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14th July while at the Crystal Palace. we had a ride down the tob -boggan. the sensation is not nearly so nice as on the Switchback Railway - we stayed to see the fireworks at night - ballt*[ballet] &c[et cetera]. On the 15th we took train to Kew - where we took a boat &[and] I pulled up to Islesworth - where we moored the boat &[and] took the ferry across &[and] then walked on to Richmond [2]

on to the celebrated hill - we went back to Kew in the same manner that we had come, &[and] I then went round the gardens &[and] afterwards went back to Loughbro'[Loughborough] 16 Sat[urday]. I had intended to for Antwerp to day but I found that

a boat left S[aint]t Katherine's wharf tomorrow at 12.0. So we decided to go to Enfield. I stayed at the Chase Farm [3]

Schools where I met Geo[rge] Wright we had a swim together in the bath.- 19 On <Monday>Sunday. I left Enfield at 9.30 &[and] took the train to Moorgate St. &[and] from thence walked on to the wharf where I found the Baron Osy a paddle boat of 700 tonnage. Left London at 12.0. saw the last of the land at 7.30 and sighted the light (Flashing) of Dunquer [4]

at 930 &[and] passed Flushing at. 10.10. I slept on deck and landed at Antwerp at. 9.30.am. Our baggage was then chalked by the customs without being examined - I then proceeded with Mr Pearson of Broadway Barkin, Essex - whom I met on board, in search of an hotel we came across the Hot l*[H ´tel] Angleterre and decided to look in we each took a bed [5]

for the night &[and] then went out first going over the Cathedral and then the Museums or picture galleries containing some of the finest works of Rubens, Van Dyke and Teniers &c[et cetera], after dinner we made our way to the Jardin Zoologique which for Ornithology is far superior to the one in London we then took the [6]

ferry steamer across the Scheldt to the Kursal a regular promenade, in a while we returned &[and] the return fare being only. 10.cts[centimes] we then went for a ride taking one of the cars to its journey's end about 2 miles. and back again all for 30 cts[centimes] going back to the hotel we had supper &[and] went to [7]

bed at 10.0. Tuesday 19 Got up at 7.0 &[and] had a walk with Mr. Pearson round the Markets fish and vegetable - and after breakfast we took train to Brussels, and after arriving I proceeded to Carter's Hotel in the Rue de Musee where I engaged a bed for the night we then went round the Parc. Palais de [8]

Roi &c[et cetera] - and then took the tram across Waterloo Boulevard &[and] along Charleroi Boulevard to its terminus &[and] back again 60 cts[centimes]. Mr. Peason*[Pearson] seemed to like this method of seeing the city but as I did not care much about it. I was not sorry when I parted from him - he returning to Antwerp, as he [9]

was going back to England tomorrow (Wednesday. July.20) I then went alone thro[ugh] the City and afterwards, round along the Boulevards and returning to my hotel. I went to bed at

10:30. Wednesday 20. Got up at 7.30 and after breakfast, walked to the Palais du*[de] Justice, a place it is said large [10]

enough to try all the prisoners of Europe in at once and on to the Station du Midi &[and] enquired the first train to Waterloo, finding that it did not start until 10.34 &[and] consequently having 1 1/2 hours to wait I went on to the Hotel de Ville &[and] from thence to the Mannakin*[Mannekin] Fountain to the Old Palais [11]

de Justice &[and] thro[ugh] the Place de Grand Sablon to the Station having passed the Place du Petit Sablon in going to the Station the first time - I took return ticket to <L> Brain L'alleud*[Braine-l'Alleud]. 1 fr[anc] 15 cts[centimes] and left at 10.34 When I jumped out of the train 2 young fellow ac- -costed me with - "Do you speak [12]

