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Edgar D Waite  
The Museum,  
Leeds.

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Book N<sup>o</sup> 30.

1892

From Sep 17<sup>th</sup>  
to

1893

Feb: 24<sup>th</sup>







Mr. Edgar Waite will on his approaching departure from Leeds for New South Wales leave behind him many friends. Fitting testimony was in the early part of the week borne to the energy and ability displayed by him in the city and the county in promoting the cause of science, of which he has been such a devoted student. There could have been no greater or more gratifying compliment paid to him than the statement that his work had been thorough, interesting, and clear. Work that is thorough is invariably clear. The presentation of addresses and a purse of gold was accompanied by that expression of good wishes which could hardly fail to be appreciated. When Mr. Waite said in response that he had friends all over Yorkshire and that he left the county with regret, he stated what could readily be understood. To the scientist and the student of Nature there is no place in the world perhaps to excel Yorkshire, rich as it is in materials for study in so many branches of science.

Friday, February 17.









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Sep. 1892.

17. Sat. After dinner  
Rose & I went to  
Fallowfield & from  
the windows watched  
the Annual Sports  
of the Leeds Rifles.  
Stayed until late.

18 Sun. Was Drawing  
in the morning -  
In the afternoon  
Fanny & Wilfrid  
came up.

19 Mon. Drew a  
Laplauder for a  
Lantern slide. I  
asked Gurnell who  
called at the



Museum to spend  
Saturday afternoon  
with us.

20 Tues. Made a  
negative of the  
Laplander letter  
from T. J. Banks  
to which I replied.

21 Wed. Having  
brought 2 ♀  
slow worms from  
Goat Island I  
placed them as  
I thought in  
the vivarium &  
great was my  
surprise to day  
on turning over  
some stones in



Sept.

The garden in  
search of slugs  
for the Slow worm  
to find a lively  
♀ dampieris, no  
doubt one of the  
2 I brought from  
Soathland, but  
how it got into  
the garden I can't  
imagine. I had  
written to Mr Paul  
& told him that  
I was to lecture  
at Starbeck on  
Oct 21<sup>st</sup> and to  
day I had a  
letter from him



asking Rose and  
myself to spend  
the 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
with him, In  
the evening I  
gave the lecture  
"Animals' clothes"  
before the Grammar  
School boys at  
which Rose and  
Fanny were present  
we went down  
with Fanny to  
Fallowfield and  
returned home late  
22 Thur. It would  
appear as though  
I was well among  
the Reptilia this



5th

mouth for in  
addition to the  
creatures mentioned  
in "Note Book N<sup>o</sup> 29"  
To day Mr. R<sup>d</sup>  
Reynold called at  
the Museum and  
told me that he  
was going to  
send a live  
Snake which had  
been found in  
some packing-straw  
received he thinks  
from Germany.  
Not knowing the  
species he & his  
men were afraid



of it, On asking  
him he said he  
would be glad  
for me to take  
it home. I  
received it during  
the afternoon &  
found it to be  
a small Tropi-  
donotris matrix  
it appeared to  
be frightened &  
continued to  
remain in a  
close coil and  
always hid its  
head beneath  
some of the  
fold as if well [8]



Sep

aware of the  
conspicuousness  
of its yellow spots  
behind the head  
which in this  
example did not  
form a complete  
collar the suc-  
ceeding black  
band, being  
similarly broken  
I placed some  
dead leaves &c  
in its box when  
it at once hid  
itself among  
them I also put  
the only young [9]



from I have, in -  
it hopped on to  
the snake's head  
+ sat very sedately  
for 10 minutes or  
so when it moved  
on to the coils  
where it was when  
I put the box  
aside, 4 hours  
afterwards I  
looked at the  
snake again by  
moving aside  
the leaves and  
although it had  
moved to the  
other end of the  
box the little [10]



23rd

frog was still  
on the snake  
quite unconscious  
of any probable  
danger. In the  
evening I made  
a coloured window  
for the bath-  
room in order  
to utilise it as  
a "dark-room"  
and also a  
reducing "Camera"  
for lantern slides.

24 Sat, Gurnell  
came to Ashville  
to tea, In the  
afternoon we were



taking instantaneous  
photos at Woodhouse  
Feast pitched just  
at the back of our  
house, After tea  
Fanny & Wilfrid came  
up.

25 Sun. Rose and I  
walked to Adel in  
the afternoon, had  
tea at Reformatory  
where we remained  
until late.

26 Mon. I attended  
Council meeting of  
L. N. Club at 7.0  
and arranged to  
exhibit, with remarks  
Some living Reptiles [12]



5th

When I returned  
I took Rose into  
the feast where  
we visited the Men-  
agerie when "Oreuzza"  
did the usual among  
the Lions.

Tues. 27. In the <sup>afternoon</sup> ~~evening~~  
Fanny came up &  
Wilfrid joined us  
to tea, we afterwards  
went to the 'Feast'  
& visited a ghost  
show where a very  
good illustration of  
Pepper's ghost was  
given. The second  
part of the 'performance'



was Faust, in  
which the usual  
"invisibility" of Meph:  
was much heightened  
by the glass -

28 Wed. This morning  
I had a letter from  
Uncle Wm<sup>m</sup> respecting  
my 'Want of Affection'  
for Father & asking  
me to go to the Bank  
to see him. bought  
Prendergast's Mastery  
Series German 2/1  
Rose went down to  
town with me after  
dinner to Fallowfield



Sep.

where I joined her  
to tea, At 7.30  
we met Furnell at  
the Grand, he  
treating us, Wilson  
Barrett in Claudian

29 Thur. Wrote to  
Uncle Tom, and  
enclosed copy of  
Uncle Wm's letter  
to me. Passed final  
proof of 'Naturalist'.  
Collinge called &  
told me that he  
was resigning his  
post at St Andrews  
having been appointed



Demonstrator in  
Zoology at Mason  
College Birmingham

30 Fri: Wm Whitwell  
wrote asking me  
how Roebucks' ac-  
-cident had affected  
him. Bought doz.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Castle plates for  
tomorrow. Howarth.  
sent proof of the  
paper I sent to  
Museum Association  
on Colouring of  
Museum cases. - In  
the evening I made  
Rose - a bracket



Oct

1. Sat. At noon I joined Rose at Fallowfield, and exposed some plates on the interior, but as the light was bad only 1 or 2 turned out well, remained until 9-30.

2 Sun. After dinner Rose and I walked to Horsforth, and stayed tea and the evening. I arranged to take the Scotch Terrier - "Bruce" for Herbert who [17]



I was going to  
'walk' another dog  
for his friend Mr.  
Doug to whom Bruce  
also belongs.

3 Mon. letter from  
Uncle Tom, taking  
our part & saying  
that he had written  
to Uncle Wm with  
reference to his  
letter to me. Called  
at Fallowfield where  
Rose had gone, had  
tea & I took her  
Mr Bowling & Marie  
& Phil Hall. L.H. Club



Oct

D. Davis - Johnson  
on Vesuvius.

4 Tues. Wrote to  
Uncle W<sup>m</sup> about  
as measured as he  
had written to me  
Saw Teale with  
reference to my  
mention of him  
in my Museum  
paper corrected the  
proof and sent it  
off. Frimshaw  
told me that he  
had 4 opponents  
for the Edinburgh  
appointment of [19]



whom he knew one  
was 'plucked'  
Belle Herbert to tea  
sent off 'Serious  
poem' to "Pick-me  
Up" to compete  
for £1-1-0 prize  
at 12.30 someone  
knocked me up &  
I found Mr. Craven  
our neighbour at  
the door. he had  
got a triple wrong  
evidently being a  
little fuddled.



Oct

5 Wed. Rose visited  
Mr. Mall. - At  
noon I went to  
Fallowfield and  
exposed 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  plates  
on interior - with  
Ross's lens. Stop 5  
Moderate light -  
Exposed  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour each.  
dined there. I  
developed them at  
home in the evening  
& found them A. I.  
Printed from the  
only negative of  
Saturday which  
I consider really



Good. Alf Robinson  
called to see me.

6. Thur. Nellie Twigg  
came in afternoon  
& spent the evening  
with us. I commenced  
to draw Buland  
Abbey for Zinco =

7. Fri At noon I  
went to Fallowfield  
& took 2 more  $\frac{1}{2}$   
plates - One of which  
turned out to be  
very good. Asked  
Gurnell to lend me  
his camera for in-  
stantaneous work on



Oct

Saturday I worked  
at Byland at night.  
+ almost finished  
it.

8. Sat Sent drawing  
of Byland to Uncle  
Banks for suggestions  
to - After dinner  
Rose + I walked to  
Horsforth + stayed  
overnight.

9 Sun Being bright  
in the morning I  
exposed 4 plates on  
Herbert, the goat +  
the dog. We then  
went out for a [23]



walk and returned  
to dinner when  
it rained the rest  
of the afternoon. It  
cleared up about  
8.30 & Rose and I  
walked home taking  
'Bruce' with us -

10 Mon. At noon I  
went to Fallowfield  
Photographed one  
interior & also an  
exterior of the house  
neither of which  
turned out very  
well. The Horsforth  
plates are then but



Oct

printable. In the evening I developed after which Rose & I + Bruce went to Lawruswood but the house was empty.

11. Tues. - Backhouse called + when I told him that Rose & I would be at Starbeck on the 21<sup>st</sup> he invited us to tea on that day. he sent me ♂ + ♀ *Falco spaverius*. to permit for him as I had promised [25]



12 Wed. - Received  
my drawing from  
Uncle Banks, and  
in the evening I  
made some sketches  
for "Pick-me-up".  
Wrote to Baker of  
Hull re Coleoptera  
for Mail. Fanny  
told me that Nov  
8 the date of my  
Hirk Burton lecture  
was Subscription  
Concert night at  
Huddersfield so I  
wrote to Collins to  
change the date.



Oct

13. Thur. Evening  
Roebuck came up  
to Headingley & we  
had a long night  
at the 'Naturalist'  
Index.

14 Fri. Wrote part  
of Y. N. N. Report of  
Coxwold excursion  
& sent it to M.C. Co  
also 'Byland' Abbey  
which I finished  
Braunson called &  
told me that he  
had found that  
Marsden had lost  
from his warehouse



(near R \* Brauns')  
a Ringed Snake  
the same which  
I have and which  
can be identified  
by its damaged  
tail, he will attend  
my lecture at the  
R.N.C on the 24<sup>th</sup>  
when I shall have  
to surrender my.  
*Tropidonotus*

15 Sat Attended J. N. W  
Executive meeting at  
3.30 and then joined  
Rose at Fallowfield



Oct.

The rain not  
having ceased since  
Thursday noon when  
I took the rain  
this morning I  
found that 2.84  
in had fallen in  
the 24 hours and  
search through our  
records & found  
that it was the  
greatest rainfall  
recorded. viz:- from  
1850 when our re-  
-cords commence. on  
July 26 1886. 2.30  
fell the next nearest.



