

## THE BOTELER DIARY

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This is a bound, type-written version of a diary given to Cyril Wanklyn by a Mrs Bacchus in 1923 and subsequently donated to the museum in 1943. Date, and by whom, of transcription from original diary to typed version is not known. (The document used for these notes was a photocopy which showed that the original had been corrected or expanded by hand, possibly by Wanklyn?)

Three summaries have been made, one showing the day-to-day life of the couple, one focusing on Henry's Coast Guard work and notes on the weather, and the third looking at food and health of the family

First part of diary was written by Henry Boteler in 1827 (June 25 – Oct 21), and the second part by his wife after their marriage in 1829 (Dec 1-15, 1829 & April 21- Sept 17, 1830). There would appear to be other missing volumes.

Henry Boteler came from an important naval family. His mother was Mary Harvey, daughter of Captain John Harvey R.N. who served in the American War of Independence and the French Revolutionary Wars receiving fatal wounds in the Battle of the Glorious First. A memorial to him was placed in Westminster Abbey. Two of his Henry's uncles, John and Edward Harvey, became Admirals. There are many memorials to the Boteler family in Eastry Church in Kent. Captain Boteler RN arrived to take up a position with the Coast Guard in the first week of July 1827, stationed in Lyme Regis. [People relating to the Coastguard have been omitted from this summary unless they appeared important to the town of Lyme Regis.]

His mother-in-law, Mrs Monique Bellingham, led a surprisingly interesting life before settling in Lyme Regis, as described by Keith Shaw [in this article](#).

Mrs Bellingham, daughters, grand-daughter and son-in-laws in 1830:

Person	Age	Relationship
Monique Bellingham	53	
Monique Bellingham	25*	daughter
Alicia Bellingham	18	daughter
Harry B Farnall	29	son-in-law
Dorothea Farnall	17	daughter
Henry Boteler	35	son-in-law
Henrietta Boteler	15	daughter
John Stein	54	son-in-law (widower of Eliza, died 1819)
Monique Stein	11	grand-daughter

These figures are estimates coming from a variety of sources to approx. the nearest year.

\* In the 1841 Census, this age is given as 30. Based on the 1861 and 1881 Censuses and the BMD Death record the correct age in 1841 is more likely to be c35.

## July 1827

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> "Dined with Frankland and his brother. Accompanied them to Mrs Place's. Spent a pleasant evening quadrilles etc. Mr Rhodes villa"  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> "Took up my quarters at Mr Hiscott's boarding house"  
Sun 8<sup>th</sup> "Mrs Bipal/Bipet breakfasted with us" "Miss Place gave me some fossils"  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> "Called on Mr Chambers and (Mr?) Daniel"  
Tue 10<sup>th</sup> "Attended the Court of Enquiry on William Fielder Rock man of Lyme Cobb."  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> "supd this evening with Meningfords"  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup> "Recd. Mr Place" "Dined at six Mrs Place (? Mrs Oliver) Hillmans in the evening. Joined the Lyme Book Society £1.10. pd.  
Tue 17<sup>th</sup> "Purchased a horse for £20 of Mr Haskins"  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> "Recd. a letter of introduction to Dr Carpenter (This is presumably Dr Thomas Coulson Carpenter an ex Apothecary who became a Doctor and was an amateur geologist living in Lyme at this time), and one from Mrs Holls." ('Holls Hotel' at the 'White Bear Inn and Tavern' in Piccadilly was where Henry stayed when in London.)  
Thur 19<sup>th</sup> "Dined at Mrs Place and accompanied the family to a Ball"  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup> "Hillmans in the evening"  
Tue 24<sup>th</sup> "Captain Moriaty and Spencer called, Mrs S and little boy. Dined at 5 with Capt. Moriaty who was well acquainted with my grandfather and Sir Henry Harvey. Ball in the evening, did not attend.  
Thur 26<sup>th</sup> "Called on Sir J Talbot and presented two letters if introduction from Adm. I and J Harvey. Called on Mrs Bollmar (Ballmar)." "Dined at Boarding Table. Mr Follett called."  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> "Discovered my horse had been severely kicked, sent for a farrier." Evg. Mrs Place.  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> "Capt. Spencer offered his horse"  
Tue 31<sup>st</sup> "Ball in the evening."