English"- They were American schoolmasters from Rochester and were "doing Europe" So we proceeded toget -her to the Mound of the Belgian Lion &[and] after ascending the 226 steps - we read the account of the Battle from Baedeker &[and] I made 4 diminutive sketches of the field on 2 visiting cards from the 4 sides of the mound [13]

respectively - we stayed there about 5 hours. having a magnificent*[magnificent] view of the field &[and] the far stretching country beyond. on the N[orth] W[est]. we could see the top of the Palais de Justice, at Brussels 10 miles distant we then made for L*[La] Haye Sainte and the two monuments one to the memory [14]

of the German Legion and the other to L[ieutenant] Col[onel] Gordon. while Examining the latter 3 clerical looking fellows came up they were also Americans &[and] were Roman Catholic<s> Students located in Rome. - A woman who came up to sell photos told us our nationalities at once. in spite of one of the Students [15]

speaking Italian to her - had Some refreshments at Hotel Musee &[and] left Waterloo at. 6.9- Thursday. July. 21st. Wrote home &[and] also to Miss B. &[and] called at Poste Restante &[and] there found a letter from Father &[and] a post card from W B Simpson - I added a Post Sc[ri]pt to the letter home &[and] then went to [16]

the bankers. - M[onsieur] Bruggman Fils &[and] got my draft for 101 Fr[anc]s cashed. I then went over a lace Manufactory and at 11.30 I went to the Cathedral (Brussels) to see the King &[and] hear the Te Deum in honor of his accession we were not admitted until 12.30 &[and] then amid a roll of drums the Soldiers [17]

came in, in full dress, with the King & all the civic officers. the te deum was played on the organ, and an orchester in the gallery. & sounded really grand - I then went over the Bank National & then to the Station du Nord to obtain particulars of boats to Hull. & trains to Malines. I then [18]

went into the Jardin Botanique after which I went to my hotel had tea, and then on to the station which I left for Malines at 4.43. fare 80 cts[centimes] Express. where I arrived at. 6.15 & then went in search of an hotel - I went to the Poste - & enquired for an Hotel Anglais & following the directions given [19]

I came across, not an hotel but a private house with a brass plate on the door bearing the inscription Agente Anglais, he was unfortunately out so I dropped into the Hotel du*[de la] Station & there found A French Gentleman (Arthur Weyl) who told me that there was not an English [20]

Hotel in Malines & but very few people who could speak English besides himself he was Engineer to the Belgian government & could speak English very well. for a Frenchman - He said I had come to a respectable hotel. he lived there. so I decided to stay - & took a room for the [21]

night. had tea & then sallied forth for a walk - to the Grande place & examined the Statue of Margaret of Austria & the Circle & figures round representing the exact size of the skeleton clock in the Cathedral 49 feet in diameter - Old Cloth Hall Palais de Justice Hotel de Ville & [22]

the Cathedral. - went to bed at 10.0 - Friday July. 22nd. Got up at 7.30 had breakfast & then went out passed the Halle. Hotel de ville. the Cathedral. S[ain]t Jean S[ain]t*[Sainte] Catherine. & the Church of Notre Dame Left Malines at 12.38 and after arriving at Antwerp I proceeded on [23]

the recommendation of Mons[ieur] Wel to the Grand Hotel du Courier, where I took a bed and then went on to the Zoo but found it closed, I then went round the town & after buying Cigars, scent & c[et cetera] I turned in. Sat[urday] Went to Service at the Cathedral at .7.30 & after which I had breakfast [24]

&[and] entered the Zoo at. 8.45. where I stayed until 4.15 when I went to the hotel &[and] from thence to the "Fairy" bound for Hull we bid farewell to Antwerp at 7.0 along with other 2 boats one for Grimsby &[and] the other for Goole we got out of sight of the lights about 11.0.,- We had a good [25]

sea on which was not appreciated by some of the passengers.- arrived in Dock at Hull at 8.30 on Sunday night, &[and] after being passed by the customs, I went ashore with another passenger. to the Station Hotel. having to Stay in Hull all night as the last train to Leeds. left at 8.15. Monday July 25th. [26]

Left Hull at 5.35 am and arrived in Leeds at 7.35. I then went home &[and] after having had breakfast I went to the Office at 9.30.- Aug[ust].1. Bank Holiday went with Father &[and] Mrs Waite, Miss Hartley &[and] Willie to Knaresbro'[Knaresborough] in the afternoon Met Robinson from the Bank &[and] the 3 of us viz he, Willie &[and] myself went off [27]

together, we each had a canoe on the river for an hour. &[and] met C.C. Smith & Edgar Voax. Aug[ust] 4. Walter Bland sent a specimen of the caterpillar of the Puss Moth & other 2 which I do not know. Aug[ust] 5. The Puss Moth commenced spinning its coccoon. having to call at The Grove at night I was surprised [28]

while crossing the bridge over the beck, the water <water> being very low &[and] smelling most objectionable to see a dipper fly from under the bridge &[and] make make its way up the beck towards Meanwood. the first time I have seen a dipper in these parts [29]