I saw Mr Reynolds  
& wrote letter to  
'Mercury' & 'Post'. I  
went down to see  
the river in flood  
it was a grand  
sight, the water  
was boiling down  
& entering many  
of the cellars along  
its banks, in Water  
lane, the water was  
bubbling up through  
the grates & paving  
stones while in  
East St, people had



Oct.

to travel in boats.

16 Sun. This morning  
J. E. Brace, reporter  
for the Post called  
at Ashville for  
further information  
and I went down  
with him to the  
Museum and then  
finding the boy  
had not entered  
up the details, we  
went to his house.  
Among the letters  
was one from At-  
-kinson asking me  
to change, date [31]



of my Starbeck  
lecture. In the  
afternoon Rose & I  
walked to Horsforth  
& by the time we  
returned the rain  
was ceasing

17 The following is  
my letter to the post  
which appears this  
morning together  
with one from Mr.  
Paul :-

Telegraphed to  
Atkinson & told him  
I would take the



Oct.

# THE FORTY-EIGHT HOURS' RAINFALL.

To the Editor of The Yorkshire Post.

SIR,—Our reports from numerous districts record floods of unusual severity, and it is of interest to notice the scientific measurement of the rainfall which has led to these disastrous consequences.

The following figures show the records obtained for Leeds at the Museum and Cliff Road, Headingley, the latter taken by Mr. Richard Reynolds :—

	Museum.	Cliff Road.
October 13 .....	0.91 inches.	0.68 inches.
October 14 .....	2.84 „	2.52 „
In 48 hours .....	3.75 „	3.20 „

An examination of the records kept here since the year 1850 shows that there has been no instance of such a fall as is now recorded for October 14. The nearest approach was on July 26, 1886, when 2.30 inches fell.

At an inland station such as Leeds it is very rare for even half the present figure of rainfall to be reached.—Yours truly,

EDGAR R. WAITE.

The Museum, Leeds, 15th October, 1892.

SIR,—The rainfall of Friday last has “broken the record” in this district for I know not how many years, but certainly for the last four-and-a-quarter years.

The highest record of rainfall for any one day of 24 hours in that period is 128 tons per acre (1.275 inches), and that occurred, singular to say, on the 27th May, 1891, and on the 27th May, 1892. But the rainfall of last Friday was 207 tons (two hundred and seven) per acre (2.050 inches). This quantity, too, was very evenly distributed over the day and the night, as exactly one inch fell during the twelve hours extending from nine a.m. to nine p.m., and one inch and five hundredths from the time last mentioned to nine a.m. on Saturday.

Adding the rainfall of Saturday also to the total amount of rain which has fallen throughout the present year, we have a rainfall of 24.410 inches up to the 16th October, as compared with 20.810 inches in the corresponding period of last year, thus giving us a gain of 3.6 inches, although up to the end of July we were 2½ inches in arrear.

The effect of the rainfall upon the River Nidd has been to increase its bulk to the flood dimensions of the noted flood of 1868, and to raise its temperature exactly two degrees, at the same time retarding the falling of the air temperature, which was rapidly declining, by arresting terrestrial radiation. In short, it has precisely equalised the temperature of earth and water, at one foot deep, the temperature of the latter being just two degrees below that of the soil at the depth named. The temperature of the rivers is almost always raised by heavy rainfalls in the winter ends of the year, and lowered by them in the summer half of the year.

Of course, the record of this abnormal rainfall is an interesting scientific fact, but it is accompanied by very sad reflections when we think of its evil results. It adds one more to the number of existing trying conditions by which agriculture finds itself surrounded, and increases the strain upon the resources of the country at large.—I am, yours truly,

G. PAUL.

[33]

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Oct

28<sup>th</sup> if necessary  
to changed but  
much preferred the  
21<sup>st</sup> as selected.

18 Tues. letter from  
Atkinson allowing  
me the original  
date. At noon I  
had dinner with  
Gurnell & then to  
his house where  
I gave him a  
lesson in making  
lantern slides. In  
the evening I took  
Rose to opening  
lecture of Phil Lee.



& worked lantern  
for du Maurier  
"Social Pictorial Satire"

Saw Herbert who  
said that Mr Long  
had no license for  
'Bruce' but was  
going to take out  
one on Jan: 1<sup>st</sup>.

I told him that I  
should not keep  
the dog unless a  
license was taken  
& asked him to see  
Mr. Long

19 Herbert told me  
that it was not  
intended to take [36]



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license & I might  
return the dog. At  
5.0 Mr Thompson  
(Saltburn) called  
at the Museum &  
I took him home  
to tea he soon left  
for 7.30 train &  
I walked over to  
Hornforth and took  
Bruce. On coming  
home I 'nosed' a  
weasel near Mosley  
Wood

20 Thur: Mounted 2  
lantern slides for  
Gurnell & at night  
took Rose to the [37]



opening meeting  
of the Leeds Geol.  
Assoc. In starting  
we met Fanny and  
Wilfrid who walked  
down with us.

21 Fri Measured for  
new suit at Arnolds'  
At 4.30 Rose & I  
took train for  
Harrogate called to  
see Fortune - at 6.0  
we met Backhouse  
from York & went  
to his house, had  
tea & at 7.22 took  
train to Starbeck  
met by Addyman  
gave my lecture [38]



Oct.

'Animals' & 'their clothes'

Mr. Paul and Frank  
Grey being there  
with whom we  
walked to Ruessbro'.

Sat 22. Went down to  
the River, not yet  
recovered from the  
recent rains. Very  
interesting to watch  
the different kinds  
of leaves floating  
down the stream  
Went down again  
with Rose thence  
to the old town  
& back to dinner  
In the afternoon

E.R.W. weighed - 10st 3lb.  
R.E.W. " 9-6"



we went through  
Scriven Park, there  
were bushels of  
Round Beech nuts  
on the ground &  
the village children  
were gathering walnuts.  
Spent the evening  
at French.

Sun 23. Mr. Paul, Rose  
& I went down to  
the river thence  
through the Park  
The Yew & Hollies  
are crammed with  
berries. Frank Gray  
came in afternoon  
& at night Uncle  
& I walked with [40]



Oct

him on his way  
to Harrogate as  
far as Starbeck  
& back again -

24 Mon. left at  
8.45 for Leeds  
Snow - en route -

M. L. Thompson sent  
a Noctule from  
Saltburn, Mr  
Longbotham called  
at the Museum  
(from Middleham)  
letter from Mr  
Collins re lecture  
at Kirkburton -  
Had "The Major"  
Coat altered to [41]



fit me at Annots  
in the evening I  
took Rose to my  
lecture at the L.  
N.C. on British  
Reptile exhibiting  
the living examples.  
Afterwards called  
at Roebuck's where  
Miss R. gave me  
'her book' in  
which I promised  
to draw her  
something. WDR  
told me that  
Kemble suggested  
Hobkirk's address  
should be read  
(by me). -



Oct

25 Tues. Grinshaw  
told me that he  
had failed to  
pull off the  
Edinburgh post  
he being No. 2.  
Spent evening  
in drawing a  
Magpie & nest  
for Mrs Roebuck  
Received proof  
of Guico! of  
Byland Abbey &  
'Made up' the  
November 'Nat'

26. Wed: Rev. John  
Hawell, of Ingleby  
Greenhow sent me [43]



a bat for identification (*Vesperugo mystacinus*.) I wrote  
note for November  
Naturalist p. 336 -  
Bought doz Browne  
Printing Papers and  
spent evening on  
Fallowfield 'photos'  
Fanny & Wilfrid  
came up in the  
evening

27 Thur: Answered  
Collins' letter and  
chose Nov 14<sup>th</sup> the  
day preceding the  
Y. N. H. Annual  
meeting, Arthur  
Walker and his [44]



Nov

Mother spent the evening with us as arranged.

28 Fri. Sent photos to Fallowfield, but as Hydrokinone made the prints soot colored, I bought some iron developer. Took 'the Majors' dress coat &c to Arnatto to alter for me and received my new suit. As the Annual Meeting of the Conchological Society is to be [45]



held in Manchester  
on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> - I  
wrote to Aunt  
Longbotham to say  
if convenient we  
would spend the  
Friday with her  
& go on to Oldham  
next day to remain  
over Sunday. At  
night I made 4  
Bromide prints.

29 Sat: Letter from  
Manchester agreeing  
to my proposal.  
Sent prints to  
Fallowfield. - In  
the afternoon - [46]



Nov

Roebruck Roseustock  
came to Ashville  
& I had a walk  
with them, the  
latter returning  
with me to tea.  
30 Sun. Painted at

in the morning  
At 1.30 Rose and I  
started off for  
Bramhope. Had  
tea with Mr. Whitham  
Miss Gill and Miss  
Herit also there.  
Walked past Cook-  
ridge Hall to  
Horsforth called [47]



on Herbert Belle  
& walked home Saw  
nothing of special  
interest

31 Mon. Rose wrote  
to her Uncle in  
Oldham respecting  
our proposed visit.

Paid Arnott £ 3. 18. 6

Suit. 2. 15. 0

Trowsers. 16. 6

Overcoat alt<sup>d</sup> 6. 6

Dress Suit alt<sup>d</sup> 4. 0

4. 2. -

dis - 3. 6

£ 3. 18. 6

Asked Ernst to

Tea on Wednesday [48]



Nov

1. Tues. - wrote Davis  
re Y. N. U. Annual  
meeting. Woodhead  
called on the same  
business. Took Rose  
in the evening to  
the Phil Society's  
lecture. C. V. Boys  
on photos of flying  
Bullets for which  
I worked the lantern

2. Wed. Ernst came to  
tea & spent the  
evening. I arranged  
with Husband, to be  
away from Friday  
until Tuesday morning



3. Thur. Sent Copy  
of Nov Naturalist  
to Goathland also  
with d. N. C. Vol 2.  
Transactions and  
some work of Rose's  
to Knaresboro'. A  
letter from Symons  
asking me for photo  
of the floods. I  
found the Mr Fox  
at R's & Branson  
had taken 2 at  
Knottingley, the  
negatives of which  
he will lend me  
also asked that  
a note may be [50]



Nov.

Made in the "Post"  
+ Mercury. At noon  
I dined with Gurnell.

4 Fri Left Leeds at  
1.40 with Rose. Met  
at Manchester by  
Aunt while I  
took car to Owens  
College. Attended  
Council Meeting of  
Conchol. Society at  
4.0, went out  
+ had tea, at 6.0  
the general meeting  
at which I read  
the Annual Report  
for Roebuck. I  
then walked to [51]



Aunt's house at  
131 Meadow Street  
Moss Side - After  
Supper Raymond  
took me round  
the locality.