## August 1827

Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> "Dined at Sir I (?J) Talbot's, Col and Mrs McDonald there."  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> "Called on Places, Adderley and Moriarty. Discharged Thomson who had charge of my horse and hired Jno. Brown a lad from Sun 5<sup>th</sup> at 4/- per week."  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> "Agreed to purchase the horse 25 guineas."  
Tue 14<sup>th</sup> "Turned my horse into Mr Pigeon's field, 5/- per week."  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> "Dined at 5.0 Mr Paynes. Ball at the rooms. Mrs Symonds and party."  
[Sun 26<sup>th</sup> to Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Henry was in Exmouth staying at The Globe and being entertained by Mr and Mrs Bowyer. Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Aug, Grand Ball at Lyme]  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> "Mrs Langdon and Mr Smith left for Bath, evening at Halsteds"

## September 1827

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> "Capt. Norris and I dined together drunk too much wine, slept on sofa till 12!!! "  
Tue 4<sup>th</sup> "Dined at home, Captain J Halsted tea'd with me."  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sep "Party at Manor, dancing etc."  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup> "Wrote to Ambrose Poynter declining to visit Topsham, Abbotsbury business preventing me the pleasure." (**Sir Ambrose Poynter** was an English architect. He was one of the founding members of the Institute of British Architects.)  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> "Constant and heavy rain. Took mare in Poole's stable."  
Thur 18<sup>th</sup> "Ball in the evening"  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> "Dined with Capt. Adderley R.N. Billingham in the evening." [ (? Bellingham) – this may be the first mention of his future in-laws.]  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> "Went off in a boat belonging to Mr Farnal (? Farnall)  
Sun 30<sup>th</sup> "Fine wr. Stuffed an owl. Seaton to see Mr Tanner, Surgeon"

## October 1827

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> "Lyme Cobb Fair, Ball"

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> "Embarked in Farnals boat for the westd. Spencer, Halstead and Stocker dined with me."

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> "Called on Billingham"

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> "Walked with Billingham" "Called on Mrs Kennedy. Evening at Halsteads, blue devils."

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> "Mrs Mann's party, danced"

Thur 9<sup>th</sup> "Tea at Bellingham." "Looked in at the Ball"

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> "Hillmans in the evening"

Thur 11<sup>th</sup> "Mr Aldrich called, Days and Bellingham in the evening"

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> "Walked with Bellinghams. Evening with Pyms and Bellinghams"

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> "Rainy evening. Bellinghams"

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> "Tea at Bellinghams"

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> "Tea Bellingham"

Thur 18<sup>th</sup>. "Purchased uniforms for Fancy Ball. Paid James Mills £5 for hay, called on Mr Day, farmer"

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> "Bachelors Ball in the evening"

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> "Walked with Bellinghams and tea there. Paid Mrs Hiscot's Bill"

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On Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1829 Henry Boteler married Henrietta Bellingham, daughter of Mrs Bellingham who lived at High Cliff Lodge, now Little Cliff. Henrietta took over diary in Dec. Henrietta refers to Minty in the diary; this may be a family name for Monique Stein also possibly known as "Little Monique", Henrietta's niece who lives with Mrs Bellingham. Dolly is referred to; this is believed to be Henrietta's older sister Dorothea who married Harry Burrard Farnall in 1828.

Henry had a brother John Harvey Boteler who in 1831 married Helen Agnes West, aged 19 in Westminster. John and Henry had sisters including Maria (Marie?), Agnes and Bertha. During the second part of the Diary, Henry and Henrietta are waiting to see if Henry gets a new position.

He visits an Uncle who they expect to have influence, and Henrietta anxiously waits for the post for news. The post seems to be expected late in the day and even arrived on Sundays (but possibly not on Mondays).

There is much talk in the Diary about the Bellingham and Boteler families and Mr Stein dining together, drinking tea together with various friends and visitors etc. much of this has been omitted but an attempt has been made to include all names at least once.

There are also frequent references to people having headaches, being sick, unable to get out of bed etc., these are not often included.