[?] Scarce butterflies. Eggs or Cabinet H. Storey Huntingdon Sat[urday] Aug[ust] 6th Excursion of Club to Harrogate for Birk Crag and Pannal. I did not go. Saw. a wasp catch a fly. &[and] then fly with it in its feet on to the wall &[and] neatly clip off the wings &[and] feet &[and] then commence internal investigation 10 Aug[ust]. Being at Allison's I was asked [30]

if I would go with a party to Beu Rhydding on Saturday. It being Miss Emily Denton's birthday on the 12th. Mr. Denton had proposed an excursion the guests to pay their own railway fares. &[and] he would provide tea &c[et cetera] at an Hotel at Ben Rhydding &[and] engage tennis courts. I was asked to [31]

take photo apparatus but as Father was going to take it away with him I said that I would see if could borrow some. 11th Aug[ust]. I called on Nichols &[and] he promised to lend me his

12x10 camera - &[and] some 10x8 plates (ilford) Aug[ust] 13. Went to Ben Rhydding with party in Saloon Carriage - left Leeds [32]

at. 1.30. A most unpromising day it rained nearly all the time, but during a slight break I got 4 negatives - &[and] commenced a game of tennis we had a very nice tea 26 sat down &[and] afterwards we had music - cards dancing &c[et cetera] Sunday - I spent the day with the Simpson's*[Simpsons] being [33]

alone - Mon[day] 1 I developed 2 negatives at Ramsdens &[and] found that they were spoilt by a crack in each slide where the light had got in &[and] left a dark line across the negative - At night I developed the other 2 negatives which turned out very well one in especial - [34]

Aug[ust] 16 W Beale sent me copy of Spurgeons Sermon - I wrote him - Got Pink Printing paper - Mounts Hypo &c[et cetera] at Pearsons 2/8 Willie returned home last night Aug[ust] 16th Fitzgerald wrote asking if I would take him some positives. Aug[e] [ust] 17th. Fitzgerald sent drawings in brown of Skull &[and] [35]

bones of G[rea]t Auk for me to make him transparencies of. I drew the skull in black &[and] white Aug[ust] 18th. photographed my drawing of Skull &[and] at night I made a transparency from the negative Aug[ust] 19th. Fitzgerald sent <bir> the following birds set up. Hooded Crow. Rook Jackdaw Blackbird and Redwing [36]

Aug[ust] 21 Sunday. Spent the day at New Leeds the previous Sunday I had spent with - the Simpson's*[Simpsons]. Our people being away at Rothesay ” Aug[ust] Fitzgerald sent work on Great Auk for me to photo 3 plates & make positives for him.- Council meeting of L.N.C. passed a resolution <sha> that <Mha> Marsh [37]

should go thro[ugh] the Lepidoptera of the proceedings of the Fauna &[and] report thereon to the Council. I was to take the other subjects Ornithology Mammalia. Insecta Coleoptera. Fishes &c[et cetera] &[and] obtain such help as I might require toned prints of the Ben Rhydding group . Aug[ust] 23rd. Addyman brought to the Office [38]

7 Registers of the Fauna. I went to Marsh &[and] gave him the one on Lepidoptera, I called on Stubbins at Liberal Club re work required of me. &[and] he said Some- -thing about me being a likely person to take the Secretaryship of the Club for the ensuing year. Bought 6 Mounts [39]

10x8 1/1[one shilling and one pence] from Pearson At night I took proofs of the two photos to Allison's &[and] when the Dentons (who were there) went home they took the photos with them, I did a little at the ornithological Register - I forgot to enter that at the Council Meeting (22nd. inst) I was to take charge of the [40]

ornithological evening on Sep[tember] 21. &[and] to give a paper on part of the anatomy of birds on Nov[ember] 9th. (see last page in this book) 24 Aug[ust]. At night Willie Ramsden looked in &[and] helped me with the Register Work. Cased Aus: Rail 25 Aug[ust]. I got jims remains together - &[and] went onto Alisons. 26th. Saw Scott with reference to ornithological evening [41]