5 Sat. walked with  
Raymond to Ralli  
Brother where he  
"is". Went through  
the large warehouses  
saw them packing  
bales &c, took bus  
to Belle Vue and  
was delighted with  
the fine "Zoo"  
African Elephant



Nov

Remained about  
3 hours and then  
walked to Moss Side  
for dinner. At  
3.20 Rose and I  
left for Werneth  
met by Annie  
who conducted us  
to Bath Street,  
had tea and a  
walk afterwards  
with 'the family'  
round the town  
bought 'Stage Land'

1/6 by Jerome.  
6. Sun. Foggy day  
went to Chapel



in the morning  
and a walk to  
Mumps re with  
Mr. Green in the  
afternoon

7 Mon. with Rose  
& Annie I was  
taken over Platt's  
works & was "just"  
amazed at the  
enormous magnitude  
of the scale on  
which it is worked  
returned to dinner  
had a walk after-  
wards when "Sallie"  
came. After tea



Mon

Mr. Green took  
me to some of the  
Clubs & Institutes &  
in the town and  
'George' came to  
take 'Sallie' home  
The ~~only~~ unmar-  
ried members are  
Annie Alice Percy

8 Tues. at 8.58 I  
left for Leeds  
Changed at Mumps  
& Rochdale. at  
which latter place  
I telegraphed to  
Rose for the house  
key which she



had - arrived at  
Leeds. 11.43. Found  
Photos awaiting  
me in response to  
Newspaper notices  
from J. Brigg of  
Wakefield & also  
the negatives from  
Fox. Received the  
key at 1.15. Saw  
Roebuck & arranged  
to meet him after  
tea, had tea at  
Fallowfield and  
found Fanny ill  
with Bronchitis &  
Neuralgia. Met



Nov

Roebuck as arranged  
& worked at the  
Y. M. C. Presidential  
address wh: Hobbs  
had sent while  
there Wilfrid  
brought a letter  
from Fanny he  
some little mis-  
understanding  
we had a fort-  
-night ago to which  
I had forgotten  
but asking me to  
sleep there which  
I did but did  
not see her again



9. Wed. Went to Museum  
from Fallorfield  
leaving Fanny in  
in bed. I replied  
to her letter and  
also wrote to Rose.  
dined with Gurnell.  
& in evening I  
wrote out Y.N.U.  
draft Annual  
Report. & printed  
in Bromide from  
Fox's negatives.

10 Thur. Sent all  
the flood photos  
to Symons. Letters



Nov

from Rose, also  
from Collins re  
my lecture to  
which I replied  
as also to one  
from Rosestock  
asking Rose & I  
to tea on 15<sup>th</sup>  
letter from "friend"  
Braithwaite fol-  
lowed by personal  
call asking me  
for lecture at  
Ackworth on the  
17<sup>th</sup> - Am too busy  
at that time -  
Bought David's [59]



"Cyclopaedia of the  
Natural Sciences"  
in the Market 1/-  
pub 1858. @ 15/-

In evening letter  
from Sorby - replied,  
& wrote to A. Clarke.

11. Fri. Had tea with  
Roebuck, finished  
off. Presidents' Address.  
working until after  
11.0 - wrote Rose.

12 Sat. Attended  
YMU Executive  
meeting at 3.30  
then walked to



Nov

Horsforth.

13 Sun, wet Day.-  
At Horsforth. We  
did not go out.

14 Mon Herbert &  
I walked to town.  
At 5.30 I left  
for Kirkburton or  
~~train~~ rather should  
have done but  
the train was  
late & I missed  
the connection at  
Huddersfield, I  
told the Station  
Master & as there  
was no train for [61]



Some time I took  
a Cab for a 5  
miles drive, Had  
tea on arriving  
gave the lecture  
I returned to the  
vicarage.

15 Tues. Left Kirk-  
burton at 9.35 for  
Huddersfield, to  
the Town Hall soon  
after Roebuck came  
& we spent morning  
at work. Dined  
with Porritt. At 3.0  
Sectional Meeting



Nov

\* general Committee  
at 3.30 at which  
I had a lot of  
hard work, tea  
at 5.0 Met Rose  
from Oldham at  
6.32 and at 7.0  
The General Meeting  
when I read the  
Presidential Address.  
A regular party  
of us Suppered  
at Porritts' and  
at 10.40 Rose -  
Roebruck and I  
left for Leeds



Cab to Sunny Bank  
just landed before  
12.0 & saved the  
double fare, but  
of course Cabby  
growled. Rose  
I walked home.

16. wrote d.h.w Ry  
for 5/- enclosing  
ticket & Cabby's  
receipt, also to  
Mrs Collins. at  
night I commenced  
to write "Annual"  
meeting but was  
too tired to do much



Nov

Father sent letter  
of Intro: by "my  
cousin Geo. Metcalfe  
Sackville Place  
Dublin whom I  
had never seen nor  
heard of - His  
Mother was the  
eldest and mine  
the youngest of  
the family -

17 Thur. Dense Fog  
I called for Roebuck  
on my way home  
and we spent a  
long night at the



'Naturalist' index.

18 Fri Rose went to  
Fallowfield and I  
joined her to tea  
On account of the  
fog we remained  
overnight.

19 Sat. wrote to  
Ackworth re my  
lecture on Monday  
Saw. Hall re a  
Hute - answer<sup>d</sup> an  
Advt. in Bazaar -  
Boehm for 75/- &  
sent Advt for 3  
insertions - Cylinder



Nov

Boehm preferred -  
Returned to Fallowfield  
to dinner and stayed  
all day - In the  
afternoon I wrote  
up better part of  
I will Ann: Meeting.

20 Sun. Rose and I  
walked to Horsforth.  
Messrs Dean, Hudson  
& Atkinson also went  
to Herberts' and we  
all came home  
together

21 Mon: Letter from  
H<sup>l</sup> Gregory, re the  
flute, Saw Hall [67]



who knew the man  
by name & I  
sent P.O. £ 3. 15. 0  
for flute on approval  
he being a 'Bazaar'  
reference man At  
3.43 I left for  
Pontefract, spent  
an hour in looking  
over the Castle and  
took train to Ackworth  
met by cab, to the  
School, found I  
could not well get  
back same day, so  
telegraphed Rose to



Go to Fallowfield  
gave my lecture &  
remained the night.  
Driven to

Hensworth a train  
to Leeds, found

22 Rose at Museum  
& letter from Sydney  
informing me of  
my appointment to  
the Museum. Told  
them at Fallowfield  
wrote to father. At  
noon Mr W stopped  
me in the Museum  
porch, asked me to



go to No 25 but ?  
said it was their  
turn to see me &  
arranged for them to  
go on Wednesday.

At night I burnt  
a barrowful of papers.

23 Wed, Received the  
Hute, saw Hall who  
said it was very  
good at the money  
but re-padded hole  
were badly done,  
he advised me to  
ask 5/- reduction  
ie to accept £3.10.0



Hall's terms for  
lessons are £2. 2.0  
for 10 - I arranged  
to commence on the  
25<sup>th</sup> Wrote to Gregory  
re flute & padding  
just after we had  
finished dinner at  
Ashville Rose's brother  
came & remained to  
tea, I consequently  
did not go to the  
Museum, Father &  
Mr W also came to  
tea as arranged &  
spent the evening. [7]



**AN AUSTRALIAN APPOINTMENT FOR A LEEDS GENTLEMAN.**—The numerous friends in Leeds and in other parts of Yorkshire of Mr. Edgar Waite, curator to the Leeds Philosophical Society, while they will heartily congratulate him on his preferment will be sorry to learn that he has accepted an appointment which will necessitate his leaving the town for New South Wales. Mr. Waite has received from the Government of New South Wales the appointment of assistant curator in the Australian Museum at Sydney, where he will have special charge of the reptile and fish sections. Mr. Waite succeeded Mr. Clarke in 1888 as assistant curator at the Leeds Philosophical Society's Museum, and since Professor Miall's retirement from the position two or three years ago he has filled the post of curator. In addition to his functions in this position Mr. Waite has in many ways actively identified himself with local scientific research and studies, having for some years been, in conjunction with Mr. Denison Roebuck, responsible for the secretarial work—an honorary position—of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, and also editor of the *Naturalist*. His place among the Yorkshire Naturalists will be difficult to fill, for to his enthusiasm in the work of the society he added personal characteristics which have won him the warm regard of all who have come into relations with him. He will leave a gap in certain circles in Leeds and Yorkshire; but his host of friends will unite in wishing him all success and happiness in his new sphere of labour. **Mr. Waite will leave Leeds in the spring of next year.**

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"Leeds Mercury."

### IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT FOR MR. EDGAR WAITE, OF LEEDS.

It will interest our readers to learn that Mr. Edgar R. Waite, the curator of the museum of the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society, is about to leave this country, he having received an important appointment under the Government of New South Wales as assistant-curator of the Australian Museum, at Sydney, where he is to take special charge of the department of reptiles and fishes. It will be remembered that Mr. Waite succeeded Mr. Clarke as assistant to Professor Miall in the curatorship of the museum of the Philosophical and Literary Society in the year 1888, and that about two years later, when Professor Miall retired, he received the full appointment. Mr. Waite has done much valuable work in that capacity, and has besides been actively engaged in other scientific pursuits. For some years he has, in conjunction with Mr. Denison Roebuck, discharged the duties of the secretaryship of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, at whose meetings and excursions he has been a regular attender. He is, besides, one of the editors of "The Naturalist," a monthly journal which is very much appreciated in the North of England. Mr. Waite's departure will be a distinct loss to the intellectual life of the town, and will cause deep regret to his many friends, though they will none the less heartily congratulate him on the appointment he has received. He will leave this country in the spring of next year to take up his new duties.

[728]



Savo Fred off to  
Horsforth, Father  
said he would give  
me the camera out  
+ out

24~~th~~ Then I sent Rose  
to Horsforth to prevent  
the return of Fred  
to our house - A  
notice of the appoint-  
ment - (by Roebuck)  
appears in Mercury  
+ Post of to-day. I  
had numerous callers  
including Brauns  
+ Simpson, Reynolds  
H.P. Legg left me  
'Sydney Mail' 5th 24<sup>[72]</sup>



Nov  
Containing portraits  
of Mayor Mayors  
of Burnwood, he a  
deeds man to  
whom Legg will  
give me letter of  
intro: Twigg telephoned  
wrote says cancelling  
lecture engagement.

for Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, went  
with Herbert by train  
to Horsforth got  
Fred off to Sunderland  
at 7.30 We remained  
all night wrote to  
Wheatleys. Liverpool  
re freight by Clippers



25 Fri. Rose went  
to Fallowfield to  
tea, At 4:30 I  
went <sup>to</sup> Hall & had  
a flute lesson &  
joined Rose at  
Fallowfield to tea.

26 Sat Wrote T. J. B  
Givnell came to  
Ashville in the  
afternoon & Father  
joined us after  
tea Received letter  
from Whealley's.

Freight  $12/6$  per ton  
(ie 40 c. ft) + 5%  
+  $3/6$  per pkge shipping  
dues.



Nov.