The Bellingham family who came from Co Louth in Ireland were Roman Catholics. As there was no Catholic Church in Lyme Regis at this time, the family had to travel to the nearest one at Axminster. Henrietta was often prevented from going to Church (usually by bad weather); she would read her prayers at this time.

## Dec 1829

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> (their wedding day?) [visited Exeter with Henry]"Left Lyme for Exeter at ½ past 8 with the intention of returning to Axminster on 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> to meet Mama, Monique and Alicia." "... reached Exeter at 10 past 8 that evening after a tedious and dismal journey" "We put up at the London Inn an immense establishment, Mr Church the master now keeps 500 horses".

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> "Streets very dirty, all the ladies wear clogs, Mary only sent me one Flannel jupon, so after my walk I came in with my tail all drabbed and no clean one to put on, I sent Elizabeth out to get some flannel to make me one" "Saw Mr Trevor, Lanny Randolph's intended go by the window." [There is probably a transcription error as Frances (known as

Fanny) Randolph married Samuel Smith Trevor of the Madras Artillery in Lyme Regis church on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1830. She had a daughter Frances Hampton Trevor in about 1843 in India and her husband was a widower by 1851. Frances may have been the daughter of the Rector of Lyme 1826-1833, Charles Randolph.]

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> "I bought Mama a pair of spectacles from the Jew Abraham..." "Lady Bamfylde of Brighton (Sir George's mother) staying at Hotel." Letter from Alicia - "Alicia said they were very lonesome (back in Lyme) "that on Tuesday the band came up in the evening and played Rule Britannia etc. Poor Mr Stein sent the players out a guinea, just like him"

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> "...carriage to Axminster. Saw Alicia and Monique at Inn. "to see Minty we set off again for Lyme Regis, Mama, Henry and myself in the carriage, and Monique, Alicia and Jack in the car." "Little Monique, at Style (Stile) House returned in the evening"

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> "Monique and Alicia went to Chapel" "Mr Stein ... at Catstock (Cattistock)"

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Alicia, Henry and Henrietta set off for Bath. Stopped at Ilchester for the night.

Thur 10<sup>th</sup> "went to the Pump Room to drink the waters" [Henrietta may have been unwell as the family seemed rather concerned about her so perhaps this was the reason for the visit to Bath]

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Henrietta went to Chapel." Dr Baines not at home. Mr Brindle preached a very good sermon."

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> and Tues 15<sup>th</sup> returned to Lyme via Ilchester. "Minty was practising and Miss Franklin sitting by her." Mr Stein was there – "therefore we all dined together which I did not relish at all" "I did not go down to my cottage till after New Year's day. I intended going a few days sooner but there was a fire in Lyme, so down I would not go." (Then Henrietta had her first attempts at housekeeping when Capt. Jackson stayed for a week.) "However I got on with mama's assistance very well" and "Monique came down and dined with us." [It would appear that Henrietta was only about fifteen at the time of her marriage.]

## April 1830

21<sup>st</sup> "Met Kate R (ankin) on The Walk, she was in high delight watching the waves beat over the Cobb. Mr Waring joined us." [Catherine Rankin and Henry Waring were later married.]

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> "I went with Monique, Alicia and Minty to Henly's bottom."

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> "Henry went down the hill to see Caleb (his horse) who is turned out to-day in Mrs Fewtrells field. Henry "thinks of setting off for Deal ...to see him (his uncle) before he leaves (for Scotland)" "A letter from Mr Stein desiring servants to be hired for him. He intends bringing Mr Belson down with him."

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> "They all came down to the cottage with me as the sweeps were to be at Asparagass (sic) Cottage in the morning. Minty and Alicia slept with me, Mama and Monique together..."

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> "Heard Lord Weymouth had taken High Cliff. Not true, ... he and his lady were on the Walk this evening." "I did not feel well and went to Mr Tucker's who gave me a dose."

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> "Not able to get up, Mr Tucker came to see me. Feverish and sick. Mama a bad headache and sick. Mr. Tucker gave us doses. I got worse in the night and frightened Alicia. Poor Mama came into me."

## May

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> "Mr Tucker came early to see us. Mama better. Gave me a dose of castor oil. A letter from Dolly, quite well, and at Vichey (sic)..."

