

PRG 22/1/14 Diary of Frederick William Coneybeer

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Tuesday Jan 1 – 1901

It was a very Close and muggy day this the great Day of Australia the True Inauguration of Federation and I trust it may turn out the Blessing it is expected But it is a great Leap in the Dark The great Procession To Day – To Day we had our Tickets for the Reserve at the National Park. We went straight up there from Walters place. and our seats were in a splended position for us to see The everything taking place. A little before noon The Great Procession – came in sight – and it was indeed a sight never to be forgotten and we were in a wonderfully good position to see it from first to last The Picked British Troops were a sight – Unfortunately Poor Maggie was so unwell that Her pleasure was spoilt to a great extent – we saw The swearing in of the First Minister of The First Federal Parliament of Australia – History making – The Heat was something fearful – This great function over we took Tram for City and we went to Roberts Hotel for Dinner we were just Home Here in time for a fearful Storm came and I dont remember a down pour of Rain like it it was while watching it from the window of Hotel we saw some men working oppisite on a large Building when one of the men Fell Crash to the street He was we heard Killed The poor fellow was assisting the Erection of a large Decoration – When the storm had played its self out we we Took Tram for South Head and after Tea I got into my Evening Dress and went into the Sydney Town Hall where I attended The great State Banquet – I suppose the most spectacular ever held in Australia – The Hall was a wonderful sight and we were treated to some very fine speaches the occasion Lent its self to that – M^r George Read Had a wonderful reception when He rose to speak – We had addresses from the Leading Statesmen of Australia I shall long remember this night – After this was over with some of my Friend I went through the City and saw the Illuminations which were beyond Discription and The Crowds of People made mooving about very Difficult it was Late when I got home to night to South Head Roads

Wed Jan 2 – 1901

Second day of the Great Federal Carnival a fine Day but very close after the great Shower of Yesterday The Programme for to Day is far greater than we can get over but we shall attend as much as we can The Day programme a m
Highland Gathering 10 Fire Brigade Procession through the City Streets 10–30
Swimming Carnival Fitzroy Duck Parramatta River 11 Fire Brigade Display 3 p.m
Conversazione Town Hall Night
Continental in Domain Highland Concert – Military Tattoo – City Illuminations
A very strong Bill of fair to Face I went away to the City in the morning as Maggie would not go out untill after Lunch I went to Parliament house and saw some of the Boys I dined there. The Dining Halls of Parliament House are place at the Disposal of Members of Parliament from the various Colineys I started to go out to Eves place at Glebe Point but I met so many I was unable to get that far at three oclock I met Maggie at the Town Hall which by the way is or a set of Rooms are set apart for the Wives of visiting Members where they may go and have a rest or was and brush or Tea Coffee & refreshments and we find it very handy for meeting our Friends. We went to the main Hall of Town Hall and attended the Conversazione a splended gathering and everything right up to the handle good music & The Refreshments all that one Could wish a very large gathering. I was Introduced to the Right Hon M^r Sedden Premier of New Zealand and a fine Old Chap he is Met a number of our Boys and we had a very nice little Party together there we Left about five oclock and had a ride through the streets on the Electric Trams and then went home at night. Jane Maggie and I with one of Janes Boys we to have a look at the City Illuminations

and we went right around the Streets it was very slow work for the Crowd was so great it was with great Difficulty we could get along but it was worth all the trouble for the sight was a grand one indeed The Sight at the Post Office looked very lovely Streets almost covered from side to side with Festoons and the great map of Australia in Front of the Building With the different Colineys marked out with the Electric Light. The Town Hall was also a great sight The Star Office The Dayly Telegraph and a great number of the warehouses all the Government Offices were Covered with the Collored Lights a large number of other places to numerous to mention we at a rather Late Hour made our way home Supper and to bed

[*There are no more diary entries for January and the next 15 pages (30 sides) are blank . Inserted amongst them, however, is the following letter written on notepaper bearing the crest "PARLIAMENT N.S.WALES" :]*

Jan 4 [?]- 1901

Dear Children

Just a few lines to let you know we are well and I hope you are all quite well we were glad to get your Letters I had your Letter of Yesterday and we were so glad to hear you were all quite well Your Mother is a lot better now than she was The weather is Cooler now than it was but Sydney is in a greatly excited state there is a fearful lot of amusements here every day and every night we had a great day yesterday at Botany Bay a Parliamentary Pictorial they had seen of the Landing of Captain Cook which took place 100 Years agoe it was a Lovely sight Captain Cook and his men Landing at Botany Bay with all the Queensland Black in War Paint stopping his landing and a grand sight There was a great Banquet to follow and then a run on the steamer over the Harbour Home and then at night a Harbour Excursion on the Harbour view the Fireworks The City allumination. Tomorrow we go for Picknick around the Harbour for Labour Members of australia and on Thursday I shall go with your mother to Orange for a few Days and we hope to be home next week and tell the Children we will not forget the Sago and jellies Purse and Bell Love to all Home xx to the Children from your Loving Dada and Mamma

I- PRESIDED- AT- SEND- OFF- TO-5- SOLDIER BOYS (TO- S.AFRICAN- WAR)- AT- TEA- GARDENS- KENSINGTON-

Friday Feb 1 - 1901

Away to Town early this morning and hard at work with Jim Hutchinson the Central Election and Robey I was at Trades Hall nearly all the Day put in an Hour at the House of Parliament Dinner time and home to my Tea at night after which I cleaned and Rode up to Kensington where I Presided at a big send off Social to five of the S.A. Contingent for South Africa it was Held in the Tea gardens at Kensington which was very nicely Lit up with Lanterns and gailey decked with flags There was about 250 or 300 and we had a splended programme on behalf of their Friends I made the Presentation a very nice pipe each and in doing so I had something to say to them about them and about the War we had a very Jolley evening and every one seemed to enjoy e them selves first rate it was kept running on with good spirit untill Midnight and then after several votes of thanks and hes a Jolley good fellow we sang Auld Lang Syne and God save the King after which we all started for our several homes I walked down the Parade with M^r Conignear [?] and home in small Hours

IT-IS-\LATE/ QUEEN-VICTORIAS-FUNERAL-TO-DAY ATTENDED-FUNERAL-SERVICE-ST-PETERS TOWN-HALL-

Saturday Feb 2 – 1901

I was rather Tired this morning and I did not get up untill Late This is the Day of The Funeral of the Late Queen Victoria and it is a universarely Closed Day and a day of Mourning I spent a very quiet day indoors all day and at night I went to the Funeral service at the St Peters Town Hall there was a very large attendance and about six Ministers of the Different Churches the Mayor M^r Glover Presided The Platform was draped with Black and purpel I saw M^r Glover when it was over and we walked home together it has been a very warm Day to Day

HEARD-REV-COX-PREACH-ON-THE-DEATH-OF-QUEEN-VICTORIA

Sunday Feb 3 – 1901

Very warm again to Day I had to get the Hose running on the things in the garden to prevent them from going down For this Hot weather playes up fearful with the gardens I did a little reading in the Afternoon and at night I went to the Church in forth avenue and Heard the Rev M^r Cox preach Re the Death of Queen Victoria There was a very large Congrigation there and he gave us a splended Sermon had a long Chat with M^r Kelley on the way home.

AT-THEATER-ROYAL-SAW-SAPHO-

Monday Feb 4 – 1901

After I had attended to the Live Stock and milked the Cow I went to Town I had a look at the Queens Statue which was covered with Lovely flowers and then on to the Trades Hall where I found Jim Hutchinson and I at once started to work with him Re Elections and the nominations for the Plebisite and at it all day I put in an Hour at the House and then back to the Hall untill half past six Josh Armitage and I then went to the Rooms had Tea and we went to the Theater Royal and Saw The play (Sapho) we walked home together
[The following written at rightangles along margin]
Met M^r Wooley to Day and went saw Attorney General Re – Payneham Elections

Tuesday Feb 5 – 1901

I Milked the Cow and did the Usual amount of Work about home and then in to the Trades Hall where I found plenty to do all day it was a regular Hot Day to day no mistake I saw the Minister of Education Re Miss McDunna and several other mothers I was at the House of Parliament for a time and home to Tea about six at night I did not go out but did a lot of writing to night at home and between whiles Let the Water run well on the gardens for the Hot weather make it very nessesary to let the water on well –

Wed Feb 6 – 1901

I got away to Town as early as I could this morning to The Trades Hall and I am not well pleased with the Look of Things for Robey for this Election at all there is no Intrest taken in this Election and the squabbels over the Early Closing is doing us a lot of Harm as they Blame us the Labour Partey for the state of the Bill which was the work of the Legislative Council who made it as unworkable as they could and so have scored one on us this time – a change to day and a little rain not a great quantity –

I PRESIDED-AT-SEND-OFF-SOCIAL-TO-2-BOYS LEAVINCG-FOR-THE-WAR-

Thursday Feb 7 – 1901

After attending to work at home I went to Town to the Trades Hall and with Jim Hutchinson Working all the Day for there is plenty for us to do at night I attended the Rooms of League of South Australian Wheelmen and Presided at the Social tendered to a cupple of the Members who Leave with the Bushmens Contingent for South Africa Hacking who drove the Tram from frunt of our House one of them we had a very Jolley night and it finished up by all of us forming in Line and Marching down to Camp with our friends sang hes Jolly good fellow Old Lang Syne and great Cheering as they left

Friday Feb 8 – 1901

In at Trades Hall Helping Hutching with Election work We Pasted the names on Large Boards for outside the Hall and other places I was at Parliament House Mid Day for a while and got my Letters and did a little writing. I am sorry to say there is very little Intrest in this Election and I am afraid Robinson will not Win the Seat Held by Kingstone Parsons Crowd are playing the Early Closing question for all its worth I did not go out at night – very tired

ELECTION-FOR-CENTERAL-DIV-LEG-COUNCIL PARSONS-BEAT-W-A-ROBINSON-

Saturday Feb 9 – 1901

Election Day for the Central Division I was in Town early at the Trades Hall and with Hutching worked like the Deuce all day long but it was very disheartening the Little Intrest taken in this Election writing names & Streets sending Cabs running hear and there at it untill the Poll Closed at Seven had some Tea and back to the Hall and the numbers soon began to come in it was soon plain that our man was to be beaten & he was finally by about 1900 votes walked home with Armitage

Sunday Feb. 10 – 1901

A very Warm Day to day and I had to let a lot of water run on the things in the garden. I had several to see me to Day Re the Election and it is hard to tell how it was possible for Robey to be beaten by so maney by Parsons but it is very apparent that our Old Friend Robey is not very popular with the People somehow they dont seem to take to him now but the Early Closing question was made a Big Thing This time all its defects were put on us you bet –

MISS-M^cDUNNA-HERE-TO-DAY-

Monday Feb 11 – 1901

I had a big days work in the yard as I have started to put down 40 Gallons of Tar I worked away in the Frunt first and did the garden paths also down the side of the House I covered the Frunt Paths with nice white sand that I Broke up my self from Free Stone. Mr M^cDunna was hear to sea me to day Re his sister getting a Transfer to the Telegraph Departement I worked all day untill dark and did not go out at night –

Tuesday Feb 12 – 1901

After my usual morning work I started on my Work of Tar Dressing again it came on to Rain just a little but not a great amount while that was about I put the Tar down in the Shed and made it in real good order I had a Load of nice river Sand come to day and This I am putting

down over the Tar I started on the Back of the House or Yard and worked away untill Dark I was very tired and did not go out but I went to Bed early –

AT-MEETING-OF-MANIGING- COMT-TRADES-HALL

Wed Feb 13 – 1901

A nice fine Day to go on with my work and I did the Both sides and finished the Back and about half past four I finished the 40 Gallon cask I let it go a bit to Far last year I should have put down a little when it was breaking away and stoped it but I did not the Result was I It took a Lot more Tar now. At night I went to the Trades Hall to meeting of the Managing Committee and Trustees I was very Tired to night glad to get to bed.

WATED-ON-MINISTE-OF-EDUCATION-TO-DAY-\RE-MISS-McDONALD/ ATTENDED-MEETING-LABOR-PARTY-TO-NICGHT

Thursday Feb 14 – 1901

I went to Town and saw the Minister of Education M^r Batchelor Re Miss McDunna and had a long talk with him he said he would do his best if the young woman was compitent – I did some writing at the House before I went to Lunch and then around to the Trades Hall for a time home to Tea about six oclock. At night I went into the meeting of the Labour Partey we had a long nights buisness and Lots to do with the big work in frunt of us

AT-TRADES-AND-LABOR-COUNCIL-TO-NIGHT

Friday Feb 15 – 1901

A cupple of Hours in the garden watering & and then a very busy day in Town I went up and saw Darling Re meeting after Lunch I went to the House for a time from there to the Trades Hall where I met Josh Armitage and we had a long talk in Partey Room on Election I went home to Tea about six oclock and back again to the Trades Hall to the Trades and Labour Council Meeting I Rode home with M^r Cash.

Saturday Feb 16 – 1901

I was again very free with the Water Pipes and Let the water run all day long in my garden and Pulleys gave the Trees a real good soking and cleaned up the Yard put the Day in this way from morning untill Dark in a most Industrious manner at night after Tea I sat down to a quiet read.

HEARD-REV-BURT-PREACH-TO-NIGHT-

Sunday Feb 17 – 1901

While I was out watering the garden Brother Alf came out to see me he wanted me to go with him and have a look at a House down in Third Avenue we had a look all over it and he came to the conclusion that if the owner M^r M^cClean would do the House up right through he would take it – After Dinner Maggie the Boys Myra and I went down and had a look through the House so that the Wife Could pass her Oppinion on it she was satesfied with what we had decided – I went to Church at night heard Rev Burt Preach M^r Kelsey here to sea me to Day

I-SPOKE-AND-SANG-AT-AUSTRALIAN-NATIVES-SOCIAL

Monday Feb 18 – 1901

In at the Trades Hall the best Part of the Day. At night I attended the Smoke Social of the Australian Natives at There Rooms in Pirie Street and they had a very Jolley Evening and not a bad Programmie. I had to Contribute several songs and at the Conclusion I responded to the Vote of Thanks given me by the Meeting for attending and helping with the Evenings entertainment. when over Charley Laycock and I Rode home together –

SAW-M^R-GREENSLADE_TO-DAY-RE-PRINCESS-ROYALS

Tuesday Feb 19 – 1901

I had a letter from Mr Greenslade to call at his Office as early as I could so I was in soon after nine oclock He is in a bit of Trouble over the Princess Royal Mine and they are trying to break him up by putting the shares on the market and running them down so he had to Change his Bank he had to get several to go surity for an amount I went for One Hundred he will be able to fix up all right and they will Bite there fingers those who have tried to play the Dirty trick on him for the Mine is a good one and they know it I went from here to the Minister of Education saw him Re a number of Little matters. I called at Harris Scarff saw Stacey from there I called on Brother Alf at Burks he tells me he is going to take the House and the man is prepared to do it up right through From the Trades Hall I went to Dinner and then to The House for my letters at half past two I met the Oddfellows at the Hall and we mounted the Dray

WITH-ODD-FELLOWS-AT-HIRECOME-SOCIAL-AND CONCERT SANG-SEVERAL-SONGS-

that was in readiness for us and started for Tee Tree Gully we go to The Big Oddfellows Anniversary at Hirecombe we had a very plesent drive up the Dray Just nicely filled we arried at the Hotel about five at six oclock we sat down to a splended Dinner it did Credit to the Hotel and after our Drive we all brought with us some splended appitites the Lodg Buisness was started early and over before Eight oclock we then all walked up to the Institutes where we found that Building well filled and very very nicely decorated – They had a good Programmie fixed up with Speech making in between I had the Toast of the Grand Lodge Officers and had to have something to say later on responding to another I was Called on to sing a number of Songs during the evening Refreshments were handed around. It was after Eleven when we finished our gathering I met M^r & M^{rs} Harris here. Back to the Hotel the Horses soon in and a splended Drive down through the Hills Home Calling at The Paridier Hotel. Lodge Room then home rather Late They Landed me close home –

SAW-COM-OF-PUBLIC-WORKS-HAD-A-MAN-PUT ON-TO-WORK-POOR-CHAP-DOWN-AND-OUT

Wed Feb 20 – 1901

In Town nearly all day to Day at the House and did my writing and around to the Trades Hall I went to the Commissioner Public Work Re a Poor Chap out of work from there to Owen Smiths and I got the Chap put on to Work he was very thankfull poor Man it is fearful some of the Cases one meets. Brother Alf and his Wife Came to tea with us to night and he remained untill about nine oclock. It came on to Blow something strong to night I did a little at my Books untill about Eleven Oclock Alf Comes Over to Live soon in 3 avenue –

HOLDER-AND-TED-BATCHELOR-AT-TOWN-HALL ADELAIDE-TO-NIGHT-FEDERAL-ELECTIONS-

Thursday Feb 21 – 1901

I had an appointment at Collar Shop to Day at Eleven and met M^r Jarrows Sister who has as Just arrived from England and his wish was that I would take his sister over Parliament House this I did and took her all through the Buildings Library and Members Chamber. She was very Interested with all she saw and It was Lunch time when we had finished I went to The Trades Hall in the afternoon there ~~all the~~ up to 5–30 After Tea a the meeting ~~the~~ Town Hall Holder and Batchelor for Federal Elections.

Friday Feb 22 – 1901

It was rather Late when I got up this morning as it was very late when I got to bed last night Holder & Batchelor had a splended meeting last night and a good reception – I did a lot of watering this morning very warm to day I went and engaged the St Peters Town Hall for Our Boys for March 22. I did some writing at the Trades Hall this afternoon went to the Chemists and got the Malt and a little Snuff for M^{rs} T. and home to Tea I did not go out to night put night in Watering garden Strong Wind to night looks like a change

Saturday Feb – 23 – 1901

I did a little work about Home in the morning and after Lunch I went on to Magill where I assisted with Judging The Hill Climbing Contest arranged by the ariel cycling Club – [*Three blank pages follow, one bearing the heading Saturday March 2*]

14-3-01-PRESIDED-AT-C.C.KINGSTONS MEETING. AT NORWOOD-TOWN-HALL.

Thursday March 14 – 1901

I had a little exercise in the garden and the yard this morning before going to Town and also prepared some books and got them in order for Binding and Cutting I saw Hutchey this afternoon he told me Sharp from Kingstons office wanted me it was to aske me to take the Chair at his meeting to night at the Norwood Town Hall. He had a real good meeting and I Presided over it J – W – O Loughlan also spoke on the same platform The usual vote of Thanks

BOOK-BINDING-QUIZ-

Friday March 15 – 1901

I had a day and night at home and my work was very varied. I did some gardening and Watering first cleared around Yard Rep Freds and Teds Boots and then set to Book Binding and I did a good quantity I am now doing the Quize in Half Year numbers I worked away at them untill late to night and got through a good number of them I will be glad when they are done as they are so Big for Handeling – it takes some time with them

AT-MEETING-OF-OLD-SADDLERS-SOCIETY-

Sat March 16 – 1901

I was out attending to Fowls and milking the Cow early this morning and I did some work about the frunt garden Cut the Edges of the Lawn and Cleaned it up gave frunt a good

watering – At night I went to our meeting of the Old Saddlers Society at the Trades Hall as I had to bring the request of the Collar Makers Society before our members after our meeting I Rode home on my Byke. To St Peters

Sunday March 17 – 1901

The 17 – of Old Ireland to day. while I was putting the water on my garden M^r Howe from Hackney came to see me with a friend Re an Absent Voters Paper I told him what to do and to go to the Trades Hall first thing tomorrow morning and we would fix his friend up all right. I did a lot of Reading and Writing to Day sent Letter to Martain M^cDirmott. Miss Wifer here to see us to Day – we had just a little Rain to night. The Boys are going strong in the Counting Re Federal Elections –

Monday March 18 – 1901

In Town about Eleven and around to The Trades Hall to help Jim Re the Elections we have very good reports from the Countary and our Hopes are Strong that they will be all Elected – I cut a number of Books at the Herald Office to Day ready for Binding I am getting a large number ready but I do not know when they will be all finished

BOOK-BINDING-AT-THE-CLASS-AT-SCHOOL-OF MINES-TO-NIGHT-

Tuesday March 19 – 1901

My usual round of places in Town attending to a number of things – at the Trades Hall giving a hand I was at the Herald Office for a time down at Parliament House I took a number of Books down to the School of Mines to have them ready for Work and Home to an early Tea at about five oclock at night I went in to the School of Mines to my Class and made very good progress there to night.

AT-SCHOOL-OF-MINES-CLASS-TO-NIGHT MAGGIES-BIRTHDAY-TO-DAY-HAPPY-RETURNS

Wed March 20 – 1901

I was home all day and varied my work inside and out side the House gardening for some time and then in at my Books Book Binding made a very good show with them after Tea at night I went into the School of mines again as I have the Chance of attending Both night in the Week to make up for the nights I loose as there are some weeks I cannot attend one night I have started on 150 or more novels putting cheep covering on them

A-LITTLE-OF-MY-OLD-COMPLAINT-LUMBAGO-

Thursday March 21 – 1901

We have a little Rain to day – I have a slight attack of Lumbago to day it comes on me now and again quite suddenly and I have it for a few Days as a rule. I was not well enough to go out to Day so I had another quiet Day at home I put in my time Book Binding and Sewing

Friday March 22 – 1901

Into the Trades Hall gave Hutchey hand and later on when I had been to the House and got my letters I Rode out to Norwood to Bob Phillips and took him papers got Cupple of Rolls am hunting up votes for our Boys after Tea I went through the Avenues with Papers and

Canvassing I went to Brother Alfs place and gave him a hand for an Hour or so putting up Curtains for Shelves – he is getting his House Ship Shape now

REFEREE-AT-BIKE-SPORTS-TO-DAY-BIG-MEETING-OF-OUR-BOYS-AT-ROTUNDA

Saturday March 23 – 1901

I was up early and as it was Raining I did not go out this morning but I covered seven Books after Dinner I went to The Byke Sports at the Adelaide Oval [*Inserted in margin* BILL MARTIN RIDING TO-DAY] where I took my place as Referee we had a very good meeting and a large attendance some splendid riding Bill Martain Riding. At night I went to the Monster Meeting at the Rotunda where Our Boys addressed a large Crowd Kirk. Mack. Batch and Tom Price all spoke well had a good reception –

OLD

Sunday March 24 – 1901

I attended to Live Stock milked the Cow and had my breakfast after which I Cleaned up my Room and put my Books straight and then sat down to some writing The Boys away to Sunday School this afternoon with Ollie At night I had a visit from Old M^r Priess at Norwood he came for the Letters and papers I had from the Time I brought the question of his Patent Rail Joint before the House. The Old Chap had a Long talk on his trip to Sydney

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Friday March 29 – 1901

After I had finished a few Jobs about home I went in to The Trades Hall and helped Jim Hutchey with the Work the Elections and we had plenty to do preparing for the Battle

FEDERAL-ELECTION-DAY-TO-DAY-

Saturday March 30 – 1901

Federal Election Day and I am glad to say a nice fine Day I went after my breakfast to the St Peters Town Hall and I put in the Morning there with Peter Hutchinson and we worked away all the Day getting the votes for our Men all we Could. There was a good number rolled up to vote After Dinner I went away to Magill as I had to take some little part in the Laying Foundation Stone of the new Institute there it was a great day for Magill

I-SPOKE-AT-MAGILL-TO-DAY-LAYING-THE FOUNDATION-STONE-OF-THE-INSTITUTE-

and the people turned up in great numbers M^{rs} Murry Laid the Stone Sir Edwin Smith moved the vote and I seconded some Darling supporting it This over the Photo was taken of the gathing and the people then went to The Sports held at the New Grounds I had a Chat to some of the Boys Re the Elections and got a few votes up here for our men and then back to St Peters where I continued my work untill the Poll Closed at Seven O'clock After Tea I went to Town

WORKING-AT-ST-PETERS-TOWN-HALL-ELECTIONS

to watch the Posting of the Results at the Offices and there was a great Crowd of people about Batchelor went away from the jump from the rest of our Boys but all of them were

Polling very well M^cGregor and Kirk for the Sennett and Batch and Rice for the House of Representitaves It will be some days before we shall know the final results but we shall be successfull in getting a some of our Boys in I went home rather late when they had finished posting the Results for the night –

Sunday March 31 – 1901

About the Garden for a time in the morning after Dinner Ted Batchelor came out to my place with his Buggy and drove us down to his place at Keswick Maggie Ollie Fred Ted and I. we left Maggie and the Children with M^{rs} Batchelor and Ted and I drove over to Mitcham to Tom Price and saw him at his place Tom is rather Low Spirited he thinks now he has not mutch Chance of getting in I am very sorry to say. Batch is a Cert and Kirk and M^cGregor will run a big race

DROVE-TO-TED-BATCHELORS-THEN-TO-TOM-PRICE

for the Other House but The Workers in and around The City have not ralleyed up as they should have done we put in about an Hour here and then drove back to Batches to Tea and spent the evening here untill about Ten Oclock Batchelor Drove us out home again at night M^{rs} Batchelor came with us we Called at Bro Alf place and saw him and his Wife and then I Bid Them good night and made for home and to Bed –

BATCHELOR-AND-M^cGREGOR-I-THINK-WILL GO-IN-BUT-KIRK-AND-TOM-PRICE- NOT-SAFE.