27 Sun. Spent afternoon  
+ evening at No 25  
Father offered to  
give me Voightlander  
Lens, Condensor. "Wm  
Raper's" Box of  
drawing instruments  
"Dunluce Castle".

28 Mon. Roebuck gave  
me a letter from  
Brazier enclosed in  
one to him. It  
is very friendly &  
he wishes to know  
'the boat' in order  
that he may meet  
me. Father came  
in the evening. 1[5]



made some Bromide  
prints, giving him  
a lesson. He gave  
me "Mitchell's Ex-  
peditions into  
Australia" Vol. I.  
29 Tues. wrote replies  
to Uncle at Keith  
Nellie Beale & Jim  
Wragby. Spent part  
of evening with  
Teasdale at 255  
Hyde Park Road.

30 Wed. Saw Carvers  
who will send up  
a man tomorrow  
re packing our  
goods. In evening  
Father & Mrs Waite [76]



~~Nov - Dec~~

visited us. Father  
had received a letter  
from Mr. Vause in  
which he mentioned  
my application and  
said he had been  
married before leaving  
Italy (at. 24)

Dec. 1. Thur. wrote my  
resignation as curator  
of the Leeds Museum  
and also to Brazier.

Carver's man came  
up to look at the  
goods they charge  
9<sup>d</sup> per hour per  
man for packing.

Engaged at Cook's [77]



for sailings of the  
Orient line - The  
'Orient' sails on the  
10 Feb & the "Ormuiz"  
on the 24 Feb. I  
think of selecting  
the latter. In the  
evening I attended  
L. N. & Club Council.  
The Misses Barnes  
with Rose. Arranged  
with Roebuck to walk  
from Beverley to Leeds  
or Ribbleshead to Leeds  
(either is 51 miles)  
if fine on Sunday.

2 Fri Looked through  
my Sternum at the  
Museum with a [78].



Dec  
view of taking  
them to Sydney -  
Also commenced to  
recolour a series  
of distribution maps  
of Bird families.

Rose went in the  
afternoon to Fallowfield  
I had a flute lesson  
& joined her,

3 wrote to Grassham  
at San Jose! Saw  
Loebuck & in view  
of the bad weather  
we decided to  
postpone our walk  
from tomorrow.

Had tea at No 25 [79]



Father gave me  
the box of drawing  
instruments.

4 Sun. went to Adel  
\* had tea at the  
Reformatory. Mr  
Twigg gave me this  
Fountain Pen.

5 Mon. Father wrote  
to the Colonial  
Agent in my name  
re duty on Goods  
specially mentioning  
Furniture, Pictures  
\* my bird skins.

Called on Wager  
at 5.0 \* he had  
tea with us, but  
left early when



see

practising on the  
flute I found it  
would not act  
properly & discovered  
a crack extending  
from the first joint  
to the embouche'

Fanny & Marie  
called & invited  
Rose down tomorrow

6. Tues wrote to A  
Gregory re flute  
Rose went to Fal-  
lowfield in the  
afternoon, I joined  
her to tea, after  
attended Phil Soc.  
lecture. D Morris [81]



on Tropical Plant  
Life. Returned to  
Fallowfield & stayed  
rest of evening;  
7 Wed. At 9. am I  
went to Birch by  
appointment and  
he filled me 7  
teeth, 3 extractions  
to-morrow. Letter  
from Gregory saying  
that if the cracked  
in the Flute was  
not my fault he  
would exchange it  
& quoted others viz:-  
Cove. Rudall Rose

£ 4 - 4 - 0

" Lot. £ 5. 17. 6 [82]



die

Cylinder by Collard  
£ 5. 5. 0

I wrote & asked  
him to send me  
the Cylinder on  
approval & enclosed  
£1-10-0 being the  
additional amount  
(£3.15.0 for Flute).

I afterwards sent  
him the flute &  
also the ordinary  
Concert Flute and  
asked him if he  
could allow me  
anything on it  
& if so to withhold  
5/- for the music [83]



Letter from the  
Agent General, NSW.  
enclosing tariffs &  
also year book -  
Father will write  
again for further  
particulars. Letter  
of Congratulation  
from A S Woodward.  
Letter from Gambier  
Bolton re photos of  
Annals & also his  
lecture at Y M C A  
on Tuesday. At 7.30  
I took Robert's annual  
meeting of L. N. C  
President (Smithells)  
on the structure  
of Flame -



Dec.

8 Thur: At 10.45 I  
Went to Birch, he  
gave me 'gas' but  
although he had 3  
tries he failed to  
remove my 3<sup>rd</sup> left  
superior molar (wisdom).  
He put me 'under'  
again & got the tooth  
at the second attempt  
& also my 2<sup>nd</sup> right  
superior molar and  
broke off the crown  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> right inferior  
premolar. Gregory  
sent 2 Flutes, The  
Cylinder and the  
Conical dot. £5. 17. 6 [85]



I took them to  
Hall. he first tried  
the cone but found  
he could force the  
moisture through an  
otherwise invisible  
crack in the head.

The Cylinder seemed  
all right this I kept  
& returned the 'Lot'  
together with my  
old 8 keyed flute  
& asked Gregory what  
he would allow me  
on it. The Cylinder  
is Coco-wood - all  
holes covered. open  
G# head £ 5. 5. 0. [86]  
asked Hall to excuse



Dec

my lesson Tomorrow  
on account of teeth  
& not having been  
able to practise in  
consequence of the  
defective flute. In  
the evening Father  
& Mrs Cate visited  
us.

9 Fri. Dined with  
Gunnell, we had  
tea & spent evening  
at Sunny Bank &  
arranged with Roebuck  
to have our walk  
on Sunday weather  
permitting which  
appeared doubtful - [87]



10 Sat. On account  
of the Frost & Snow  
we decided to again  
postpone the walk  
Letter from Gregory  
offering 8/- for my  
old flute which I  
at once declined.

Received letter from  
Agent General N. S. W  
saying he had no  
authority with regard  
to the Customs, and  
informing me that  
I must settle up on  
arriving in Sydney.  
W. L. Chadwick called  
at the Museum In  
the evening I made



Dec.

Ten prints from the  
Fallowfield photo's

11 Sun. In the afternoon  
we went to the  
Misses Barnes and  
remained the evening  
having previously  
called at No 25  
When Father gave  
me a drawing board  
(panelled).

12 Mon. Wilfrid called  
in the evening and  
asked us to go to  
Fallowfield on Friday  
Took Bertie on the  
'Ormuiz' at Cook's  
for Feby 24<sup>th</sup>



depositing  $\frac{1}{2}$  the  
passage money viz:  
£36. 15. 0. Letter  
from Hobkirk.

13 Tues. Miss Mitton  
Herbert & Belle to  
tea. Herbert asked  
us to meet his  
brothers Ernest and  
Fred at Worsforth  
on Sunday. I took  
Father to Y. M. C. &  
to hear Gambier  
Bolton on photos  
of Animals. I  
had a word with  
him before the  
lecture & he will  
see me tomorrow



Dec.

14 Wed. Bolton called,  
at the Museum  
he gave me a  
12x10 photo of  
Rhinoceros unicornis.  
Wrote to W.E. Clarke.  
Letter from Gregory  
saying he meant  
to allow me 8/- in  
addition to the 5/-  
for Music. In the  
evening we visited  
father he gave me  
some brushes & also  
a few tubes of color  
15 Thur wrote Gregory  
accepting his offer



Letter from Clarke  
in which he told  
me that his newly  
appointed assistant  
was resigning and  
that probably the  
second man, Grisham  
would be elected.

Overhauled the Sternums  
preparatory to removing  
them. Wrote to Muel  
in Goathland partly  
re "Newman's Moths"  
I also asked him if  
he could spare me  
a few brushes. Wrote  
to Loten re Sternums.



Dec.

And also Stuart's  
Terms. I attended  
meeting of Leeds  
Grol. Assoc. When  
papers on holidays  
were read. John  
Redmayne gave an  
account of his  
Voyage round the  
world but as he  
spun it out we  
only got to New  
Zealand by closing  
time. Mentioning  
that I should like  
to see his photos  
& have further hear-



-iculars he asked  
me to tea on Mon;  
also to take Rose. I  
had attended the  
Council Meeting at  
7.30 when my letter  
of resignation was  
read. also read to  
the meeting.

16. Fri: Had my Flute  
lesson at 4.30 &  
then joined Rose to  
tea at Fallowfield.  
Wilfrid & I arranged  
to walk to Barkston  
tomorrow and so  
we remained all



Dec.

night. Hall and  
the Muses Walker  
were also there.

17 Sat. At 2 O'clock  
Wilfrid & I set off  
for our walk, thro'  
Seacroft, Stauks  
Scholes, Barwick,  
here darkness set  
in & as the roads  
were in a fearful  
state on account of  
the recent frosts  
we had a lively  
time of it, being  
pitch dark. We  
proceeded to Aber-



-ford to the Crooked  
Billet, and here  
Wolfrid came to  
Grief walking into  
a ditch at full  
length. I had many  
tumbles but did  
not actually lie  
down. ~~passed~~ through  
Saxton & on to  
Barkston, had tea  
at Mr Haugh's the  
landlord of 'Fallow-  
field' as the new  
house is to be named  
he took us over  
it & then lent



Dec -

us a lantern by  
which we got on  
well to Ch - Fenton.  
+ left by train at  
8.25. proceeded to  
'Ola'. Fallowfield &  
remained the night.

18 Sun. Remained at  
Fallowfield to dinner  
walked to Ashville  
thence to Horsforth.  
met Fred + Ernest  
Denny at Herbert's  
we all walked home  
together.

19 Mon. Letter from  
Uncle Banks to [97]



Say I might keep  
Newman's Moths in  
memory of Claude.  
He will gave me  
some brushes and  
also an Old palette.  
He and Aunt are  
going to York on  
Thursday for a  
fortnight. Letter  
from Loten re. the  
Stemmers. The 'Post'  
of Saturday last  
contains a notice  
of me with reference  
to Bolton's lecture (see  
(over))



Dec.

# YORKSHIRE WEEKLY POST.

DECEMBER 17, 1892.

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Mr. Edgar Waite, of the Leeds Philosophical Society, must have listened with a degree of pleasure to the remarks made by Mr. Gambier Bolton, F.R.S., the other evening on the wild animals in captivity. As curator to the Society it could but have been gratifying to Mr. Waite to hear praised the collection of zoological specimens at the Museum, and he must at the same time have admitted the ground for the lament that so few persons examine those specimens. Men absorbed in commercial pursuits do not as a rule care to drop into museums, which on the whole are the reverse of popular, and this it is to be regretted is the experience at Leeds in common with other places. Mr. Edgar Waite, many of whose friends are so much regretting his departure from Leeds, has done what he could to make the Museum a success, but he will not when in New South Wales have cause to testify to the enthusiasm of the people of Leeds for wild animals as they are represented at museums.