27 Aug[ust]. Sat[urday] Had a walk with W[illie] Ramsden to Meanwood &[and] Saw a Cricket Match commence in Meanwood Park but could not stay as Mr. &[and] Mrs. W[aiite] were coming home from Rothesay at night I went to Allison's &[and] hit my head with a raquet*[racquet] while playing a ball. <I went> <in> Emily Denton took me into their house &[and] applied Elliman's Embro[cation] to my head &[and] showed [42]

me some of their pictures &c[et cetera] 28 Went to Chapel in the morning &[and] at night I went on to Scott's he gave me a few papers &c[et cetera] YNU Mond[ay] 29 Aug[ust] began making cases for papers &c[et cetera]. got leather from Goodalls & Lennox at night W[illie] Ramsden Called &[and] told me that he had got a com- -mission to photo a gravestone in [43]

Lawnswood Cemetery &[and] that he wished me to take it &[and] share the cost &[and] profit. Club night I did not attend. 30th. Worked again at the cases in form of <a> books (got up at 5.am) Wrote. for H Saunders' list of British Birds B[ritish] O[nithologists'] U[nion] Nomenclature 31st. Aug[ust] Wrote part of report for the LCU Council - Finished the second. Mock Book [44]

Arranged with Addyman &[and] Cox to alter date of Ornithological Exhibition to Oct[ober] 19th. title to be The Difference in the plumage of birds Consequent on Sex and season. Gave title of my paper for Nov[ember] 9th. viz British Corvidae - paid Gibbons £4.18.0 for Sunday Suit - bought cloth &c[et cetera] from Knight and Fosters 8d[eightpence] Sep[tember]. 1 Took Neg[ative]s <&c>. [45]

Jan[uary] 89 pointed out to them the various wild birds incl[uding] the Capercallies*[Capercaillie] - At night I called on Stubbins who told me he did not think he

would sell the "Naturalist" thought Curious Birds' Nest would be a good subject for Apr[il] 25th. Mrs W[ai]te decided to have a Capercallie*[Capercaillie] to dinner tomorrow &[and] gave me 2/6 towards it. Father afterwards unknown to her gave me 1/- I got a TM, bird for 3/6 so that it [45a)

of Great Auk Bones &[and] Eggs - Letter from - C.C. Smith Sec[retary] of The Craven Naturalists &[and] Scientific Association asking me if I w[ou]ld give them a lecture or paper for the 6 Mos Syllabus com- mencing Sep[tember] 17. as they had been informed that I was a likely person to give them an ornithological Subj[ect] 2nd. Sep[tember]: Replied [46]

stating that my engagements would not permit me to pledge my services befor*[before] Dec[ember] &[and] stated that perhaps Dec[ember] 19. would suit me &[and] that the Subject would be "Woodpeckers and their ways" W[illie] Ramsden looked in at night &[and] fixed 2.30 as the time to leave here to photo the tombstone at Lawnswood, After [47]

1887. he went I wrote the bona fide report to the Council.- 3rd Sep[tember] W[illie] Ramsdens*[Ramsden] called on me with a friend about 2.30 but as it was raining we waited about 1/2 hour. he introduced his friend a Mayhall &[and] it was his fathers' grave at Lawnswood which I had to photo he <was> is brother to Cha[rle]s Mayhall who went to the LPCMCS [48]

and is now a solicitor in Leeds. arrived at Lawnswood I took 2 1/2 plates of the tomb (a marble cross) 60 * &[and] 45 sec[ond]s respectively &[and] 1 of young Mayhall + While in the Cemetery I saw a Kestrel - After developing my plates (Britannia) I found the one first exposed had had rather too much but the 2nd one was a splendid negative [bottom margin] * Stop No[Number] 5 +6 sec[onds] Stop No[Number] 1 [49]

so was the 3rd. photo but the subject had moved - W[illie] Ramsden stayed tea with me - all our people having gone to the exhibition at Saltaire, after which we had music &[and] he then went with me a*[as] far as Allison's where he left me. I went in &[and] having taken the 3 photos of the Ben Rhydding Group. I spent the evening there &[and] went [50]

on to the Denton's*[Dentons] to get the number of Photos required &[and] found that 9 were already spoken for. 4th <Aug> Sep[tember]. I did not go to church to day but in the afternoon I drew &[and] colored a copy of the G[rea]t Auk's egg from one in Fitzgerald's book, after tea I went on to Scotts &[and] met him coming out of the gate with a young fellow he introduced me to [51]