Monday April 1 – 1901

I went away to Town early this morning as we were all very anxious to learn how the voting was going Batch Leads our Boys M^cGregor next Kirk next and Tom forth I Think Batch and M^cGregor will get in but Pointiro will beat Tom for The House of Representitaves The National Defence League ran him and Charlestone both This will put one of our men out in each House I was about Town all the Day at the House and other places home at night

ITS-A-FIGHT-BETWEEN-CHARLEY-KINGSTONE AND-BONYTHEN-FOR-TOP-OF-HOUS-A

Tuesday April 2 – 1901

I was again in Town early The numbers are now Coming in rather Slow Bonithen is running Kingston for Top place But I think Charley will Top the Poll for South Australia

MADE-THE-NORWOOD-CLUBS-PRESENTATION TO-BILLEY-COWARD-AT-HIS-WEDDING-TO-NIGHT

Wed April 3 – 1901

I did a little work at home and then away to Town down at the House at Lunch time with the Boys and all the Talk now is Elections but the results are advanced sufficiently advanced to show us fairley well who will be Elected at night Maggie and I went to M^r Cowards Wedding at M^{rs} Davis Hall Kensington he is a member of the Norwood Club Bykes and we gave him a very nice present from the Club we had a very Jolley night I handed over at the supper our Gift and made a [*the remainder written in the margin at rightangles*] few remarks suitable to the occasion

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EASTER-MONDAY-I-WAS-BOOK-BINDING-ALL-DAY

Monday April 8 – 1901

Easter Monday I had a good Days Work at home at my Books to day I was Book Binding all the Day to day and I did not go out at night but continued at the Work untill late I put quite a large number of Books through to day

Tuesday April 9 – 1901

I did a little about home in the morning and then rode my Byke in to Town I went to Holden and Frosts where I got some leather from Baker for Boot mending a cupple of Shillings woth and I went down to the House got my letters did a little reading look at the papers in to the Collar Shop and saw the Boys had a yarn with them Holden Making great Alterations with the Shop and home to Tea at night I did not go out

AT-MEETING-OF-MANIGING-COMMITY-OF-TRADES HALL

Wed April 10 – 1901

I was in Town early to Day again had a lot of running about called at the Herald Office and from There to the Supreem Coart where I watched the Case of the man Burchell who Lives at Kent Town he is related to Old Man Pudney his Case lasted nearly all Day and it finished by him getting eighteen months after Tea I rode to Town again and attended meeting of Trustees and Managing Committee of Trades Hall we had a lot of buisness and at it untill late that night –

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SECUERED-WORK-FOR-HICKS-PAINTER SAW M^R-WADDY-RE-MISS-M^CDUNNA-

Thursday April 11 – 1901

In Town early and around to the Herald Office Cut my Books then to Trades Hall Over to Public Building and saw Owen Smyth and got a Job for Man Hicks Painter I went and saw Batchelor off to Queensland from the Station to Post Office and had a long talk with M^r Wadie Re/ Miss M^cDunna Re the Telegraph departement and I got some information from him I wanted I then rode out to Kensington and Saw Hicks told him to go in to Owen Smyths Office first thing in the morning with Letter from me and

ATTENDED-TRADES-AND-LABOR-COUNCIL HELPED-AT-SCRUTINY-

he would get some work but I had a Job to find him I then Rode home to my Tea. Miss M^cDunna was here to see me tonight again & I told her what I had heard from M^r Waddie but That it would be all right I thought later on I would get it put all right I rode to Town to the Labor Partey meeting at the Trades Hall where I attended the Meeting and helped with The Scrutiny for the Plebicite for men to hold in readyness for Elections to fill the vaciencys of those [...] to Federal Parliament home late

SAW-COL-GENDERS-RE-ROY-MATHEWS-FIXED-UP FOR-HIM-TO-GO-WITH-CONTINGENT-TO-MELBOURNE

Friday April 12 – 1901

Miss Mathews here to see me to day Re her Cousin Roy who was selected to go with The Contingent to Melbourne and now he finds they are not going to take him and he had made up his mind so strong on going that it as been a great shok to him so I told her I would at once go and see Col Genders M^r Hicks also called on me and I gave him a letter to M^r Middelton for Work. I went to Town Called on Col genders and had a talk with him about Roy and it finished up by giving me a letter for him which

TOM-PRICE-AND-I-WITH-OUR-CHILDREN AT-THE-ZOO

will have him taken in the Company to Melbourne I Then called on Hasti Greenslade the meeting of The Princess Royal Comp and from here to Dinner I met Tom Price and he was going this afternoon to the Zoo with his Children so I told him I would go home and get my Boys and meet him there off I went and after Taking the Letter to Miss Mathews I went and took Fred and Ted to the Zoo we met Tom Price and his little girls there and spent a very present afternoon with the Children There home to Tea at Six Oclock boys had a real good day I did not go out at night They put new meeter on to day

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LEFT-FOR-MELBOURNE-TO-OPENING-OF-FIRST-FEDERAL-PARLIAMENT-BY-THE-DUKE-OF-YORK

Monday May 6 – 1901

A nice fine day I went into Town and I made up my mind to go to Melbourne to The Opening of the Federal Parliament I tried to Book a Sleeper but I found there was not a Chance I went home & put My Things together for Traveling I went in to the House about three Oclock and fixed up my Letters and then to The Station There was a fearful Lot going over I saw M^cNeal The Traffic Departement and he said he would do what he could for me So he told the Gard of the Sleeper to give me the first Chance of the Sleeper and I could Travel in that which I did and the Gard made me up a Comfortable Bed – But I did not go to Bed untill rather Late we had some very good company on board and the Time passed very well I have made no arraignements for Stopping but I suppose I shall fall on my feat some how

ARRIVE-IN-MELBOURNE-MEET-SENATOR-HIGGS-ALSO-CRISS-WATSON-N-S-W-

Tuesday May 7 – 1901

We Ran into Melbourne a little late I Left my Bag at the Railway Station and went up to Parliament House where I met a large number of the Boys Carpenter Kirk and others from our side Watson from N S W a number of the Queensland members amongst them My Old School Mate Higgs he went in at the Top of the Poll for the Senator in Queensland I have not seen him for about 25 Years we went as Boys to School together in Orange we had a long chat – Leaving here Carpenter took me down to Albert Park

SAW-WONDERFUL-EXHIBITION-OF-STOCK-WHIP CRACKING-BY-THE-BUSHMEE BEFORE-THE-PRINCE

to a friends place and after a talk with them they said they would make me up a Shake down

there for which I was very obliged for it is a fearful Job to get Board in Melbourne now every place is full. So I came straight back to Town and got my things and removed them there at once had a Shave and Change of Close and away to Town to sea what was to be seen. The City was a picture it had on its best Dress Flags Bunting of all discriptions were to be seen in all directions while The Arches were very grand indeed Paticulary the sight at the

SAW-THE-GREAT-PROCESSION-PASS-THE-PRINCE

Princes Bridge from the Steps of Parliament House I saw the march through the Streets of By the Australian Bushmen there must have been hundreds of them in real Bushmans Dress and the noise made by the Stock Whips was a most peculiar thing to Listen to. Later on we had the Chinees Procession Through the principal Streets and of all the most exterodnary sights ever seen this I think was one of them it would be impossible to discribe it The fearful Monsters in the Shape of Draggons and all sorts of Hiddious looking Things Then there was the Most Lovely Costumes worn by some of the Chinees Men Women and Children Strange but beautiful Flags and Banners all went to make up an exterordinary but Pictueress Line but the most Dreadfull thing of all was the Row they called Music that it is quite impossible to discribe once heard never to be forgotten and never wished to be heard again I think I then had a strole through the Gay City The Crowd in Melbourne is Tremendious for the simple reason there is not the hundreds of places to go there is in Sydny which releavs the City in Sydney there is The Harbour first of all that would Take half the people we have hear and Scatter them around at the various Beechs

ATTENDED-THE-CONVERSAZIONE-AT-EXHIBITION BUILDING-MELBOURNE-12000-PRESENT-

and Nooks with comfort and the National Park the Rivers the Mountains and this is what Melbourne Lacks the result the People Crowded in the City & Subbarbs all the Time or the great Bulk of them – After Tea I changed for Dress Close and attended the Great ~~Converz~~ Conversazione at the Exhibition Building it was a most Brillient affair but hear again the Bad Management was shown they had provided with accomidation and Refreshments for about 8000 people and there was over 12000 present Result a fearful Crush I met Cummins MP of S. A. hear with some friends and we had a very Jolly Evening we managed to find a few more we knew and so had a good Time This over I Left them

SAW-ILLUMINATIONS-OF-MELBOURN-IN-HONOR OF-DUKE-AND DUCHESS-OF-YORK-

near Spring Street and had a Strole around the Streets on my own and saw the Illuminated City the sight was a very grand one The Gov Offices were done Magnificiently Parliament House Law Corts Treasurey and other Buildings But The Sight of all Sights was the Wonderful Towers on Princess Bridge and words can in no way discribe or Paint those it was I hear one of the grands bits of Electric Work in the way of Illluminating ever done here or in the World. befor it was a Picture I shall never forget and it was Desined by a young Victorian The blending of the diffrent Colored Lights was done in quite a fascinating manner There was also a very pritty Illuminated Water Scene at the Flinders Street Railway Station but undoubtedly next to The Towers on the Bridge was the Illuminated Water Show at up near Fitzroy and I stood looking at this for some time it was very late when I got home but the Trains are running up to a Late Hour now. I did not sea the Firebregades Procession to night but they tell me it was a very grand turn went something in the same lines as the one in Sydny I was very tired when I at last got to bed and soon fast asleep

WONDERFULL-SIGHTS-IN-MELBOURNE

Wed May 8 – 1901

The weather is not looking too promising and I should not be surprised to see Rain soon but I hope it will hold over until. I was again away to Town about 9–30 I went around to the Post Office and sent a letter home to then and papers with the news and pictures of what is going on here they are bringing out some very large Pictures in the Papers every morning. it is quite interesting to get on the Dummy of a Tram and ride through the Streets of Melbourne and

ATTENDED-PARLIAMENTARY-RECEPTION-TO-DUKE-AND DUCHESS-OF-YORK-AT-PARLIAMENT-HOUSE

I find it a good way to view the Decorations and the Crowd without being Jostled about. I Booked my Sleeper for Adelaide by Saturdays Express as you have to Book a long way ahead to get away now We had a great Day at the House of Parliament to Day it was the Parliamentary Reception I have not up to now had a look at the Duke and Duchess but I had my Ticket for this afternoons Function as They have a Reception there to Day. I fell in with some of the members and we had a very good position for Sight Seeing from Steps of the House and The Crowd down Burk Street and along Spring Street was a sight The Royal Party Drove up to The Steps and were received about three o'clock they held a reception in the Queens Hall but though I had the right to go in I did not for I met quite a number of friends in the grounds and the time was passed very well The Royal Party Later on Stroled around the Parliament House grounds and it was rather amusing to watch some of the great Melbourne Leaders of Society endeavouring to get around and to be presented but very few were successful and the peculiar antics they cut when they were was something never to be forgotten Bob Guthrie Carpenter Sangster. and I made our way to the Refreshment Pavilion and here we found The Thing done in Tip Top stile This is the best arranged gathering I have been to since I have been here The Grounds to Day Looked at there best and the Rain held over until just about half past five and then it came down But it was very Comfortable in the Building as there were Rooms set apart for Smoking Refreshment Rooms and the Large Billiard Room was

MEET-MY-FRIEND-BILLEY-HUGHES-FROM-N-S-W

was well patronised I met Little Hughes from Sydney to night hear he arrived to Day and He Pendergass and I had an Hours Talk. He is a member of the House of Representatives a Labor member and one of the smartest men they say from Sydney after Tea together I left him with Pende who had his Trap and was taking him to Quarters to put up for the Present. I took a strole around Town and the Rain now was coming down fearful there was to have been a great Show of Fireworks on the Albert Park Lake to night but the very heavy Rain will kill

WENT-TO-HARRY-RICKARDS-THEATER-TO-NIGHT-

that I am afraid so I made up my mind to go to one of the Theaters but when I made a start I found they were all crowded at a very early Hour I at Last by paying for a Reserved Chair got into Rickards Theater The Crowd there was fearful but I had a good seat There was a very good Programmie and this was how I put in to night. After the Theater was over I again had a strole around Town The Rain had now Stoped and though it was after Eleven the Place was like Day and the Streets were Crowded in fact the Streets are never empty. Day or Night and I am dropping on some one I knew nearly all the Time from Adelaide or Sydney

I-SAW-THE-KING-OF-ENGLANDS-SON-THE-DUKE-OF YORK-OPEN-THE-FIRST-FEDERAL-PARLIAMENT-IN MELBOURNE-TO-DAY-

Thursday May 9 – 1901

This is the great Day of the Week and the greatest day in the Life of Victoria Fo this morning The Kings Son the Duke of York will Open at the Exhibition Building the First Federal Parliament of Australia – I was out about eight oclock and with some Friends from the House where I am stopping I went to Town and on Landing at Princer's bridge Station we saw there what the Crowd was going to be it was one mass of people and it was with the very greatest difficulty one could make there way through the Streets at the Catheadrell Corner I met M^r. Carpenter and we made our way as well as we Could to the Exhibition building but though we went around the Back Streets it was Packed almost the same by the many thousands making there way along we at last reached the building and were at once taken to our seats which were allotted to the members from the other Colineys we were in a very good position to vew the great event and to have a

LORD-HOPTON-READ-THE-OPENING-PRAYOR-

a look at the very Gay picture as it presented and no mistake The Crowd in the Building though very well arranged was 14000 people The arrival of the Duke and Duchas was made know by the Trumpiters and then the people settled down to hear what was to be said Lord Hopton Read The Opening Prayor. The Duke Read the message from the King and then Declared The First Federal Parliament of Federated Australia Opened He Red all that he had to Say and in a very

AT-THE-STATE-ROYAL-CONCERT-AT-THE-EXHIBITION-BUILDING-

Clear Voice This over we made our way as we Could out of the building and to Town. At Parliament House We left the others and Carpenter and I went and had our Dinner with the members there and in the Afternoon I went around to a number of the places in the City The Town is very gay. At night I went to the State Concert at the Exhibition Building This Royal Concert is one of the Biggest things they are having and the number was so great that it was made rather uncomfortable and

THE-ROYAL-PARTY-AT-THE-CONCERT

The continual moving about made it difficult to hear the singing some times the Programmie was a very grand one The Royal Partey arrived about Nine and remained untill a little after Ten The supper was in the Rooms underneath and at the Side and it was rather amusing but very Bad Taste on behalf of the managiement but every now and then while there was a Lovely bit of Music Pop you would hear the Corks and clashing of Plates. when it was over I had a look at the City in its Illuminations and it was very grand to night as this is the great night

Friday May 10 – 1901

This is the Day of the Royal Review at Flemington and I think they will have it wet for that great event. I went to Town about 9–30 and first sent Letter and papers away home I have written home every Day since I Left. I went up to Parliament House It is Raining heavey at the House I met a number of the members about Eleven we started For the Revew Bilson and others we had a nice little Party but the Crush was fearful getting to the Flemmington Race Corse They have encamped here a fearful number of I think about 12000 Troops. The Duke was on Horse back and with his Staff watched the march past and it was a Long

time passing but fortunately we had not a great amount of Rain in the Afternoon but now the Trouble came when we went to Lunch and it was almost impossible to get to Lunch as they had Catered I think for about 6000 and there was about 15000 there and the Thing was a most disgraceful Rush very few were able to get a bite and I was very sorrey we had not our Lunch before we came down I had a strole around and met quite a number of Friends I met M^r Cummings and his Friends and we came home together and went out to there place to Tea after which we all went to have a Look at the Fireworks which were Let of near the Princes Bridge we got up near the Railway station on the and had a fine vew the Show very good but the Wet Day interfeared with them a bit I went back after it was over to there House and we had supper I left hear about 10–30 and made my way to the City the Town was alive the sights were something grand indeed went around Town saw some fun at the Railway station with the Tars from one of the Boats dressed in Women Close Singing [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] on Sholders of his Palls I at Last got my train home to South Melbourne –

Saturday May 11 – 1901

I was up about Eight oclock I am Booked to Leave to Day for Home I went up to the Trades Hall & met the Boys and I took my place in the Eight Hours Procession it was a Tremendious gathering and the March was one long to be remembered for The Friendly Societies are also joining in the Gov gave some £1000 or more to help there Show and It was admitted be be the grandest Show ever went through the Streets and those from the Old World say they neve saw anything to equal it in England I walked from the Trades Hall down Elizabeth Street up Bourke Street to the Parliament House and from start to finish it was through one Mass of People it was hard to Estimate how many but going along Bourke Street some one from the Crowd sang out Good Boy Coney one of our South Australian. M.Ps some one knew and and was determined to Let it be known who I was I fell out at the Steps of Parliament House and went up and watched the Line of March and the sight was quite undiscrifiable some of the Trades Stoped in frunt of the House where the Duke and Duchess with there Partey were seated in the Lovely Little House made for the occasion and took great intrest in the Show The Trades at Work were very good The Shooing Smiths Stoped and he maid a Horse Shoe while standing there on there Trolley and then held it up when finished and then putting his hand down he got out one he had evidently made for the occasion and Bowing to the Royal Partey he he threw the Shoo over to them The Duches at once sent for it and Bowed her thanks went away later on with it in her hand as a memento of the Day I suppose it was a very Happey Idia of the man. and one that quite Caught on with the Crowd who Cheered to the echo.

The Line of March I thought would never Come to an End and then behind them Came the Troop of Australian Stock men about 200 on Horses in Red Shirts Big Hats Moleskin Pants and all with Stock Whips and it was like a Lot of fireworks going off to hear the Whips somehow amusing The man in the Lead was the Champiun we had heard so much about and he was a wonderwith the Stock whip Cracking it with Both Hands and Throwing it from hand to hand and continuing the Crack making three distint Cracks with one slash it was a treat to watch him he gave

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an exhibition before the Royal Party at Government ~~House~~ \House/ and the Duches asked him for the whip which she took \will take/ home I suppos to England with her This at Last over it was Dinner time and I went in to Parliament House and had my Dinner and from here to Bourke Street where I bought a number of things for the Boys and Children hummer Tops and all sorts something for Ollie Maggie her mother and all Home I then went through the City and out to Middle Park Packed my things and Paid my Bill and said good Bye to my

good old Landladie caught the Train Back to Melbourne and made my way at once around to the Railway station here I met some thing I had not Barganed for it was the Crush trying to get away it was some thing fearful There were two trains Leaving this afternoon for Adelaide and I never saw so great a Crush in my Life it was something I shall remember all my Life when I got into it there was no getting out of it In the middle of it all I saw Chief Se^{cy} Jenkins and his Wife and I do not know for the Life of me how some of the Women got on who fainted for there was no getting one way or the other I had a Boy with me and that made it worse for me but at Last with a Sigh of releaf I got through the gate nearly worn out. and I found I went by the Second Train which starts very soon after The First Bill Denney Lucas Leahey and others were on Board with us the Carrages were packed Like Sardeens but we were fortunate we we had our Sleeping Car at Last we pushed out and glad I was to get away I had thought of stoping untill next week but I have had enough of it and off for home we had good Companey and a very Jolley Time up to Bed Time but we did not some of us go untill rather Late at Ballarat we had a good Hot Dinner and at some of the Stations we had Later on some Coffee and then Turned in for the night the Trip has been a short one but I have seen a good diel since I [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] Landed – but after The Sydney Show it is no where

Sunday May 12 \12/ 1901

The Conductor of the Sleeper gave me a Call in time to have a wash and dress for Breakefast at Murrey Bridge and then a run of three Hours Brought us to the Adelaide Station it was a Bright sunney day and far to dry for the Countury for while we had rain in Melbourne it is very evident hear where it is wanted they have had none it was 1.25 when we arrived in Adelaide I caught the two Oclock Car for St Peters and gave them a great supprise when I walked in for they were not expecting me home untill next Tuesdy or Wed^y I spent the day quietly at home The Boys were delighted to find me home when they came in from sundy School

Monday May 13 \13/ – 1901

After I had attended to several Little things about Home I rode into Town and Called at the Herald Office and then to the House where I met the members put in an Hour or so there and Then up to Crown Lands Office and Hunted Larry up about the By–Laws of Payneham district Council and I got him to attend to it before I left. at ten to Five I went with them to the Burra to attend the Social given to M^f Holder the Premier we had a very nice little Party Chief Sec^y L.G.Jenkins Attorney Gen J.H.Gordon Crown Lands L.O'Loughlan Education E.L. Batchelor E.A.Roberts and myself with Reporters from the Register and Advertiser we spent the Time going up playing Cards & and arrived at the Town Hall Burra about 9.15. where we found a very large gathering it was a very nice turn out and they gave Holder a very good send off all sorts of nice things were said of him I was Called on as one to respond for the Tost of Parliament. Holder made a splended speech in reply to the Tost of Our Guest We Finished up about 12–15 and then put in an Hour with Gordon Rounsivell Lucas Roberts Cap Humfries and Others at Hotel late when we retired

Tuesday May 14 – 1901

I was up about six or little before this morning as we Catch the early morning Train down Leaving This Town soon after Seven we had Light refreshments and then cupple of miles drive in the Coach to the railway station we had the Comp^{ny} of M^f W^m Russell down with us he is standing for the seat Vicated By M^f Holder on arriving in Town met M^f Glover at the Railway station and told me I was wanted at East Adelaide School at Twelve Oclock to day so I off and had a shave and away out to St Peters where the Children

HOISTING-UNION-JACK-AT-EAST-ADELAIDE-SCHOOL RE-OPENING-FEDERAL-PARLIAMENT-

were all assembled in the Yard the Occasion being the Hoisting at ~~W~~ the same time all over Australia at every Publick School the Union Jack to Commemorate the Opening of Federal Parliament in Melbourne The School Master addressed the Children The Flag was Hoisted and Cheers given The Mayor of St Peters addressed them and I was Called on to Address them which I did and then after Cheers from the Little ones for the Visitors we Left I went home first and had some Lunch and off to Town as I wanted to have a talk with Batch

MAGGIE-AND-I-WENT-TO-TIVOLY-THEATER

before he goes out of his Office which he will do this after noon There is great Talk at the House who is to be the new Ministry and we shall know tomorrow I spent the Last quarter of Hour with the Minister in his Office that is as Minster of Education & on Buisness and he left to attend Cabinet when the resigne ther Offices as Ministers of the Crown I called on Waddy and had a talk with him on several matters Then Home with Jim Hutchey at night I was going to the Glynde to Jim Ryans [?] Social it is Posponed so I took Maggie to the Theater Rickards Tivoly

THE-NEW-MINISTERY-ADEL

Wed May 15 – 1901

We have the New Ministry in this mornings paper

J.G.Jenkins Prem & Chief Secretary

J.H.Gordon Attorney General

R.Butler Treasurer

L.OLoughlin Commi^{er} Crown Lands

R.W.Foster Commi^{er} Public Works

T.H.Brooker Min^r Education Industry

Shannon Whip

That constitutes the new Ministry it is a big change we shall have to wait now and see what they will do I was in and about town all day & at night I went to the School of Mines where I prepared twenty Books I am getting towards the end of my Novels now I have made up my mind to do the Lot 6 shelves of them and I have nearly finished now

Thursday May 16 – 1901

In Town about Ten or half past and had a lot of running about went and got a Chap a Job at Works Office then to Crown Lands saw that all fixed up the Payneham Council By Laws event and saw Woolley at Sympsons and told him To Middelton the Work for an Old Chap out at norwood and think he will get on he has to go in to Middelton after Lunch I went down to the House and met the Boys and as may be expected Lots of Talk the new Ministry At north Adelaide for Jim Hutchey engaged Hall for Friday at night Took Maggie Norwood Town Hall Heard Eadey Lecture on Burnes Seconde vote of Thanks he gave good Lecture –

Friday May 17 – 1901

I prepared a number of Books this morning and took them To Town Cut them at Herald Office I went to Wig. & Co the Cloath and to Holdens for a Leather Cutter to prepare strips for Book shelves I had a talk with the Collar Makers and a Look over the new Shop They have made extensive alterations there now I called at the House and got my Letters and answered several and then Home to Tea I did not go out again after Tea but sat down to a

nights Book Binding finished sewing my Novels so I have made very good progress. rather late to Bed to night –

Saturday May 18 – 1901

I went to Town about Eleven Called at the Herald Office for several things when I met M^r M^cGregor he Leaves for Melbourne to Day I had a long Chat to Him and also Opie and the Editor I went to Parliament House where I did some reading and writing untill nearly three Oclock then Home I put poor Brother Teds Photo in a frame and did it up with Red Whit and Blue Corners. it Looks very nice. Poor Boy Ted. at night I did some Book Binding and at it untill Late I have now a very Large number of them sewn and I do not know when I shall finish them all –

Sunday May 19 – 1901

As per Usual not up very early in fact no one up early Sunday Morning. I put my Room straight and Books in there place and about it all morning after dinner M^r Foley Came in to sea me from Payneham Re Jim Ryans Social and explained the Case to me while I was taking him around garden M^r Dick Davis his Wife and Family came in and the stoped to Tea after which he gave us all a real good time with the Bathery [?] and it was very funney to watch the Children trying to Take the Money out of Dish of water with the Bath[?] Connected. [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] The Rain just starting while I am now writing Eleven o'clock

Monday May 20 – 1901

After the Long spell of Dry Warm Weather we have had quite unnatural weather for this time of the year I thought we were going to have the Long looked for rain last night but it was but very little and passed off and again to day we had just a little but I am afraid we are not going to have a great quantity. I had a cupple of men here to hunt me up this morning wanting work. I went into town about 10–30 to the Herald office and gave the Editor a few little bits of news Saw Tom Price for the first time since I have been back

Monday May 20 – 1901

He has been away north lecturing I called at Post Office and saw M^r Grusmacker Se^r Missing Link Lodge Re taking Chair at Concert to one of Late members Family to water Works and saw Se^r Come and Welcome I then went had dinner from there to Holdens gave Lodge Money to Jim Evans down to Spencer Re his Letter about Poor Charley Plunket from hear when I heard how he was I rode straight away and visited Adelaide Hospital and saw him he was Poor Man in a fearful Condition and very lowe he Cant Last long I am afraid he has consumpton of Lungs and it has brought him to a regular shaddow and I am afraid poor man he will not last long now He went into the Hospital on Saturday Last. I did not stop long as the nurse was ready to wash and attend to him so I will go and sea him again tomorrow if I can. I rode f back and saw M^r Spencer and told him I had seen him and told him how he was I called at the Trades Hall and left the Letter there for Se^r Chaff Mills Employees then to Parliament House and home to Tea After ~~which~~ Tea I did a little writing and into Town to Wallaces meeting and Dreweds Lodge. a few drops of rain tonight but not mutch –

Tuesday May 21 – 1901

As it was very late when I got to bed last night I did not get up very early this morning I had a cup of Tea about Twelve O'clock and away to Town I went to the Herald Office and Cut a number of books and took them to the school of mines ready for to night and then I put in a

cupple of Hours at the House with some of the members I called at Birks to see alf but I found he was home unwell so I went out to sea him at his House he has a very bad Cold at night I went to the School of Mines and I put through a large number of Books home about 10–15. [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] We have had just a few drops of rain again but not enough to wet the ground hardly

Wednesday May 22 – 1901

Leaving for Town this morning I Called at Canoblas to hear how Brother Alf was and I found him a lot better I went on to Town and Called at several places and after dinner I went down to Cawthorne St Southwarkk and attended poor Charley plunkets Funeral Poor Old Charley he died about an Hour and half after I was with him and I was fortunate in getting in to sea him that night I was the Last to be with him or sea him alive with the exception of those in the Hospital and though it was but an Hour or so befor he did he spoke to me as sensibely as of Old so I was I think quite sensibel up to the Last There was a goodly number at the grave some of the old members of the Trade to pay there Last respects to an Old member and a real white man Leaving hear I called at Parliament House the Trades Hall and to Wigg & Sons then home after Tea I went in at Seven Oclock to school of mines and did some Books untill Eight I then rode out to Norwood Town Hall attended meeting of the Labour Partey and there until after nine rode into Town again and got my things from The School as this is our last night of quater I did a little writing after I got home –

Thursday May 23 – 1901

I was not up very early this morning as it was rather Late when I went to bed last night it is very Cold to Day and I think the rain is not far away so I put a fire in my Room and had a quiet Day Book Binding about five or half past I received a Telegram from Secretary Com Crown Lands telling me Urgent Letter just posted to me and to Call for it at Post Office went to St Peters Post Office for it but it had not arrived so after Tea I rode in to general Post Office and got it and it was a request for me to go with Parliemetary party to Taroola [?] returning about June 8 or 9th I went straight home again and did some reading –

Friday May 24 – 1901

I have a nastey Cold and I caught it Last night going out from Warm Room and riding into Town I think but it has Turned me up no mistake I repeated yesterdays performance and with a nice bit of fire I did not go out but had a quiet day Book binding after Tea M^r Whiticar Called on me Re Kent Town Band of Hope and I am to speak there next Wednesday Maggie went down to Alfs place after Tea and he is very unwell and confined to his bed for a few Days he has had a nastey Cold for some time & a Cough with it but I trust he will be him self in few days –

AT-MEETING-OF-MEN-FROM-WAYS-&-WORKS

Saturday May 25 – 1901

A Little rain this morning I rode my Byke into Town and Called first at Holdens Re several little matters and then to the Herald Office where I met M^r M^cGregor and others from there to Trades Hall and back again to Holdens and up to the Collar Makers I put in an Hour at Parliament House reading and then started home and the rain came on slick I got very Wet and my Byke in a fearful state I had to Change all my things I did a little work in the Afternoon at night in to a meeting of the men from Ways & Works Islington untill after ten Walked home with Hutchey and about twelve Oclock when Home.

Sunday May 26 – 1901

It Rained very heavy during the night and when I got up this morning the yard at bottom was flooded so I set to letting it run away into the garden I milked the Cow and Fed the Live Stock after which I changed and sat down to a bit of Fire in my Room for a quiet read and smoke Ted and Fred went down after they were Cleaned to Brother Alfs and to School in the afternoon with Ollie there was Rain on & off all day to day I had a few Hours rummaging over some old papers and Cards at night with the Boys around me they are not far from me when I am Home

Monday May 27 – 1901/

I was home all the morning Covered number of Books and we had a visit from Alfs Wife she met Maggie at the Post and came home with her Raining again to day I went to Town in the Afternoon I went to Town Called at Holdens saw Martain M^cDermott Re Saddlers around to Wigg & Son got Cloath for Books to Trades Hall and fixed up night of Meeting Organising Com^{tee} and then Home more rain. at night I went in to meeting of my Society at Trades Hall Collar Makers put my Case before them Re Old Society and then I Caught Ten Oclock train home reading untill late.