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19. (continued) Grainshaw  
called to tell me that  
he had received the  
appointment as Clark's  
assistant in 'Edinbro'.  
Mr. Paul called gave  
me a Poggia or  
promised me some  
Meteorological appar-  
atus. Geo Metcalfe  
also came with him  
& gave me a letter  
of introduction to  
the Inspector of  
Patents at Sydney.  
Mr. Paul said Aunt



Dec

was coming tomorrow  
I wrote to her. At  
night Rose & I  
went to Mr. Redmaynes  
to tea and we  
learnt much about  
our route. Letter

20 from Knubley. Got  
some cards. One to  
from Blades. Wrote  
to Curator, Museum  
Colombo - Saw H.B.  
Wilson who will  
give me a letter  
of introduction to  
Dr. Johnson - Davis  
of Naples whom [101]



recently met in  
Leeds. Aunt Paul  
came at noon &  
went home with  
me. She returned  
with me after tea  
when I attended L  
P & Lit Soc: lecture  
& worked lantern for  
J. Waldstein on  
"Recent Excavations in  
Greece -" wrote to J. A  
Reid

21 Wed. Webbuck said  
a parting dinner  
was to be given



Dec —

He and asked me  
if either Feb 13 or  
15 would suit me  
& which date I  
would select. I  
sent note to Post  
& Mercury relating  
to Grimshaw's ap-  
pointment which  
appeared as below

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MR. PERCY HALL GRIMSHAW, son of Mr. David Grimshaw, Leeds, has been appointed by the Lords Commissioners of the Council of Education, after a competitive examination, assistant to Mr. W. Eagle Clarke (formerly of the Leeds Museum) in the Natural History Department of the Museum of Science and Art, Edinburgh.



Paid Mr Bowling  
on behalf of Mr  
Wood 15/- for seven  
cases (book boxes)  
some containing  
British Beetles. In  
the evening I made  
some more Fallowfield  
photos & Father was  
also with us - letter  
from Agent General  
N.S.W. in London -  
declining to express  
any opinion as  
to the interpretation  
of the N.S.W. Tariffs.



Dec

I paid Annitage  
15/- for the 6 frames  
bought "long ago."

22 Thur: Letter and  
Form from C. S.  
Commissioners to  
fill in the personal  
Character etc. of  
Grimshaw. Sent  
to Fallowfield for  
the 7 Insect Boxes.

They asked us to  
go on Friday and  
stay overnight.

Wrote to Curator &  
also Secretary of [105]  
Australian Museum



informing them of  
the date of our  
sailing and also  
mentioned to the  
former about my  
Bird skins - letter  
from Wheatley, to  
give me Jan 1<sup>st</sup>  
& Jan 20<sup>th</sup> as the  
dates of sailing -  
Mr Adamson and  
family came to tea  
& spent the evening.  
Father gave me 200  
envelopes for foreign  
service & stamped



Dec.

with monogram.

While Mr Adamson  
was here I took  
the opportunity of  
making some more  
Fallowfield photos.  
I visited Mr Derry  
& bid good-bye  
to the old staff.

23 Fri. Had my  
Flute lesson and  
joined Rose at  
Fallowfield where  
we remained all  
night. Wilfrid gave  
us a painting of  
Eaton Bridge which



he had done.

24 Sat. From home.  
after dinner we  
called at No 25  
obtained permit for  
Rapid lens - we  
thence went to  
Horsforth & stayed  
until Monday am.

The large travelling  
box which belonged  
to the Major we  
found to contain  
12 cubic ft which  
together with the  
cabin box - 8 ft 4 in



Dec.

practically made  
one of the 20 ft  
allowed.

25 Sun & Xmas day.

Took 3 photos of  
the youngster &  
Herbert and I  
had a walk to  
Cookridge & Adel  
in  $14^{\circ}$  of frost  
The dog repeatedly  
dashed into the  
tangled grass but  
did not secure  
anything. The  
cause was perhaps



Field Notes. In  
to dinner & did  
not again rally  
forth.

26. Mon: At Museum  
as usual wrote  
to Clarke, Collins  
and Fortune. I  
sent the boy with  
a large box of  
my bird-skins  
from the Museum  
to Ashville and  
spent the evening  
in packing them.  
Received from Miss  
Beale.



Dec.

photo of herself

A series of silhou-  
ettes by Roebuck  
+ Cards from Clarke  
Backhouse & Fortune.

27 Tues: Mr. Paul

Called at Museum

He gave me a knife

I wrote notices of

Election to Y. M. U.

Spent evening in

packing some of

the Bird Skins -

28 Wed Spent the

evening in packing

up papers to, Papers

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29 Thur, Roebuck  
asked me if Rose  
would not also like  
to be at my farewell  
dinner, At night  
I packed up my books  
Saw Herbert & we  
arranged that the  
box should be sent  
from Horsforth to -  
-morrow

30 Fri Felt very ill  
to day, told Husband  
that I should, very  
probably not be  
at work tomorrow.  
Had flute lesson,  
went home to bed



Dec.

developed a very bad  
cold with sickness he  
received the box from  
Horsforth and sent  
the Kitchen Chest of  
drawers.

31 Sat Spent all the  
day in bed feeling  
"very bad", Rose  
sent off some New  
Year's Cards, & paid  
Poor & Cemetery Rate  
The joiner sent in  
sic for the Cabin  
boxes £1. 8. 1½.  
~~Has sent up 2 Organ~~  
Cases



## 1892 Review.

Commenced the year  
confined to bed with  
the Influenza, Illness  
of Major Green and his  
death on March 12<sup>th</sup>

There are 2, (at least)  
very important events of  
the year to be mentioned  
1<sup>st</sup> My marriage on  
April 7<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> my  
appointment as Assistant  
in the Australian Museum  
with the consequent severing  
my connection with Old  
Friends, The 'Naturalist',  
J.N.U. Leeds Geol. Assoc.  
Leeds Nat Club & the  
Conchological Soc. to



1893.

Jan'y.

As with last year  
I spent the early  
days in bed and  
did not resume  
work until the 6<sup>th</sup>  
1. Sun. In bed all  
day Father and Mr  
Waite called to see  
me and gave Rose  
and myself each an  
umbrella -

2. Mon: Received a  
letter from Rosenstock  
saying he was to be  
an applicant for the  
Museum vacancy & [15]



asked for my help.  
wrote to Roebuck on  
the matter & asked  
him to call. Father  
took for me a letter  
to Runtou & the boy  
brought me up some  
weather papers, and  
also a tray of Bird  
Stemums. Rose went  
to the College to report  
my illness and saw  
Brench, Gurnell came  
up in the afternoon  
& stayed to tea. I  
panited by way of  
a little diversion, the  
name is on one of  
the Cabin-boxes - [16]



Jan

3. Tues. Letters from  
Ulfrida and Fanny  
at Lepton, mentioned  
that Uncle & Aunt  
Banks would visit  
them on Thursday  
& remain 'til Monday.  
Father brought me  
a bottle of Cod-  
liver Oil from the  
Infirmary - The Boy  
brought the weather  
papers from the  
Museum and I  
made up the Annual  
returns for the Post  
& Mercury. He also  
brought a letter [117]



from Bolton of  
the Owens' College  
Museum to say  
he would call on  
me to day with  
reference to the  
Curatorship & asked  
me to telegraph, I  
did so telling him  
to see the Secretary.

A gentleman named  
- Watson brought a  
letter from Bissington  
who asked me to  
give him particulars  
of the vacancy. Being  
in bed Rose referred  
him to the Secretary



Jan

Roeback came & we  
talked about the  
vacancy & Rosenstock  
but as Wallis knew  
Toppitt & other of  
'our friends' were  
also "in" we could  
not well do much  
for any of them -  
He told me that  
Brownridge had been  
successful in ob-  
taining the Borough  
Engineership of  
Birkenhead (£500)  
of which I knew  
he was one of 3  
selected candidates



so that counting  
Grimsshaw. 3 of 'us'  
will be leaving the  
town pretty nearly  
together. He brought  
me the Zinco-block  
& Electrotpe of my  
Signature and told  
me that the proposed  
Testimonial was  
being enthusiastically  
taken up and that  
there would be a  
nice balance for  
purchase after the  
Testimonial had  
been prepared. He  
sent the 2 Organ  
Packing Cases he



Jan.

had promised & we  
gave the men 2/6.  
Wrote Rosestock  
Painted name so  
on Cabin Box No. 2  
Packed up Frock  
Coat & Black Coat of  
the Majors for Arnott  
to see & if possible  
to alter for me. I  
got up in afternoon  
but did not leave  
my bedroom. I  
filled up spare  
time with practise  
on the Flute.



4 Wed. Went downstairs  
& spent much time  
in packing books.  
In the evening WDR  
called to ask me  
to select some ob-  
jects for the balance  
of the Testimonial  
fund. £20- had  
already been sub-  
scribed without can-  
vassing and a  
Circular was to be  
sent out widely  
which would no  
doubt bring in a  
fair sum. Mr Waite  
also called—



Jan

5 Thurs. Much better  
Up all day. Packed  
Cabinets & other things  
& took some of the  
furniture to pieces.  
- heavy work -!

6. Frid. In morning  
I commenced to put  
glass cabinet to  
into one of the  
organ cases. Went  
to Museum in the  
afternoon. Found that  
Mr. Paul had sent  
me "Hints to Travellers"  
which I acknowledged  
had flute lesson &  
afterwards resumed [123]



the packing.

7 Sat. went to Arnott.  
+ had blue + also  
brown suits tried on  
both for light wear  
took him a black  
Coat + Vest + frock  
Coat + Vest (the Major's)  
to alter for me. Took  
Boots to Whitehead  
to repair + was measured  
for a new pair of  
boots + 2 pairs of shoes.  
Uncle Banks + Wilfrid  
called at Museum +  
asked us to dinner I  
sent up the boy to  
tell Rose. Spent the



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rest of the day at  
Fallowfield - Uncle gave  
me about 30 used-  
oil brushes and a  
palette -

8 Sun. After breakfast  
we went to No 25  
when I painted at  
Father's portrait. We  
remained all day.  
He gave me, his  
(wedding) brown coat  
& vest, a pair of  
light shoes. The  
Voightlander lens,  
the lantern, & condensor  
lamps &c &c -



9. Mon. Called at Carvers  
who will sent up  
their foreman at 3.  
Did not go to the  
Museum in afternoon  
Met Carver's man &  
arranged that the  
goods should be sent  
for on Wednesday.  
Packed pictures & other  
things at night. Rose  
& I went to No 25 to  
see the tools which  
Cousin Arthur was to  
have taken there but  
he had not done so  
Uncle & Aunt Banks  
were there — [126]



Jan

10 Tues. Letter from  
Wheatley to say  
that goods by the  
"Talavera" would be  
received up to the  
10<sup>th</sup> but asking me  
to send them in  
good time. Sent  
boy to Ashville with  
the remainder of my  
sternums which I  
packed at night. Mr  
Whitehead sent my  
repaired Boots and  
Shoes - paid him £1,  
on ac of these and  
of new ones - Aunt  
gave me some socks

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& Rose some things  
also, At night  
Father sent me a  
note to say that  
Arthur had left  
the tools and I  
went up & selected  
& brought away the  
following:— Brace  
& 36 Bits, Jack and  
Smoothing planes,  
Hammer, Gauge, Files  
4 Chisels & handles  
Set-Square. 2 Gouges—  
Oil-stone

Bought Birthday Book



Jan -

11 Wed. Up at 5.0

We finally packed  
Did not go to the  
Museum in the  
morning. Carvers  
men came at 8.30  
and cleared us out.

