called on Birch &[and] we went together to see <w> Addyman who asked me to take charge of the Vertebrate section at Filey on Saturday this I agreed to do. Wrote to W Bland &[and] told him I might see him on Saturday at Scarb[o]ro'[ugh] 12 Called on Roebuck &[and] wrote up my Y[orkshire].N[aturalists'].U[nion]. Cash Book Spent most of the evening at the Life of Mammals having now to commence the "Burrowers" [13]

13 Went out at 5.30 to the farm &[and] shot a Missel Thrush they are now going in flocks. Addyman called and gave me the necessary Railway permit for the excursion tomorrow Marsh reminded of affiliation of Leeds Nat[uralists'] Club to the Britsol Association at Leeds next year so I at once wrote to Newcastle Where they are now mmeting, At night had a walk [shorthand symbol] thro[ugh] the Park 14 Leeds Naturalists' Club excursion to Filey. Left Leeds at 9.5 in charge &[and] at York we were meet [14]

by Addyman, Davis &[and] a Middlesb[o]ro[ugh] man. Arrived at Filey at 11.39 went to the "Crown" &[and] had some refreshment &[and] then took a cobble for the rest of the day, 5 of us went in the boat Addyman Walker Self &[and] 2 others. the remainder working the rock Pools After we had been out an hour we had to <[?]> put Walker &[and] another off. We worked with a dredge &[and] tow-net. the dredge we hauled in 4 times. Saw but few birds nearly all gulls. 1 Guillemot [15]

&[and] flock of ducks Tufted? went ashore &[and] left Filey at 6.12 for Scarb[o]ro[ugh] here I left them &[and] made my way to Bar St[reet] &[and] had tea with the Blands. returned to the Station &[and] departed for Leeds at 8.0 having an engaged carriage we bottled our Catches in the train When we arrived at Leeds I went to the Exchange Club with Addyman had some Coffee and came to Headingley by train arriving about 12.0. 15 H[eadingley].H[ill].C[ongregational].C[hurch]. in the morning [16]

&[and] <a> in the evening JA Reid brought me a Gold crest which he had found dead on Mr Berry's door step. Went for a walk [shorthand symbol] to Kirkstall, Woodside Spen Lane &c[et cetera]. 16 Letter from Clarke &[and] received varnishing notice for my pictures at the exhibition Sep[tember] 28th. Sent Grassham to Station for our Filey Specimens. look out the

shark in Yarrell & found it to be the Common Tope (*Galeus canis*). Made a Water color drawing of it in [17]

some color which I borrowed from Brownridge & there learned that Booth is seriously ill. supposed tumor on the brain. In the afternoon Addyman came to the Museum & we went thro' our captures made out a small fish to be the Shanny (*Blennius pholis*) & Barnacles to be *Balanus balanoides* & Star fish to be *Ophura albida* & *Ophiotrix fragilis*. Addyman took the Hydrozoa & Polyzoa At night I presided at meeting of L[eads].N[aturalists'].C[lub]. exhibited drawing of [18]

Tope dissected out Barnacle to show cirri Gave list of Birds & c[et cetera] JA Reid came up & showed me his clock. Wrote to Mr Booth respecting his son. 17. Went out with the gun in the morning but did not get any- -thing. At 10.15 I went to help Addyman with report of L[eads].N[aturalists']. Club Meeting & found him with Kirkby. Kirkby handed me a case of 2 Nutcrackers saying they were for the Club but he afterwards said he would give them [19]

to me, Addyman was there & said he would not stand in <the> my way but I modified the matter, by taking one & leaving the other for the Club. took the Case away for the purpose of separating the birds. Wrote to Clarke, went into the Market & bought a young dead Goldfinch. 1d[pence] 18 About finished my lecture, telephoned to Twigg & said I would go up to the Reformatory to night , bought in the Market. Obstetricy 1/6 At night I went [shorthand symbol] to [20]

the Reformatory & brought back with me Transform- -ations of Insects by Duncan to work out the collection in the Museum. I left Mr Twigg Sharp's Therapeutics\*[Therapeutics] 19 Fixed wire netting in front of Aviary Sent out some Y[orkshire].N[aturalists'].U[nion]. a/cs[accounts] put into Skin Cabinet the Gulls & c[et cetera] which I got in Ireland 20 Storey called at Museum worked out some orders of insecta for Transformation Collection in Museum. 21 Went out to the farm in the morning & thought I heard a fieldfare fired at a thrush in mistake for a Redwing [21]

In the afternoon I went out [shorthand symbol] to Burley Kirkstall & in coming home thro' the Park saw the Yeomanry at work & stayed to watch them 22 Did not go to Church to day In the morning Father & I, walked passed Adel Dam & home by Weetwood I shot with the W[alking] Stick gun a Robin which I blew to pieces. 23 The Great Tit died this morning. Grassham had promised to go out with me but he did not turn up letter

from Mr Stuart At night went to L[ Leeds ]. N[ aturalists' ]. C[ lub ]. Geol[ ogy ]: Exhibits Saw Pickard [22]