Tuesday May 28 – 01

Poor Ollie was very unwell all night Maggie up with her nearly all night and in the morning she looked very bad her face all over red spots he throte sore and Hot all over so we thought it best to get the Docter at once Maggie went to Town to tell him to Come out and I remained home I Miked the Cow and put my room straight and did a little Book Binding The Docter came out after dinner and when he had examined Ollie he said she had measels and at once made me clear the Room of all the Pictures Close and every thing in the Room I went off and had

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the Medisen made up he had ordered and got Carbolic and and home and started to Clear Room I have converted the Dining Room into our Bed Room and Ollie has our Bed Room now to her self it Looks very bare but it is nessesery I suppose as it is so Catching the Boys have to stop home from School & I have to reporte the case to the board of Heath he says after Tea I went to Clayton Band of Hope where I had to give an address a very good meeting and a splended hearing they gave me and I then Hurried back Home about half pas nine home writing untill late

GAVE-A-TEMPERANC-ADDRESS-AT-CHURCH-OF-CHRIST \NORWOOD/
SANG-AT-CONCERT-AND-SOCIAL-CHURCH-)F-CHRIST-

Wedensday May 29 – 01

As it was going on two Oclock this morning when I went to Bed I did not get up untill about nine Oclock and after breakefast I cleared all the pictures from the Bed Room and then I put down a new Oil Cloath on floor of our Bed Room The Docter Came this afternoon and he said Ollie was going on First rate but he told us to be sure and Keep her Warm and Carful that she did not catch a Chill at night I went to the of the Church of Christ Chapel S^t Norwood where I gave a Temp^{rance} Address there was about 800 present and had a real good night I also had to Sing helping the Programme Rev Rankine in Chair home about Ten Oclock

Thursday – May 30 – 1901

Very Cold again to Day I had Fire in my Room and put in the Day Book binding and covered a good number to Day I received a Telegramm at five O'clock from Crown Lands Office telling me wanted me very particular [*These 3 lines are deleted with a pencilled cross*]

SPOKE-AT-TRAINED-NURSES-ASSOCIATION-ST-PETERS

Thursday May 30 – 1901

I made a start first thing to Clean up my Room where I have been book binding and put thing straight put Books in there place and very well they Look after Lunch I went at three o'clock to the St Peters Town Hall attended the Annual Meeting of East Torrens Branch District Trained Nurses Associon There was a large attendance nearly all Ladies I had the Duty This afternoon of moving The ~~Feast~~ Adoption of the report and I had a very good time after the Spech making was over we had several songs from young Laidies and the Afternoon Tea Leaving the Town Hall

SANG-AT-CONCERT-AT-CAMPBELLTOWN-IN-AID-OF-CHURCH \SANG-4-SONGS/
PRESIDED-AT-SEND-OFF-TO-CHARLEY-FORD-LEAVES-FOR-ENGLAND
MADE-PRESENTATION-MOOVED-TOAST-AND-SANG

I rode to Town saw brother Alf and from him got a Music Book for to night Alf is a lot better than he was he had a bad week Last week with his Cold I had a Haste Tea home and on my Byke rode to Campbelltown and Took part in the Concert there at the Hall in aid of the Church I could not Leave untill I had sung 4 Songs about 9–15 I left and rode down at a good pace to Kensington where I was Billed to preside at Social and Supper to M^r Charley Ford who Leave for Scotland Large gathering I made the Presentation and mooved the Toast of his Heath took part in Dance [?] sang cupple of Songs raining coming Home

Friday May 31 – 1901

As it was late when I got home last night or more Corre^{ctly} this morning I did not rise early but after breakefas I went to Town had a number of places to go paid Insurance on Furniture to Day Called at the House and saw the Boys got my Letters did some writing Left my watch at Rosenines [?] to Day I was around to the Trades Hall and saw Wallace Re the Meeting on Monday of Organising Comittee – at night I did not go out The Docter hear to Day to Ollie he says she is going on very well and will soon be able to get up Very Cold to Day and Lot more Rain to night

Saturday June 1st 1901

This is Election Day for West Adel North Adelaide and the Central Division I went away to Town early to Trades Hall where I worked with Jim Hutchinson Doing what ever I could to help I rode over to North Adelaide with Papers &c for the Boys there But we have a very hard line to get along to day with these Elections At night attended a meeting of Old Saddlers Society and we had a long talk on division of Funds with the other Society. They decided to Leave it in our hand at the Organising Com^t to do what we thought best. Healey beaten for West Adelaide by 144 votes Kegho 744 Healy 600 Wallace has no chance with brookman [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] Ollie going on well

Sunday June 2 – 1901

It is a fearful cold day to day I put in a time in the garden and yard putting things straight. Ollie is going on very nicely the Boys did not go to Sunday School to day M^{rs} Gurr hear for

a time we had a quiet day home I had a good hunt over my Books picked out some to be Bound and then did a lot of Writing at night I had a comfortable fire in my frunt room and the Boys came in with me and put in the evening there untill bed time

Monday June 3 – 1901

The Duke of Yorks Birth day to day and a general Holiday it is a fine Day but very Cold I did not go out to day and so I put in the Day reading and writing I also got some Books ready for Binding at night away to Town and caught the 7–30 train to Port Adelaide and attended the Social and Dance in connection with the N^o 1 Tent Rachabites there was a very large attendance and a very good Programmie I had to sing three Songs during the night I had a hard run for the Train just caught the Last train at Woodville and rode my Byke home from Town

Tuesday June 4 – 1901

Ollie going on very well out of Bed but Confined to the Bed room for some time. I went this morning and attended to quite a number of things – I paid up my Star Boquet [?] went and paid my Land Tax or I should say Maggies. Then to Trades Hall from there to Parliament House and then out to Norwood. gave an order at Cows for Timber for Doors at Home and at Pollies House. I bought a first Rate Glue Pot and Brush for my Book Binding to Day and Bought a three Large Brass Rods I got rather Wet & Splashed with mud on my Byke Coming home as we had a heavey rain this afternoon. after Tea I went into Town to The Trades Hall and attended meeting of the Organising Com^{ty} of Trades and Labor Council Collar Makers Society and the Old Saddlers Trades Society and We had a long discussion on the Division of Funds of Old Society the Council agreeing that what we had done was quite correct they made suggestions for us to take to our Society to fix things up finished half past Ten. fearful heavy rain Left Byke in Town home with Jim Hutchey attended meeting early in Evening Chaff Mills Employes Union gave them advice required. Miss M^cDunna to sea me to night Re Telegraph office

Wed – June 5 – 1901

Very Heavey rain Last night and all day to Day I remained home all day working away like a gooden, I fixed up Shelves for Books Bound and put in a Large Shelf for the Blue Books Parliamentary. After Tea I went down to the Public Meeting held in School Parkeside and mooved the Resolution Re Institute Committee it was fearful night but a very good number turned up – and we had a good meeting. Then To Town and attended Smoke Social at Parliament House given by Speaker Sir Jenkin Coles to Granger a send off we had a jolley good evening I sang 2 Songs –

Thursday June 6 – 1901

The Timber came from Cows Bro This morning I did a number of Jobs about yard and Then Started on the Door for Back and finished it Hung it up it makes a wonderfull difference to the Back paticullary this weather I worked away up to late at night as I wanted to get all done to it I could and so I did not go out to Day or night al all we had it fine to Day as there was but very little rain but we had a fearful lot yesterday and the Day before giving the place a regular soaking

PRESIDED-AND-SANG-AT-BENIFIT-CONCERT-BENIFIT-TO WIDOW-OF-LATE-WALTER-
COOK-ATTENDED-MEETING-OF-T-L-COUNCIL-SITTING-LATE-

Friday June 7 – 1901

Out and at work Carpentering early finish Work around the Door and then started on One for The Back of Pollies House with Window at the Top I worked all Day and made very good progress After Tea I went to Town and I presided over the Concert at Trades Hall a Benifit for the Widdow of the Late Walter Cook a member of Norwood Byke Club and also a member of Good Templers gave a short address and conducted programmie a real good one and there was a splended attendance Large Hall full after it over went to Trades & Labor Council for time they sitting late

Saturday June 8 – 1901

Out about Eight Oclock and finished Polleys Door all but putting in glass at Top Went down to Town Hall Voted and I did a little for Tom Oliver as he is standing for Election it is to fill two Seats in the Southern Division The Election is for made vacant by M^cGregor and Baker going to The Federal Parliament but I am afraid Tom has very little Chance he has addressed but one or two meetings – At night Into Trades Hall and I took the Chair for the Bakers at there Social and dinner and a splended Turn out it was one of the best I have seen in the Trades. home about midnight

Sunday June 9 – 1901

A Lovely morning but rather Cold inside. out and Fed the Fowls and put things straight in yard M^{rs} Gurr here to sea us this afternoon and about four Oclock The Commissioner Crown Lands M^r OLoughlan drove up to Sea us and stayed for a little time he has just returned from the Trip to Tarcoola where he wanted me to go with him some time back Brother Alf and his Wife hear to Tea and remained for some time Alf running over my Books while the Women Folk Talked Just a little Rain to night Ollie reading Boer War to M^{rs} Thomas.

Monday June 10 – 1901

Away to Norwood early to Cowels and ordered 3 Sheets Gal Iron 9 foot Long 40 feet Weatherboard 2 Lengths GI Iron Guttering 6 foot each 50 – 5 foot Paling 6 in Wide and then off to Town Met Deputation from Payneham Council and introduced them to Com Crown Lands – The Matter Conserved Payneham side Felixstow Bridge. This over I saw Premier Re Extension of Time for Mine of which Patfull Director He was favourable when formal request came in. To Ted Richardson – Dreweds [?] To Rosenhince [?] with Watch. To Crooks & Brooker and ordered Drum Tar. Then Lunch. at Parliament House at Varuses [?] for Glass and out home at Alfs House put down Chipps on Path at night to Trades Hall meeting Old Society Re report from Organising Committee

Tuesday June 12 \11/ – 1901

Hard at work home all day and put up Paling along the back of my Work Shed. put Back and part of side in the Wash House I am making Dad and I put the Gal^{ised} Guttering along to take the Water he fixed it up first rate I am now making a big alteration in the yard after Tea Maggie and I went to Town To the Federal Hall and attended Wedding Parthey of H.S. Williams of the Norwood Byke Club M^r and M^{rs} Haste Greenslade were there Large attendance and good time I sang a song during evening to help with Programme at the supper I Had the Tost of the Parents of the Bride and Brides groom left in Time to catch last Norwood Tram for Home

Wed June 12 – 1901

Dad Thomas very bad with hands and feet Rheumatic I milked the Cow and put Palings up at end of Fowl House Yard put Part of Iron on Roof Wash House worked untill dinner time then on Byke to Town Went to sea Charly Laycock Re Concert to night – Up to Trades Hall met Markes the Sceen Painter and he Wallace and I had a long talk over the fixing up of Stage at the Trades Hall we have been appointed by the Managing Committee to go into the question and report it will Cost about £100 all together we shall recomend having it done as it must be attended to make our Hall go ahead. After I had finished hear I went to the Herald Office and Cut 10 Books and took them down to the School of Mines ready for to night I was home to Tea about Six and then in to School of Mines Backed and got ready 10 Books and at quater past Eight I rode to the Trades Hall attended the managing Com^{ty} and gave in my report which was agreed to I left hear about little after nine and out to Norwood Town Hall took Part in A.N.A Concert Sang one Song and they called me back but told them I had not another Song with me but Cries of the Chinkey and I had to Sing my old Chinkey [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] once more after it was over walked home with Rees Hancock had supper with him and Home –

Thursday June 13 – 1901

After I had milked the Cow and Fed her I had my breakefast and started to work in yard I put the Roof on Wash House and finished the side of same I then dug a large hole in the garden and got Lime stone for Floor I put down a good quantity of it working untill it was to Dark to work longer and then inside and I had the night quietly to my self Book Binding I did a very fair quantity to night and it was rather Late when I went to Bed it has been a fine day to day the garden will have to be attended to and seeds put in soon

Friday June 14 – 1901

I went throug the usual ruitien this morning attending to Cow Fowls &c and then Hard at it put down foor of Lime Stone Finishe The Wash House I worked away untill Dinner time then Cleaned and rode my Byke up to Athelstone and attended The Funeral of Poor little Elsey Kearney she did the Day before yesterday Poor Girl she has had a long Illness on and off – Home again at 5–30 – and at night I had to attend the Ariel Bycle Club Ball at which I was .M.C. Large gathering and a great success. Rode home on Byke Maggie has a fearful Cold She went with Polley to the Funeral to day.

Saturday June 15 – 1901

After my usual Work in Farm Yard I again set to digging Lime Stone and put down a quantity Leveling Yard at Bottom and making it nice and Clean for them in frunt of Wash House I worked away hard untill dinner Time – at a little after Dinner I went down to Alf place and gave him a hand with his work in frunt garden we Cleared away the wast stuff and put down the Gravel Chipps on the Foot Paths and it gave it quite a diffrent look we worked away untill dark and ~~the~~ I had Tea there with them while we were having same the rain came on Hard glad it held off untill we had done I went home after Tea did not go out singing to the Boys and had a real good night [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] Fred and Ted quite pleased

Sunday June 16 – 1901

Twelve Months to Day Poor Brother Ted Died in South Africa; Oh how maney Brave Boys have been Left to Sleep the Long Sleep out in that Countury through this War Poor Ted. We are having a good quantity of Rain to Day I had my usual quiet day at Home to day between

the Showers I was out in Yard and Later in Day I sat down over a bit of Fire in My Room and did some reading and writing The Boys in with me most of time untill time for them to Retire to Rest. Poor Mother She is I know Thinking to day of her Poor Lost Boy Ted. God Bless Her

Monday June 17 – 1901

We had fearful heavey Rain Last night and raining very heavey again to Day after I had done my usual work about Yard I off To Town – To The Trades Hall to sea Adams and then to the Herald Office. Down to Parliement House. I also attended Sale this afternoon and Bought a number of Books Shakespears Works in a small Case very Cheep. The Streets are in a fearful mess with the Rain no riding Byke to day. I got home to Tea about Six Oclock and I am glad to say had not to go out for a wonder and I relished it no mistake Miss M^cDunna hear to sea me to night –

SPOKE-AND-SANG-AT-SOCIAL-DUKE-OF-LEINSTER LONG-U-A-O-D-NORWOOD-

Tuesday June 18 – 1901

In to Town early and I first went up and saw M^f Greenslade and had a chat to him Re meeting of Princess Royal Comp^{ny} Leaving hear I went up with His Worship Mayor Glover of St Peters to the Chief Sec^y Office where I got my Cards which have been sent me from Melbourne in Connection with the Federal Parliament Opening and the visit of the Duke of York and very nice Cards they are for Framming. Then to the Herald Offic with a report for Paper. I next went to the Parliament House and did some writing sent a long letter home to Mother. My next Trip was to Trades Hall and then to the Post office around to Archey White. It is fearful wet again to Day we are getting Lovely Rains now I then took the Tram Home M^f Kearney hear to day to sea us after something to Eat I had a read and did a little writing After Tea went to the annual Social of The Duke of Lenster Lodge U A O D and in spite of heavy rain and fearful night a good gathering I had to help with the Programme Sang Comic Song we Concluded about twelve Oclock –

Wed June 19 – 1901

I had another good days work at Home in the Yard and the Garden. Dad Thomas is still very bad with his Hands and his Feet with the old Complaint Rheumatics – he gets some very bad turns of it and I am afraid he is now to Old to get rid of it all together. At night I called at Brother Alfs with a Letter that came to my place for him and then I walked into the School of Mines I did a good nights Work getting some Books ready putting the covers on some and Cutting some Covers. I walked home again and had a Cup of Cocoa and a read before retiring –

Thursday June 20 – 1901

I had to fly around milking Cow & and away to Town about 9–30 and at Trades Hall Soon after Ten. I was this morning Elected to the position of President of the Railways Service Association of South Australia This association extends from Adelaide to the Northern Territory Line and has a Members Roll of about 1600 membes The Se^y M^f Adams took me in and introduced me to the meeting and I felt very gratified at the Flattering reception given me I returned thanks and Informed them I would do all in my power to Advance the Work of the Association, this over I took Charge of the Meeting and we had a very long paper to get through the meeting lasted all day with an Hour for Dinner and the same for Tea we went right on from Seven Oclock untill we had finished about half past ten at night. Taking it all through we had a very successful meeting We Carried a resolution that the Herald news

Paper be the Official Organ of this Association we also passed the amount for Labour Partey Trades & Labour Council & Federal Council after the usial Votes of Thanks we finished the annual meeting of 1901 and then away Home.

Friday June 21 – 1901

After a little usial work about I went over to the East Adelaide School and met M^r Fairweather The Head Master as he wished to sea me He Introduced me to M^r Mann the Inspector and we had a talk over the alteration of Extending the School something will have to be done soon there as the place is overcrowded now, Leaving here I went to Town and around to the Trades Hall and from there to the Herald Office where I saw this Weeks Herald which has a very good picture in its Frunt Page of Myself the new President of the Railways Mutual Association with a long Byographical Sketch of your humble servent They have a very good a/c of our Meeting of yesterday I called at the House and got my Letters and Then Home to Tea after which I went in to the Trades & Labour Council meeting as I had a notice to attend from the Se^y we had the question of the Report Re Myself and the Division of Funds of Old Saddlers Society fought out and I am glad to say the Council unanimously Cleared me of the things that were said that I had stood in the way of a settlement and passed a resolution unanimously to that effect The meeting over I went home with Hutchey.

Saturday June 22 – 1901

I had a good day at work in the Yard I Cleaned out the Shed at Bottom of Yard and opened up another Hole in garden for Lime stone and put pool down rising it up so that no water can now run in – I had a big day Cleaning and mending here & there as the Heavey rain showed me where the [...] spots to be Look after where I did not go out to day or at night but put the night in quietly at home at night I did a little Book Binding put the covers on about ten Books

TED-VERY-BAD-IN-BED-WITH-COLD

Sunday June 23 – 1901

Poor Ted has a very bad Cold he is very queer and we have let him remain in Bed all day to day It is a very nice fine day to day and I put in a bit of time looking around my garden In the afternoon I did a Lot of Writing and reading and as it was very Cold at at night I had a fire in the Frunt Room my Room. Miss M^cDunna and her sister hear to sea me tonight Re Telegraph Dep^{mt}. she Tells me they have put her back in Telephone Dep while they are busy – I am sorrey for this for I was in Hopes it was all over now She had been in the Telegr Dep for a time

Monday June 24 – 1901

Both Ted and Fred very bad with there Colds and have to keep them in the Bed Room but it is hard work to keep them inside a beautiful day like this I cleaned up the frunt of the House and garden cleaned the grass from fence in Foot path and made the Frunt look now nice and clean I put in a Lot of Seeds to day I dug and planted it from Summer House to the Big Hole at the Bottom of Yard I put in Reddish. Lettice Turnip. Carrott. Peas. Worked hard at Digging up to Dark at night I went in to ~~Sadd~~ Collar Makers Siciety

Tuesday June 25 – 1901

After I had milked the Cow and had breakefast I brought a quantity of Manure over from where the Cow is and with a quantity of Stones Tins and all Sorts of Rubbish I nearly half filled the Large hole that I made to get the Lime stone I dug a patch and put in some Peas

and at 3–30 I cleaned and off on my Byke to Town I first went to Herald Office and Cut half Dozen Books then to the House and got my letters – To Wiggs and bought Head Band & Covers then Home after Tea into the School of mines and had a good night from Seven to Ten O'clock Walked home

Wednesday June 26 – 1901

I put in a big days work about the Yard to day I finished planting the Peas down the side and then I started with the Tar and I laid it all over the Back from Shed Door to Garden gate and covered it all over with Sand as I had a warm Day I have taken advantage of it to get the Tar down for the Winter this makes 90 Gallons of Tar I have put in the Yard up to date I finished filling the Big hole in garden for Orange Tree at night Maggie and I went to the Norwood Town Hall attended the Birthday Party of M^r and M^{rs} Storries Son we had a very Jolly evening I went to Bucks head Hot. at night to meeting Chaff milles employes Union Kirk there

Thursday June 27 – 1901

I was not up very early this morning Poor Fred very bad in Bed we were up and down with him Last night all night long scarcely a wink of sleep but he is a little easier This morning and having a sleep. I rode to Town and up to M^r Greenslade but his Lad had just gone out to my place with the papers for me to sign. I went from There to Bank of Adelaide for Dividend. and then around to Docter Harrold and told him how Fred was and myself he gave me the Prescription to have made up for Fred and myself after Leaving same at the Chemist I went to M^r Greenslade and fixed up there. Had Lunch and to The Parliament House. Around to the Herald office & up to Darlings Office Re School tomorrow from there to The Trades Hall where I had a long talk with Adam Wallace The Se^y Signed the Cheque for payement of mone. And Then off Home and when I got home I found that Fred had been worse during the Day and Maggie had Rung up the Docter and he had been out and told them what to do he says He has a very bad Cold and for to keep him in Bed and Warm give him the Medisen I brought home I did not go out tonight sent answer to Letters from Premier and Aid Di Camp Gov House.

Friday June 28 – 1901

I went over about Eleven O'clock To the East Adelaide School as it was the Visiting day and the Prizes were to be given out By the Minister of Education there was a large number at the School and after they had been taken all over same heard the little ones Sing & they were all formed up in Yard where they were addressed in the usual way for Visiting Day I had to Leave at quater to twelve as I had to attend a meeting at Waymouth St at twelve O'clock Sharp and I got there just as it struck twelve meeting of Princess Royal Gold min Comp but there was not much buisness and it was all over about quater to one we had a bit of lively time at same from Old Man Russell from Kent Town He was very rough on the Directors but no one took a great deel of notice of it all I went around to Lunch and then to the Barbes and had my Hair Cut and a short Crop he has given me to short I feel it very cold I went to the House for my letters and met number of the Boys in the Reading room spent some time there home before Six after Tea I went to CoOpprative Hall and Took Charge of the Mitcham Byck Ckub Ball and we had a very nice attendance and a good Jolley time ~~for~~ acted M.C. for them –

Saturday June 29 – 1901

I put in some good hard work in the garden to Day filling large Hole in Fowls Yard and planting Almon Tree from Big garden and Then after a Lot of digging and hard Lifting I shifted

The Orange tree from under The Fence to where I dug the Large hole then Cleaned up the Paths & at 3–30 O'clock I left for Railway station as I had to catch The Melbourne Express for Murrey Bridge and I was in Just in time for same hear I met M^cGregor Adams and Fisher from Queensland who Journeys with us to The Bridge to night as he and others are paying South Australia a visit This Sat. Sund & Mond while the Federal House is not sitting We arrived at Murry Bridge about 7–20 and were met by number of the Railway men M^r Jarvis took us in hand first to his House where he had a real good Tea all ready for us This over we were taken to the Hall where the Social was to be held it was a Social and Dance by the Murry Bridge Branch Railway Association to M^r Meed who is leaving hear for South East a good Old Union man I Presided over the gathering and Conducted the Program^{me} and On behalf of the Branch made the Presentation to M^r Meed a very Handsome Traveling Bag and a ~~wat~~ Gents Companion Both were very nice they came from His Branch and Friends in Murry Bridge and district The Old man was very pleased at the expressions of Friendship from all around and he mad in replye a very manley little speech We had during the Evening The Toast of the Visitors Preposed by M^r Jarvis and responded to by Senitor M^cGregor M^r Fisher of the House of Representitaves. Hon Hu^tH Adams and myself. There was a good Programmie of Songs ~~Resitations~~ recitations & Dances I had to fill various Parts of Programmie and I Contributed 8 Songs during evening There was a very large number present and all had a good time we finished a few minuts before twelve I stoped at M^r Jarvis House for Night [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] It was fearful cold to night. sharp frost.

Sunday June 30 – 1901

M^r Jarvis gave me a Call soon after Six O'clock this morning so that I was in time to have the Excelent Breakefast She had prepared for me M^r Fisher and M^cGregor came just as I was finishing and we all started for the Railway station together and Caught the Melbourne Express and went down by that the place all around was White with Frost and talk about Cold it was something fearful but we had the Foot Warmers in the Carrages and we had a very Comfortable Compartement. & arrive in Adelaide at. 10–30 I Caught Payneham Car home & on the way I was taken very

TAKEN-BAD-TO-DAY-VERY-BAD-PAINS-INSIDE-HAD-TO-LAY-UP

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bad with pains in my inside which came every now and again fearful bad and when I got home I tried to hold out by walking about in the Sun but they came on worse and Maggie made me go to Bed and gave me a good soaking with Eucliptis Oil and Bandages around me putting plenty of Close on me and I went off into a good Sleep and when I woke I felt a lot better but far from Well so I shall remain in Bed untill I feel better than this. it is a beautiful fine Day but very Cold and I think the Cold has a lot to do with me being unwell –

Monday July 1st – 1901

A Lovely fine morning with the Sun Shining but still it is very Cold indeed. I still have the Pains but not so bad as they were and I trust they will soon leave me all together so Maggie has put a bit of fire in the Bed room and I am to remain in Bed to Day again. I did a Little writing I did a good quantity of my Journal that I had to bring up to Date from my Rough Book The Boys are home from School and have not yet got rid of there Bad Colds

Tuesday July 2 – 1901

A lovely Day and the Sun shining very bright but it is very Cold in the Shade I got out of Bed about Eleven O'clock and sat out in the Sun in the yard it was Lovely in the Sun I had a Box in the yard and did some writing I do not feel well yet Maggie sent a Wire to M^r Pudney at Port Adelaide to Day telling him I was unable to attend the Gathering to night at Exeter Hall Maggie and I was to have gone but I will not venture out for a few Days –

Wed. July 3 – 1901

A Fine Day to Day but no Sun Like yesterday so I did not Leave my Bed but put in all the Day there doing a little reading and writing between whiles to fill in the Time I sent Letters to Phillips – R. telling him I was unable to attend Labour Party meeting to night at Town Hall also to Wallace asking him to tell them at Trustees Meet^{ing} of Trades Hall the reason I am unable to attend as this is the Half Yearly meeting I should like to have been present. This is Election Day in New South Wales to Day. Maggie went in to the Doctor and told him how I was and got me some more medicine Miss M^cDunna was here to night to tell me about the Position at the Telegraph Department. I told her what to do and she will let me know on Sunday how she gets on Brother Alf was up to sea me to night and he stopped for an Hour or so with us Ollie went to Drill at Exhibition as she takes part with the Children who do the Drill before the Duke

Thursday July 4 – 1901

This is the great Yankey Day Americas great Day another Lovely morning – I was out in the sun having a walk around we have the news of the New South Wales Election – The Counts are not quite finished but nearly all are there are 28 Labour men in up to now This is very good indeed M^r Jak Wright was beaten for his seat at Broken Hill by one vote it was another Labour man who beat him. I got a number of Invitations this morning for the various Demonstrations to be held while the Duke and Duches are here They tell me the Town look very well with the Decorations and the Illuminations will I think be very good I did a lot of writing to day put in some of the afternoon out in the Sun and at night sat down by a nice little fire in the Dining room and again did more writing until it was time to go to Bed The Boys made things Lively around me until it was time to go to Bed.

Friday July 5 – 1901

We had a little rain last night gave the gardens a good watering I did a Little writing until mid day and then I cleaned and went to Town I had a number of Things to attend to first to the House got a number of Letters attended to Them also a number of Invitations one for the Royal review one for State Concert I went to Office of Minister of Education Re E.A.School ground and other things went to M^r Waddie Postal Department fixed up the question of Miss M^cDunna she is to go into Telegraph Office Monday Morning then to Premier Jenkins with Harry Adams Re Railway men and Holidays they are to have all day Tuesday and paid for same half Day Friday and all who have been in Service twelve month are to be paid for that that was the best we could get I tried for Glut Hands but it was no good they would not do it. I got pass for Fred and Ted for the Stand for Tuesday also a Ticket for M^{rs} Thomas – I went from here to House of Miss M^cDunna and she told I told her what I had done she is very pleased with Thoughts of going back to Telegraph Office again. I Walked home from here and had Tea. Then I called at Alf House on my way to Sydnham Road wher I took Chair and presided at The Debate between the Sydnham Lit.Soc. and the Rose Park The Sub was is departure from the Truth under any circumstances Justifiable Sydnham Rd had the Affirmative Rose Park The Neg^{ive} after a real good debate The Judges gave the verdict That Sydnham Road had won rec^{eaved} with great Cheers. a good House Vote of Thanks to

the Judges & Chairman. M^r Talbert [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*]
Smith and I responded –

Saturday July 6 – 1901

We had more rain Last night I am inclined to Think we shall have it wet for the Carnival Week
The Town now presents a very gay appearance Flags Festoons all through the Streets I
planted some of the Trees to Day M^r Fergusson sent me and planted a good quantity of
Pees down the side of the House we had a little rain now and again to Day Showery M^r
Loader hear to sea me to Day. Ollie had spill Riding a Byke this afternoon not hurt much I
did some writing to night

OLLIE-FRED-AND-TED-AT-SUNDAY-SCHOOL

Sunday July 7 – 1901

This is Poor Theos Birthday to day he would have been 29 to day had he Lived. a Lovely
Day to day I was about home all day The Boys with Ollie to Sunday School they have not
been for some time now owing to Illness but they were glad to again be off to there Sund
school I did some writing and reading and at night with comfortable fire in the Dining room
we all stoped there around it – We are to have a big Weeks Festivities next Week when the
Duke and Duches arrives in South Australia

Monday July 8 – 1901

I was up about half past seven but Mum was up before me and had the Fire alight and a cup
of Tea ready for me before I went to milk the Cow after breakefast I had a visit from M^r
Lodge. later on I finished planting The Pees down side of the House and then put in Trees
for Polley five all together and a cupple in my garden one Peach and an Apple in our garden
3 peaches 1 Plum American 1 [...] – Maggie went to Town and bought the Potatoes for Seed
and other Seeds I wanted for the garden I did not go out tonight [*The following written
along the margin at rightangles*] Had a big Load of manure come to Day for the Potato
Planting I did a big day gardening to day very tired – big day sight seeing tomorrow

Tuesday July 9 – 1901

Up about 7–30 This is the great day for South Australia The Future King of England Drives
throug our Streets to Day This mornings Paper is full of it. I did some gardening untill nearly
twelve Oclock planted Broad Beens and then we all cleaned had Lunch and away for Town
The Cars were Crowded it was with the greatest of dificulty I could get on Board one with
Maggie and the Boys when we got to the Garden Gates one Could go no further the place
blocked and the sight hear at the Gardeners Arch I cant discribe
Home before us and she had been with the School Children in Wakefield Street where they
had a very good vew of it all it was my Intention to take the Boys in to Town at night and let
them sea the Town Lights which are a grand sight but all were tired and we decided to Leave
that for another night as they Last for a Week. After Tea we went down the Fifth Avenue and
Saw the Tower of the Post Office and the Town Hall which look very well from here and then
Home and I put the Boys to Bed I did some writing untill Late.