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> "Had a letter from John, Henry succeeded very well with his uncle."

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> "Mr Stein etc. arrived early. Mama up the hill in a great hurry. Alicia remained with me. Catherine came for a short time in the evening" "Alicia went up after tea for a few minutes."

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> "A letter from Henry in bad spirits, Capt. Sparshott gave him no hopes of succeeding. All going up to dine at High Cliff, I won't venture so far."

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> "Dine at High Cliff" "Alicia and I returned early, had our Arrowroot and went to bed."

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> "John gone over to Charmouth ... returned after 1. Henry not arrived."

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> "John gone to Charmouth, Henry returned about 11, very angry, I did not let him know I had been ill. Brought me a very pretty muslin gown, stockings, gloves, and a handsome desk, nothing settled. Live in hopes" "Monique and Alicia came down after Chapel"

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> "Alicia and Monique came down after breakfast and stopped till near 5. We all dined with Mama, rubber and whist in the evening. I rummaged brother John's boxes, got his spye (sic) glass out."

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> "Mr Stein gave us an invite to High Cliff for tomorrow."

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> "After dinner went up to Miss Govis's"

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> "went up to breakfast with them. Catherine Rankin there"

15<sup>th</sup> "Catherine Rankin and her sister came down and called on me"

16<sup>th</sup> "Caleb killed Mr Randolph's dog in the field."

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> "Mr Stein invited us to dinner" "Henry gone to see Capt Bennett about hay"

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> "Got a nasty letter from Capt Bowles. I don't know what to think. I trust we may succeed."

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> "We rode round by Mrs Lisle Folletts" "Went up to dine with Mr Stein." "Turned out a very wet eve. Came home in a chair."

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> "Emily Codrington (Codrington) drank tea there (Mama's)" "Her brother called for her"

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> "No post today and no letters yesterday. I don't know what to think of it. They say Capt Halstead wants to get the situation."

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> "...to dine at High Cliff to-day, and go to the ball in the evening. "Went up to High Cliff, after dinner came down with them and had my tea waited for Henry, afterwards down to the cottage, made myself in a great fuss and very hot trying to do my own hair. Went to the ball long after nine. Played whist with Mama, Mr Belson and Henry, then home to bed."

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> "Monique busy yesterday writing to Dolly to tell her to come over as soon as possible. We expect her in about 3 weeks please Goodness." "... after dinner went up to Miss Goriss's (Miss Govis)

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> "We went up to dine with Mr Stein. It came on a desperate wet evening, raining most tremendously. Came home in a chair."

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> "Mr Stein expects his friend Major Hillier today" "They have just come; I saw John walking down the walk and I thought I knew the face. Bertha and Agnes (Boteler? John & Henry's two youngest sisters were called Agnes and Bertha, although Henrietta refers to these visitors as friends not relations) were waiting at the corner. Henry came in with them soon after. They landed at Weymouth yesterday and came on here this morning. I walked up the hill with them to show them their house with which they were much pleased."

## June

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> "John down breakfasting with us and writing a letter to his mother" "Mr Riley called, he dines with Mama."

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> "Henry gone out riding with John to Axmouth" "I remained at home by myself, just went as far as Mrs Champs to try and get a nice handkerchief to wear at High Cliff to-day." "This is the men's club day here, so I did not like much going about by myself there being such a crowd" "Alicia and myself after leaving Bertha and Agnes at the top of the street, went to Rowans &c looking for a pretty ribbon or handkerchief" "I sent my fine pelerine to be nicely washed this morning and it did not come back till near 5. So much for procrastination." "I said I should go down to Stile House, as Kate (Rankin) could not wait any longer for me" "I got hold of John's arm and sat between him and the Mayor (John Chambers)" "After dinner we had a bit of a dance" "Spent a very pleasant evening played whist with Mama, Mr Belson and Capt. Spencer, returned home at half past ten." "Intend going to Axminster tomorrow being a Holyday of Obligation"

Tue 8<sup>th</sup> "Minty went up and brought John down for breakfast. Afterwards I cleaned his head till near 2." "They all came down and eat cockles with me. Sent invitations to the Mayor and Mr Belson to dine with us Friday." "Sent Ann to invite Mr French and Baston to breakfast."