&[ and ] walked home with him as far as Hyde Park I went down Victoria Road 24 In the afternoon I attended lecture in Phil[ osophical ] Hall by Prof. [ essor ] Beaumont on Textile industries. At night I went with the Major &[ and ] his daughters to the "feast" at Woodhouse but we did not stay very long. 25 Gurnell called about our arrangements for learning German together 26 Went out with the gun this morning result Nil Saw the Hawk [23]

again which I made out to be a Kestrel At noon I took back to Hewetson his Thompson's Birds of Ireland he showed me some skins &c[ et cetera ] We had a chat about Corporation aviaries at Roundhay Park &[ and ] thought of suggesting the idea to the Committee 27. Got some boards at at Lennox in order to bind Naturalists' World and the Field Naturalist and at night stitched the sheets. Mr Stuart sent me a Ringed Plover from Westport [24]

the receipt of which I acknowledged. 28. Got the sheets cut at McCorquodales. Varnishing day at the Art Gallery went to see my drawings &[ and ] found them hung in the Elementary Competition Class Met Henderson in the Gallery. In the afternoon I went [ shorthand symbol ] to Meanwood &[ and ] home by the wood. At night had a walk with the Major &c[ et cetera ] 29 H[ eadingley ]. H[ ill ]. C[ ongregational ]. C[ hurch ]. in the morning &[ and ] Headingley Church at night. 30 Went to the farm &[ and ] fired at a Wheatear [25]

it struggled into a hedge but when I tried to seize it, it passed thro' [ ugh ] into a turnip field &[ and ] I could not find it On looking at the place where I shot it I found 7 of its tail feathers &[ and ] others sufficient to identify it by. Saw the Hawk again. Got some wood cut to make a case for Nucifraga caryocatactes. At night I attended at Yorkshire College to hear Wager on development of a fungus. L[ Leeds ]. N[ aturalists' ]. C[ lub ]. Private view day at the Art Gallery. I spent [26]

most of the time in the photo[ graph ] room with Washington Teasdale Oct[ ober ] 1. Grassham came up at 4.45 &[ and ] we went to the Park. I did not get a shot he got Trolodytes parvulus. Erithacus rubecula &[ and ] <sup>TM</sup>€[ female ] Fringilla coelebs with my little gun. Saw several fieldfares very wild Last Wednesday there was sent to the Museum a Richardson's Skua in the flesh by T.B Charlesworth Settle for identification &[ and ] presentation, I afterwards [27]

Saw Roebuck &[ and ] promised him a note for the Naturalist. Kimbley called at the Museum <2> I Wrote Dixon re[ garding ] transfor- mation of Bee. This morning I was told that several

people had heard &[and] strange noise in Lenty's Wood &[and] that those living near couldn't sleep for it. About 6.30 to night, Alice told me that she could hear it from our cellar so I went out it was dusk and I heard a Barn Owl shrieking in fine [28]

style. Went over the road &[and] behind Grove Place, here I saw the bird in a tree above me very clearly &[and] went back for my gun but when I returned the bird had gone some boys who were there said they saw it come to the ground while I was away but a dog which they had with them began to bark &[and] so frightened the Owl. Bound the Nat[uralist's]: World 2 I was told this morning that the bird had again been [29]

heard at 3.0. Dixon called in response to my letter &[and] I arranged to go to Burmantofts tomorrow. Took 2 Vol[ume]s of Cassell's Nat[ural] Hist[ory] &[and] Brit[tish] Mus[eum]: Guide to Yorks[hire] College to Miss Ramsden to make my lantern slides Rev[erend] JM Bell called at the Museum &[and] told me that he let a chaffinch which he had caught last winter 15 times &[and] it returned every time until the spring came when it disappeared Wrote to Loten and [30]

enclose money for birds which I got him to stuff for Dr Atkinson At night I listened for the Owl until 7.0 dusk but did not hear it &[and] 8 0 went to see Scott as arranged &[and] spent the evening with him he gave me an elementary book on Botany <4> 3. The Owl had not been heard at all last night Sent some more books to the College by Grassham Went to see Dixon we put on the nets &[and] went to the hives, &[and] took out brood &c[et cetera] &[and] caught [31]

The Queen of one hive with a parasite on it this is the first Dixon had seen, got Bees larvae Cells &c[et cetera] for the Museum 5/- &[and] some cut woods for boxes for self 25 for 1/- &[and] also a box of honey 1/3, Mr. Stuart sent me a stonechat &[and] a rock pipit. Note from Prof[essor] Miall <ast> enclosing letter from J Moorhouse re[garding] snakes &[and] asking me call on him. at 145 Belle Vue Road. Wrote to Westport. Went to Mechanics at night &[and] attended elementary German Class but [32]

the Master thought I was fitted for the advanced class to which I stayed but I was not at all pleased with my progress 4. At night I went to 145 Belle Vue R[oad] [shorthand symbol] &[and] saw the snakes from India, Moorhouse was not in he as a member of the L[eesds].N[aturalists'].C[lub]. Sent up some more diagrams to the College. drew bones of bird's wing. Cut some glasses for boxes I got from Dixon intending to make them into egg boxes [33]

5 Letter from Collinge at 31 Southam Road Banbury where he has gone to live. I replied to it. In the afternoon had a walk [shorthand symbol] as far as the Abbey &[and] thro[ugh] the Park. At night commenced to bind the "Field Naturalist" 6.