Wed July 10 – 1901

There was a good drop of rain last night I was up about 7–30 lit the Fire and milked the Cow
fed the Fowls and after breakefast I did some gardening I planted some onions Dug around
Trees and about Eleven I went to Town up to M^r Porters office Re Royal Shares and then I

got Tickets for the Saturdays Function at Rose Park Maternity Home down to the House for my letters and After Lunch met Tom Price and he gave us an outline of his trip to New Zealand I put in a little time here while the Rain was on The Town is very Crowded There is a large number of people here from the Countary The Royal Parthey attend the Collage Foot Ball Match This Afternoon and a Levey this morning Dinner Parthey at Gov House to night and Reception after. I go to the Reception at Government House tomorrow night. I got home to Tea about six Oclock and and wrote a Letter of Condolance to M^r H.J.Pudney whoes Wife died Suddenly ~~yester~~ Monday and then into Town I saw the Illuminations for the first time they are very good indeed The Town Hall I think the best of the Lot it is realy a very grand sight The Post Offace is very nice also the Treasurey the Queens Statue a number of the Banks Marshes Birks and a splend show on the side of Parliament house after I had seen the Lights I went to Parliament house from there to the Trades Hall where I attended the meeting of the Maniging Committee Election of Officers I was Elected Vice Chairman of that Body to night. we had several new delegates to night or Representitaves I should say I walked home after it was over with Peter Hutchinson

here were seated all the Children from the Schools from the Hills This is reserved on our side of the Road for the Children from Hills Schools we wended our way up Rundle Street and each side the Barrier was one solid mass of people all the way The Town presented a very pritty sight with the Gay decorations Bunting on every Hand Festoons across the Street we at Last reached the Treasury where Seats were reserved for Members of Parliament and there wives and Maggie Fred Ted and I were Conducted to a nice Comfortable seat the sight from our Stand was a very gay one indeed here we met a number of our Boys Tom price who had arrived this morning from his trip to New Zealand looking a lot better for his run through that Lovely countary wher he was sent as our Ambasitor Tom had many little tales to tell of his trip Ted Batcheler was also with us he is over from the Federal Parliament and a number of others we had a half an hour to wait and at last The vast good Tempered and well behaved Crowad made it known that the Future King of England was approaching the mounted men in Advance looked very well Then Came a number of other Carrages and then the one on which all Eyes were bent Containing the Duke & Duchas of York They stoped for three minuets at the Town Hall where they were presented with an address and then on past the Treasurey The Duches was all smiles and a nice Charming Lady but the Little Duke looked tired and Languied and did not seem at all Happey They went around the Line of Drive about four miles and then back again passing our Stand again at four Oclock we stood on the Top of the stand and saw the great See of people close in and Come down the Street and then we made our way out we went as far as Wakefield Street where we saw the Fire Brigade Arch then we Stroled through the Streets to Let Ted and Fred have a good Look at the Decorations which in King William Rundle & Hindly Streets were very gay a Sharp Shower came on just after the Prosession was over and there was a scatter for Shelter bu it did not Last Long – we tried to get on Several Tram Cars but they were all so crowded it was impossible so we walked home and reached East Adelaide at about half past six – Ollie was

Thursday July 11 – 1901

but in the garden early and planted a good quantity of broad beans and some potatoes in the back in E Patch I worked on untill nearly one o'clock and then we all went to the Public Schools Demonstration at the Adelaide Oval – It was a great undertaking our getting in by the Tram for they were loaded something fearful, we had a nice comfortable seat in the Reserved Stand close to the Box in which the Duke and Duches sat The sight was a very grand one about 6000 Child^{ren} all together The Flag Drill. The Club and Pole Drill and Boys Dressed in Sailors Dress went throug the Cutless Drill in a realey splended manner The Royal Party took a very great amount of intrest in The gathering right through. I was very glad the Children had so fine a Day it was lovely weather In fact the Day Could not be better.

a nice bright sun shining. The Oval decorated very Gayly and about 30–000 peopl around and on the Hill. The programme was Continued untill about half past four just nice time The sight on King W^{iam} Road was one to be remembered after it was over. We took the short way home around Victoria Drive and through the Botanic Park up through Hackney and home I called at Alfs House on my way home. After Tea we prepared for the visit to Government House where we had to attend a Reception. at half past nine at night. we managed to get on a East Adelaide Car and were in at Gov House to time there was a fearful lot there about 600 but there was plenty of Room all the Rooms were Thrown open and Large Marquays on the Grounds Leading from the House About Ten Oclock The Duke and Duches made there appearance and took there place on a Dias In the Large Ball Room and we were presented to them both Your name was called as you came up to him and He gave you a very warm Shake of the Hand and The Duches Did the Same you then passed on into the other Room to roam around Chat to Friends Look at the Pictures and Lovely Flowers and have some Refreshements It was a splended gathering and well arraigned from start to finish We left here soon after Eleven and had a Look at the Lights of the City and then caught our Tram home after a very big Day and also after we had been presented to the future King and Queen of England –

Friday July 12 – 1901

I was away to Town early as I had to call at a number of places The Roads in places was very slippey and muddey and as I was riding along near Docter Napears on The Tram Line I had a very bad side Slip my Byke went right from under me down I came in the mud in a fearful mess mud from head to foot – The Pedel of my Byke bent I managed to ride it into the Lunitic Asylum I was close handey to that so I went in there washed my Cuts on the Arm and dried the mud on my Close then I scraped it off with a Knife and at last got myself a little bit Clean I had a walk through the Institution and saw where the three men Broke out Last night M^f Giles and a cupple more I Left here for Town went up and saw M^f Greenslade and then to the House saw Alf Roberts and went home to Tea with him after which I Rode Back to St Peters Alf gave me cupple of Tickets he had – at night I took the Children into Town and saw the Alluminations it was a Lovely Sight we had a good Look around and just as we were making for the Car the Rain came on again we got abord and home once more Boys quite delighted. with what they saw

WAS-PRESENT-TO-DAY-AT-THE-LAYING-OF-FOUNDATION STONE-OF QUEEN-VICTORIA-MATERNITY-HOME-BY-THE DUKE-OF-YORK-LORD-AND-LADY-TENNISON-PRESENT-

Saturday July 13 – 1901

I took Tram for Town early this morning and met Bobs Roberts at the House and he had the Tickets for me. For the State Concert. Later on I took Tram for Rose Park – where I attended The Laying the Foundation Stone of the Queen Victoria Maternity Home The Stone was laid by the Duke of York There was a very nice gathering but there was nice comfortable seating accomidation for all who had Tickets The Duke Duches and Lord and lady Tennison & Party. After The Duke had declared the Stone well & Truly laid The Duches received Purses of not less that five Pounds £5–0–0 and quite a number of Children were presented to the Duches with there purses This over The Premier M^f Jenkins Thanked The Duke and Duches on behalf of the Home and the people of South Australia to which The Duke replied with a little Speech extempre The First I have heard him make. without reading this same The Function was over about one oclock & I took Tram for Kensington to Try and find M^f Whololan The School Master at Kensington as I had the Tickets for him for State Concert but he was not home as he had left For the Review with the Volinteers I made my way to St Peters and got home to Lunch after which I went down to Look at I gave my Grand Stand Tickets to

Hasti Greenslade with the result I had to take a stroll around The Flat. where I met a number of Friends. There was a very great number present as the Day was a lovely one There was a very large number of the Mounted Men out The Duke came down in full Uniform on Horseback He distributed the War Medals to Those who had returned from South Africa This over I walked to Town from where I took the Tram from there to Kensington once more this time I found M^r Wholoham. as it was going on half past five I caught the Tram back to Parade and a rapid walk home I had to fly around as we had to be in our seats at half past seven at the State Concert Our ride in on the Tram was one we shall all I think ever remember as an Adventure hanging to the Back of Old Wilcocks Rattling old Tram but we at last reached the Exhibition and were shown into our comfortable Seats in .A. Division which were the Seats Close to the Dias on which the Royal Party were seated there was a very large gathering about 6000 The arrangements were very good and the programme was very good The Band from The Opera was magnificent the grandest music – we had ever heard in Australia I think After the Concert we went up Town M^{rs} Hutchinson Maggie Jim Hutchy M^{rs} Trebbelcock and I and had a Look at the Alluminations and it was a very grand sight indeed when we had a Look around we Caught the Payneham Car and got home once more

Sunday July 14 – 1901

Had a quite look around my garden in the morning and am trying to get over the Sparrow difficulty for the Little pests are nipping off my Green pees as quick as they come up but I shall have a big contract I think to stop this Pest. In the Afternoon Maggie and the Children were ready to go out for a walk when the rain Came on very heavy and so they were prevented from going out I sat in my room and Did some Writing getting my Diary up to Date.

Monday July 15 \15/ – 1901

I had a meeting at Parliament House at Eleven O'clock and I got to Town about that Hour but This is the Day the Duke Leaves and he pays his visit to The Fire Bregade Station and Drives through the Streets the result was the Barriers were up and the Thousands of people lined the Streets. I have a ticket from the Premier which passes me through all Poleace and military lines but I had unfortunately left it at home and when I went to Cross the Street I was stoped by a young snob of an Officer he would not let me through I told him my name and also that I had the pass which as he knew took me through but unfortunately I had not got it with me this should have been enough but he was very ready to show his athority and refused to let me pass so I did not wait to report him but told him in frunt of the people and his men what I thought of him and I did not mince matters at all but went for him straight and I think before I had done he was rather sorrey he had stoped me paticularly as I went a few yards from where he was and was at once Let through the Lines with out the slightest difficulty. When I got to Parliament House I found that several of the others had been blocked in somewhat similar manner – so we had no meeting but the Chairman called another meeting for Wedensday next at three oclock. I went to several places and called a Trades Hall then home to Tea. At night I Presided at the meeting of the Railway association where we Transacted a good quantity of buisness The Town is Lit with all the bright lights to night for the last time. I walked home with Peter Hutchinson

Tuesday July 16 – 1901

I had a day Home to day work in the garden and I put in a real good day preparing the frunt Lawn I started to cut the grass and had rather a big Contract I did a number of other jobs about the yard and garden I am going to put down a fresh foot Path all around the side Lawn and later on put Tar down on it. The Boys are around giving me a hand as they are home

from School again This Week Extra Holidays given them by the Duke At night I went to the School of Mines Book binding

Wed July 17 – 1901

Work about the garden again this morning untill Lunch time – after which I rode into Parliament House where I attended a meeting of the Labour members. We had a very good attendance of the members The new member M^r Verrin from Wallaroo attended and was warmly welcomed by the Chairman and the members present M^r Verrin responded Thanking us for the warm Welcome and and expressing the hope we should all pull together as a Party. The Election of Officers result in M^r Tom Price was Elected Chairman M^r Guthrie as Secy M^r Coneybeer Whip. The Gov Polisey was then Proceeded with and The Jenkins Polisey was Condemned very severarly and the Opinion of the members was that this government was offring no Industrial reforms at all and this party should do it best to offer its Protest by voting against them if there is a Non Confidence mooved No resolution was passed we meet again at 1–30 tomorrow before the House meet. I was home to Tea back again at seven oclock to the school of mines where I put in a good nights Work

Thursday July 18 – 1901

I finished Cutting the grass on the Frunt Lawn planted Palm in Center and Coverd Lawn with Earth and manure. Then I had to fly around and prepare for the Opening of Parliament I got into the House at Mid Day and the members were all sworn in with the Fresh Oath substituting the name of The King instead of the Queen After Lunch we again met at the House and and Parliament was Opened by the Gov^{nor} reading the Government Polisey There was around Govenor Tennison a very great amount of Gold Lace we finished about four oclock and adjourned untill Tuesday next after the house rose we had chat in Little Crowds around the House on what was contained in the Gov^{nors} Speech There was general dissatisfaction expressed all around I went home to Tea about five Oclock M^{rs} Bolten was there waiting for me as she wanted a letter from me for the Boy who is trying to get into the gardens. at night I went into Town and had a look at the Show at the Tiverly

Friday July 19 – 1901

I started to work a diging Lime Stone and making the Foot Path around the grass patch at which I worked very hard and put down a real good Foot Path and Covered it with Sand and Stamped it well down put it in real good order. After which I cleaned the The Yard as I think there is rain coming on. After Tea I went down to the St Peters Town Hall to the meeting of the Council at the invitation of His Worship the Mayor and after the meeting we had Light refreshments I had a seat next to the mayor at [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] his invitation

Saturday July 20.

I was home all day to day and did a very good days gardening There was a little Rain in the morning and but not enough to make me stop putting in the Potatoes I put down a very good patch and very nearly finished the ground on the A. Patch and I hope I shall have a good Crop next season I worked away untill Dark after Tea we had a nice Comfortable fire in the Dining Room where I had a good time with the Children playing the Cornet for them and a Sing Song untill there Bed time

Sunday July 21 – 1901

We had a fearful lot of rain last night and the gardens have had a good soaking Brother Alf came up this morning while I was out in the garden putting things a little straight after the Rain he had his Dog Ginger with him taking him for a run. In the Afternoon Maggie and the Children went down to Miss Wipers at Kent Town I did some Writing. and had a look over some Old Books and put them in a Shelf straight as I shall Bind them and do them up later on Maggie and the Boys and Ollie came home about 8–30

AT-MEETING-LABOR MEMBERS-TO-DAY-

Monday July 22 – 1901

After Breakefast I started to Work in the garden planting Potatoes Diging and planting as I went on I finished the Big Patch at the side of the House right up to To the frunt garden and after Lunch in to Town and at three oclock I attended meeting of Labor members at The House we had a good attendance of members and a long Talk over the situeation Re Jenkins Govern^{ment} and the Chances of remooving them from Office M^r M^cGreger was here this afternoon he is over here from Melbourne I left the House about five Oclock Called at Capps for Books and

ATTENDED-MEETING-MANIGING-COMMITTEE ATTENDED-MEETING-COLLOR-MAKERS-SOCIETY-

After Tea I went into the meeting of the Managing Committee at the Trades Hall as we had to meet M^r Marks the artist and come to some understanding Re the Scenery for Stage of Trades Hall and as I am one of the Committee who refuted recomending the spending of about a Hundred Pounds on doing the Stage up I had to be there but I left early and attended a meeting of my Society the Collar Makers the Half Yearly Meeting we had a good number of members present and did a good amount of Buisness we voted ~~five pounds~~ £2–10–0/ to the Masons Society who are on Strike –

MEETING-OF-PARTY-AT-THE-HOUSE

Tuesday July 23 – 1901

I put in some Broad Beens this morning and finished the Patch I was in Town at Twelve Oclock or soon after we had a meeting of Labor Party in our Room discussed the buisness we had to do Re Government Polisey and to Lunch at Two Oclock we took our Seat and ~~Homburge~~ Homburge Dixon The new member for North Adelaide mooved the Adoption of the Address in Reply in a very nice short and well delivered speech M^r Coombs the new member for Barrossa Seconded and he gave us a real slashing Speech all were

HAD-GOOD-NIGHT-AT-SCHOOL-OF-MINES-BOOK BINDING

impressed with it and he and Dixon were congratelated all around The House rose about half past five and I did not go home but had Tea at Parliament House and at Seven Oclock I went to the School of mines and did some Book Binding There was not so great a number present to night and we had plenty of Room to Work I am doing Seven Vols of Castels Magizene in half Leather I put the Paper Backs and head Bands on and got them ready for the leather

ALF-ROBERTS-DELIVERED-A-SLASHING-SPEECH-TO-DAY

Wed July 24 – 1901 –

I did a good amount of Work at home this morning untill about Lunch time and then into Town. met my fellow members at the House had a talk on the Political siteuation. In the afternoon when the House met after the questions The Leader of the Oppersition M^r Homburg Led off on the Address in reply but there was not a great diel in his speech and the Premier followed him we had a very slashing Speech to wind up with from Roberts he was in real good form spoke well and gave the Government the warmest hour they

PRESIDED-AT-MEEING-RAILWAYS-ASSOCIATION

have had this Session Roberts spoke up to half past Six and the house rose at half past. I had Tea at the House and went down to the School of Mines for an Hour at my book binding at Eight Oclock I went to the meeting of the Railway Association at the Trades Hall at nine oclock I was again away to the School of Mines and put in the remainder of Evening up to Ten Oclock I am now getting my Books in good form Seven Vols home by Tram and Maggie was waiting up for me with Cup of Cocoa before retiring

Thursday July 25 – 1901

As usual I put in the morning planting Beens Broad beens very large ones from Minister of Education after Dinner at Parliament House we had a long string of questions and then a few speches from some of the new members: Keogh. Jamison. a very funny speech from Mortlock. Herbert. and the Days Debate was wound b up by M^cDonald. we rose early home to Tea and at night I did not go out but with good Fire inside I set to and Did some Book Binding Fred and Ted making Illuminations

SPOKE-AT-DINNE-NORWOOD-BIKE CLUB-PIRIE ST-CAFÉ

Friday July 26 – 1901 –

A Lot more rain last night and on and off all Day I put in the morning between the showers working in the yard. but the heavey rain drove me inside and I put in the afternoon Book binding I made very good progress. At night I went to Town and attended the Annual Dinner of The North Norwood Byke at the Caffey in Pirie Street There was a large number Present in spite of the fearful heavy rain. The President M^r Threfall was in the Chair Sir Edwin Smith M^r Murry and others of Officers were present Walked home after it was over

Saturday July 27 – 1901

Rain again last night and again to day I did a good days work in spite of the rain pulled down a portion of the Fence and took in a part of the Fowl Yard into my garden so that it will put a little more of the ground to my use for garden I had wire in to get it done as the Fence was down I had to make some provision to stop the Live stock from entering the Garden I worke away untill Dark at night I did some writing and ~~some~~ entertained the Boys with Songs and so on untill bed time for them

Sunday July 28 – 1901

We are now having a lot of Rain and it continued by Showers nearly all Day M^{rs} Gurr and Lucy came up to sea us in the afternoon and stoped with us untill about five oclock After Tea Miss M^cDunna & her Sister came around and spent a Cupple of of Hours. She Tells me Re

The Telegraph Department and Tells me she is getting on splended with her work there and I was very glad to hear that after all the trouble we have had in getting her her Rights. it was very Cold to day and to Day we had a very grand sight to Day in the form of Mount Loftey Covered with Snow it was a very pritty sight to sea right in frunt of our Frunt Door The snow caped Mount Loftey it was a sight for some who had never seen Snow before There was great Excitement over the Event and great numbers traveled to Mount Lofty by Trap and Train and they had the oportunity of indulging in the old Time game of Snow Balling a great quantity of snow was brought down to Adelaide. I had a visit to day from The Inspector of Poleace from Orange M^r Saunders who has been over hear to recrute his Health le looks well now leaves for Orange again this week or next Wedensaday –

Monday July 29 – 1901.

I planted a number of very nice Standard Roses in the frunt garden and filled in the remainder of the morning in the garden at Back I am using a Lot of Lime stone. from the fresh bit of ground taken in to the garden. I went to Town at half past one we had a meeting of the Labor members we had a Long Discussion on the question voting with the Opposition to turn the Government out. we came to a desision at last to support the Vote of No Confidence if mooved to by any one. I went after the meeting and met the Returned Soldiers of the Bushmen Led by Col Rowel There was a lot of people to meet them but the thing was very quiet the excitement as now gone out of the War question. I bought a Tree for Climbing over the Summer House not a Tree but a Creeper The .Passion Frute. After Tea I went down to Torrens Street to The Party given by M^r J Calligan and his Wife on the Occasion of there Silver Wedding we had his Worship the Mayor and Councilers and Aldermen of St Peters a large number of Friends from all quaters and we had a very Jolley Evening in fact it Lasted into the Small Hours of the morning

.Tuesday July 30 – 1901 –

A good mornings work at home into the House We had some more talk on the Address in Reply and Rounsivell fired off his but but was not very strong. Von Doussa went almost right with Government. we rose at about Six Oclock I had a bit of a fling [?] with Mortlock but Poor Old Mortey is nearly always so muddled that the House now takes very little notice of him I had Tea at the House and then went out to Beaula Road Norwood and Sang at the Concert at St Marys Hall Lecture with Vews by Father O Dowlan we had a very good time –

Wed. July 31 – 1901

I did a cupple of Hours Work in the garden in the morning. into Town at twelve Oclock meeting of Labor Party and we again talk over the question of the government. and after a long discussion we at Last decided to let Tom Price when he speaks Moove a Motion against The Government himself I spoke strongly against this as I think it is a bad moove for us as a party as I am afraid we shall not get a following but it was decided upon by vote the meeting then Closed and membes went off to there Lunch I went to Porters Office Re the Prince

July .31.– Continued

In the afternoon and after the Long string of questions Peake took up the running on the Address and he delivered a real good and Cutting speech he was followed by Carpenter and he spoke well M^cKenzie followed and and Then Archabald gave us a real good Hour he was up at top pitch and gave us some very good Points Our Old Friend M^cLachlan returned to Australia and took his seat in the House in his old spot he looks well but he has shaved and there is a great change in his appearance. Tea at the House at night [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] home soon after Ten

Thursday July Aug 1st – 1901

I did not rise until about half past Eight and after my breakfast I went to work in the garden finished the new gate and almost finished the Foot path Leading from the Fowl yard.. It is a lovely Day nice sun Shine quite a treat after all the Rain we have had. I had Lunch and in to the house at five minnits to Two and Took my seat The address still on Bill Dinney started The talk to day and as I am writing these notes I am listening to him and he is delivering a very good speach bringing out some good points Dick Woods spoke and then I went to the fore and Saw Premier asked him to adjourne the Debate after Verrin had spoken but he would not I told him I wanted Tom Price to get the Adjournment but he said Price must go on until half past Six but I was determined he should not so I wiped around the House After I had got Verrin going and I got my numbers for an adjournment Adjournment and then told Tom Price to Moove the it when Verrin had finished as it was then after five a Thin House and large number of members had gone gone home and it was not fair to make our leader get up under those conditions and make an important speech so Tom Did that it was put to the vote and the Speaker gave it in favour of us The Government were afraid to call for a Division for if they had they would have been beaten as sure as Could be and I knew that but oh wasn't Jinks mad he simply went on fearful but we did a smile at him The Boys were all Congratuelating me on My Whipping and the way I worked it up – I had Tea at the House after Tea Tom Price and I attended a meeting at The Trades Hall of the Saddle Harnessmakers and Collar Makers and laid before them the Position Re the Factories Act we Both Addressed the meeting at Length Tom gave them the Working of the Factories Act in New Zealand as he found it and made a good speech we urged on them to form a Society and this was done before they Left Banard Elected Se^y Jack Capper Chairman and we meet again next Thursday I think there willt be a good society come out of it –

Friday Aug 2 – 1901

I had no time to spare this morning as I woke about quater to Seven and have to Catch the Train at North Terrace at 20 to Eight and so it was a case of flying around Maggie was out and by the time I was ready had me some breakefast ready I rode in on my Byke and just at the Station in time The Train was mooving out and I jumped in to the reserved Carrage as the Door was left open for me when the Boys saw me running along the Platforme to Catch it. we had a good number on board about 20 or 22 members from Both Houses.

Saturday Aug 3 – 1901

We were Called about Seven Oclock and after Breakefast The Traps were all ready and we mounted for our 22 miles Drive to Laura along one of the preposed Roots

Sunday Aug 4 – 1901

I felt rather tired this morning and have not got over the trip yet – to make it more uncomfortable I have Caught a very nasty Cold. It was a beautiful Day Just enough Sun to make it plesant – I pottered about the Garden and did some reading a little Writing M^{rs} Gurr and Lucey hear to Day for a cupple of Hours It got rather Cold in the Afternoon – I had a good Fire put in the Dining Room by Maggie and I sat down to Write The Boys cept me alive for some time until time for there Bed

Monday Aug 5 – 1901

Out in the garden at Work for some Hours and put The gate and Foot path in order that I have made at the Bottom. The Little Pest The Sparrows are pulling up all my Peas as they come up and they are not satisfied with that but are also Tackling the Broad Beens I shall

have to get some Poisoned Wheet for them I think and try and put them off somehow or I shall not have a Pea left by the way things are going now – nice and fine again to Day and a good Day

Tuesday Aug 6 – 1901

I was not up very early this morning but after my breakefast I went out in the garden to work. I brought several Barrows of Stuff for the great Hole I have made in the garden out of which I have taken the Lime stone but I had to Stop work at about Twelve Oclock The Rain Came down fearful heavey with a heavey fall of Hail Stones. I went in by the Tram at half past one and as soon as the House met the Premier rose and mooved that the House adjourne untill tomorrow out of respect to the memory of the Late Empress Frederick of Germoney The Eldest Daughter or our Late Queen Victoria. The news came This morning of the Death of the Empress. There were several members supported the motion of the Premier & the House Rose. M^{rs} Brown here to call on me to help her get information of her Husband who went to South Africa with the Bushmen and she has not been able to get aney money from him I told her what to do and will get information from the Staff Office. I saw Leught Roberts and he told me what to do in the matter I went down into the Library and did a lot of Writing this afternoon I left the House about five oclock and home to Tea and at night I went to the School of Mines to the Book binding Class where I put in a very good nights Work I am doing a number of Vols of Castels Magizeens and I am binding them in half Leather so they will I think look very well I got home about Ten Thirtey

Wed Aug 7 – 1901

The things in the garden are growing first rate now after the Rain I put in a cupple of Hours There before I went in to the House Tom Price mooved his No Confidence Motion this afternoon against the government there was a full House and a very full Gallery and Tom made a real good speech and held the House all the time at the Conclusion of his Speech there was Clapping and Stamping of feet in the Gallerys which was at once stoped by The Speaker we rose at about quater past Six and after Tea I went to the Social at the Hindmarsh Town Hall arrainged by the West Torrens United Labor Partey There was a very large gathering present and though I was not down to Sing They asked me to help with the Programmie I Contributed a cupple of Songs After the Programmie was gone through There was a Dance I left in time to Catch the Last Train to Town and as I had my Byke at the House I rode Home.

Thursday Aug 8 – 1901

Working away in my garden all the morning I am getting it in good order now The Debate on the Address still on and the Gov^{nt} do not know what to make of it now for if The Opperstion go with us on Toms Motion it is all over with them and out they will go but I do not know what Homburges Crowd will do yet. I had Tea at the House and had a long Chat with a number of the members in Smoke Room

Friday Aug 9 – 1901

I had a good day in the garden to day it was a nice fine day and I did a number of Jobs around the yard and garden. at night I went to the Concert at the Hindmarsh Town Hall. arranged by the West Torrens United Labor Partey and There was a very large gathering the Hall filled I had to Contribute a cupple of Songs after the Concert was over the Hall was cleared and we had a Dance I left in time to Catch the Last Train for Town and rode my Byke from the House \Home/

Saturday Aug 10 – 1901

I put in the Day at home as per usual now on Saturdays Digging planting Cleaning the Yard and a number of Things around Ted and Fred are around helping me as they say I made the Path around the Bottom of garden and then made the gate to open into Fowl yard I worked away at it at night and finished it

Sunday Aug 11 – 1901

I put things straight in the yard and Fowls Departement and then did some reading and Writing I put in the Day quietly at Home

Monday Aug 12 – 1901

I put in the morning in the garden untill Lunch time and then into the House we had a meeting of the Labor Partey there was a good attendance of members and Toms Motion was discussed at Length and the Prospects we had. we have an Idea that the Oppersition will moove an amendement to it so that they will not have to Vote with us or the Government – I got home to Tea about Six and did not go out again

Tuesday Aug 13 – 1901

We had a meeting of the Partey about 11–30 this morning and decided what we were to do I have to hold back untill the Com^{ner} of Public Works speaks and repley to him as it is understood he is going to have a tilt at us. There was a very large gathering at the House to day every bit of Room taken up in all the gallerys and numbers unable to get in the fact that Roberts intends to answer Tucker brought the Crowd but when he rose to moove it the Speaker would not let him go on he Ruled that until the Addres is finished no other Buisness can be delt with There was a short arguement between Roberts and the Speaker but he would not let him proceed so Roberts has to hold it over till tomorrow The debate on the address continued all the Afternoon and we sat after Tea to finish it. Maggie was into the House to day we took the Vote at about 9-30 The result was The Gov won by a good number The Oppersition would not as a body vote with us Runnsivill and Casteen voted with us and about Ten of there number Walked out side and did not vote at all This over I rode home as fast as I could Changed my Close for a Dress and went to The Mayors Ball at the Norwood Town Hall Maggie was there she had gone over with M^r Glover and his Wife There was a very nice gathering the Ball concluded at about Two Oclock M^r Whild drove Maggie home I rode my Byke

Wed Aug 14 – 1901

In at the House soon after Eleven and we had a meeting to take into Consideration what we should do if the Oppersition moove the Speaker out of the Chir which will be to Turn the Gov out and after a Long discussion we decided to follow them if they take that step Providing it is ~~someone~~ not J.D. mooves it Roberts answered Tucker to Day and it was a slashing speech to a full House I had Tea at The House and went to Managing Committee of Trades Hall.