Mr Wilson we walked down together & met Booth near the oak I then left them & called on W[illie] Ramsden & as he was out I went home & drew &c[et cetera] the other great auk's egg. & also an outline to be turned from.- arranged eggs to day <5th> According to B[ritish] O[rnithological] list (Howard Saunders) wh[ic]h I got on the 1st. 5th <Aug> Sep[tember]. Went out to call on Mrs. Aldred [52]

respecting photographing their family - call[e]d at Allison's & found Frank Asquith there we went on together. I arranged if fine to take the photos on Saturday next at 3.0. Had a game at bagatelle with Harold & Frank Kendall came back to the office, from his holidays, & mentioned that he had seen 5 miles off Scarbro[Scarborough] a white butterfly this [53]

reminds me that while coming across from Antwerp one came on board at least 80 miles from land.- The horse chestnuts are dropping their fruit and the willow wrens visiting the gardens seeming to have a partiality for the Laburnam*[Laburnum] trees. 6. <Aug> Sep[tember]. After mounting some photos I went on to Asquith's & the [54]

Mrs. said that she wanted some photos of the youngster. but would like to see those to be taken of Aldred's before giving me a commission. I brought the brass plate home - At the Council meeting held at 4.30 to day. I went in & stayed un-til my report was read. After a time Addyman came into the office. & [55]

told me that he had come down for the purpose of asking me if I would object to have the dates of my papers reversed, viz the one on the <Feathers> plumage of birds &c[et cetera] to be on the 9th Nov[ember] & to be a general exhibition at the Yorkshire College & to be an open evening at whi[ch] Ladies would be allowed & the one on Nov[ember]. 9. [56]

on British Corvidae to be on<e the> Oct[ober] 19th. I gave him my permission to alter them - I left the drawing of the G[rea]t Auk's egg I had made with Jowetts to be turned but they said that they preferred a card cut out to fit the "to be" model. I did this for them. the model to be ready on the 8th. 7th. Went to Mountain's [57]

they advised me to make my mould in plaster & then coat it with shellac in spirit & then smear it over with oil<t> I bought 2d[tuppence] worth of fine plaster. At night & met

Booth at North Lane end at 7.0 & according to arrangement we went together to Scott's where we spent the evening Scott asked me to paint his initials on a gun [58]

Sep[tember] case for him - & gave me a sandwich tern's egg.- 8th. Got up early & painted W.C.S on gun case, at noon I bought gold 1/10 <1d> 25 cabinet cards 1/7 ½ and 25 CDV " [cards] 10 ½ from Pearson ----- 4/4 ===== & went on to Jowett's - they would send my egg on to, Willie - this afternoon. they are cutting it out of sycamore. At night I made an attempt 9th. B[ought]t a Store of Plaster 6d[sixpence] [59]

at making the mould & succeeded admirably 9th. I had 2 attempts this morning at casting the egg both<e> being failures, the egg<s> refusing to leave the mould in a whole state. Went to Mountains again they advised me to make the mould in 3 pieces or to cast in wax.- formulae Bees wax 1 part Resin 3 " [part] Not to be used hotter than will just pour. [60]

Syllabus 86-7 Sep[tember]. 7. Botanical Evening. 14 Entomological " [Evening] to 29th to decide on subj[ect] 21 Ornithological Evening [arrowhead here] 28 Geological Evening. Oct[ober] 5 Equisetae. Miall & Exhibits 12 Exhibition of Fruits. &c[et cetera] 19 26 Nov[ember] 2 Practical Microscopy 9 Waite. - British Corvidae [arrow end here] 16 Demonstration on Anodonta Cyrlaca 23 Branson <Equiseteum> 30 Storey Dec[ember] 7 Practical Microscopy. " [December] 14 Annual Meeting - [61]

{The difference in {the plumage of birds {consequent on Sex { & season AMS 587/6 [62] [34]