H[eadingley].H[ill].C[ongregational].C[hurch]. in the morning After tea Gurnell came up &[and] he Miss Green &[and] myself had a walk to Meanwood. Booth died to day 7. Gurnell brought me a Conversational Guide in German &c[et cetera]. I mounted some parasites [34]

to show at the Club to night when I got home Father said that considering the bad night he did not care to go to the festival rehearsal so gave me the ticket. We had Midsummer Night's Dream conducted by Sullivan - The Sword of Argantyr conducted by the Composer. 7 Corder. & the Voyage of the Maeldune also conducted by the Composer V Stanford. I did not in Consequence attend L[eads].N[aturalists']. Club [35]

meeting, On Sunday Father shot a wren in the garden with the walking stick. this morning I spoke to Mr Booth who said that an invitation would be sent to me for Walter's Funeral I had intended going lent my drawings of Picidae &[and] Corvidae to Conversazione of Salem Church 8 At night I went [shorthand symbol] to the opening lecture of the Phil[osophical] So[cietiy]: New Session Lord Carnarvon on Liberty of Speech. Letter from William Booth [36]

I arranged to go to New Leeds to tea tomorrow at Mr Manns [shorthand symbol] 9. Father shot a starling with the stick gun this morning. Cleaned Corals. &c[et cetera] in Bird room. At 2.30 I went to Mr Booths House for the funeral Scott Abbott &[and] myself were the only friends of Walters asked. funeral at Woodhouse Cemetery. On leaving the Museum I went to New Leeds to bring home Miss Green who had gone to pay a [37]

visit to Mrs Mann 10. Went to Art Gallery at noon &[and] at night for the 1st. Volume of the English Illustrated Magazine ready for stitching. I went out into the garden and shot Erithacus rubec- ula with catapult Mounted starling in attitude of picking an elderberry &c[et cetera] from a bunch below its feet letter from Miss Beale to which I replied. Went to Goodall &[and] Suddicks &[and] had a lesson in [38]

Bookbinding - The last day or two I have learned the Lord's prayer in German from the Book Gurnell left on the 7th. 11. Mounted the Robin. Went to Library at noon &[and] looked at Buffors plates. At night I stitched Vol[ume] I Mag[azine]! 12 Went to 3 Horse Shoes at 2.15 to lead any members who might turn up to excursion of L[eads].N[aturalists'].C[lub]. Adel I was the only representative &[and] so had a walk to Adel church along [39]

the Old Otley Road and back by Lawnswood called to see Irvine. the wet weather had deterred other members 13 H[eadingley].H[ill].C[ongregational].C[hurch]. in the morning. Wet did not go out otherwise. 14. packed up all my lantern slides of lectures &c[et cetera] called at College & told Miss Ramsden to photograph the Kangaroo. received reply from British Association in reply to my letter to have Leeds Naturalist Club affiliated with their meeting in 1890 at Leeds. [40]

On Saturday 12 I received Syllabus from Craven Naturalists' Club & found my name down as "Curator Leeds Museum" & also a lecture by Miall so I wrote him & asked if I should give instructions to have the matter put right he replied it was of no consequence. To day Monday I sent skins &c[et cetera] to Naturalists' Club & sent Roebuck a note on Richardson's Skua for Naturalist Gurnell called and arranged to meet me for German on Thursday [41]

Went to Winterhalsters & had 2 negatives taken of myself One  $\frac{3}{4}$  & one profile he would let me have rough proofs on Wednesday filled up forms for Lantern Slides for Woodpeckers & life of Mammals. Received Syllabus of Leeds Geological Association. first Meeting on 17th Did not go to Leeds Naturalists' Club. 15. Went into Market & bought a Bernicle Goose for 1/3 from Annam on the Solway - Commenced to rewrite my lecture on Life of Mammals [42]

At night I stitched the 2nd Volume of the Magazine 16 On my way to business I called on Thomas Dawson & got an order for Lecture at Mechanics Institute to night on Bird Life Past & Present. I received an account from Smiths for repairing a coat for 10/6 & had a row with them about it & finally paid 5/3. Received nomination forms for Geological Association: On asking Lowe he gave me another pass for the lecture so I took Miss Green. J.O. Arnold of Frith College [43]

Sheffield on Bird-Life past & present a very "popular" lecture. 17 Attended opening meeting of New Session Geological Association: & proposed Gurnell & Pickard as new members. At noon Gurnell came to Museum & we had a turn at German. Got my lecture slides from College. Miall came down & said the lecture matter was in the hands of Mr Hargrove & he was afraid it was not making much progress. 18 Letter from Keighley [44]

Sci[ence] Ass[ociation]: asking me for title of lecture. I gave them Life of Mammals &[and] asked them to give me an early date. Wrote to Hy Hyde 29 Ardwick Green N[orth] Manchester for 3 frogs. [45]