Thursday Aug 15 – 1901

I put in a few Hours work at home untill Lunch time and then in to the House The Oppersition done nothing yesterday so they are going to let the Gov go on we rose at half past six I had Tea at the House and then went to the Rooms of League of Wheelmen The Social at ~~Opening of the new Rooms~~ is in Honor of Frank Sebert a welcome home from

South Africa. and it was a very nice gathering of the Ariel Club and Friends I also Sang at Concert at Trades Hall the same night Charity benifit sang 2 songs

Friday Aug 16 – 1901

I rode over to Norwood in morning up to Town Hall. To Returning Officer – to Bob Phillips and to M^r Coombs from there to Town and had Lunch in the Afternoon I attended at our Room at Parliament House and we met. Snow and Noies of the Westen House Comp They laid there side of the Tram way Scheeme before us. had nearly cupple of Hours with them. At night I attended the Saddlers Society and helped Form The New Union there was a good attendance and we made good start went to Trades & Labor [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] council Jim Hutchey & I addressed Saddlers meeting

Saturday Aug 17 – 1901

I rode to Town in the morning and went and saw Minister of Education Re Butchers Picknic and I Rung up the Se^y and told him the Result of our meeting I went to several places and on my way home got my Books from Copps and number of others and then home I put in afternoon in garden at night I attended the Royal Oak Social at M^{rs} Davis Kensington there was a nice gathering and we had a real good time I had to sing cupple of Songs during Evening

Sunday Aug 18 – 1901

A Lovely Day to Day I was home all day to Day The Boys and Ollie went to Sunday School M^{rs} Gurr and Lucey here this afternoon Maggie went to Church at night with M^{rs} Gurr and I stoped home with the Boys. Miss M^cDunna here to night to tell me her Sister had applied for Leaf on the Docters Orders she Leaves for Morgan to morrow morning

Monday Aug 19 – 1901

I put in an Hour at new Building above our place this morning having a chat to a cupple of the men there. I did some gardening during the Day I built another nest for the Goose to lay in and put it all right I went to Chaff Mills and Bought say Hay for the Cow and during the Afternoon I repared some pictures and Frames. At night Home Book Binding I stuck at it untill late to night

Tuesday Aug 20 – 1901

I put in a cupple of Hours in the Gardens this morning before going away to Town I called at the St Peters Town Hall where I paid Polleys Rates Then on to Town I called on Crooks and Brooker. Paid The A/c and Bought Boot nails Screws nails and a number of little thing I wanted home. After Lunch I took my seat at the House We had a big Talk this afternoon on Electoral Districts The House is very Tangled up on This questions and I am inclined to think nothing will be done this year Judging from the remarks of various members. We Rose soon after Tea Six and I had Tea at the House After which I rode down to Rose Park. where I attended the gathering of the Rose Park Litory Soci^y The Occasion was After Dinner Speeches and I had been requested to Respond to the Toast of Parliament there was a good attendance of Ladies and Gentlemen present They gave me a very good reception and I had a good Talk on Parliament and Politicks I got home about half past Ten a hot Cup of Cocoa \and to bed/

Wed Aug 21 – 1901

After my usual round at home I went into the House at Eleven we had a meeting of Labor members it Lasted up to One O'clock great Talk of No Confidence After Lunch at the House I spoke on Rounsivells motion Re Experimental Blocks Carpenter Talked over the Dinner Hour on Gilberts motion on Selling Show Tickets at Railway Station we went on at night untill nine O'clock I went to the Chool of Mines and put in night untill after Ten Walked home with M^r Wellington

Thursday Aug 22 – 1901

I Left home about Lunch Time for Town we had several very long Speeches on the second reading of the Pastoral Bill this Afternoon and the House Rose soon after six o'clock great preperating for the Big Demonstration on 8 Hours Day the 2nd of September instead of the First this year as the First falls on Sunday – I went home to Tea and did not go out again at night but did some Book Binding

Friday Aug 23 – 1901

I had another good Days work before me to Day I set to after I had Looked after the Live Stock on my job of Boot mending I half soled Teds – Freds – Ollies and repared Maggies Boots so I did a good days work at night Maggie & I went to the Ball at Kensington in Connection with the Fitzroy Cricket Cub a very nice gathering and a real good night I Presided and at the Supper did the Speech Making – very Happy time we walked home about Two o'clock

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Saturday Aug 24 – 1901

A Lovely Day and I set to work in the yard and garden I Cleaned the yard from the Frunt to the Back. and put everything in real good ship shape order I put in the Day home and also at night

Sunday Aug 25 – 1901

I rose about Eight O'clock this morning and Lit the Fire and attended the Live Stock and after breakefast I did some watering the Garden and after Dinner Maggie Fred Ted and I went for a Walk and we went over The Large new House Built By M^r Hutchins a splended place we had a strole around Payneham Rd The Wind Came up very Strong so we made our Way home had a nice comfortable Fire in my Frunt Room with the Boys and Maggie & Ollie spent night in there – untill bed Time –

Monday Aug 26 – 1901

After attending to the Cow and Farm yard I went to Work in the garden and I put in some good useful work. The Trees are all looking very well and bursting into blossom The Lemon Trees Look very well and some lovely large Lemmons now on it and I think very soon it will be covered

Tuesday Aug 27 – 1901

A few Hours Gardening this morning about home up to Lunch Time and then into the House Jim Hutchey had a good fling at the Chief Justice on the Anderson Case and the great Bulk

of the House was with him Darling went for a about 2 Hours on the Budget and we rose about Six O'clock. at night I went With Maggie to the Social and Reception of the Mayor of St Peters Brother Alf & his Wife was with us we had a very pleasant Evening very large number present.

Wed Aug 28 – 1901

Some rain last night and I put out some young plants in the gardens I went in to the House at the Party Meeting but a number of our Boys went to the Islington Work Shops so we were unable to have a meeting I went and attended to several little things at the Offices Private Members Day and we had the first Speech from the new Minister of Education At night I went to the School of Mines and put in good night at Book Binding – my number drawn at Star Baquet last night £200 Loan Interest free

Thursday Aug 29 – 1901

I put in some time in the garden put out a large number of Lettice I went in to the House we had a long list of questions and then some long Speeches on the Pastoral Bill. I had Tea at the House and then Rode out to Norwood Town Hall where I took the Chair at the Public Meeting and Lantren Lectur By M^r Proud on the Tram question there was a very large meeting Hall filled & Resolution against Snow Bill Carried unanimously Votes of thanks and home.

Friday Aug 30 – 1901

I did not go to Town to day but had a couple of Hours in the Garden and then I put in the Day at Book Binding & I did a real good amount of Work at night I Took Maggie to the Ball at the Norwood Town Hall given by the Norwood Byke Club there was a real good gathering there and we had a most enjoyable time at the Supper I mooved the Toast of the Evening The Health of the President & his Wife M^r and M^{rs} Threlfall Maggie and I left. between one and two o'clock –

Saturday Aug 31 – 1901

I did some binding this morning I put the Leather on the Big Book Boar War This ran me until one o'clock after Lunch I mounted my Byke and rode to Magill where I took Part in the Opening of the new Magill Institute There was a large number present It was a little after three when the Chairman M^r Murrey Called on M^{rs} R W Wright to open the building This done Sir Edwin spoke I was then Called on to speak then Darling and the business then started – I remained here until half past five and then home and away again to Town I attended the Boiler Makers Social tendered to M^r McDougal who is here from Sydney to Eight Hours show we had a very nice gathering I sang several songs to help the Programmie but I had to Leave at nine o'clock and rode to Rooms of League of Wheelmen where I had to Speak a Social tendered to the Visiting Gawler Byke Club we had a real good time M^r Threlfall in Chair I had to sing as well as moove Votes home about mid night –

Sunday Sep 1 – 1901

We had a light rain to Day but it cleared off but I am rather afraid for tomorrow but I do hope we shall have a fine day – I did some reading and Book Hunting Miss Wiper here to Tea to Day The Boys and Ollie went to Sunday School in the afternoon At night Maggie took the Boys and went along the Road with Miss Wiper when she left for Home when they returned Fred informed me that there was Lightning all around

Monday Sep 2nd 1901

I woke about Six O'clock this morning by hearing a very heavy downfall of Rain and this did not sound well for our Chance of Demonstration. but the Rain Cleared off and a very Strong wind sprang up I got into Town on my Byke just as the Clock was striking Ten The Prosession mooved off about Ten past and the Rain Came just as we were starting but it was but a light shower There was long line of Societies represented and and some splended Trades displays The Tobacco Twisters The Bakers and others being very good in my oppinion the Bakers were the best in the Line I walked with the Collar Makers Society and the Saddlers came in with us we had a very good number in our Line. After the march through the Town I met all the Members and Delegates from the other Colonies. After Dinner I took my place as Referee of the Byke Sports we had some very good racing One very nastey Smash one Ride Broke his arm in two places There was a very good number present considering the Showery state of the weather we ran our Programme through to time up to Tea Time. After Tea we had the Boys [?] Finals and so on to run under the Electric Light and I am very sorry to say the Light was fearful and as Referees having Charge of the Races we did not like to start the Races under it so I called the men together and put it to them we cant get a better Light the man says are you prepared to start under it Remember if you do you race at your own responsibility we takes no risks with this Light Those in the first race said they would but after it was run the Riders all came and Told us they would not start again under that Light it was to dangerous and so the Byke races did not go on The Public who were there in Thousands Took it very well indeed I expected to see a big Row but a fearful heavy rain came on and drove all ~~th~~ to shelter The Committee ran there Foot races and the Goat Race put Crowd in good Temper and about quater to Ten the Band played The King and all Trooped away home in good order The Rain this year has robed us a Lot

Tuesday Sep – 3 – 1901

I did not rise very early this morning as I was very tired after yesterday. I put in the morning Book Binding untill one O'clock after which I took Tram for Town to the House. as we are led to beleave by the papers that the Oppersition moove a Vote against the Government and if they do the Gov go out But it all went off in Smoke we had a lot of Talk on going into supply I went to Melborne Express and saw Batch M^cGregor & Delegates off Back to Melborne M^r Higgs Watkins Ludams and others

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and then back to the House to Work The House sitting to night but I Took Maggie to the Eight Hours Social at the Trades Hall at night Tendered to The Visiting Delegates we had a very nice gathering and the Social went off first rate I was down on the Programme for a Song and had to sing another before they would stop so I gave them Comrades for the Second one Maggie and I went to Catch the Last Tram for home.

Wed Sep 4 – 1901

I Left home about 10–30 and into the House attended a meeting of the Labor Partey at our Room Then around to the Herald Office and cut some Books. in the Afternoon I took my place at the House and we had Private Members Greivences all the Afternoon I mooved my motion Re Tram Way Men. The House rose at half past Six and I had Tea at the House and put in a cupple of Hours with the members at the House

Thursday Sep 5 – 1901

I was home in the morning and working at a number of Jobs and at Lunch time into The House and Took my Seat Ready for Buisness. I went during the Afternoon and saw The Boys off To Melbourne and Sydney who have been over here for the Eight Hours meeting. They have all had a real good time while here. I took some Ladies over the House in the Afternoon I went home by Tram to Tea and remained home at night

Friday Sep 6 – 1901

I was out attending to the Cow and Fowls early as I had to go with the School Board to Magill this morning I left home on my Byke about half past nine & and met the members of the Board there we were all shown over the School and given an exhibition of what they Could do some very good Singing The Parents of the Children were there and the Little ones were marched out in the yard and we were called on to address them Leaving here we were driven to Boys Reformatory and were taken by the Chairman all over the Institution and a splended place it is no mistake from here we visited the new Institute and over that I went and had Lunch with M^r Meagher [?]. and then Home when I got home I found Ted had met with nasty accident he was Standing on a Form at the School looking over the Fence and a Boy tipped up the Form he was caught by the long spikes on the Top of the Fence one of which went into his arm and Hung there no one old enough to help him he at Last got a foot hold on the Fence and got his arm out and when he got home his arm was in a fearful state a great gaping wound the Flesh Torn away Maggie at once went off to the Docters with him in a great fright fortunately caught the Docter in and he dressed and Sewed the Wound up putting several stitches in it I rode in to try and catch them but they had gone then The Nurse said Ted stood it like a little Hero while it was Sewn up I went Back home and found him home with his arm in a sling. and has to be cept very quiet – I did not go out at night

Saturday Sep 7 – 1901

I did little work in yard then Covered Book and at my Binding untill Lunch time I then went to The Exhibition Oval where I took my place as Refreee at the Byke Sports which were Run off to Day held over from 8 Hours night owing to Light Failing that night but it was a nasty windey Day and there was not a great number present unfortunately but we had some splended Racing and Records put up. Then to Docter Harold house at night to Magill Presided at the Welcome Home Social to Leutenant De Passey and his comrads from South Africa [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] Rain to night –

Sunday Sep – 8 – 1901

It is a very nice fine Day I did not go out I did some reading and writing M^{rs} Gurr up here in the afternoon with Lucey – Brother Alf here to Day with his Dog. he had been for a run with it He had a look over the Garden and also at my Book Binding – Fred Went to Sunday School with Ollie but Ted home with his Bad arm His Sunday School Teacher here to sea him this afternoon M^r Percy. at night they were all in my Room with me

Monday Sep 9 – 1901

I put a good amount of water on the garden this morning and Hoed the Broad Beens at the Back I got a number of Books ready to cut when I go into Town I did a large number of Covers and got them ready Maggie went into Town to the Docters with Ted in the Afternoon for him to have Look at his arm he says its going on all right. I did some Book Gilding in the afternoon at night Maggie went down to M^{rs} Gurrs I did not go out at night –

Tuesday Sep 10 – 1901

After attending to the live Stock I went in to Town to the Chief Secretry in answer to his Telegramme and had a long talk with him on the Appointement of some new Justices. he is going to put the two names I have recomended on the List To Minister of Education Re E.A.School Fence at the House in the afternoon and The House Sitting late to night I went away for a while to the School of Mines to prepare some Books to take home

Wed Sep 11 – 1901

I did my usial work at the garden Milked the Cow and Fed Fowls then into Town where I attended a meeting of the Labor Party members at our Room we went over the notice paper and at one oclock we Rose for Lunch after which at the House I presented a Pition From Payneham Council against the Snow Tramway Bill Von Fired off his Speech on it This afternoon I had Tea at the House and then to the School of Mines – Book Binding –

Thursday Sep 12 – 1901

After I had got over my mornings Work in the Yard I set to Bookbinding and had a quiet day at it to myself. I did the Large Book Review of Review and several others We are not sitting at the House to Day as we adjourned to day for the Show as we do every year but I did not go to the Show. There is a great number of Countary people in Town for Show Week. I did not go out at night but went on with my Book Binding untill Late. We Take Ted to the Docters Tomorrow to have Stitches out [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] of his arm

Friday Sep 13 – 1901

I was up early this morning about Seven and Lit the Fire Attended to the Cow and garden after whi went into Town To M^r Fry at the Royal Exchange and saw him about the Star Baquet I sold or told him to sell for me at the Price he was offered went to Herald Office to House Then out to Payneham saw Se^y Cricket Club Told him why unable to be present Last night very warm and Dusty to day after Leaving M^r Hann I rode home Book Binding all the afternoon. at night I went to the Trades Hall where I acted as Chairman for Tobacco Twisters Social a big Crowd there Rode home on my Byke at midnight.

Saturday Sep. 14 – 1901

Up about seven oclock Lit the Fire and attended to the Live Stock. There is Bad News in this mornings Paper Re Resident McKinley he was going on all well but he has taken a turn for the worse and the gravest fears are now entertained I did a lot of Watering and gardening Book Binding in the Afternoon and at night I am getting on great with the Leather Binding now I was very Tired to night with work in garden so I went to bed about half past Ten.

Sunday Sep 15 – 1901

I was up about half past six and out in the garden Cut a good heep of Turnip Tops before the Sun got on them I Lit the Fire Milked the Cow and Fed the Fowls before breakefast & then as the Day was to be a bit summerry I put the Hose on the garden – Poor Little Ted Fell down and Cut a nasty hole in his Forehead he is most unfortunate. I put some salve on it and did it up – I had several here to sea me to day I did not go out Poor President M^cKinly Died this morning/

Monday Sep – 16 – 1901

I was not up very early this morning I got the Paper and found it was True that President M^cKinley was Ded the result of ~~assassination~~ \assassination/ The mad Fool shot the unfortunate man Twice they thought for some time he would get over it but he took a bad turn Friday last and Sunday he Died Poor Man – I went into Town on my Byke after I had milked the Cow and watered some of the Things in the garden I went to M^r Fry with my Book Re Star Boquet he is

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going to sell my two Shares which were drawn last week The man offers me all I have paid in and £4-0-0 clear over and above he pays all expences so I shall take it I went to Parliament Hous got my Letters and did some writing saw Kirk and had a talk Re Trams Then down Town to Book Shop and put in an Hour There Bought some Books and then home. Annie Cunningham Cunningham that was had called to sea us and spend the Day here it was quite like old times to hear her happy Talk of Old Days. I Did a lot of \writing/

Tuesday Sep 17 – 1901

I was not up very early this morning as it was very late when I went to Bed Last. It is a very disagreeable Day Close and Windey. Every thing is very dry all overr the garden after breakfast I had a hurried Look over the News Paper very startling news from South Africa and Re the War. We have a large number of Cables from America Re the ~~Assassination~~ \assassination/ and Death of the President of America M^cKinley – Poor man he Faced his Death very bravely and had words of encourigement for his Poor invileade Wife. Condolence has flown into America from all Parts of the World I started to work Watering and I put it on The Brod beens Peas and Potatoes I went at it up to half past twelve I then Changed and had Lunch and away to Town. After Calling at the Heral Office I went on to the House as soon as we met the Premier rose in his place and mooved that we send condolence from this State to The Widow of The Late President M^cKinley and The people of America expressing our Deep Sorrow and Simpithy in this there great Trouble – and also giving notice That Tomorrow he would moove That this House at its rising adjourne untill next week over the Date of the Funeral Copley on behalf of the Oppersition M^r Price Leader of the Labor Party Peak on behalf of Countary Party also supported the motion M^r Pach on behalf of his Party whoever they are supported the motion which was Carried after the questions . we went into Committee on the Pasteral Bill.

Tuesday Sep 17 – 1901

Out early and milked the Cow and put in some time in the garden at work there then in to the House where I took my place

Wedensday Sep 18 – 1901

I went to Town in Tram this morning as I left my Byke in Town Last night as it was Wet. meeting of Labor members this morning at the House in the afternoon and Bromley member for Carlton into House for a cupple of Hours he is over for good of his Health he has been very bad. At night I had Tea at the House and then went to the School of Mines and put in the night up to Ten Oclock – We do not sit tomorrow as that is the Day of Funeral of Late President Cleevland –

Thursday Sep 19 – 1901

Not up very early this morning. We had a splended rain Last night and the garden Looks first rate after it freshened the things up after I had done my Little round of Work I went into Town with His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council and I Introduced a Deputation from the St Peters Council to the Commissioner of Crown Lands Re The state of the Payneham Road and asking for a special grand to help to put it in order The Commissioner told us he would do his best for us and that we could anticipate by a hundred Pounds in next years grant to go on with the Work and that when they were allotting the money later on for Main Roads he would sea what could be done Re this Road Leaving here I went to Seedsmen and bought some French Beens Stringless and I walked on home in the afternoon I set to work in the garden and planted a good amount of the Ground planted out a lot of Lettice and Cleaned up the garden Maggie went down to Alfs this afternoon at night I went out to Payneham and took my part in a Concert there for a M^r and M^{rs} Corcoran who are in very needy Circumstances there was a big House the Hall was crowded to the Doors and in fact they could not all get into the Hall. I sang three Songs. and had a very good time Coming home I had a Slip on my byke caught in the Tram Lines and came down barked my Leg in three or four places and had to put [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] 'oucliptious oil all over my Leg – Little Ted is not well to night but he is sleeping better now

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ATTENDED-BANQUET-ENGIN MEN-AND-FIRE MEN-AT-EXHIBITION-

Friday Sep 20 – 1901

As this is an Off Day at Parliament to Day I put it in at home and did a little of all sorts of Worke out in the garden and the Rain Drove me inside I then did some Book Binding and worked away at home all Day at night I went in to the Banquet at the Exhibition Building given by The Enginmen & Fire Mens Association and it it was a very grand turn out I was there as President of Railway Association all the Delegates were there from all parts of Australia several of ministry there an a Railway Commissioner an a very large gathering fearful heavy rain getting home at half past twelve –

Saturday Sep 21 – 1901

I had a good days work at home to day I worked in the garden all the morning and put things straight in the yard the garden is now Looking first rate and After Lunch I set to at my Book Binding and did quite a large number of Books I put Leather Backs and Corners on a number of them I worked away all the Afternoon and Night up to about 10–30 I had the Boys in with me nearly all the Afternoon as we had a Lot of Rain this afternoon and Maggie went to Payneham Road to get some things wanted I looked after the Boys –

Sunday Sep 22 – 1901

A very nice fine Day and I was out after attending to the Live Stock and put some water on the things in the garden I had some of the Boys from the Water Workes here to sea me to Day Re there Passes on the Line to there Work. Poor little Ted is not well at all and we shall take him to the Docter in the morning he looks so bad but is lively for all that Miss M^cDunna was here to sea me to night and Told me of her interview with M^r Waddie I did some writing and reading untill late –

ATENDED-SOCIAL-AND-PUBLIC-MEETING-AT-PETERSBURGE-RAILWAY-ASSOCIATION-

Monday Sep 23 – 1901

I had to Fly around and I got to the Railway station in good Time Large party of us Kirk. Price. Adams M^cGreger Roberts O Loughlan. Lodie [?] the Treasure of association and myself we had a very jolly trip up Cards Yarns and so on filled in the Time arrive there at about 2–30 went to Hotel Sheridens Had Dinner and then Taken around Town to severa places up to the Oval

LEFT-PETERSBURGE-THIS-MORNING-SOLD-MY-STAR-BOQUET-SHARES-£42-6-0-

Tuesday Sep 24 – 1901

We were called at four oclock in the morning to catch the Broken Hill Express and I had not been in bed more than an Hour or Hour and half. it was very cold at the station but when we were fixed up in a very nice carrage and The Day light began to creep on we did not notice the cold home to Town about Eleven I went out home to se how Ted was & I found he was a lot better than when I left him and running about first rate now to the House in the afternoon and Tea at House we sat on untill half past Eleven at night on the Electoral Bill last and that ran us rather Late as they wanted to pass it but we did not pass it after all –

[*The following written along the left margin at rightangles*] Sold my Star Boquet Shares Rec cheque for £42–6–0

[*The following written along the right margin at rightangles*] LITTLE-TED-A-LOT-BETTER-TO-DAY

AT-INSPECTION-DEEPNING-OPPERATIONS-PORT-ADEL WITH-WILLING WORKERS-AT-DESTITUTE-ANNUES-EATH

Wed Sep 25 – 1901

I was in and Caught the five past nine Train to Port Parliamentry trip to look at preposed Deepning operations and plan by Linden Bates went to the new Lighthouse right up to Top of same On river untill 12–40 then to the Town Hall Mayor Care Mayor Ware and a number of others some speech making and home to Town took seat at House and part in Talk at four oclock I went to the Destitute with Willing Workers at home annual and we had a real jolley time with them Tea Frute Band playing and amusements and a concert at night I was sorrey I was unable to preside at concert for them as I had to go to Convisationie at the University so I left them soon after six tram home and then Maggie and I went to the University the Teachers Union were invited by the Chansoler it was a very high class concert and lecture but the Lecture far to Long and spoilt the Programmie – very cold to night

[*The following written along the left margin at rightangles*] MAGGIE-AND-I-AT- CONVISA-AT-UNIVERSITY-NIGHT

PRESIDED-AT-CONCERT-AT-CAMPBELLTOWN-IN-AID OF-THE-SISTERS-R-C-SCHOOL-

Thursday Sep 26 – 1901

I did not feel very Lively this morning I have had a good amount of running about this week I lay in untill nearly 12 oclock after Lunch away to the House and we sat up to half past six I had Tea at the House and then rode out to Campbelltown to St Martains Hall where I presided over the Concert in Aid of the Hectorvill Roman Catholic Church there was a fearful

crowd the Larges ever been in the Hall they say I had a very long programme to run through but I got it through by 10–30 and the Dancing then started I remained for a time but mounted my Byke about twelve and rode home

MY-BIRTHDAY- LEFT-FOR-VICTOR-HARBOUR-WITH-CARPENTER

Friday Sep 27 – 1901

My Birth Day how the years do fly around it seems so short a time since I put this heading in my Journal last year but I trust I may feel as well in health for maney years as I do to Day I had to Leave by the 7–30 Train for Victor Harbour and I over slept and it was about quater to Seven when I awoke so I had to fly around but Maggie was up and had a Cup of Cocoa ready for me as soon as I was ready to start and hurridely drinking and goody bye I jumped on my Byke and off I made very good time into town and arrived at the Station a few minuets before the Train started here I found Friend Carpenter anchiously awaiting me It was a lovely morning for our Ride through the Hills and they looked Lovely and Friesh in the early morning at one of the Stations we met Captain Clair of the War Ship Protector and he shared our Carrage with us as he was also on his way to Port Victor and we had a Chat over his Trip to China to the war. We arrived at Port Victor about 12–30 and went straight on to Grosvenors and had a wash Shave and some Lunch At quater past two we were met by M^r Bolger with his trap and he Drove us out to the new School at Inman Valley which we go out to Open this afternoon and the Drive out was Interesting to me as I had not been out this way before The School is a very nice little place it as been built by private subscription and the people livining around have all worked very hard to get the little place up some giving there labor others giving Timber some Carting stone and so on The building now up The Government have at Carpenters request provided a Teacher The spot it is built on is a very nice position high and Dry and the vew all around is Rustic in the Extreem The Bush and Scrub running away towards the Hills. There was a good number present at the Opening The Chairman of the Committee M^r Bolger Called on M^r Carpenter to Unlock the Door and Declare the Building Opened This done we all went in and Took our Seats. The Chairman made a few remarks on the work they had just finished The Se^y then read the Ballance Sheet which was very satisfactory M^r Carpenter then addressed the meeting and I was Called upon to Speak and we finished the speech making about five \four/ oclock and Then The Tea Meeting started The building was filled This w^r over M^r Carpenter had to Leave us as he addresses a public meeting at victor Harbor to night and he left me to run The Concert at night. The Hall was Cleared and seats fixed up as best they could M^r Grosvenor had sent the Day before his Organ out so we had some music. at half past seven we started the Concert and ran it on with out a Hitch up to half past nine I had to take the Larges share of the Programmie as they had not many Singers and I had to respond to the Call every now and again and the Boys were in real good Spirts and would not be satisfied untill I had given the now well known Chinkey and during the Evening I sang no less than Six Songs and made a Speech so I think I did my Share. The Concert over Supper was again spread and we sat down once more to Look after the inner man and then the Room was Cleard once more and an enjoyable Little Dance was indulged in for an Hour or more. The Dance was in pure Countary Fashon with the old Fiddler sitting up in the Corner pegging away with the music and everybody as Happey as could be we Left about one oclock to Drive Home and with a good Horse and the Wind behind us we made the Trip from the Lower Inman Valley to Port Victor in very good time and was soon home and to Bed Carpenter was home and gone to Bed Long before us

Saturday Sep 28 – 1901

After breakefast this morning we first had a strole to Town and then out along the Jettey to the great Break water and sat Looking at the waves Dashing up over the great Granit

Bolders and the sight from here is grand in the extreme on our way back along the Jetty we met the good old Doctor O Leary the Democrat of Democrats and we had a Chat about the meeting here last night Re the Landing of the Males at Port Victor instead of down at Largs but I think they have a very poor Chance of ever having the Males Landed here we visited old friend Warben – and then to the Bank Manager and others about twelve o'clock the Rain came down very heavy and we got the papers and made for Grosvenors for Dinner and to pack up as we Leave at Ten past Two this afternoon We had a Carriage all to ourselves from here but at Goolwa \Port Elliott/ and here we picked up once more Captain Clair we came on with us the Rain fell very heavy at intervals I had intended to get out at Ballanna where the fifty mile road race is taking place this afternoon but the Evening was so wet and as I had a meeting at 7–30 in Town I went right in and reached Adelaide about seven o'clock I went to the Trades Hall where I took the Chair and Presided over the meeting of the Railways Association we put our names to the Griffine [?] Address and then went on with the Rules Revision and rose at Ten o'clock I caught the quarter past Ten Payneham Car for home and after some supper to bed

Sunday Sep 29 – 1901

A nice fine morning and after I had fed and milked the Cow I had a look at the Goslens. They brought out fourteen out of sixteen and that was not so bad There was several little things to attend to about the garden as I have been away for a couple of Days After Dinner the Rain Came down again and I sat down to some reading and Writing Maggie Took the Boys around to Miss Wipers and Ollie went to Sunday School –

Monday Sep 30 – 1901

I walked to Payneham this morning and met the min Minister of Education and M^r Stanton there and we visited the School and I took them around and let them have a look at the several things I have been asking to have repaired there and I think now we shall have it done from here we drove to Wellington Rd School & attended that School and found everything in Tip Top order from here we drove to Magill School where again I think I have scored as they will I think now make the alterations I have asked for from here we drove to the Norwood School and by M^r Williams was shown over this the largest school in South Australia and several things were here pointed out wanted doing and then to Town. I Dined at Parliament house with the minister and then went to the Trades Hall for over an Hour met Alf at Six Walked home with him at night I did not go out but did some Book Binding to night Maggie took Ted into the Doctor to day he says he is going on well now \got some medicine for him/ –

Tuesday Sep-Oct 1 – 1901

First of the Month Princess Royal Paid it 13th Dividen yesterday I was out in the garden after I had milked the Cow and I hewed the Potatoes and put water on the young Beans and other Things The young Goslings got into my garden yesterday and cropped off the young Cress & we have 14 of them 14 out of 16 eggs set not so Bad I worked away up to Lunch time and then up in to the House and presented a Large Petition nearly 800 names for Sunday Closing House sat on all the afternoon and at night up to half past Eleven I went Down to Port Adelaide at 7–35 and Presided at meeting of the Railway association annual Social and gave an address During the evening I presented an illuminated address to our Late President M^r Griffin who is now on the Classification Board I sang a song and had a very good time until ten to Ten and then baid them good night went back to the House Took part in Debate on the Pasteral Bill and then Changed and out to St Peters Town Hall to the gathering there Miss Carriages Wedding Miss L Carriage to M^r Cap Mackintosh Left here and home about one o'clock so I have put in a good day work to Day –

Wed Oct 2 – 1901

I was not out until nine o'clock this morning and off to town on my bicycle to a meeting of the Labor members at Parliament House at eleven we had a long talk on the possibilities of a no confidence motion which they think will come off today and we after some discussion decided to support the vote against the government if it is moved I then went up to Ted Richardson and saw him re my interest from here to lunch after calling at Green Slades Office and at the House at two o'clock I spoke on Dick Woods Bill re Compensation to the Railway employers and we had a good lively discussion I set myself to draw Homburg up and he came and spoke for nearly an hour They forced us over the half past six and we had to come back at night The Snow Tramway Bill crowd were doing it to get there Bill in I went off after dinner on Dicksons Motion on Federal expenses and I went for about three quarters of an hour I had to talk for time for Tom Price to get to the House we had some great debating up to close on eleven and the House then rose they did not get to Snow Bill to day/ [*The following written along the margin at right angles*] more than to adjourn it –

Thursday Oct 3 – 1901

I put in a few hours at home in the morning and then in by the tram car to the House. The debate was not very lively Von and his tram way crowd are right on the war path over there Bill and the fact that they could not get to it last night. I had tea at the House and then we went up to the Trades Hall

Friday Oct 4 – 1901

A very nice fine day and after a little work in the garden I set to work boot mending I put in a real good days work at it I did the boys Ollies and my own. we

Saturday Oct 5 – 1901

I put in a good day working in the garden and it is looking well now I did some work in the fowl yard The tribe of young geese are going on first rate now and are growing rapidly

Sunday Oct 6 – 1901

I had a quiet day at home today After I had milked the cow Fed her and the live stock I pottered around the garden and then in my room among the books and papers The children went to school

Monday Oct 7 – 1901

A nice fine day and I was at home all the day in the garden and doing a little at my book binding I am now getting on first rate

Tuesday Oct 8 – 1901

I as usual put in a few hours in the garden and had lunch at home and then in to the House we had a long talk today on Constitutional Reform We had a lively scene in the House while we were on the Pastoral Bill A man in the gallery sang out while Miller was speaking he sang out . Bosh. and Untrue Tom Price drew the Chairmans attention to the fact that there was a stranger in the House who had interjected The man was at once ordered from the House he at once left he is a contemptible individual a regular pimp and bummer for the Pastoralists nearly always drunk but he was fairly sober today – After the Pastoral Bill Copp made a long speech on Constitutional Amendment Bill. I had tea at the House and after

Tea I went out to Norwood Town Hall where I attended The Return Ball given to his Worship the Mayor of Norwood and we had a very large gathering and a very jolly time Maggie and I walked home/

Wed Oct 9 – 1901

Wed. Oct. 9 – 1901

I was away to Town Early this morning and Caught the half past nine Train for Glenelg where the Steamer was ready for us to go on Board as we take our Trip to Brighton or Marino To Inspect the sight where the talk of the proposed Outer Harbour we had a good number on board and a lovely Day for a Trip on the Water Light refreshments were provided on the Boat. we were shown the sight and had a good inspection of the Bay. we all talked Harbour and Harbour Work as though we knew all about it we got back to Town at a little after Twelve. we had a wash and brush up as we are invited by the Ministers to Dine at Parliament House with Sir Hector General M^cDonald or better known as Fighting Mack who is paying a visit to Australia – for the good of his Health after the long time spent at the front in South Africa. we had a large and inthuesatic Gathering The gathering lasted an Hour. We then took our places in the House and The Speaker with the consent of the House invited General M^cDonald to Take a Seat on the Floor of the House and as The Premier Led him up through the Chamber he was warmly Cheered I had an oppertuniti to have a Chat to him for a few minuets and I found him a very happy and Interesting man to talk to a splended man. The Parthey of members leave this afternoon for Pinaroo on there visit of inspection which will take nearly a week I had made up my mind not to go but the Boys Talked me in to going and ran me off home to get my things I went first to Burkes to call on Alf and also to tell M^r Newbery I was going and should not be able to be with them at St Peters Town Hall to night – from here I rode home Maggie had gone over to M^{rs} Hutchinsons I put my things together put heel on my Boots as I wanted The old ones to Ware and at Last all ready off back for Town and was just in Time to fix up with Tom Price Re several matters to be attended to while I was away and then to The Train we had a very nice Parthey fourteen all told There was a good number from the House down to sea us off and bid us good bye. After we had started the Eve papers were our first consideration for this is all the news we shall have for about a week. and Then we settled down to a game of Hearts At Murrey Bridge a good Hot Dinner was ready for us and we were all ready for it off again and we played untill about Eleven oclock at Talem bend They shunted The Departemental Car we were in on to the other Line and Left us here as we Camp here to night and strike off from here in the morning in the Traps We Slep in The Carrage and nice Comfortable beds were made for us in it but we had some very Lively times untill late and some of them did not have a great amount of Time in there Bunks. Pach made things very lively during the night with his fun with Old Hansley [?] but at last all got. to bed and in spite of the Chatter I was soon asleep we have a long ride in the Drays tomorrow before us.