Thur 10<sup>th</sup> "John and Henry rode over to see Mr Riley."

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> "Henry was very angry with two of his men last night being off their posts" "John gone to the picnics with his sisters" "...I curled John's hair and then we went home to dinner. Dined at home, afterwards curled Henry's hair and prepared for Mama's party. Henry took me up to Kate's to get my hair dressed. "...did not get to Mama's till past eight. John and the rest arrived. Mr Stein and Mr Belson came soon after. The poor little Major (Hillier?) very sick in bed. Danced and Catherine delighted all with her singing."

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> [Mrs Boteler arrived in Lyme Regis] "The Album at the Library to be raffled for at ½ past 2. Went down, nobody arrived as yet. Went up with John and Henry to see their mother and Maria. We then came down to the raffle. Of course lost it. Mr Belson threw for me."

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> "John got the Portsmouth papers and among other news saw Henry's name among the Coast Gd-enough. Very astonished no letter having been written to him or his Uncle. I had a good cry and was soon all right. Went to them at High Cliff and told all about..." "Quite reconciled to our fate."

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> "A letter from Sir Hamish saying he was sorry to see Henry was one of the etc etc Coast Gd. The more we think of it the less we feel sorry to give it up."

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> "...went to the post, a public letter for Henry saying Capt. Hutchinson would supersede him. It is at last decided."

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> "... Mama, Monique and Alicia all walked down with us to the rooms, to enquire about the ball. A very poor one."

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> "John came down to breakfast, gave him pigs feet."

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> "Miss Isabel Rankin came down to ask if I had any commands up the hill"

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> (The visiting Boteler family's dog Ranger died.) "A letter from Edwd. Lady Bellew got a son (the Bellews had connections to Co Louth in Ireland where the Bellinghams came from)."

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> "Henry gone to see his horse shot"

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> "Found Capt. Boteler at Mr Stiles" [? Mr Styles who was living at Bell Vue Cottage [now the Kersbrook Hotel], in Pound Road at this time.]

## July

Thur 1<sup>st</sup> "...we thought of going to Humble Green to-day to watch the men exercise, but there is no chance of it. It is raining already." [Humble Green is along the Undercliff to the West near Charton Bay.] "Sent Mrs Agland up to Mamas about my gown."

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> "Mama and Minty also down, looking at the man walking 5 miles backwards in less than 1 hour. He did it wonderfully".

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> "Capt. Boteler's 3 years ends this day. I hope it is all for the best. Mr Locay came to take charge."

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> "Mr Stein gone to some place near Catistock (Cattistock) on business."

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> "Henry got his mother to write to Lt. (crossed out and Lord written in pencil) Melville applying for a gd. ship (Lord Melville was First lord of the Admiralty at this time).

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> "A letter from Dolly hoping I would go to France. I wish I could with all my heart."

Thur 20<sup>th</sup> "Mrs Brown Mama John and Marie came down to dine. Henry sent John to Exeter this eveg with Caleb he goes himself to-morrow morning with Jack as Exeter fair begins then, and Honiton next day."

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> "Dick Sayers was dining with Mama"

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> "Henry and Bertha called (at Mamas), they has been to see Mrs Donne who made them lunch with her." "We took a turn on the Cobb this eveg, met Monique and Emily Codington (Codrington?)

Thur 29<sup>th</sup> "Just heard of poor Mrs Donn's (Donne see above) house at Whitlands being burnt down last night or this morning. It was insured so it does not signify so much." "Mr Stein

has sent them to ask Mrs Donne if she would come over to Lyme and accept of beds. She was much obliged but would not."

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> "There is very bad news from France. The people quarrelling with their King."

## August

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> "A letter from Lord Melville at last. A very stupid one. Could not promise anything at present. The gd ships in the gift of the Capts..." "Mr Stein gives a Pic-nic sort of party tomorrow, at least a dinner of cold meat."

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> "Went up to Mr Stein, got my hair done by Kate on the way. Had a very nice dinner if I could but have enjoyed it – plenty of champaign (sic) etc."

Thur 12<sup>th</sup> "Talk of going over to Exeter next week to the ball."