Went to the Museum  
in afternoon, Gurnell  
called gave me the  
Histoire anecdotique  
de L'Angleterre & asked  
me to dinner on Friday.

Got Camera front  
made for Voightlander  
lens to fit the old  
camera, Cut to fit  
the new one -



Went to Carvers and found all the furniture unpacked and arranged in blocks for case-space. The foreman told me that other 2 organ cases would, with the exception of the large case required for the Couch & about fit me up. I left all instructions as to packing books and Nat Hist specimens in zinc & then went to see Les who at once promised to let me have 2 more cases.



Jan.

12 Thur. Cut a Stencil  
plate for cases and  
Went to Carvers and  
worked them off. I  
paid Kirtas £1-5-0  
for 2 zinc linings  
& fastening up. Took  
the 2 numbers of  
Lilfords Birds to  
Mr. Scott.

13 Fri Went to Carvers  
They have got all  
packed up & gave  
me list of contents  
of each case. Mr.  
Grassham called - I  
dined with Gurnell.  
Had Flute lesson &



joined Rose at  
Fallowfield. I wrote  
to Wheatleys & sent  
declaration, asking  
them for rates of  
Insurance, Bills of  
Lading & particulars -

14 Father had a letter  
from Uncle Wm to  
say that I was to  
take what wools I  
might find useful  
as a present from  
him - The Yorkshire  
weekly post of to-  
day contains two  
notices one under



Jan.

News and the other  
Editorial and I  
heard that other  
notices have ap-  
-peared in the Leeds  
Daily News, & also  
the Express. The  
following are from the  
"Post".

MR. EDGAR WAITE, F.L.S.—A movement has been set on foot to pay a tribute of respect to Mr. Edgar R. Waite, F.L.S., who is about to leave England to take up the post of assistant curator in the Australian Museum at Sydney, N.S.W., his passage having been taken in the Ormuz, which leaves London on the 24th of February. His scientific friends propose that some tangible recognition be made of the services which (outside the sphere of his professional duties) he has rendered to the cause of natural history in his native county, and at a joint meeting of the committees of the Leeds Geological Association, the Leeds Naturalists' Club, and the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, it was decided to present him with an illuminated address, and such other gifts as may be determined upon. A sub-committee of three representatives from each society was appointed to carry out the arrangements. It is proposed that the address shall be presented to Mr. Waite at a social tea to be held at Leeds, when it is expected that the Mayor of Halifax will preside.



I note with considerable satisfaction that it is proposed to recognise in a tangible manner the signal services rendered by Mr. Edgar Waite, F.L.S., of Leeds. This gentleman, who is relinquishing his appointment as curator of the Philosophical Hall, has in the cause of Science and Natural History placed various associations under a debt of deep obligation. He has freely given them the benefit of his acknowledged abilities and his remarkable diligence in the various fields of science. Mr. Waite leaves for Sydney, New South Wales, next month to enter upon his new office, and at the social gathering which has been arranged at Leeds in connection with his departure he will not only, I understand, be presented with an address, but receive other tributes of the deep respect entertained for him.

Friday, January 13.

Saw Carver's foreman  
who told me that  
the goods were on  
the rail. I paid  
their t/c. £8. 3. 8  
viz Collecting and  
packing £ 3. 5. 0



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	£ 3. 5. 0
6 Stones Straw	2. 6
Large Case	1. 16. 0
Carriage to	
Wapping Dock.	3. 0. 2
	<hr/>
	£ 8. 3. 8

In the afternoon  
we intended to go  
to Lawnswood but  
on account of the  
Snow stopped short  
at No 25 & remained  
the evening. Aunt  
Longbotham there -  
15 Sun - went to No 25  
to dinner & remained



the rest of the day,  
Father gave me an  
oval palette.

16 Mon. Carr Smith  
called respecting my  
lecture and asked us  
to supper afterwards  
Saw Whitham and I  
arranged that we  
should visit him on  
Sunday next if fine -  
Letter from Wheatley  
to say insurance on  
good would be 20% %  
At night I developed  
Bromide prints of  
Herbert's youngsters



Jan.

after which we  
walked to Horsforth  
Remained all night  
Husband told me  
that in all probability  
Crowther would be  
appointed my successor  
(Not joyful news!)

17 Tues. Came down  
by train with Herbert  
Saw Pocklington re  
Marine Insurance who  
also quoted me 20/- %  
S. W. Crawley gave me  
ticket for concert  
at Phil Hall tomorrow  
Saxophone-Recital -



Received my shoes (2  
pairs) & paid in all,  
for New Boots and  
repairs £2-15-6.

Continued packing  
in the evening.

18 Wed: At the Phil  
Soc: Council meeting  
Crowther was appointed  
my successor. In the  
evening I took Rose  
to hear Mills on the  
Saxophone - a very  
fine instrument.

19 Thur. Bought a  
box from Reynolds  
& Bransons for the



Jan

hold for 2/6. In  
the evening I gave  
lecture on Defences  
of Animals before  
Quaque, Recreation  
Club. Rose also went  
& we afterwards had  
supper with the  
Vicar. (W. Kerr Smith).

20 Fri. Had Flute  
lesson & afterwards  
did more packing -  
Ordered a Thornton-  
Richard shutter for  
the Rapid lens -

21. Saw Kendall told  
me Mr Derry had



Reut him to ask  
me to call on him  
on Monday. Mr.  
Paul called at the  
Museum. We went  
to Chadwicks' to tea  
& spent the evening  
22 Sun: After dinner  
Rose & I walked to  
Bramhope, saw a  
large flock of T.  
pilaris above Adel  
dam. Aunt & Uncle  
Banks at Whithams  
where we had tea  
came home by train  
at 8.1. from Arthington



Mon

Jan

23. Father told me  
that his Aunt  
Catherine had died  
yesterday aged 77\*  
Mrs Longbotham who  
had been staying  
at Bilton came to  
Leeds - Percy Grimshaw  
commences work at  
Edinbro' to-day.

Backhouse telephoned  
me to ask if we  
could spend some  
night with him  
this week I replied  
that we were too  
busy but would



Feb 3. I found  
when I got home  
that Miss Anderson  
was coming on that  
date. At 4:30 I  
went to see Mr  
Derry by appointment  
& received a most  
agreeable surprise -  
All my old fellow  
workers had signed  
an address, read  
by Kendall and  
presented to me with  
a Malacca walking  
stick with ivory  
handle bearing my



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monogram thus:—



& 'January 1893'  
beneath.

The presentation  
was made in Mr  
Derry's room among  
the old faces, and  
I afterward obtained  
their signatures in  
my book.

24 Tues wrote Backhouse  
& told him that the  
10th Feby was my  
best date - letter from  
Fortune re a book  
& some Sternums of  
his which I had



overlooked and are  
now at Liverpool. I  
sent Wilfrid's 'T. J. B.'  
Picture to him. Got  
a frame for the  
'Borough' address  
from Bogg. 1/9. At  
night we continued  
the packing. - The  
new tenant (Hobley)  
called & paid me £1  
for the Gas Fittings.  
25 Wed. Paid Roebuck  
£2 to balance the  
£. 11. 11 etc and also  
£1. 4 years subs'



paid in advance -  
The 'Yorks' Evening  
Post' of Tues: contains  
the following note.

**JANUARY 24, 1893.**

—o—  
The new curator of the Leeds Literary and Philo-  
sophical Society is, I am informed, to be Mr. Crow-  
ther, who formerly acted as assistant to Mr. Edgar  
Waite and migrated to Truro.  
—o—

26 Thuro. wrote to Mr  
Blades re invitation  
for us to have tea  
with him at Sutton,  
wrote Howson, the  
landlord re 4/7  
paid for repairs [45]



Water pipe - I got  
a Kerosene burner  
for the Phil. Soc;  
lantern and as  $7/6$   
would be allowed  
on our 15/- existing  
burner I bought it  
at half price and  
in the evening I  
fitted it to the  
lantern. Bought a  
lantern slide carrier  
for  $1/6$ .

27 Fri. Dined in town  
with Gurnell, bought  
a View finder  $3/6$



Flute lesson No 9.  
Then joined Rose  
at Fallowfield, Mr  
Bowling paid me  
16/- for the photos.  
Called on Ruebuck  
re invitations to the  
tea.

28. Called at Magee's  
& arranged for a  
cart to fetch our  
boxes re on Monday  
at 8.0. At night  
I took Rose to a  
lecture by A. C.  
Poire on Gouin's  
method of learning [147]



languages. Gurnell  
+ Wilfrid also there -  
29 Sun. Went to N° 25  
to dinner, sorted  
out some Music &  
Negatives etc. Rose & I  
went to Lawnswood  
in the afternoon &  
returned to 25. to  
tea.

30 Mon. Up at 5.0  
Magee fetched our  
goods at 8. - Packed  
some of them at the  
Museum. Letter from  
Mr. Blades. accepting



my date Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>  
to dine with his  
family. Bought Ilford  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  plates from White  
4 doz White-label

Rapid. 12. 0

2 doz Red-label

Extra Rapid 7. 4

Bought Günther's  
Reptiles of British  
India (Miles). £1.

Herbert and I had  
tea in town & then  
went to Ashville  
where a cart took  
most of the goods  
remaining to his [149]



house to which  
we walked & where  
Rose & I remained  
overnight.

31 Tues. All came  
down by train  
Rose leaving at  
Armsley for Ashville  
to meet the cart  
to take balance  
of goods. Letter  
from Wager inviting  
us to supper to-  
morrow. Wrote to  
Backhouse giving  
him 11<sup>th</sup> & 12 Feb.



wrote Wheatteys re  
Bills of lading re.  
our boat 'Talavera'  
being stated to  
sail to-day. W. L.  
Carter called re the  
form of presentation  
The Committee had  
suggested either a  
Microscope or a gun  
with a good field  
glass in case of surplus  
funds. Finished the  
packing of the 2<sup>d</sup> hold<sup>u</sup>  
boxes. it seemed that  
we should want [15]  
some extra accommodati



Rose dined in town  
with me, went to  
Horsforth and remained  
overnight, we have  
now taken up our  
quarters there for the  
week.