Thursday Oct – 10 – 1901

We were called about Six Oclock It was blowing very Cold and I found the use of my Big Coat. The Cooks had our breakefast ready for us and The Chops which had been griddled on the Big fire Close handy were Lovely I do not know when I ever Tasted Chops Like them in my Life This over and the Traps ready we were allotted our seats and we mounted there was three four Horse Drays and one pare Horse we had a Tip Top Driver and in our Trap was Peake Dumas Jemerson and myself and a very good Party The Day was fine and as the sun came on warmer The Drive was very plesent Our First Halt for Tucker was at Polleys Well where we had a Cupple of Hours a god Lunch a look around and a game of Cards to fill in the Time untill the Horses were ready. Our next stage was 18 miles to a Place Called Parrakee Pookey or Parrakee Well here The Gov have a splended supply of first Class

Water the Well is 200 feet deep A Horse whim for drawing the water and Tanks and Troughing are also provided for the convenience of Travellers We Camped at Parrakie for the night we have traveled 49 miles from Talem Bend to day while the Cooks were getting the Tea ready and preparing for us we went into the Scrub Cutting the Young Malley and other Bushes to make a Comfortable bed in our Tent and this made it first rate Covered with a good Rug and another to cover us – we had a good Tea and then sat around the Camp Fire Spun Yarns and Played Cards and so passed our First night under canvas and quite enjoyable it was –

Friday Oct 11 – 1901

We were up at Day light and breakfast over we walked along the Road while the Cooks and Drivers were Clearing up and getting the Horses ready we had got along the Road some mile Before they Caught us up now mounting once more we were again on the Road all in good Spirits and Singing to fill in the Spare time About mid day we reached Wow Wow hear we found another Gov Well which is down 220 feet giving an unlimited supply of water and lovely water it is hear we saw the only three Settlers living between Moorlands and the Victorian Border Messrs Leckie. Byrne and Harvey all living within a short distance of the Well and from these men we got some very valuable information Re the surrounding Country M^r Leckie having been about this Country for the Last twenty years and as an Old Kangaroo Hunter knew every mile of it. Here we saw an experimental plot of wheat 20 Acres which had been put in by the Government on the Open Flat not very far from the Well Half was sown without manure and half with 30 pounds of superphosphates to the acre The Crop was looking healthy but does not promise a very heavy yield but the rains of the few Days after will help it a Lot – We visited M^r Byrnes Farm and the greater part of the 70 acres he has under Cultivation look really well especially that \crop/ growing on the Land which had been Cleared of Mallee the Land had been roughly broken up in the summer and had had but the one Harrowing and to our very great surprise on a block near The House Lucerne was growing luxuriantly – and cabbage Lettuce Peas Carrots parsnips and other things were flourishing and would have done credit to one of our Hills farmers it was surprising to find this out in the great Piannaroo Country or as they call it the Desert We had a treat in store for us hear and that was a Tip Top dinner M^{rs} Byrne had prepared and we quite filled her Humble little dwelling but we were all made welcome This over and the Horses once more Harnessed up we Bid our Friends M^r and M^{rs} Burns Good Bye and off once more and as we drove away I could not help thinking what a life for a young woman to live right out hear away from all Civilization no one near but the other couple of settlers from hear to the Victorian border and when her husband goes to the Town Ship she is there night after night in the Stil Bush with her one little Boy a liad about four years Old she what a life but they seem quite Happy we now started on another 25 miles Drive to where we Camp to night to what is known as the Old Head Station at Pinnaroo we passed through some very good Black Malley Country We have had up to the present Lovely weather but about \four/ or five O'clock the Rain Started to Come down and we moved along as rapidly as we could every now and then we would emerge from the Thick Malley and come on to a great open Level grassy plain it Looked a lovely picture in its wild grandeur Just before Dark we arrived at the Old Station which by the way is now deserted but it was a welcome Camp for us and we it had got very Cold so when the Things were all brought in out of the three Traps we pulled down a quantity of the Pine Fence and fires were lit in each Room and Coats &c were put to Dry and soon the House was filled with the Lovely strong Pine Smell after a good Tea which we had to Take in Shifts as there was but Room for half to sit down around the roughly made table at at time – Tea over we made up Card parties and while some read Books others sat and yarned about the Country we had gone through others [...] Cards Crib Harts and so on until time to turn in there was great amusement caused with Old M^r Kinzey taking Von up at his own game of Crib and after the ten games had been played Von had but one game to the good The Floor of the the Rooms were a picture with all the Boys stretched out in all

directions you Could scarcely moove in the Rooms but at Last all was quiet [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] and asleep the rain came down very heavy –

Saturday Oct 12 – 1901

We were up early this morning and ready soon after a good hot breakfast of Supe &c for our inspection of the surrounding Countury we went to the Victorian border – and as far as the West Plains Dam on the road to Parilla the morning was a nice fine one after the rain of Last night. we had just a few Showers this morning but nothing to hurt or caus in convenience around here we saw some very good Countury and in once place a good amout of Crop which had been been put in by M^r Harvey of Wow Wow

Oct 12 Continued

After an extensive trip around we again direct our way back through the Scrub and it is wonderful how the four Horses will plow away through the Scrub we arrived at the Camp at last and while the Cook was getting the Dinner ready we indulged in the innoent game of pitching penny in the ring and so on in fact we are introducing new games every Camp now Dinner over and once more Harnessed up we started back for Wow Wow Plains and and we arrived at Wow Wow before night. we are now getting regular Bush men and the way some helped to put the Tents up other Cutting down wood for the night and the Cooks getting a good Hot Tea ready for us which we were all ready for and did full justice to We had the Settlers hear with us to night and they laid the Case before us of what was wanted Lyk Leckie – Harvey and Burn and Harveys 2 Boys Buisness over we had a regular Camp Concert The Fire was built up and The Seats brought from The Traps and we sat around and had Scrys [?] Yarns and great fun If it had been possible to take a few Snaps of us it would have made a very interesting picture Leckie was very good but it was thought than when he went out with a real good one that I had to sale after him and nock him out so there was some good hard Crammers worked in to night around the Fire it was late when we went off to Rooste and it was a lot Later when we went off to Sleep for Pache was dead on for his games to night and if he did not make thing Lively Poor Old M^cKinzey Came out of the Tent at last and to the Door of our Tent imploring us to let him in there and so it went on at Last Mack Challenged him to a game of Crib and at it they went and they were then a little quieter next Door but at Last all became still and the Camp lapsed into Slumber for the night –

Sunday Oct 13 – 1901

This morning after breakefast I went out and did a bit of Shooting untill breakefast after which we mounted the Traps and again started out to look at the countury Some of the Partey went went to inspect the Mallee land to the north while we drove out a few miles to M^r Leckies Selection After a plesent drive we arrived at M^r Leckies he has 450 Acres held under under right of purchase at one Pound an Acre. He has put up over 12 miles of first Class fencing and has a very Comfortable House where he resides with his Wife and Three Daughters and I was struck with the Clean Tidy place it was like a new Pin as the saying goes every thing in its place and all as Tidey as could be He told us he has had three Crops which he says averaged 5 Bushells 7 – bushels and 11 Bushells The present one we went and looked and and it looked Clean and Healthy and he says it will he think give him 10 to 12 Bushels – while some half sown wheat on Land that two years ago had been cultivated for Peas and Potatoes looked splended and Clearly showed the Capabilities of the Soil when properly worked we saw that a portion of one of the Lands at the edge of the Wheat Crop had been Sown Broad Cast with Rape Carrot and Turnip seed and they were all growing most vigorously In his garden we found he had various sorts of vegetables looking fresh and Green again giving evidence of what the Soil and Climat will will do After Partaking of the Hospitality of M^r Leckie and his Family and here Let me say the Home made Bread and Scons \the/ Cream and Honey were Lovely a returne was made to Wow Wow where we

found the other Party was equally well satisfied with there inspection of the Land to the northward of the Well We had dinner at the Camp hear and then started on our Sixteen miles Drive to Parrakie Pookey Well it was a Lovely afternoon and let me say we had some great great singing in our Trap Hymns we went over Moodey and Sankeys I can tell you we made the Malley Scrub ring it was a most peculiar sight to tæek look at the miles and miles of the Malley it seems about the same hight as far as the Eye can See We have been wonderfully fortunate as regards the weather Lovely Days and The Rain came the very night we had the Old Station House to Sleep in and Cleared in the morning We now got within sight of our Camp at Parrikee when down came the Rain again but we were all right for we had the Tents all ready up hear for we Left them standing when we Passed through before So that we were as snug as a bug in a rug The rain Cleared off and we had a good Hot substancial Tea and and we then Took to the Tents and yarned untill bed time and we retired early to night as we rise at four Oclock to morrow morning so as to Catch the Down Train from Mount Gambier so once more the Camp in Sleep. The rain came down heavey during [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] the night

while we were traveling between Wow Wow and Pollys Well we Came across some beautifule quandongs some with the Frute Ripe some green and under the Trees some very good Stones I Collected a Tin full of them to take home and we took a Limb or two of the tree Covered with the Frute

Monday Oct 14 – 1901

We had a lot of Rain last night but Monday Morning Broke fine and Clear and we were up by four Oclock breakefast over and a start made for Polleys Well before five Oclock as soon as we had our breakefast we all started off to walk while the men had there breakefast and put things up and Harnessed the Horses so that by the Time they caught us we were a long way along the Road but once more aboard we Rattled on at first rate pace untill we arrived at Pollys Well

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hear we had an Early Dinner but Tea was made in the Old Hut near the Well and hear whilea heavey fall of rain came on we took Shelter again after the Horses had had a cupple of Hours Spell they were harnessed up for the last 23 miles Stage of the Journey to Cooks plains and along the Road we got some of the most Lovely Whild Everlasting flowers I secured a most magnificent Bunch The Last few miles of our journey was done through the Strongest Wind I have felt for years we arrived at the Cooks Plain Railway Station about three oclock and hear we had to wait for about half an hour for the down Train we were at Last rewarded by the arrival of the Mount Gambier Train and on this was our Departemental Car the Gard in Charge had all The Back Papers from when we left he got them from the up Train as she passed and as we had not seen a paper from the Day we leftt we were soon all deep in the news to Murry Bridge where we had a good Tea awaiting us ordered ahead for us The time passed first rate from ther on and and we arrived at adelaide at 7–45– at night I went straight to house got my letters and then home and I did Look a Bush whacker no shave since I left the Boys were in high glee –

Tuesday Oct.15 – 1901

I did not feel very lively this morning and I did not rise untill after Eleven Oclock I went into the House after Lunch and we sat on all the Afternoon and and also at night untill after Eleven Oclock. I had several here to sea me to Day on various subjects and was kept very busy all the Afternoon. I have good growth of Whisker on my face I have not shaved since before I went to Pinniroo –

Wed. Oct. 16 – 1901

I was not up very early this morning but slept it out. when I turned out I had a look around the garden and then I put a number of Books together and in to Town I took them to the Herald Office and Started to Cut them but did not do a great amount to Day. We had a Lively discussion at the House on Carpenters Motion for Poling Booth for Middleton I spoke on several questions during the Afternoon we sat on untill After Eleven oclock Hutchey and I walked home together [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] a very nice rain falling. to night

Thursday Oct 17 – 1901

I was out soon after Eight Oclock and after an Hour or so in the Garden I went in to the Herald Office and Cut a number of Books took them to the School of Mines as I have mde arraingements to go down there in the Day time and do some of my Work I then attended a meeting of the Partey at the House. we sat at the House up to half past six and then after Tea at the House I went to the Norwood Town Hall and attended the Dinner and Social of Norwood Foot Ball Club Premiers of the Coliney I Sang 2 Songs during the Evening.

Friday Oct 18 – 1901

I was out early and milked the Cow and flew around quick and lively after breakefast I went to the garden & did some work around there for an Hour or so and Then into the School of Mines where I put in a good Time Book Binding I went out to Lunch and Down to Parliament House Then back to the School and Worked untill five oclock I Backed and Cut Covers for a good number of Books home to Tea about Six.

Saturday Oct 19 – 1901

A Fine Day but a little Windey and I thought we were going to have some rain but it went off The Second day of Big Byke Sports on to Day. but as I did not go last Satury I did not go again to Day so I put in the time in my garden and and gave the yard a real good Cleaning all around Ollie went with M^r Coombs Girls to the Sports at night I did not moove out. and we had some singing Fred Ted Ollie and I did not feel up for my Books to night.

Sunday Oct 20 – 1901

I was up early this mornng and attended to my usial mornings Work. And then had a look around the garden It is a lovely Day The Children went to Sunday School in the Afternoon. I gave Maggies Flower garden a real good watering this morning and put some liquid manure around the Plants. In the Afternoon I was in my Frunt Room and had a rummage among my Books at night quiet at home with the Boys

Monday Oct 21 – 1901

Up soon after Six Oclock and milked the Cow and did some gardening at little after Ten I went in to the School of Mines and M^r Webb came and gave me a lesson in ~~Shearing~~ Gilding. and I put in morning there untill half past One and then I went with Tom Price to Coupon Depot and shown over place saw Pelilorus then meeting of the Labor Partey at night I Presided at Railway Association then addressed Saddlers Society where there was large crowd the want to come under the factory Act then I went to Drewed Lodge Firgusson .U.A.O.D. then rode home –

Tuesday Oct 22 – 1901

Up soon after Six this morn^{ing} a lovely morning again I milked and attended to The garden did a good amount of Watering and then put in the remainder of the morning untill Twelve O'clock Book Binding – and after Lunch I went into the House. I went around to the Trades Hall and got the Minute Book of the Partry to write up minuets Long Talk on Constitutional Reform – Econimics Tom Rice made a big Speech – After Tea I went to Payneham Presided at the Dreweds Oak of Payneham Social large gathering and a good time back to House sat untill Eleven

Wed Oct 23 – 1901

I did a few hours in the garden and yard after which I Repaired Maggies Boots Alfs Wife up this morning and spent a cupple of hours here I went into Town after lunch I went around to the Taxation Office and I saw M^r Morley Re my notice for Income Tax and then to the House attended meeting of the Partry We had great shole of Pititions this afternoon Presented to the House asking the Parliament not to interfeare with the Coopon System quite a number of us had them to Present I presented the First one with about Eighteen Hundred name on it we had the Long List of Private members questions to deel with Maggie Came in at half past Three and I went with her to the Garden Partry at Government House There was a very large gathering there and some very fine Dresses That is I think all it is for the Show off the Dress The Dress Parade I left Maggie with M^{rs} Carpenter and M^{rs} Brooker and and I had a Cup of Tea and back to the House. We sat right on Late to night and did not rise untill after Eleven Dick Woods finished his Speech on [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] The Snow Tramway Bill about 3 Hours or more

Thursday Oct 24 – 1901

I was up early this morning it is Lovely in the early morning out in the garden and the garden is looking splended now I went to Town about Eleven and attended to number number of Things in Town & Cut some Covers for Book at School of Mines Packed up the Basket of Books put them on Train and sent them home and then to the House where I put in the remainder of the Day I spoke on going into Supply to Day on several questions I spoke on angeston Railway Bill. and secured Leave to Continue.

Friday Oct 25 – 1901

Up soon after Six and out in the garden a lovely morning I did my usial round of Work and then after I had put a good quantity of Water on the garden I set to Boot Mending. and I did Freds Shooes Teds Boots and Myras Shooes. this and a few other Little jobs took me all the Day up to about 4–30 – and then I set about putting the Water on the garden. At night I did not go out but made some very good progress with my Books putting the Covers on ready for Backing and I had a quiet night at home at this

Saturday Oct 26 – 1901

I was up soon after six a fine morning and rather Dull I think we shall have rain before long it looks like it. After Attending to the Life Stock I went to work in the garden and about Twelve O'clock I set to at my Book binding. and I stuck at it all the Day I Backed and put the Bands and Covers on 14 Books and got them all on the Way very well put the Leather on some of them Ollie went to Exhibition to sing with the School Children big Demonstration Maggie Fred and Ted went to the zoo this afternoon and home about seven. I worked untill late. The Rain came on about nine. very [*written above and on the diagonal*] Heavy

Sunday Oct 27 – 1901

When I woke this morning I heard the Rain Pattering down still so we have had a real good soaking rain and it will ~~due~~ do a graeat amount of good It has just come in time to save me doing a great amount of Watering. I got up about Seven and Lit the Fire Fed the Geese and other Live stock milked the Cow and after breakefast I put the yard straight and had just finished this when down came the Rain and Hail. This drove me inside

Monday Oct 28 – 1901

I was up about Eight Oclock and out at work in the garden we have had a Lovely Rain Last night again and again this morning it came tumbling down. I set to and prepared a number of Books for Cutting and after Lunch I went in by the Tram as the Roads were far to sloppy to ride the Byke

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Thursday Oct – 31 – 1901

I had a lot of running about to Day – at night I went to Payneham and attended the Boy Club Entertainment we had a real good night

[*The remainder of the above page and 4 following pages are blank*]

Friday Nov 1 – 1901

I put in an Hour or so in the garden and I then went in to the School of Mines and put in some time there with my Book Binding

Saturday Nov 2 – 1901

A warm Day and I was on the job in my garden all the morning watering and putting things straight In the Afternoon I went with the Norwood Byke Club to Sir Edwan Smiths he invited the Club there and we had a very good afternoon in his Lovely gardens Afternoon Tea and so on we had Dick Davis with his Moter Car and Lues with his a Photoe was Taken of us all The Cars each side I seconded the Vote of Thanks to Sir Edwin at the Speech making The ride throug Town was quite a stir with the moters Leading the way I was home at night –

Sunday Nov 3 – 1901

Very Warm to Day put some water on the things in the garden to freshen them up. In the Afternoon I rode over to Norwood went to and saw Bob Phillips Re Munciple Elections and from there went to meeting at the Saint Ignatious Church the object the Building of Rooms for Young Men fund for School Glynn and I had to moove and second the Resolution Big Crowd there Mayor of Norwood also spoke I walked home with Friend Oatham at night did not go out had a night reading

Monday 4 Nov – 1901 Nov

I was not up very early this morning. I went in to Town about Eleven – and attended to several thing I had to hunt up I saw Jack Barns and we together rang up Russ Hancock and Frank M°Neal and got them to help with Concert I then went to the meeting of Labor Party at Parliament House which Lasted up to about five I was around at the Herald Office and Cut a cuple of Books at night I did not go out at all but had a night at home

Tuesday Nov 5 – 1901

Maney Haphey returns of the Day Jim Beacome. I was up early this morning and out milked the Cow Fred and Ted was out to have a Look at the Boys with the Guy Fox in the Frunt The Old Custome has not yet died out. After putting in an Hour or so in the garden I went into the House and we went on with the Constitution Bill and at it all the Afternoon and it was a very lively debate The Premier said we should Sit Late on the question to night and make good progress and when Eleven Oclock Came Talk was going Strong and we had not made very great Progress Maney alterations were made in the Bill the Gov had very little Controle over the Bill The House took it out of there hands and did as they liked with it and as the Talk went on the Hours went on also untill the House presented a very funney sight very few but were fast asleep we sat right on untill breakefast time and then we adjourned for an Hour for breakefast so we had a good night of it

Wed Nov 6 – 1901

As The early morning light came in through the Windows we were still in deep Consideration of the Constitutional Bill at Eight Oclock we adjourned for an Hour for Breakefast and met again at nine oclock and it was the intention of the Gov^{ent} to go right on and finish the Bill but when we met again the Gove^{ent} gave way and thanking Hon members for sitting all the night the adjourned untill two Oclock this Afternoon There was a Parliamentary Party to go to Brighton to to vew the Stone for Outer Harbour if made at Marino I went with the Party we had enough to fill the Dray and though the Day was a warm one and we had been sitting all the night before we had a good Trip were taken over the Hills and shown the great Deposits of Stone which M^r Linden Bates said there was an Absence of at this place. We were then driven to the Thatched House Hotel were a repast awaited us and here some speeches were fired off on the Advantages of Marino as the propper place for the Outer Harbour We again took our places in the Dray and were driven to Town. after a was and brush up which we needed after our dusty drive we again met the House and went on all the Afternoon we had the Private members Buisness up to half past Six and after Tea went again on Gov Buisness and sat on untill nearly Eleven Oclock and we were glad to get away to our several Homes as maney of us have not been home since yesterday morning

Thursday ~~Oct~~ Nov/ 7 – 1901

I slept in this morning and did not turn out untill nearly twelve oclock for I felt very tired At the House this afternoon we had a long discussion on the Introduction of The Bill for Railway to Pinnaroo I had something to say on it and favoured the Bill for a line there The afternoon was taken up on the Outer Harbour and Crown Lands Bill we rose at 6–30 at night I attended the Execitave of the Labor Party and Took the minuets for the first time There was a good attendance of the Delegates and then at an early stage I went up stares to the Concert worked up by the Tram Way men for Family of a Tram Driver who is Laid up and is not Likely to be able to work again Poor man – There was a spended House full to the Door. I Sang at the Concert and also had a few Words to say on Behalf of the Committee explaining the Object of our Gathering and Thanking all for there attendange The Sec says we shall get between £40 and £50 from Concert and The Tram Way Comp also add to fund another £25 so there will be a nice bit to hand over and help the Family

Friday Nov 8 – 1901

After an Hour or so working about home I went in to the School of Mines – here I put in the morning up to half past one oclock I had dinner in Town and attended to a number of small engagements. I called at George Butteryes and I bought from him a large number of Books

The Fournightly Review and others about 40 or more I went home about five o'clock and I did not go out at night but did a little reading.

Saturday Nov 9 – 1901

This is the Kings Birthday but the Holiday is to be Observed on the Monday I was up early and in to the Railway station and caught the 20 to Seven Train for Mount Gambia where I go with Harry Adams to attend the Railway Picnic and Social at The Mount I was a very warm Day and as it wore on it got fearful The Heat going through the Desert was almost unbearable we arrived at the Mount at half past seven were driven by our old Friend M^cBride to M^{rs} Keesellbacks where we were put up and received a very Cordial welcome from the Hostess We felt a lot better after a good Wash and Change and Tea. We then strolled down the Town and it is very Lively here on the Saturday night we Called on our Old Friend Foot and also the Sadler of The Town and were then taken by M^cBride to The Haunt of the Democrats the Boot Maker who by the bye is Brother in Law to Bill Sturrey here we put in over an Hour with the Boys and then home where a Cup of Tea and Supper was ready for us and to bed about mid night –

Sunday Nov 10

We were up soon after Eight O'clock and while at our breakfast in came our Friend Foster the Commissioner of Public Works who has last night returned from Millicent Bill Dinney Member for West Adelaide was with him and we all went for a long walk all around the outskirts of the Town The Place looked lovely and green all around a regular Picture. we got home to Dinner and as we have to go for a drive this afternoon we waited in for M^r M^cLennon the President of The Railway association he with a Trap for us we had just started when the Rain came down in Great Form but we had plenty of Wraps and Umbrellas so we did not get wet Shower passed over and from then until we got home it was a lovely day We had a splendid drive around by the Great Blue Lake past Lindsey Gordons Monument out around the O.B.Flats and in fact almost made a Circle of the Town we visited the Paddocks at Moorack where the Picnic is to be held around by the Race Course and home we drove over 25 miles during the afternoon a real good drive after Tea we went to Church Adams to the Church with M^cLennon and I went to the Scotch Church with M^{rs} Keselback At night when we returned we were introduced to several young Ladies at the House and had a Cup of Tea after which I wrote a couple of Letters one home to Maggie and one to Tom Price telling them when I would be home Harry and I went and posted them and had a stroll before turning in for the night –

Monday Nov 11 – 1901

This is the Holiday and all is bustle and excitement in the Town we went up to the Railway station at 9–30 and after we had been successfully Photographed with the Officers at the side of the Special Train we took our Seats and there was about 500 on board of the Train The distance to the grounds was about four miles through some lovely Country The Spot selected for the gathering was all that could be desired and with a lovely day a beautiful spot a large gathering and good Programme a very pleasant day was spent I had a great time with the Children as I had charge of the Races for the Boys and girls some great fun I also during the Day ran in the Cigar and Umbrella Race and Won Second Prize I took part in other events on programme we had all together a real good day up to quarter to six The Train returned to the Mount at night There was a Ball at the Institute and we had a very Jolly time Adams and I had to address the gathering during the evening we Left for home about three o'clock to Bed we leave early in morning –

[The following 3 pages of the diary are entirely occupied with newspaper cuttings which Coneybeer has pasted in. He has headed the first page "For Reports of Sports"

The Border Watch,
PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1901
THE KING'S BIRTHDAY

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' PICNIC.