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> "An answer from Mr Clench [Keeper of the New London Inn, Exeter?] telling us the days fixed for the balls and races, Wednesday and Thursday."

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> "A letter for Henry from Sir G Hammond" [Another Admiral]. "Wrote to Exeter to secure beds. Paid a visit to Dr Bains" [Vicar Apostolic of the Western District].

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Aug – "A fine morning. Henry cross. Went over to see the new chapel opened Mrs Holland went with Miss Rankin. Heard a most beautiful sermon." [A pencil note in the copy of the Diary gives this chapel as the R.C. Chapel in Silver Street. This is incorrect, "The Book of the Axe", George Pulman, 1875, mentions that the Roman Catholic Church, near the turnpike gate on the Lyme Road was formally opened for service by Bishop Baines on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1830 (it was taken down in 1861 and replaced by a larger building). The first mass was said in the Roman Catholic church in Lyme Regis in August 1837]

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> [The Boteler and Bellingham families set out for Exeter soon after nine, travelling along the Sidmouth Road, changing horses at Sidmouth.] "Reached Exeter about 3, the hotel so full they could not give us very good rooms." "Pipers man came to dress our heads, he did them beautifully. The ball room just opposite the house. The ordinary held in the hotel we were shown into the gallery and heard some of the speaches (sic) by Mr Bastard etc. [Edmund Pollexfen Bastard was MP for Devon, 1816 until the General Election in 1830]" "Went to the ball about 11 o'clock. It was an uncommon nice one, beautiful rooms etc. A great many pretty girls but I cannot say so much for the men. Saw Capt. Halstead he danced with Monique, also Mr Marshall. Came home at 3, very tired, of course."

Thur 19<sup>th</sup> "Mama complained of a little headache and she would not go to the races. Henry and myself went with the rest. The drive to the Course most lovely. The races very poor." "...Mama lying on the bed very sick. Of course could not go to the ball at the Clarence (sic) this eveg as intended."

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> "Went with Henry to see the Horse Bazaar. Came home (to Lyme Regis) about 6."

No diary entries Sat 21<sup>st</sup> to Thur 26<sup>th</sup>.

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> "John is going over to Exeter with Caleb."

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> "A letter from Dolly saying she expected to be in Jersey in a few days."

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> "Capt. Boteler's brother Edwd. arrived."

Tue 31<sup>st</sup> "Found John and Edwd. Gone out fossilizing on the beach. Henry took a ride with Mr Hoskins to see Capt. Charity."

## September

Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> "Asked them all to come down and dine. Mr Stein returned. Mr Brown dined, also Lt. Symons of the Sprightly called after dinner."

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> "The Botelers down with Mama in the evening. Had a quadrille. Planned our party for Ford Abbey the next day"

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> "A beautiful day, all set off in good time, to the Abbey. Mama, Alicia, Henry and Minty in the gig. All the rest in the carriage. Marie and Bertha did not come, passed a delightful day."

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> "Alicia and I played battledore and shuttlecock." "When Henry returned with Mr Codrington, well wet through and only killed 2 rabbits." "John shot a bumble bee"

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> "Edward came to say goodbye. Mrs Boteler and John down also, busy packing up the fossils to send to the Adml. Mr Stein came to the ball with us. Mrs Symon's. A very nice one, danced plenty and came home about 2."

Thur 9<sup>th</sup> "A very wet morning, such a change after such fine weather."

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> "A fine morning but frequent showers. France still very unsettled."

Sat Sep 11<sup>th</sup> "A fine morning but still looks showery intend going to the Boteler's to-night if fine. After dinner it looked cold and uncomfortable so we determined on staying at home. It blew an entire gale...."

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> "Looking very showery. Some heavy storms passing About 1 there was a very heavy shower."

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> "Henry wrote to his uncle to tell him that a box of fossils had been sent off by the Evadan."

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> "went to Mrs Holland's in the evening." "Kate sung ... Mr Holland and Miss Raywood played."

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> "Henry out hunting with Mr Stein, returned sooner than I expected being overtaken in a very heavy shower, took shelter and then thought it too late to go on."

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followed by  
"Missed a week from this to the other vol."