Feb. 1. Wed. Letter from  
Wheatley to say the  
'Talavera' is again  
postponed sailing until  
the 7<sup>th</sup>. Got Thornton -  
Pickard June Shutter  
from White 18/6.  
Clothes from Arnott viz  
2 Suits £5. 0. 0. Altering  
2 Coats Vests 8/- do: 5/- [152]  
£5-3-0



Uncle & Aunt Banks  
came to bid me good-  
bye - Saw Roebuck &  
had talk about the  
presentation & told  
him I thought some  
plate & balance in cash  
would be better than  
anything else, the cash  
especially. He mentioned  
his promised wedding  
present & I suggested a  
field glass - Had tea  
at No. 25. Met Rose at  
Armsley Station 7.11.  
to Wager's house, Groom  
also there, spent a  
pleasant evening. We



walked to Storforth  
arriving at 12.0.

2. Thur: Mr. Derry  
Called & I showed him  
round the Museum.  
Gurnell gave me some  
Flute Music and a  
handkerchief for Rose.

Most astoundingly  
~~unexpectedly~~ I received  
from the 'Naturalist'  
Compositors A silver  
Pencil Case and an  
address this was sent  
and I acknowledge  
(initially) by letter.  
Saw Roebuck & we  
discussed the question



of having a walk on  
Sunday. Got duplicate  
ground glass for the  
Camera in case of  
accident

3 Fri Paid Truett

£5.18.0 - (See 1<sup>st</sup>

£5.3.0 + 15/-

for trousers -) Had

Flute lesson & went  
to Fallowfield to  
tea I stayed over  
night (Rose being  
at Horsforth) Wilfrid  
& I went to hear  
Poiré on 'How to  
learn ~~at~~ language  
(at Church Institute)



wrote to W.L. Carter  
re presentation.

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FEBRUARY 4, 1893.

In connection with the contemplated removal of Mr. Edgar Waite from Leeds, I am to-day informed of an interesting incident. The compositors at the establishment of Messrs. McCorquodale & Co., directly engaged on the *Naturalist*, have forwarded to Mr. Waite a silver pencil-case and a miniature illuminated address. He has been joint editor with Mr. Roebuck, and the mark of respect shows that Mr. Waite has been a welcome visitor to the composing-room.

Friday, February 3.

This cutting is  
from the Yorkshire  
Weekly Post. At 1.0  
I left Leeds with  
WDR for Hull (see  
Special Note Book  
No 31 for particulars)



5 Sun. Our Big Walk  
55 Miles. Beverley  
to Leeds (See special  
Note Book No. 31.).

6. Having slept at  
Fallowfield, I did  
not awake until 10.0  
Wilfrid went to the  
Museum to say I  
should not be down  
until afternoon, when  
I went after dinner  
feeling very 'stiff'.  
Rose & Belle called  
& we all went on to  
Horsforth together at  
5.20 - I received  
Günther's 'Study of



Fishes' secured - hand  
on approval for 13/6.

from Lowe. Birmingham

7 Tues. Walked with  
Herbert to Leeds &  
removed all stiffness  
Sent 13/6 for Günther's  
Fishes. Wrote to Mr.  
Paul & told him  
that Rose would  
go tomorrow got  
tracing paper to  
map out our route.  
Bought 3 doz 4to  
note Books for 3/6  
Slept at Horsforth.

8 Wed. Drew map  
of our walk and



commenced to write  
diary of it. Rose  
came to Leeds. 3.19  
& I saw her off  
to ~~Horsfor~~ Knaresbro'  
at 3.45. I returned  
to Horsforth to tea  
Uncle Banks sent  
me some slips of  
canvas.

9 Thur. Letter from  
Carter re presentation  
Received my pencil  
which Father had  
taken for purpose  
of having monogram  
cut, Visited the  
Compositors at M.C.



Cerquodales thanked  
them in person. At  
their request I  
returned the address  
for date which  
had been omitted.  
A reporter from the  
Post called to ask  
for my photo: for  
reproduction but  
I declined. I went  
to No 25 with  
Father & remained  
overnight. Loebuck  
told me that R.  
Rosenstock was  
in for the post  
vacated by Crowther



at Truro & would  
like a testimonial  
from ~~Truro~~ me

10 Fri letter from  
Rose at Kwaresno'  
I replied also to  
one from Sneyson  
wrote to Rosestock  
Roebuck gave me  
the glasses inscribed  
with my name &  
'W.D.R.' Offered  
Runtou £1. but he  
declined & afterwards  
said he would like  
a pipe. Had my  
Flute lesson - paid  
Hall £2. + 8 - 0 [67]



Went to No 25 and  
Stayed overnight  
Father gave me  
a sketch <sup>book</sup> + brush  
holder.

11 Sat. Sent draft  
for £ 10. 11. 3 to  
Wheatley for payment  
Freight. — 6. 6. 6  
Insurance. — 3. 1. 3  
Other Charges — 1. 3 6  
Got medicine to  
from Fred Reynolds  
for the voyage. ✓  
left Leeds at 12. 8  
for Knaresbro' Saw  
Backhouse + Addyman  
at Starbeck -



Rose met me. at 1.8.

As usual Uncle

Paul gave me a  
lot of things among  
which were. River  
Thermometer & extra  
one for same case.

Dry Thermometer  
Spirit level, set of  
Chess men & board.  
Meteorological note  
Book, Blue goggles.  
Clock, Ink Bottle, &c.

12 Sun. Went down to  
the river with Rose  
to take temperature  
Had a walk through  
Screw Park. Saw



Among others, Cole  
+ Marsh fits and  
Crepper, I made a  
Sketch of the Wood  
Yard &c. In the  
afternoon we had  
a stroll about the  
Castle. Uncle would  
have me write to  
Meteorological Office  
asking if they would  
like my in voyage  
observations and if  
they could not see  
their way to let  
me have a small  
set of instruments  
for such observa-  
(Main Rates - £1- 5- 5-)  
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-tionis as would be acceptable to them.

13 Mon. I had told Mr. Husband that I should be late on Monday & so we did not leave until 2.9. I put Rose off at Horsforth and did not get into Leeds till 4.0 (nearly). Went to Fallowfield joined Rose, Belle & Herbert at the Museum & at 6.30 went on to Porvolorup, where the tea & presentation took place -

£33. 1. 7. [165]



# YORKSHIRE POST,

## PRESENTATION TO MR. EDGAR R. WAITE.—

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A presentation was made last night in Mr. Powolny's Restaurant, Bond-street, Leeds, to Mr. Edgar R. Waite, who for several years has held the position of curator at the Leeds Philosophical Hall, and who has now received the appointment of curator of the museum of the University of Sydney. About fifty ladies and gentlemen were present. The repast was served in Mr. Powolny's usual elegant style. The company included representatives of the local scientific bodies—the Leeds Naturalists' Club, the Leeds Geological Association, and the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union. Mr. J. W. Davies (Mayor of Halifax) presided.—Mr. Harold Wager, President of the Leeds Naturalists' Club, delivered a eulogistic address on Mr. Waite, who, he said, had kept the society in touch with the outside world. He commended Mr. Waite's energy, industry, and great manipulative skill, combined with acuteness and accuracy of observation. That manipulative skill had enabled him to present to the society some of the most interesting papers that had ever been read to its members. Since 1885, the date of his first connection with the club, he had contributed no less than thirty-one lectures and demonstrations. Mr. Wager paid a high compliment to Mr. Waite's powers as an artist, as well as an ornithologist.—Mr. J. Ingleby, President of the Leeds Geological Association, and Mr. W. D. Roebuck, secretary of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, also testified to the high respect in which Mr. Waite was held by local scientists; and those speeches were supplemented by others from Mr. G. C. Dennis (York Naturalists' Field Club), Mr. M. B. Slater (Malton Naturalists' Society), Mr. J. H. Rowntree (Scarborough Field Naturalists' Club), Mr. Charles Crosland (Halifax Naturalists' Society), Mr. W. Teasdale (Leeds Astronomical Society), and others.—Mr. R. Wilson (treasurer) stated that the subscriptions amounted to £47 11s. 6d., given by over a hundred subscribers.—Mr. F. W. Branson explained the design of the illuminated address which had been prepared for presentation to Mr. Waite.—Mr. W. L. Carter read the address; and the Chairman presented it, along with a purse of gold.—Mr. Waite made a suitable reply. In the course of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Waite were the recipients of the congratulations and good wishes of the company.

## CRAVEN NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION.

For many years now the Craven Naturalists' and Scientific Association has been in the front rank of kindred societies. At the present time it is enjoying a vigorous existence. Evidence of this was furnished last evening at the Skipton Town Hall, where the annual conversazione was held. No one could have attended the function without coming away conscious of the fact that the association is composed of a band of students of nature, ardent and enthusiastic. The conversazione is one of the leading social events of the year in the capital of Craven. It is invariably a successful gathering, and that of last night was no exception to the rule. On the contrary, the affair passed off with great "eclat." The whole building was for the time being given over to the naturalists and their friends. Under the skilful treatment of the decorator, the rooms had been made to present a festive appearance, the effect of which was heightened when the company arrived. Early in the evening a hearty welcome was extended to all by the President of the association, Mr. R. H. Tiddeman, F.G.S. In the course of his remarks, he incidentally mentioned that during the coming year it was proposed to start a photographic section, in order to encourage devotees of the camera to focus their attention on the Craven district, which was so crowded with interesting spots. Then he alluded to the circumstance that the number present was somewhat lessened in consequence of the "farewell" which Yorkshire naturalists were that evening giving to Mr. E. R. Waite at Leeds, prior to his removal to Sydney. At his suggestion the meeting unanimously decided to forward to Mr. Waite a telegram expressing the good wishes of Craven naturalists.—There were plenty of objects displayed in the building to attract the attention of the guests. Photographs formed quite a prominent feature. Many of these were most beautiful and artistic productions. A large number were forwarded by members of the Keighley Photographic Society. Cases containing objects found in the course of tumulus explorations in Upper Wharfedale were regarded with much curiosity. It is only within the last few months that the tumuli, or ancient burying places, of the district have been investigated, but the results so far as they have gone have led to the formation of a representative committee, of which Mr. E. Speight is the active secretary, who purpose making a systematic exploration in the neighbourhood. In the cases shown by the Rev. Bailey J. Harker, who directed his attention to a mound at Grassington, and by Mr. Speight, there were many interesting and curious relics of the period when the ancient Britons had matters their own way in this land.—Mr. W. Horne, F.G.S., of Leyburn, exhibited a number of old articles which carried the beholder back to the days when the blessings of the nineteenth century were undreamt of. Then in other parts of the room were some capital botanical specimens collected by Mr. L. Rotheray, the secretary of the association; some birds' eggs and skins shown by Mr. A. Kinder; flint and stone implements, lent by Mr. S. Chadwick, F.G.S., Mr. J. H. Skelton, and Mr. Clarke; models illustrating the life history of insects, lent by Mr. S. L. Mosley, Huddersfield; West African curiosities, lent by the Rev. C. B. Sykes; and ivory and oak carvings, lent by Mr. Sunderland. Upstairs were about thirty microscopes, through which were to be seen slides illustrating pond life and the life history of a gnat and of miscellaneous objects. In the large hall there was a concert of vocal and instrumental music, and in one of the ante-rooms short lectures were given by Messrs. J. J. Wilkinson, J. E. Wilson, and R. H. Tiddeman, and the Rev. E. Jones; whilst lantern exhibitions were given by Mr. James Hargreaves and Mr. J. H. Howarth. The arrangements for the conversazione had been very largely in the hands of Mr. Rotheray, the secretary, and Mr. J. Dodgson, the treasurer.