A picnic and sports gathering in connection with the Mount Gambier branch of the South Australian Railway Employees' Association was held in one of the Moorak paddocks on Monday, the King's Birthday. This was the first outing of the kind arranged by the local branch, and if happy faces, merry peals of laughter, and spirited holiday frolic are any outward criterion of pleasure, then the fixture should become permanent. A better day for outdoor pleasure could not have been arranged. The thunderstorm which broke on Sunday cleared away the oppressiveness felt on the day previous, and the genial sun, aided by a light refreshing southerly breeze, soon dried up what little rain had fallen. The picnic ground, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. T.L.Browne, was situated some four miles down the Millicent line on the town side of the rabbit factory, and was in a paddock popularly known as the "parrot paddock." The parrots were absent, however, on Monday, and their discordant screeches were replaced by the laughter of happy children. Facilities for picnickers to reach the ground were provided by an excursion train which was timed to leave the Mount at 9.30 in the morning. Long before this time, however, people streamed into the station and when the train did start at a quarter to ten every available inch of standing room in the five carriages and ten canvas hooded trucks which composed the train, was occupied. In all 450 people bought excursion tickets. The overflow from the carriages sought refuge on the steps. On arriving at the ground a start was at once made with a long and varied programme. The ground was amply provided with every convenience. The large trees which studded the paddock provided excellent shade, while their massive boughs supported the weight of numerous swings which gave delight both to the children and to some of maturer years. In addition to this the swinging boats belonging to the merry-go-round were hired for the day, and these together with foot races and other games kept the youngsters well employed. For the older ones an excellent programme of races was provided, while those who did not feel inclined for such violent exercise had recourse to games requiring less exertion. The town band, twenty strong, under bandmaster Cornish, was on the ground, and, a favorite amusement both with young and old was dancing. The band played eleven selections during the day. A number of people brought their own lunch, but those who did not could satisfy nature's wants by a visit to a large marquee which Mr.Kieselbach had erected on the ground. In point of attendance we believe the number exceeded the expectations of the promoters. In addition to the 450 who went by train in the morning fully 150 more came out by trap and bicycle in the afternoon, thus swelling the total to 600. Among the visitors were Mr.F.W.Coneybeer, M.P. (President of the South Australian Railways and Tramways Employees' Association), Hon.H. Adams, M.L.C. (general secretary), Messrs. J.T.Morris and J.Livingston, M's.P., and the Mayor (Mr. J. Watson). The visitors, and Mr.Coneybeer in particular, took an active interest in the sports, and the latter gentleman's name will be seen among the prize winners, thus attesting that cares of state do not prevent members from indulging in a little wholesome recreation.

The different events on the programme went off in fairly quick succession, and all but one were run before the time for returning home arrived. The credit of this rests with the sports committee, and all praise is due to it for its competent management. The Secretary, Mr W.Graham, is especially to be complimented on his zeal and tact. The gentlemen associated with him were: – Judges – Messrs. A.Bertram, H.B.Wickham, and R.Maclennan; handicappers – Messrs.A.Clark, E.Kuhl, and W.Derby; starter, Mr. J.Jordan; and master of track, Mr W.Derby. The first event, the Maidens, of 100 yards, was closely contested, and

resulted in a win for C.R.Millhouse by about a hairs-breadth. Another good item was the Married Ladies' Race. Eight entered and Mrs.A.Reed, who won, was a good four yards ahead of the second lady at the finish. Interest in the Railway Employes' Handicap was lessened by the fact that there were only three entries. The race was keenly contested, however. Miss Pedlar, who won the Single Ladies' Race, ran with fine dash. The Old Buffers Race was won by R.Millhouse, with E.Morris second, and J.R.Millhouse third. The All-comers Handicap, around which the greatest interest centred, ended in a farce. The heats and the semi-final were keenly contested and some exciting finished resulted. The final, however, showed evident signs of pre-arrangement, for the runners contentedly jogged along until within a short distance of the winning post, when the farce was kept up by a splendid dash for the first place. Undermentioned are the results of the catalogued races, but in addition to these a number of children's races were run off by Messrs. J.Livingston, F.W.Coneybeer, H.Adams, A.H.MacBride, and C.Marsh:—

MAIDENS, 100 yards – First prize 15s, second 7s 6d, third 2s 6d. – C.R.Millhouse 1, L.J.Millhouse 2, W.Watson 3. Ten started.

[*This ends the first page of newspaper cuttings. Pencilled in the top left corner of the second page is "2nd in Umbrella Race"]*

BOYS' RACE (under 12 years) 75 yards.— First prize 5s, second 2s 6d, third 1s. – J.Keegan 1, L Corcoran 2, W.Gascoyne 3.

GIRLS' RACE (under 12 years), 50 yards.— First prize 3s, second 2s.— Elley Carthy 1, Myrtle Bradfield 2.

MARRIED LADIES' RACE, 50 yards.— First prize 8s 6d, second 7s 6d, third 2s.— Mrs.Reed 1, Mrs. Fowler 2, Mrs Jeffery 3. Eight started.

RAILWAY EMPLOYES' RACE, 130 yards.— First prize £1 2s 6d, second 12s 6d, third 7s 6d. – E.T.Forster (7 yds)1, M.E.Palmer (5 yds) 2, J.Jordan (8 yds) 3. Three started.

SINGLE LADIES' RACE, 75 yards.— First prize 10s 6d, second 7s 6d, third 3s – Miss Pedlar 1, Miss E.Knightley 2, Miss Chirnside 3. Ten started.

BOYS' RACE (under 16 years), 100 yards.— First prize 7s 6d, second 5s.— E Tyler 1, J.Hannagan 2, T.Keegan 3 – Fourteen started.

ALL-COMERS' HANDICAP, 135 yards.— First prize £2 2s, second £1 1s, third 12s 6d, fourth 7s 6d. – First round – First heat – L.J.Millhouse (5 yds) 1, M.Tyler (13 yds) 2. J.Martienson (22 yds) also started. Second heat – G. King (9 yds) 1, R. Marriott (16 yds) 2. M.E.Palmer (12 yds) was the other competitor. Third heat – C Byass (14 yds) 1, W.Watson (7 yds) 2. C.R.Millhouse (10 yds) and A.C. MacArthur (13 yds) also competed. Fourth heat –

L.W.Allchin (12 yds) 1 E.T.Forster (14 yds) 2. Second round – First heat – W.Watson 1, G. King 2. L.W.Allchin and R. Marriott also started. Second heat – C.Byass 1, L.J.Millhouse 2. E.T.Forster and M. Tyler also competed. Final – C. Byass (14 yds) 1, L.J.Millhouse (5 yds) 2, W.Watson (7 yds) 3, G King (9 yds) 4. Time, 17 sec.

GIRLS' RACE (under 16 years), 75 yards – First prize 15s, second 6s 6d– Lily Little 1, Elsie Smith 2. Ten started.

OLD BUFFERS' RACE (over 45 years), 75 yards – First prize 10s 6d., second 8s 6d., third 5s – R.Millhouse (4 yds) 1, E Morris (scr.) 2, J.R.Millhouse (scr.) 3 Six entries

SACK RACE, 75 yards – First prize 12s 6d., second 8s 6d. – T.Keegan 1, E.T.Forster 2. Nine started

THREE LEGGED RACE, 75 yards – First prize 10s., second 6s. – Forster and Staffod 1, Crocker and Millhouse 2. Seven started.

PUTTING ON THE DONKEY'S TAIL – Prize 10s 6d., J. Knight

CIGAR AND UMBRELLA RACE – First prize 10s 6d., second 7s. 6d. J Crocker 1, F.W.Coneybeer 2

PICK-A-BACK RACE, 50 yards and back; change riders – First prize 10s., second 5s. – Millhouse and Crocker 1, A.Hay and G. King 2. Five started.

SINGLE LADIES' RACE, 75 yards – Miss Pedlar 1, Miss E. Smith 2. Eight started.

A dance was held in the Institute Hall in the evening. About forty couples were present, and dancing was kept up until the wee sma' hours. Mr. C.Brammer was M.C., and the music was supplied by members of the Town Band. Mr. Kieselbach catered.

The South-Eastern Star
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1901

THE RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' PIC-NIC

This is the first occasion on which the Mount Gambier branch of the South Australian Railway Employees' Association, have held a pic-nic, and it is gratifying to announce that the undertaking yesterday proved an unqualified success. A special train was chartered to convey patrons to the scene, a paddock kindly lent Mr. T.L.Browne, three miles down the Beachport line. Long before the appointed time of starting the train, people could be seen wending their way in the direction of the station, and when the guard, Mr. R.McLennan, who by the way is the President of the local branch, started the train, there must have been about 500 people in the five carriages and 10 trucks attached to the engine. The ride down was a most enjoyable one and the children, who were present in large numbers, only regretted that the distance was not longer. The journey was not without its incidents either, as some hats were lost at different points of the route. It was rather regrettable that the Association had not also arranged for another train at noon as well as in the morning. On arrival at the ground, which is an ideal picnic retreat, it was observed that every convenience had been made for visitors. For the children, swings were erected under shaded trees. Then there were swinging boats and juvenile games, and in addition the youngsters were not forgotten on the programme for the day. Races were provided for all, and every junior child on the ground received some souvenir of the day which will, of course, live in their memories for some considerable time to come. The town band was present, and to the strains of popular airs, dancing was indulged in even by sedate couples. In fact, some who might be regarded as in the "sear and yellow leaf" became young again, and "tripped it lightly" for the nonce. About 1,000 people were present, including Mr. F.W.Coneybeer, M.P. (President of the South Australian Railway Employees' Association), Hon.H.Adams, M.L.C. (hon. secretary), and Messrs. J.T.Morris and J.Livington, M's.P. The visiting gentlemen entered very heartily into the spirit of the day, and we have no doubt that on the next occasion their presence will again be very much desired. The catering was entrusted to Mr.A.Kieselbach, and, needless to add, as usual he gave every satisfaction.

[*This ends the second page of newspaper cuttings*]

A long list of twenty three events was decided during the day, and some excellent sport was witnessed, many of the races being closely contested. This cannot be said, however, of the final in the All Comers' Handicap, which took the form of a procession, and gave the spectators the impression that it was won in the dressing room. Mr.W.Graham, the hon. secretary to the local branch, and those officers associated with him, deserve to be highly complimented on the success of the day. Messrs.A.Bertram, H.B.Wickam, and R.McLennan acted as judges, Messrs. A.Clark, E.Kuhl and W.Derby as handicappers, Mr.J.Jordan as starter, and Mr.W.Derby master of the track. The following are the results:—

MAIDENS, 100 yards. — First prize 15s., second 7s.6d., third 2s 6d. — C.R.Millhouse 1, L.J.Millhouse 2, W.Watson 3. Ten started. Won easily.

BOYS' RACE (under 12 years), 75 yards.— First prize 5s., second 2s 6d. — J.Keegan 1 L. Corcoran 2, W.Gascoyne 3.

GIRLS' RACE (under 12 years), 50 yards — First prize 3s, second 2s. — Elley Carthy 1, Myrtle Bradfield 2.

MARRIED LADIES' RACE, 50 yards. — First prize 8s 6d, second 7s 6d, third 2s. — Mrs Reed 1, Mrs.Fowler 2, Mrs.Jeffrey 3. Eight started. Won easily.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' RACE, 130 yards. – First prize £1 2s 6d, second 12s 6d, third 7s 6d – E.T.Foster (7 yds) M.E Palmer (5 yds) 2, J.Jordan (8 yds) 3. No others started. Foster won easily.

SINGLE LADIES' RACE, 75 yards – First prize 10s 6d, second 7s 6d, third 3s – Miss Pedler 1, Miss E.Knightly 2, Miss Chirnside 3. Ten started. Won by a yard.

BOYS' RACE (under 16 years), 100 yards – First prize 7s 6d, second 5s. – E.Tyler 1, J. Hannagan 2, T.Keegan 3. Fourteen started.

ALL-COMERS' HANDICAP, 135 yards. – First prize £2 2s, second £1 1s, third 12s 6d, fourth 7s 6d. – First round – First heat – L.J.Millhouse (5 yds) 1, M.Tyler (13 yds) 2. J. Martiensen (12 yds) also started. Millhouse won by about a yard. Second heat – G.King (9 yds) 1, R.Marriott (16 yds) 2. M.E.Palmer (12 yds) was the other competitor. Won easily, Marriott defeating Palmer by half yard for second place. Third heat – C.Byass (14 yds) 1, W.Watson (7 yds) 2. C.R.Millhouse (10 yds) and A.C.McArthur (13 yds) also ran. Byass won by a yard after a well contested race. Fourth heat – L.W.Allchin (12 yds) 1, E.T.Foster (14 yds) 2. Second round – First heat – W.Watson 1, G.King 2. L.W.Allchin and R.Marriott also started. Watson won by half a yard. Second heat – C.Byass 1, L.J.Millhouse 2. E.T.Foster and M.Tyler also competed, the latter being "shot" on the mark. Byass won comfortably.

Final – C.Byass (14 yds) 1, L.J.Millhouse (5 dys) 2, W.Watson 7 yds) 3, G.King (9 yds) 4

This event was a farce; the competitors did not appear to extend themselves till within twenty yards of the winning post. Byass won easily. Time, 17 sec.

GIRLS' RACE (under 16 years), 75 yards – First prize 10s, second 5s. – L Little 1, Elsie Smith 2. Ten started Won by three yards

OLD BUFFERS' RACE (over 45 years), 75 yards – First prize 10s 6d, second 8s 6d, third 5s.– R.Millhouse (4 yds) 1, E.Morris (scr.) 2, J.Millhouse (scr.) 3. Six started This was a splendid race, Millhouse defeating Morris by a few inches on the tape.

THREE LEGGED RACE, 75 yards – First prize 10s, second 6s – Foster and Stafford 1, Crocker and Millhouse 2. Seven started.

PUTTING ON THE DONKEY'S TAIL – First prize 10s 6d. – This event created considerable amusement, and was won by a lad named Knight.

SACK RACE, 75 yards. – First prize 12s 6d, second 8s 6d. – T.Keegan 1, E.T.Foster 2 Nine started

CIGAR AND UMBRELLA RACE – First prize 10s 6d, second 7s 6d. – J.Crocker 1, F.W.Coneybeer 2.

PICK-A-BACK RACE, 50 yards and back; change riders – First prize 10s, second 5s – Millhouse and Crocker 1, Hay and G.King 2. Five started. Won easily

SINGLE LADIES' RACE, 75 yards – Miss Pedler 1, Miss Smith 2. Eight started.

THE DANCE

The dance in the Institute Hall last night was well patronised and dancing was kept up spiritedly till an early hour this morning.

[*So ends the last newspaper cutting*]

Tuesday Nov. 12 – 1901

We were Called early this morning and a nice breakefast was read for us in spite of the fact that it was between five and six oclock and then away to the Station in time to Catch the Train soon after Six for Adelaide. we had Ted Murch in with us and he made things Lively as he always will do if he is about but it was a long Tiresome drive from the Mount to Adelaide over 300 miles and a great ammount of that on the narrow gague Line we

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a good dinner at Woolsly and we filled in the time reading playing Cards and so on Jack Livingston The Member for the District Came down with us the day we arrived in town a little before Eight Oclock and I went straight to the House and took my place we had a Late Sitting and I remained untill the House Rose soon after Eleven Oclock we had heavey rain at Woolsley this mornig and along the Line

Wed Nov 13 – 1901

I did not feel very inclined to rise this morning for I was very tired after my long trip so I lay it out this morning as I knew we should sit untill very late to night I did not rise untill after Mid Day and then Lunch and away to Town we were on the Constitution Bill the best Part of the Day and I do not know what will be the end of it for no one seems to want the new arraignments but the Papers are working it up for all its worth we sat untill after Eleven Oclock caught last car

Thursday Nov 14 – 1901

I was home all the morning and away to my work at the House by the 1–30 Car and we had a day on the Constitution Bill they did not intend to sit tonight but one of them Talked over time and we had to Come back so they sat right on I went up and sang at the Concert at the Saint Ignatious Concert from here I went back to the House we sat on untill after Eleven I went to the Labor Partey meeting for a little while to night Let them know the

[*The following pencilled in top left corner of page*] Decided – support Hair Spence Voting

we were all away. We had a great Discussion on the Hair Spence Voting and that it should be incorporated in the Bill now before us we had a great talk on it and I decided to support the Motion for it to be in the Bill my reason is that though I have gone against it in he past I have not the same objection to it with the Larger Districts so that as they have made the Large Districts under the new Bill I will support That System of Voting under it but at last when it was put though they thought it was going to be carried it was lost by [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] several votes M^{rs} Jenny Young was in the Gallory

Friday Nov 15 – 1901

I visited the East Adelaide School this morning and met the Inspector M^r Magun and was shown over the School and had a talk about what was wanted and the increased accomidation I am trying to get for this School In the afternoon I went to Norwood and saw M^r H Buttery Re the Elections I went to several places along the Parade and had a talk on the Coming Municipal Elections saw the Saddler Re his Child He wishes to be exempt from Vaccinating his Child and I promised to get him the papers. I did a lot of watering to the garden to night did not go out after Tea

Sat Nov 16 – 1901

It was a first rate day for working in my garden and I attended to the Frute Trees and I put in a very good Days work made the yard and garden nice and Clean. at night I had a bit of Fun with the Boys for when I start with them I have to tell them innumerable Stories I went to Bed Early to night

Sunday Nov 17 – 1901

We had some Rain last night I was up before Eight O'clock this morning Fred was up before me & he Lit the Fire and I Fed the Live Stock and had a Look around the garden about Eleven O'clock the Rain Came down again rather heavy Miss Wiper was here in the afternoon and stopped to Tea with us Maggie and the Children went home with them it Turned out a lovely afternoon after the Rain I was reading and writing at night until bed Time

Monday Nov 18 – 1901

I was up with the Lark this morning soon after six o'clock and at work in the garden. About Ten O'clock I went in to the School of Mines and put in a good morning with my Books as I go here in the Day time now I had my Lunch in the Town after which attended meeting of the Labor Party until 4–30 Then Home after Tea into meeting of the Railway association Presided. and That over to a meeting of my Dredges until nearly Eleven. Home with Chappey

Tuesday Nov 19 – 1901

Up and about Early this morning and attended to the Live Stock and ~~the~~ milked the Cow. at the House at two o'clock we sat right on all the Afternoon and evening up to Eleven O'clock we had a long talk and took the Division on the Angerston Railway Bill I spoke in favour of the Bill I have supported it but we were beaten by Seven Votes when it came to the Count it was a big surprise to the Government but this is a helpless Government if there is any strong opposition –

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down they go thump they have no fight in them Poor Coombs was fearfully Slipped up he thought he had about enough to win it but some of those who had promised to vote for him turned Rat and left him he will find the word of one or more in that house is not to be depended on Tucker for instance Pledged himself to vote for it and when it came to the Test he voted against it. and others the same after The Vote was taken Old Pache was running around like a big School Boy how he beat the Angiston Bill but Poor Old Pache it was not his influence but the Speaker Coles That's the man who don all the engineering against it and he did it successfully he is very strong against the Bill

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Wed Nov 20 – 1901

Up at Six O'clock this morning and as usual working around home until Lunch time At the House we had a good Debate on the Pinneroo Railway Bill and as I had been one of the Party that went there I had something to say in support of the Bill and I think it will be Carried in Our House and I think in the Council also – The feeling is strongly in favour of it by a large number in the House –

Thursday Nov 21 – 1901

Out about Seven O'clock in the garden Watering and there all the Morning The Things Take a fearful Lot of Water this weather I Rode into the House at two o'clock we are on the Crown Lands Bill to Day I spoke upon it I Rode home to Tea to night and then back again to the House and we sat until about Eleven O'clock when I was Leaving I met Simonds and a number of the Blockers and with them Talking right of Purchas until very late

Friday Nov 22 – 1901

I made up my mind to have a good days work in the yard and garden and set to on the Frunt garden and Watered the Lawns and I put nearly 200 Gallons on them which They seem to Drink it up. I put some Shealds around the Palms which I am glad to say are now growing first rate I made the frunt garden look first rate and then went on Watering the vegetables in the Big garden I worked up to Dark and at night I did not moove out but had a quiet night home reading & Writing

[*The following pencilled in top left corner of page*] Rev J.G Wright brought Ollie Prize for collecting most on her card

The municiple elections are now in full swing and we have the Canvassers around in all directions The Snow Tram Line is question is the Big question now and I think The Snow Crowd will get a bad nock back I do hope so. We had a visit to day from the Rev J.G.Wright he Brought a very nice Book a Prize won by Ollie at the Sunday School for Collecting the Largest amount on her Card

Saturday Nov 23 – 1901

The Day a fearful Hot one and I set to work at a hot job Laying Tar I did The Foot Paths each side of the house and did The Wash House right out and out I worked away at it up to nearly two oclock and Then Cleaned and out to Payneham where I took my place as Referee in the Big League Road Race. which won by .F.Dodd .A.J.Bassett second E.A.Drefke third good racing after a Chat with the Boys Hutchey came home with me and had a look over the garden at night I did not go out but had a quiet day-night at home Houses fearful Hot

Sunday Nov 24 – 1901

I was out early this morning and had a Shower Bath The Day from the Start was a Hot one & as it went on it became fearful The heat was I think the greatest we have had this year After Dinner I Rode my Byke out to Payneham and Took part in Church Parade of Frennd Societys for 4-Mass Cheer for the Poor we march about 2 miles in fearful Heat and then to Church very god number present considering the Day. at night I did not go out again but had a nights reading and Talk with the Boys by telling them Stories Jack the Been Stalk is there favourite .

Monday Nov 25 – 1901

Up soon after Seven oclock and I worked about home all day I did the vines on the Summerhouse and and then started the Trellace from side gate for Grape Vines and made very good progress with same. I did not go out all Day but went on all Day with my work in the garden – At night I went in to Trades Hall and and Presided at an Execitive meeting of the Railway Association we went through the new Rules and I let Lundey and others after meeting and did not get home untill late –

Tuesday Nov 26 – 1901

I was out and milked the Cow and started in the garden before breakefast. The morning a nice Cool morning after the Fearful Hot Days of Sat and Sunday I finished The Trellace and and did some watering in the Big Garden Day started Cleaning the Frunt Verander ready to Paint it. Alfs Wife up to our place to Day After Lunch I went into the House Long Debate on informal motion by M^r Homburge Re Farmers in Light This over went on Pinneroo Railway. Home to Tea at night sat untill rather Late.

Wed Nov 27 – 1901

It was a warm Day to day from the Start we have had some very warm Day lately I went to work in the Garden and put up some Trellace work during the Day for the grape vines at the Back. I worked away up to Lunch time and then rode my Byke in to the House – It is Private members day to day and we had Dick Woods on his Compensation case for the Widdow of the Late Patrick Mead I spok in favour of it a division was taken and Government was beaten Dick Carried his Case and was very pleased you could tell by his Smile Jinks was very Cross. at Four Oclock we were to go on to Hutcheys minim Wage Bill but the Snow Tram Crowd mooved that it be further adjourned and on a division they beat us by a cuple of votes so it was mooved on to next week and Then we went on with the Snow Tram way steal Hutchey had to Continue his Speech on it and it was rather hard lines for about Ten minuets before he had been served with Notice of Lible Action by Tucker M.P. who sews him for £1000 Damages. if it were not for the inconvenience to Jim Hutchey it would be a huge Joke Just fancy an Action for Damging Tuckers Carrictor but it did not make a bit of diffrence to Hutchey for he went on for another Hour and quater and made a Slashing Speech Dixon followed him and he spoke up to half past Six and had not finished when we rose for Tea I rode home to Tea and back again resuming at 7–30 we went on with the Outer Harbour Bill at Eleven Oclock when we were just going to finish off for the night when it came to fixing the notice Papers Von asked for a Gov Day for his Bill & the Gov said they would give him Friday Week This was a regular fixed up job with Von and the Goverment but it was a Bomb Shell to the House and you bet we went for the Gov Hot and Strong and gave them a very bad Time The Gov then said other members could put there motions down for the same day but what a chance they will have with the Snow Bill N^o one I told the Gov very plain what I thought of it and the Talk on thr Job as it was Called went on untill between twelve and one oclock and at last we got away It was very late when I got home.

Thursday Nov 28 – 1901

I left for Town early as I had to join the St Peters School Board at 10–15 to go with them on the Annuel round Inspection of the Schools. I went first and had my Hair Cut and then down to Parliament House got my letters rang up Jim Baker and then away I met the Party at the Bank of N.S.W King W^m. Street and found that they were taking Wives with them this year and they had a very nice Covered in Dray and also each Lady brought a nice Hamper so I can guess we are going to have a real good time Leaving Town we drove first out to the Payneham School & were met by the Master he Took us around and we then went inside and the Chairman M^r Rodgers gave out the Certifacates to the Successful Winners and I was then called on to Address the Children and I had a Lively ten minuets From the Payneham School we drove on to Campbelltown School and went over the yards and saw what wanted to be done inside the School The Children gave us some Singing and Then The Chairman M^r P.Addison and addressed the Children This is my first visit to this School but I have done a good bit of work for it in the past. I got the additional rooms put on to it some years back Leaving this School we drove up to Athelstone School but as it was now Lunch Time one oclock we drove down the road and secured a nice Shadey Spot in the valley close bye & here we had Lunch. it was a splended Spot for Lunch ground for the Day is fearful hot – after we had done justice to the good things provided by the Ladies we visited the School All the Boys and Girls were around The Flag pole and as the Band played God Save The King The Flag was waved out from the Top of the Staff and we all joined in the Singing This over we went inside where we saw the Children and Addressed them some were engaged at Brush Making some Cleaning and Polishing Large Horns and other Work The Display of Work was very good and included all sorts of work M^r Martain gave us an Exhibition by means of the Lantren how he illustrated his History and Geography Lessons We now Started for Monticute and we had a lovely drive up through the Hills The School is situated on a Hill in a very pritty spot The Children we in there places all ready waiting for us and after the

Children had Sang Several Songs in \a/ very nice manner The Chairman Addressed them and M^r Coster and I were also Called upon to do Speak to the Children This over the Little ones were given a Holiday we were shown the Work of the Little ones Wood Carving and Fret work very good The School This Year came out with the splended avrage of 91 After we had Looked over the Exelent Work done we were asked to take Seats and a Bountiful supplye of Strawberys and Cherrys Tea and Cake and we were all quite equal to the nice Fresh Strawberrys & and then M^r Rodgers Called on me to Sing we had a few Songs and all together my Trip to Monticute was made a very jolley one and one I shall long remember but we had to at last had to say good bye and again on the Dray we started on our homeward Trip the Run down the Lovely Hills in the Cool was very plesent indeed and the time was passed Singing and so on we at Last reached the Adelaide Railway Station at ten past six so I was landed close to my Work and after the good byes all around I at once went in to the House and they were still debating the Outer Harbour and at 6-30. we adjourned for Tea I went up Town and had a Cup of Tea at Mankeys and Back to the House about Eight Oclock Jim Hutchey and I went out to Payneham and attended the Supprise Partey by the Norwood Byke Club to our Old Friend

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Host Burrage and there was a very good muster and a first rate spread we sat down to Supper about nine oclock and the our President M^r Threfall Preposed The Health of M^r and M^{rs} Burrage and Told them what we had come for to give them a supprise and to aske M^r Burrage to accept a gold medal and M^{rs} Burrage a very nice gold Norwood Broch The Old Man was quite taken back when he herd what we had come for – I was Called on to support The Last and after I had finished Jim Hutchenson and Bill Dale the Captain also \spoke/

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After which the Old Gentelman Responded Miss Hancock had Charge of the Programmie and that was sufficient to to say it would be Tip Top Jim Hutchy and I left early as we had to get back to Parliament House we arrived at the House about Ten oclock They were on the Crown Lands Bill we rose about Eleven or soon after and we were told by The Premier to come next week prepared to sit very late so as to get through the Buisness so I suppose we shall now have a few all night sittings Hutchy and I rode home together

Friday Nov 29 – 1901

Rather Tired this morning and I did not turn out very early The morning rather warm but it looks like a Change Coming I went over and had a look over the Building they are at present putting up on the Block in front of our place and a fine big one it will be as it's a £1000 House they tell me I started to work in the garden but about four oclock the Change came down which was a refresher for the garden and filled the Tank. I did not go out at night M^r Furguson came up and I had a long talk with him

Sat Nov 30 – 1901

I put in the Day at home working about did a good amount of diging and attending to the Trees. and then started on the yard I cleaned it from end to end. fixed up the Grape Vines down at end of Trellace Cleaned up the Fowl yard. Brother Alf and his Wife up to sea us for a little time this afternoon M^r Buttery's Son Came in to tell me his Father would like me to go over on Monday Election day Maggie went in to the Docters to night She is very queer again she got some medicen –

Sunday Dec – 1st – 1901

The First of the Last month of 1901 I milked the Cow and then put in a cupple of Hours putting the Water on the Things in the yard It is a lovely day After dinner the Boys and Ollie went to Sunday School and I sat down and did some Writing and a little reading. We shall have a Lively Day tomorrow with the Municiple Elections. The Snow Tramway Steal Crowd are hard at work to beat us with our men –

[*The following pencilled in top left corner of page*] Frank Haurigan Dead

Monday Dec 2 – 1901

I had a fearful Shock this morning when Maggie brought the Paper in to me and told me M^r Frank Haurigain was Dead Poor Frank I had not the slightest Idea he was Ill in fact on Wednesday Last he was taking to me at the House as well as possible and I have not seen him since then so It came as a fearful supprise to me. # He was taken Ill at Parliament House on Thursday and was removed to his own House wher he gradually got worse and Died on Sunday it was fearful sudden no mistake and came as a great supprise to all. I do not know the full paticulers yet more than what the paper states I got ready and went into Town I went first to the House and saw some of our Boys Tom Price was down to Franks place on Saturday and saw him as he was informed that he was bad and Sunday morning the Poor Man Died He Broke a Blood Vessel in the Inside

~~Monday~~ \Tuesday/ Dec 3 – 1901

I went into Town and down to the House and saw the Boys – When the House met the Premier at once mooved the House adjourne untill tomorrow and made a very nice and affective Spee Reffrence to our Late Friend Frank Haurigain he was followed by Homburge the Leader of the Oppersition Then Tom Price and then his Colligeu Tom Brooker After which the House rose. The Gov had Provided a Large number of Traps and all were ready outside the House for us all away. To The Funeral and there was a great number Present I was Selected one of the Bearers and Six of us Carried The Coffin to the Hurse and then walked at the side to the Grave Yard where we then carried him to his Las resting place Poor Old Frank is seens fearful that so little time back he was with us well and strong and now to be gone for ever. There was a great Crowd around the grave to pay there Last respects to him. I went back to the House and had a was and brush up and then home to Tea –

Wed – Dec – 4 – 1901

I was about home for a time in the morning and then into Town and after Lunch to the House we sat on all the Afternoon and at night. Poor old man Sherk is still very bad and The Docters do not seen to know what is the matter with him –

Thursday Dec – 5 – 1901

I did not go to Town in the morning but had Lunch at home. In the afternoon we had a Long Debate on the Pinnaroo Railway Bill and I had a tilt at some of the Farmers who were apposing the Bill because the wanted the Gov to buy up some Big estates – but we Carried the Bill ~~or the Second reading~~ by a big majority 29 to 12 we then Passed the Outer Harbour The Bill read a Third Time and Passed and the night was filled in on the Crown Lands Bill untill after Eleven and then we were allowed to go home

Friday Dec 6 – 1901

And now comes the Day of the Big fight on the Tram Way Steal known as the Snow Tram Way Grab. and our Weak kneed Government who profess to the People that they are apposing the Bill and now doing all they can to let them pass it by giving them a special day so that they can force it on by all night sittings untill they cary it The Time was filled in on other motions up to four oclock and then we came on to The Bill Dixon finished his Long Talk in favour of the Bill Dinney followed & Then the Chief Sec followed and The Peak Carried the Talk up to 6–30 when we adjorned for Tea and Peak again took up the Debate against the bill untill nearly nine oclock

Our Leader Tom Price then Started on his three Hours speech and he put in some real good matter he made it interesting for the time when he had been going about an Hour and Half Carpenter and I who saw that there were very few of there people in in fact all The Leading lights of the Bill were out they had made up there mind to ware us down and all the supporters of the Bill had decided not to speak they were out in the Smoking rooms & others away asleep and so we told Tom to aske Leave to Continue his remarks The Speaker got up and put it to the House and there was no one objected so he declared it carried and had asked for the Date of further adjournement when Dixon who was sitting in the Gallery with his Wife rushed down into the House and Cried out No No I Object and then there was a ively seene no mistake The question had been Carried for the Adjournement and the Speaker deliberately gave way and said Price must Proceed Carpenter Ten on a point of order asked as Leafe had not been granted before aney Objection was lodged the speaker said there was an Objection and M^r Price Must Proceed But he would not say there was any Objection untill after Leave had been granted and so by his taking there side he saved there Bill and now there was a great Comotion Von Came rushing in as White as a Sheet and Tucker Kea^ho [?] and all the Hangers on they had a fearful fright after all there work to be so near loosing the Hole Thing Poor Von he received such a Shock he did not get over it for the remainder of the night – but it made them Wake up and thy had some one in the Chamber all the time after that watching it Tom went on for about another Hour and finished a real good Speech with an appeal to the members against the Bill. Caldwell Then jumped up and mooved that the House do now devide Carpenter then on a point of order Asked the Chairman if it had been seconded but he sprung the supprise a little to soon and Coles who was in a great State told the House all the years he has been there he had never Heard it Seconded and he went on that understanding Darling Seconded the motion Carpenter Asked the Speaker Considering the The question had been put and Lost and a division Called for was it not to Late to Second the motion now but Coles saw he had made a mistake and was going to sea it through said but it is seconded ~~now so the Division~~ but as there is has been a mistake the Best way is to put it again and he did in spite of Carpenters Objection it was declared Lost

Caldwell Called for a division and we beat them and the Debate went on Caldwell mad a short speech which is a rare thing him but he is not alowed to speak on this by his Party so he sat down quick and Carpenter then took up the Debate he went on for a good time and I followed him I spoke for about an Hour and Half and had a lively time with some of them I tried to draw them to interject but no they would not come out at all it was about four oclock in the morning when I finished speaking – Coombs then followed on Then Archabald after him McGilvery Casteen followed Old Hague said about Six lines and colapsed – Roberts Then ran it on untill between Six and Seven when he had finished and then Miller Called for a divisn That the House do now devide Russell asked if one who had allready Spoken Could Second the Motion and then Darling who had not spoken seconded again it was put and Carried that the House do now devide – There was great running around in all directions fetching the Sleeping members from the Passage and Rooms who were there to vote for the Bill but had

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[*The following in red in top left corner of page*] The House still sitting on Tram – Steal –

not the Pluck to Speak The Sun was now up and the Light of another Day was streaming through the Windows and found us still sitting on fighting ever inch this Big Robbery of the Peoples rights – The Division now Called for ment putting the Bill the Second reading to the House and if we are beaten on that it is all over. It was put to the voices and The Speaker declared it Lost Von Doussa called for a Division and The excitement while the Bell were ringing ran very High we could not get a pair for one of our Foster a member of the Government who were all apposing the Bill went away and would not leave a pair so that ment anoth vote for them The Whip of the Government who were apposing the Bill went over and voted for the Bill and with all that underhand work and deliberet Rattng we had 15 to there 22 and so the Second reading was carried by 22 – to 15 or a majority of 7 votes. The Second reading being Carried Price then proceeded with his motion that it be refereed to a Select Committee This was a notice of motion Contingent on the second reading being Carried and Tom was speaking on this when The Premier mooved that the Sitting be suspended untill nine oclock to alow members to get breakefast and so off we went I took a strole down Town and had my Breakefast and at nine oclock we went on again I spoke for some time in support of Toms motion and we had quite a Lively seene between Dick Woods and Dixon Re the matter of Snow Crowd having paid for the Printing of some of Dixons Election Speeches some rather funney things came out in this Wordey War. but we were at Last beaten in the motion for the Committee a number of us then had somethg to say on the motion to go into Committee and at Last we went into Committee on the Bill and we were determined now to Amend the Bill and make it as Liberal as we Could we were successful in getting a large number of amendements into it At one oclock buisness was suspended for an Hour for Dinner and at two Oclock we again took up the running where we had left off we had now been Sitting 24 Hours straight off with but the usial time for something to Eat we went on all the Afternoon and as the Time went on so the House gradually filled untill all the Gallerys were full Corney Proud has been here in the Gallery all the night and all Day following every line Crawford Vaugh [?] has been with him most of the time night began to draw on and the Electrics lights were once

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[*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] 95 in Shade 153 – & in Sun

more set going and at Six Oclock we again suspended the Sitting for an Hour to have Tea I had Tea down Town and a run on my Byke and back again at Seven Oclock and we had a big House tonight and some fun at Times Poor Old Von he is nearly worn out with the running about we have The Government with us now with a large number of Amendements to the Bill and as we press them Von Runs up to the Gallery and Consults Snow and Voies [?] of the Westen house Camp and he generaly gives way for fear of The gove turing on them So that we were enabled to make the Bill a vastly improved Bill. Jim Hutchinson mooved the Penney Sections which after a time we carried and so we went on fighting every line . untill at Last we came to the End of it The Bill and then through The Schedules and the Title of the Bill The Bill was then Reported and Consideration of the

[*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] x Carried by the expenditure of Boodle and so ended the Great Sitting on the Snow Tramway Steel of 1901 – x

Report for Tuesday next and at ten minuets to Ten the House Rose having bene sitting from two oclock Friday afternoon straight on having now been sitting for 32 Hours all but Ten minuets This is a Record for South Australia and I think for Australia. but when one looks at

the long sitting and the very debatable bill it was the strong feeling ther is the Sitting was conducted in a splended manner – when the House Rose Hutchy and I got our Bikes and made our way home well tired out for we have not any sleep many of the memers had [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] a good old Snooze

Sunday Dec – 8 – 1901

I had a real good Sleep to Day to try and make up for a little of the Lost time – After Dinner I cleaned mounted my Bike and away to Magill The Church Parade for X Mass Chear for the Poor is to Day and I joined in the March around the village and to The Instutue where there was a large gathering The Rev Honor in the Chair M^r Waddie gave an address there was a good Collection – I ha a long Talk to Tom Mahar. Patfull Hughes and others I had Tea at Hughes and stayed there untill about 9–30 then rode home –

[*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] 99 . in Shade – 159 – in Sun

Monday Dec 9 – 1901

About Town in the mornng and at the House at Lunch Time The Cricket match Parliament v Press to Day I went down after Lunch and the Parliament were Batting and made a very good Stand Though I told them I could not play this year and asked them not to Pick me they were a cupple of men Short and I had to step in and help but I was the Last man in and I was therefor not out man

[*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] 101– 7 in Shade 155 in Sun

We declared our innings closed and put the Press in but at the time for drawing Stumps we were about a Hundred a head of them and they had a number of Wickets down but we plaid on but unfortunately three of our best men Left us to Catch there Train we still played on untill after seven oclock and the Result was the Press were all out at that time and had won the match by about five runs I got my Bike and made for Home as fast as ever I could as I To attend the Social to young Wells who has returned from the war Son of Alderman Wells He was one of the few Australians about a Dozen I think that got into the Bad Corner but a few yards from the Boars and all were killed but him and he had about eight Bullets in him and the marvel is how he Lived at all he has his Arm Helpless and there is still one Bullet in him which has to be taken out yet he is he says getting better he is a quiet unassuming young Chap he was at the School of Mines with me before he went to The War Learning the Book Binding He was a member of the Bike Club and it was his Club who tendered him this Social to night there was a very large number present all sorts of Games from Cards to Ping Pong and a good Musical Programmie at the Supper which was done in good stile by M^r T White I sat near the Chairman M^r D M Charlstone of Federal Parliment and I had the Toast of the Club placed in my hands this gave me a little latitude and I was not long getting quite at Home with the Large gathering and made things Lively for a time when I discribed some of our adventures that afternoon on the Cricket Field which I told them had made me late for the gathering we had a very jolley gathering and I Left about half past Eleven – We had the a/c in to Days paper of the Election for Mayor of St Peters on Saturday when our Old Friend Brown won the Position by about 40 votes Brown Stood against Langsford at the Election in at the municiple vote a few weeks back and was beaten by five votes but Langsford was not Elegable for Election and so his position was a False one Brown Took action to unseat him but Langsford Resined The Case came before the Cort but owing to some tecinality it Broke down so Brown ran against him on Saturday again and in spite of all the Conservitane worke the old man won by about 40 votes great excitement over it

Tuesday Dec 10 – 1901

I did not rise until about twelve o'clock today for I can see a very late sitting to night we had a Long night at Cooperation Hall/ Last night and it after Lunch I went to the House and we had all the afternoon and a lot of the Evening on the Crown Lands Bill and all the Fight over again Re the Blockers Right of Purchase and By Jove the Blockers were all hear to night and in the Lobbyes and all over the House after the members but the fight was a long and hard hard one Tom Price quite exceled himself and quite Brought the House with him but he was very rough on Hoppo and a few more of the Blockers who were in the gallery The Division came and though the Oppersition were dead sure of Winning we won by One Vote to retain the Perpetual Leese we had a second vote on it before the Bill was carried and still won by one vote Bill Passed – we then went on Tram Bill ~~from the Comm~~ That the Report of Committee be adopted and a number of Clauses

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[*The following written in red along the margin at rightangles*] 107–3 in Shade to day

be recomitted and then the Fun started once more I had one Clause Recomitted to try and get it in Bill the Conversion of Line on to Payneham but after a fight I was beaten we went on all the night again on it and it was between Three and Four Wednesday morning when we rose This now finished and the third reading passed Tom Price Called for a Division and was beaten and so this Bill that had caused all the Trouble passed but there is to be a Refferendum of the Ratepapers on it before it can be started [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] after four o'clock when I got home from House

Wed Dec 11 – 1901

I was out again about Ten this morning and had a Look at the Paper it is a fearful Hot Day to Day we are having some very warm Days now 107–3 in the Shade to Day we have had a Hot Spell now it has run since the 7 of this month from 95 to 107–3 in the Shade – We were all Day at Parliament on the Bundaleer Water Bill and some very Strong talk on it but we did not finish the Bill to night The house rose at about half last Eleven

Thursday Dec 12 – 1901

[*The following written in red along the margin at rightangles*] 108 Deg in Shade 137 in Sun to Day

Again a fearful Hot Day in at the House at Mid Day we were on Closer Settlement for some time and then Bundaleer Water Bill which we put through all its stages and passed then on to Supply and we all had a little so say on the Estimates the talk went on again all night it is getting very strong now the Late sittings we The House adjourned about half past Three Friday morning and The Cabs were ready to Take us to our Homes –

Friday Dec 13 – 1901

Again at our Work at two o'clock I did not Leave my Little Rooste this morning very early at it all the afternoon and after Tea I went down with Archey Peak to the Big Demonstration at Break up School of Mines and Back to the House we put Village Set^{nts} Bill through and I made a number of Amendements to the Bill which had been sent on to me from the Settlemnts to have inserted I had a Lively rap at the Poet of our House M^r Caldwell we adjourned just before 12 O'clock

Sat Dec 14 – 1901

I slept it over well again This morning we have had a fearful heavy week this week and a Lot more to follow

–Sunday–Dec–15–1901–

A very warm Day to Day and I was about the House reading all the morning up to Dinner time and then had to Fly around and Clean and away to Norwood where I met The Friendly Societys at Allens Corner and I gave a young Chap my Byke and I joined in the march I met the Mayor and other members at the Town Hall where the Church Service took place for this years Xmas Cheer for the Poor there was a long Procession and the Hall was well filled with

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the Congregation I went first to the Mayors Parlour where I met Darling Sir E T Smith The Minister of Education The Rev Rankin and M^r Whoolaham and we all took our Place in the Hall The Mayor M^r W Sherrie in the Chair The Speakers were the Rev Rankin – M^r Brooker and M^r Whoolham the School Master at Maryatvile and they all gave very good addresses The Collection was a very good one after it was over I went around to Will Shrives [?] The Mayors and had a Cup of Tea and a yarn and Then Home again did not go [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] out for night

Monday Dec 16 – 1901

As we shall in all probability sit very late tonight I did not rise early about Ten I went to Town and first around and bought some Books for the School at Norwood The Sisters a cupple of Prizes I had Promised them We had a meeting of the Labor Partey in the Afternoon and Talked over matters Re this Weeks sitting we meet to night after Tea we took our seats and after the question we went right on the Crown Lands Bill. And we all Knew we were were going to have a big fight on this Bill Re the Right of purchase to the Blockers they have been fighting us for all its worth to get it but it is a plank on our Platform and we will not give way without a big struggle make no mistake Caldwell and Handerside were the Champions for the Blockers and did there very best to Wip up there numbers no mistake. Tom Price made a vigerous and telling speech on it and I think he did a lot to carry our Point he had a word to the Blockers he had assisted to get there Blocks and who were just as strong as him against the right of purchase when they were with him working for the Blocks but now they had them principell Could go to the Winds and they want the right to Traffick in there Blocks The very thing which would Kill the System The men he was alluding to were all in the gallery and he gave them beans no mistake and they hardly knew how to Look as he took them and turned them Politically inside out. on This question Poor Old Tom He is very strong on this Point and he has had to stand a lot of [...] from those Rats down in his District on some of the Blocks. Handyside Amendment Re Right of purchas was Defeated by Seven Vots We then went on with the Seed Wheat Bill passed it and Then we went on with the Land Values Bill and passed in it with amendements The House adjourned at abut quater to Two

Tuesday Dec 17 – 1901

I felt rather sleepey this morning and not up very early as soon as the House met I presented a pitition From the Norwood and Kensington Corperation Praying that the House would Reject the Snow Tramway Bill Receaved & read – we had a Lively half hour on the Rumpas at the University and it was spoken to by Dixon Tom Price the Chief Se^y and the Minister of Education – The Treasure mooved the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill and he made a very long speech on it and was followed by a numbr of others some very

windy Old Caldwell had to have a go untill pulled up by the Speaker This cut him short for the Speaker told him what he was saying was not relevant to the Bill we went into Committee on the Pastoral Bill and then we took up the State Agents Bill and this Lasted untill it was time to go home at a little past Eleven Oclock. We got the Tramways Bill back from the Council to night –

Wed Dec–18–1901

It is 20 years to Day since I landed in Adelaide for on The 18th of December 1881 I landed from the S.S.Aldinga at Port Adelaide. What Changes in that 20 years To day at Parliament House we had a long and animated Discussion on The Trouble at the University and some very warm things wer said it was clearly shown that the man running the Show at the Universaty is the Little Chief Justice Sammey Way – and I told the House that I hoped the matter would not simply be discussed that afternoon and Dropped it was evident there was something radically wrong and Rotten at the University and it was the Duty of the Government to have a searching enquiry into the matter I regretted the matter and circumstances because it pra\c/tically ment The Dismissal of Professor Joes from South Australia They would not realize his worth untill he had gone The professor had had \received/ scurvey Treatment and he did not think too much could be said I wanted a searching examination made because I did not want one Individual to rool the Roost If Parliament voted money to the university and they did to the extent of about £8000 per year or more then they had a right to see that it was properly expended – The Minister of Education after a long debate said he was going to get a report – I spoke for about Ten minuets on the motion of Carpenters Re Royal Commissions and I alsoe spoke on the Sheares Accommodation Bill which we Carried through all its stages in Our House

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this afternoon so Jim Hutchinson is in good spirits he has had a lot of Battling on this Bill and I trust he may get it through the Council We finished The State Agents Bill to night and I spoke in favour of amending the Bill or if not I asked the Gov to withdraw it there was nothing in it The Bill was Carried with the Amendements I wanted the name struck out and Agent General again inserted and the Screw £1250 per year The House rose about half past Eleven

Thursday Dec 19–1901

We are now working at the House at Top pressure They are going to finish before X Mass they say but we have a big Contract to do so but the Long hours and close way we are sticking to it is making me feel a little plaid out. We had the same long talk on the Loan Bill to day and the same things said over again that we get every time and that no one takes much notice of – I had a talk to day to the Minister of Educatn Telling the House of the over Crowded State of some of the Public Schools he is going to have the cases attended to that I spoke of – We sat on again all night and did not rise untill about Three in the morning we Carried Herberts motion for Right shillings per Day for Packers on the Railway at the Northran Territory The Gov divided against us but we beat them bad ley The Late sittings is making members those who remain at there work a bit knocked up we had a Cab to take us home at the [*The following written along the margin at rightangles*] small Hours

Friday Dec 20 – 1901

We again got on to the Constitution Bill and the Council sent it back to us and swallowd all the Amendements they made to the Bill before to which we Objected 46 of them but they insist on the Ded Lock Claws being out of the Bill and the Gov who were going to fight for this to the Last ditch now gave way and we lackled them with the Result all the Afternoon was taken up on it and the Premier went out of his way to smite us so we had

[*Written in red across top left hand corner*] Dec 20

a lively go with him and things were very tropical for a time but at Last the division was taken and the Gove helping the Oppersition the Council amendement was Carried Thus we had the Jenkins Government fighting with the Oppersition to Carey the Council amendement to Kill There own Claws and as Peake said before the divin we Liberals will stand by the dead Lock Provisions even though the Government basely deserted them we were beaten by 8 votes on Division we finished the Bill and it is now settled to have the less number of members and altered \District/ I Lost my motion to night for Cheep fairs to Tram men on the Railways for Holidays

Saturday Dec 21 – 1901

The House meets at half past Ten This morning so I went before going into Town to the St Peters Town Hall and voted for my Old Friend Brown for Mayor as the Election takes place again to Day Brown v Langsford it is cawsing quite a lot of excitement from here I went to the House and we started on the Remaning Things that had to be finished up as we Close to Day quite a number of the Things on the Paper were slaughtered and the Day Draged on with fighting in Committee over amendements in several Bills The Crown Lands Bill The Early Closing and several other Bills but at Last we drew near the end. I was speaking on the relaying of the Line to Port Victor when the Govenor was announced so I had the Last Talk in Our House for this Parliament when the Gove had finished the Buisnes and sent us home I stroled down Rundle Street before I took my Tram and met Maggie Ollie Fred and Ted and went around with them and home by the Car at night I was taken very queer and was bad all night – ~~very~~ great Excitement over Election of Mayor Brown Won by 36 votes great Battle – glad my old Friend Brown Won –

Sunday Dec 22 – 1901

I feel very queer this morning and I stay in Bed I feel regulary worn out, in the Afternoon Tom Price came out to our place and stayed to Tea He had attended M^r .J.Whites Funeral. I would like to have been There to pay my respects Poor Thomas White it was a very sudden End – Tom Price remained here with us up to about nine Oclock at night. he made off to Catch his Car then It is a lovely Cool night to night.

Monday Dec 23 – 1901

It was rather late this morning when I got out and I went by the Tram to Town and to the Bank Re Divey on Royals and after this I went to the meeting of same but there was not a great amount of buisness I went down Town with Haste Greenslade he told me he was going to Orange on Thur\s/day for a Trip I got my Byke from Davis with new inner Tube on Frunt Tire Then to the House there for some time and home M^r Brown sworn in as Mayor to night I did not go out at night. was very queer again to night –

Tuesday Dec 24 – 1901

Christmas Eve once more I was very queer to Day I lay in bed all the morning and after Dinner Mid Day Maggie made me sit out in the Summer house it was better out in the fresh air and with some Books around me and an Easy Chair it was comfortable out there and I remained there untill it was Dark I got the Afternoon Paper and saw The Result of the Case at Supreem Coart Brought by Jim Hutchinson Against the Paper The Critic for Commenting on his Case with Tucker and he won the Case The Paper as to print a full appoligey and Pay £30 Thirty Pounds this with there own Costs will run them into a big amount before it is all over. and I hope he Wins his Case against Tucker in March it is getting warm again now at night I stay home with Fred and Ted Maggie and Ollie went to Town. I put the Boys to Bed about half past nine and the had ther Stocking up at the Fire place for Old Father Christmas. Maggie came home quite Tired out with the fearful Crush in Town

Wed Dec –25 – 1901

Christmas Day. once more and what ecolections it brings of three years agoe Little Joy when I took her this morning three years agoe up tio the gardens in Orange for a walk Dear Little Girl. I am not well to Day again and dont feel able to moove about \at/ all I do wish this feeling would go off me we all had a quiet Day at home to Day Brother Alf Came up in the morning with a Basket of Frute and some Toyes for the Children it is very warm to day M^r Glover sat with me for an Hour or more to night under the verandar I sat there untill late

Thursday Dec 26 – 1901

Very Warm again to Day a regular Taste of X Mass weather I was home all day to day with the Boys with me in my frunt Room all day we put the Time in and they were delighted for me to be home with them At night it was very warm inside and I Lay with the Boys for some time out on the Lawn

Friday Dec 27 – 1901

I am very queer and in fact it seems the same with all in the House they all complain except Ted & Fred who seem to battle along and stand the Heat all right. I sat down to do a little Writing but could not set my mind to it or read The Heat is coming along now it was 104 in the Shade yesterday and it is warmer to Day I think I sat in my Room reading untill late to night I could not sleep it is to Hot to Sleep I am sure we have had a Record heat to day for this year

Saturday Dec 28 = 1901

This is the Annaversary Day of the Coliney but the Big Holiday is to observed on Monday next – It was as I thought the Hottest Day yesterday for this year 108–6 in the Shade I went to Town in the morning the first time for a week at the House I met Kirk and had a Talk about the Political Siteueation and then after a little Lunch I went down to Eastwood to attend the Opening of a Sale of Goods in Aid of the Institute and was Called upon by the Chairman M^r Sowden of the Register to Address the gathering The Mayor of Unley M^r Mackey Opened the gathering and The Vote of Thanks followed and the work began I remained here untill about five oclock and with the Parcil of Things I had bought I started for home on the Byke There is a nice cool Change to Day but the Dust in Town is rather Disagreable At night I did not moove out but had a quiet Read I have not been out This X Mass

Sunday Dec 29 - 1901

It is warming up again and I am afraid our Cool Changes is not to Last long I put the Water on The Lemon and Oranges Trees and Then in and sat down to do some Writing I am Writing the Streets out from the Roll for the Elections for with the now altered Constitute Our District is nearly twice as Large as East Torrens and Sturt is one District the District of Torrens with Five members. M^{rs} Gurr was here this afternoon to Tea Miss Wiper was also here for a while.

Monday Dec 30 – 1901

The Year now Drawing to a close I had a quiet Day home again all day to Day Writing and reading it is rather Hot again to Day This Time Last year we were in the Excitement of Sydneys Commonwealth Week This is the Big Day for S A at Glenelg but the Crush is so great down there I never go down now The rain came on about five O'clock and came down rather hard for some time so they Caught it at Glenelg just about the Time they were Coming home I did not go out at night.

Tuesday Dec 31 – 1901

I was to have left for Mount Gambia this morning but I was not well enough to make that long journey I rose about twenty to Six and was between two minds as to weather I would go or not but it was a bit to long The Trip feeling as I feel so again I had a day at Home. I put my Books straight in my room and did some reading M^{rs} Troute here to Day and stoped to Tea she left about nine o'clock the weather is not so bad for this time of the year The Last Day of the Old Year and of 1901 and during the year we have had a lot of changes and some ups and downs and I trust The new year will bring some Change for the better again Next year we contest our Elections for the House of Parliament both Houses under the altered Constitution with a Lesser number of members I trust I may again be successfull for my District now named Torrens and it Combines East Torrens and Sturt with five members I will I feel sure get home for a seat. And I hope all our Boys are successfull – The Children went to bed at about ten o'clock but Maggie M^{rs} Thomas and I sat up until the old year had gone out and the new one came in and as the Town Clock Struck Twelve we heard the Showts and Cheers of the people from Town as The announced the arrival of The New Year Guns were going off in all directions Bells ringing and Music of all description was heard we stood in the Frunt for a Time and Listened it was a Lovely night – soon after twelve all soon became quiet again and with best wish for The New Year we came in and soon after retired to rest –

[*The following six items – 5 scraps of paper and one newspaper cutting – were found in various places between the leaves of Coneybeer's 1901 Diary*]

1901

Dates wanted

JAN – From 3 to 31

FEB – 23 – 24 – 25 – 26 – 27 – 28 –

MAR – From 1 To 13 & 25 To 28

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OCT – 20 – 1904

TO

DEC – 31 – 1904

Feb 1

The Tea Gardens

Kensington

Send off to five of the Boys to South Africa War

Oct 31

Clayton Band of Hope Presided and Sang –

Dec 1901

Ollie won 3 Prize for Essay on Collecting Gold Copons

[*Finally the press cutting is as follows :*]

THE GUMPIES FROLIC

In the quiet of the night
When the moon is shining bright,
From the bushland do the little gumpies' creep;
And they gather all the toys
Of the little girls and boys,
When the little girls and boys are fast asleep.

(Oh, the Gumpies, soft and round,
In the bush are mostly found;
If you see one you can count yourself in luck,
For they have the gift of charming;
No enemies come harming,
And those who gaze on them have always pluck).

(They have merry little eyes,
Hair as 'blue as summer skies,
And but the wee–est shadow of a nose;
They have seven fingers,
And a smile always lingers,
And they've flipflaps on their feet instead of toes).

Then they hurry–scurry thither,
In a helter–skelter slither,
Right back into the great big bush again,
With the train and horse of Johnnie,
And the aeroplane of Bonny,

And the dolls of Betty, Molly, Pet, and Jane.

And a host of other toys
From little girls and boys,
(I daresay sometimes yours, though you don't know),
And they have the greatest fun,
When to bed, goes down the sun,
For the toys to any size they want them grow.

Then they give a little whistle,
And a clang, clang, with a thistle
On a stringybark strip – that is for the drum,
And then there is a rustle,
And a great excited bustle,
And the whole bush with excitement seems to hum.

For the kangaroos come leaping,
And the lizards, they come creeping,
And the emus, wombats, 'possums, hurry in;
While the magpies giddy chatter
And the cockatoos loud clatter,
And the bright birds talk all add unto the din.

Then the Gumpies take the toys
Of the little girls and boys
(Who are fast asleep, and so miss all the fun),
And they make them different sizes,
While old man 'roo gives prizes
To the little one who first a race does run.

Next the Gumpies clap their hands
(That are made on magic plans),
And at once the dolls all start to dance and skip,
While the native bear in charge
Of the aeroplane, grown large,
Takes them all in turn o'er gum tops for a trip.

And the rocking horse does race
With a charming, prancing grace,
With, for riders, baby 'possums, all soft hair;
And they grab him by the mane,
Falling off and on again,
While in play he kicks his heels up in the air.

Oh the merry times they had !
Not one thought of looking sad !
How the dolls all swayed and curtseyed in delight.
They barndanced with the wombat,
Polkard with the spotted bush cat,
And waltzed with different partners through the night.

While the music that birds sang
The bush with gurgling joy rang;
Parrot, mopoke, curlew keeping time,

While the bellbird and the swallow,
And the laughing jack did follow,
In a melody of sweetness that was prime.

Then a 'roo took up a fiddle
(Badly damaged in the middle),
And he made all sorts of sounds to make them laugh,
From a human baby crying
To a stout old lady sighing,
And the calls of birds, and mooing of a calf.

All too soon the dawn came sighing
(How the hours had gone flying !)
And thus they knew their frolic glad must end,
So the bush friends say "Good-bye,
We will come again," they cry.
As off in all directions do they wend.

And the Gumpies take the toys
Of the little girls and boys,
And speed with them right back into the town,
And they quietly ope each door,
And creep across the floor,
And softly, softly put the treasures down.

And the children sleeping there,
Whether dark-haired, red, or fair,
Just go on sleeping, and have sweeter dreams,
As the Gumpies, soft and sleek,
Creep up and kiss each cheek,
And then go back before the bright day beams.

And when there comes the day,
And the children go to play,
Their toys lie near them – oh, so still and quiet,
That they never, never know
They're so tired – such miles did go,
Or had such fun and frolic in the night !