We all went to  
Fallowfield to Supper  
+ left at 11.35 for  
~~Hor~~ Newlay, Rain  
coming down -

14. Tues. Received the  
Bills of Lading &  
Insurance Policy  
from Wheatleys -  
the 'Talavera' said  
to sail on 18<sup>th</sup> inst.  
Rose came down in  
the afternoon + we  
did some packing  
went to tea. Fallowfield  
left at 10.30 Car to [166]  
3 Horse Shoes + walked



to Horsforth.

15 Wed, Bought minimum  
Thermometer, letter from  
Meteor: Office saying  
that the Captain took  
Observations for them  
Paid Cooks, Balance  
of Passage Money £36.15.0  
Wilfrid gave me some  
Old flute music.

Husband told me that  
he would ask the  
Council to pay me  
to end of the month  
Gave Father Insurance  
Policy on life, and  
Good. Bill of lading.  
I wrote to Mr Tye



+ also to Britannia  
Co re Ilford Plates.

Tom Anderson gave  
me a letter to his  
brother in Sydney.

16. Thur. I wrote to  
Andersons re time  
of embarking re -

17 Fri I wrote to J.G.  
Reid & Nellie Beale.

Received letter  
from Mr. J. E. Ask-  
-ing us to spend  
Wednesday with  
them. Received  
from Cooks. Railway  
tickets from Fenchurch  
St Station to Tilbury  
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+ noting that we  
should leave by  
special train at  
11. am on Friday  
Abell lent me some  
of the Photographs.  
The accompanying from  
the Weekly Post.

Mr. Edgar Waite will on his approaching departure from Leeds for New South Wales leave behind him many friends. Fitting testimony was in the early part of the week borne to the energy and ability displayed by him in the city and the county in promoting the cause of science, of which he has been such a devoted student. There could have been no greater or more gratifying compliment paid to him than the statement that his work had been thorough, interesting, and clear. Work that is thorough is invariably clear. The presentation of addresses and a purse of gold was accompanied by that expression of good wishes which could hardly fail to be appreciated. When Mr. Waite said in response that he had friends all over Yorkshire and that he left the county with regret, he stated what could readily be understood. To the scientist and the student of Nature there is no place in the world perhaps to excel Yorkshire, rich as it is in materials for study in so many branches of science.

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Father gave me his  
water-color Box -

Gave Parkinson at the  
'Post' ~~of~~ one of my  
photos Had Flute lesson  
Went to Fallowfield

& remained overnight

18 Sat. Letter from the  
Ilford Photo: Co:

See end of book for cutting from  
the Yorkshire Evening Post  
this date -

Advising me to use  
No 2 Solution, and  
Pyro Pellets, Received  
instructions & labels  
for the 'Ormuz'.

I fastened up the 'Cabin'  
and 'Hold' Boxes. At  
Horsforth - W Ramsden



Spent the evening.  
Gurnell gave me an-  
other Flute Book con-  
taining Braga's  
Serenata & other pieces.  
In the afternoon we  
had a walk & in  
Gill's wood came in  
with a large flock  
of Lesser Redpolls -

19 Sun - Rose, Belle  
Herbert & self went  
to Fallowfield to dinner  
we, fellows walked  
while our wives took  
train from 3 Horse Shoes  
went to Museum &  
got letters from Reid



Miss Beale, Nellie  
asking us to stay on  
Tuesday night with  
her & John saying  
he would see us off  
at Tilbury. Mr Farrar  
also at Fallowfield to  
dinner, took train &  
walked to Horsforth.

20 Mon: Sent off our  
baggage by G.N.R. £1-4-3  
Bid Ernst Farewell he  
gave me a letter to  
W. Walker Sydney. Called  
on Fred Reynolds Bought  
1 doz Rapid Plates and  
charged the Slides  $\frac{3}{8}$



also scales 2/6. Packet  
Ferro Prus. Paper and  
Pyro developer. Drew  
my money out of  
Penny Bank £45-4-9  
& gave Father £25 to  
send also with my  
Salary Cheque. Crowther  
at the Museum. Bought  
handkerchief Box for  
Mr. Runtou - Rose  
came down in the  
afternoon & we went  
to No 25 with Father  
Mr. W. gave us a very  
Cool reception & Rose  
put in nearly all her



time with the Misses  
Barnes, wrote to Nellie  
John, Mr. Blades & also  
to J. Barran. In P. to  
ask him for an order  
to see Parliament Houses  
Called to bid good-bye  
to Mr. & Mrs. Hartley the  
latter gave me some  
photos, just as we were  
going Chadwick called  
& walked with us to the  
'bus. Teasdale left me  
2 photos of Museum.  
We went to Fallowfield  
for the night. In the  
afternoon we had



called on the Roebucks  
W<sup>m</sup> gave me a letter  
to relatives in Sydney.

21. Tues. Called at the  
Museum for our small  
baggage which Runtou  
& the boy took to the  
Station, Great North?  
Father, Herbert, Miss  
Barnes, & also Ernest  
were there the latter  
fortunately also going  
to London, we left  
at 10.0 & had a most  
pleasurable journey to-  
gether landing at  
Kwip & at 1.55. The



following\* is from the  
'Million' Met: Rail:  
to Aldgate left bag  
walked to Fenchurch  
St Sta<sup>n</sup> & left our  
baggage for the 'Ormeau'  
Called at Anderson's  
had dinner, returned  
to Aldgate thence to  
Liverpool St took train  
for Enfield landing  
at 5. Walked to Chase  
Farm Schools & stayed  
overnight with N. Beale.  
22 Wed, I left at 9.15  
for Broad St, went  
to Blades sent Telegram  
to Mrs Tye, thence  
(\*) 4 leaves further: [176]



walked to Burlington  
House, Linnæan Soc.  
paid Hammond £6  
for 2 years subs &  
got my Transactions  
from Cappel, bought  
Amidol, a developer  
Bromide Paper & Pyro  
Pillules. Took Bus to  
Ludgate Hill met Rose  
& Nellie at 1.8. We two  
walked to the Houses  
of Parliament & after  
some time saw Mr  
Barran who had sent  
me a letter, he showed  
us the Commons (now



sitting) the Lords where  
Rose sat on the wool  
Sack, He gave me a  
copy of the Home  
Rule Bill, Saw Tim  
Healy. Chamberlain  
Sir W Lawson &c &c &c.  
Walked to London Brs  
& at 4.39 took train  
to Atherley, stayed  
over night with Mr Mrs  
Tye.

23 Thur Left C. Palace  
Flat<sup>4</sup> at 10.15 to London  
Br: Called Monument  
Yard Saw Cousin Carr  
who wanted us to go  
to Acton & also Walk



Beale, left Bag to at  
Blades, & took Met.  
Rail: at Cannon St.  
for S. Kensington had  
lunch at an A.B.C.  
(Anastasia, Bread Co) Rest<sup>l</sup>  
Then to S.K. Museum  
Saw Woodward, called  
at Broomham Gardens  
Saw Mrs Reid, we had  
not time to go to  
Acton & I telegraphed  
Took Met Rail from  
Earls Court to Cannon  
It did some shopping  
thence to Blades &  
to Sutton with S.R.B.  
Spent evening. Music.



24 Fri Left Sutton  
at 9.0 for London  
Bridge thence to  
Abchurch Lane (Blades)  
returned at 10.0 &  
found J. A Reid as  
arranged, we went  
to Fenchurch Street  
Stat<sup>n</sup> Bought Deck  
Chairs &c, & R Blades  
also came to the  
train (later) & at  
11.0 we left the  
City of Silk Hats  
& Umbrellas, en  
route for Tilbury  
dock & the 'Orinus'  
we were taken off



by a tender, the  
'Tilbury', found  
parcel of wool collars  
from Herbert, a  
letter from Mrs  
Tye, introducing  
us to her sister in  
Sydney Mrs Fischer.  
Letter & present of  
2 jam spoons from  
Kellie.



## THE MILLION.

February 25, 1893.

Whenever I see a really first-rate opportunity of worldly advancement for a capable person, I like to bring it under the notice of Millionaires, and see that they have no excuse for missing the chance. In the *Athenæum* recently I came across this startling offer:—

**WANTED.**—A RESIDENT CURATOR, METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVER, and CARETAKER, for the Museum and Library Buildings of the Royal Institution of Cornwall, Truro. Salary £50 per annum, with rooms, coals, and gas. Applications, in candidates' own handwriting, stating age and scientific qualifications, with testimonials and references, &c., &c. Whether or not I number among my readers anybody of "scientific qualifications" sufficient to encourage longing ambitions towards the brilliant prospect here held out, I don't know. Why does the Royal Institution of Cornwall advertise? I should have thought that a mere note, specifying the advantages offered, to Professors Huxley and Tyndall, and perhaps the Astronomer Royal, would bring those lights of science down to Truro with a rush after that £50 a year. But perhaps there were doubts about their testimonials—or even their "own handwriting." This is one of those things that bring home clearly to us the glorious advantages of scientific eminence. Just think, now. The distinguished *savant* whose "scientific qualifications" fit him for the eminence and wealth offered by the Royal Institution of Cornwall will be provided with "rooms"—certainly two, if no more, because of the "s." See that, now; there may even be cupboards, although such an enrolment is not specifically mentioned. Then think of the command of the coals, the glory of the gas! Then, beside the privilege of conducting scientific operations, he will be allowed the crowning grandeur of being "caretaker for the Museum and Library Buildings," in which capacity he will be at liberty to conduct practical experiments in the more advanced branches of window-cleaning and floor-sweeping. And, as though they had not yet heaped enough honours upon the head of this favoured son of knowledge, they shovel over him a lavish income—19s. 2½d., and a fraction, every blessed week of his life, free of income-tax, and with nothing whatever to do with it except keep and clothe himself and his wife and family, send his boys to Eton and Oxford, make contributions for scientific objects, pay subscriptions to learned societies, patronise charities, buy bootlaces, and invest a little in Government securities. There is only one remaining means by which the Royal Institution of Cornwall can confer distinction upon this pundit—they might give him a nice uniform, with a number on his collar, like a workhouse porter. But they are already generous enough. O! that I had scientific qualifications and testimonials and references and a presentable "own handwriting."



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