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Edgar R Waite The Museum, Leeds Book No 30 1892 From
Sep[tember] 17th to 1893 Feb[ruary] 24th [1]

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[Newspaper clipping] Mr. Edgar Waite will on his approaching departure from Leeds for New South Wales leave behind him many friends. Fitting testimony was in the early part of the week borne to the energy and ability displayed by him in the city and the county in promoting the cause of science, of which he has been such a devoted student. There could have been no greater or more gratifying compliment paid to him than the statement that his work has been thorough, interesting, and clear. Work that is thorough is invariably clear. The presentation of addresses and a purse of gold was accompanied by that expression of good wishes which could hardly fail to be appreciated. When Mr. Waite said in response that he had friends all over Yorkshire and that he left the county with regret, he stated what could readily be understood. To the scientist and the student of Nature there is no place in the world perhaps to excel Yorkshire, rich as it is in materials for study in so many branches of science. Friday, February 17.

[Bird painting]

AUSTRALIAN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY. Sydney ESTABLISHED BY ACTS OF COUNCIL 8 WILLIAM 4 &[AND] 3 VICTORIA No[number].B17413 Received this day from Mr E.R. Waite One Pound<s> ----- <Shillings> and ----- <Pence> Cash For the Treasurer £[pound]1-[signature] Secretary Collected by me... [signature] Collector THIS RECEIPT MUST BE ENDORSED AND PRODUCED WHEN REPAYED. THE DEPOSIT WITH 5% IS REPAYABLE ONLY WHEN CONTRACT CEASES. AUSTRALIAN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY. TURNER &[AND] HENDERSON. SYDNEY

1892. Sep[tember] 17. Sat[urday]. After dinner Rose &[and] I went to Fallowfield &[and] from the windows watched the Annual sports of the Leeds Rifles. Stayed until late. 18. Sun[day]. Was drawing in the morning. In the afternoon Fanny &[and] Wilfrid came up. 19. Mon[day]. Drew a Laplander for a lantern slide. I asked Gurnell who called at the [3]

Museum to spend Saturday afternoon with us. 20. Tues[day]. Made a negative of the Laplander Letter from T.J. Banks to which I replied. 21. Wed[nesday]. Having brought 2 TM€[female] glowworms from Goathland I placed them as I thought in the Vivarium &[and] great was my surprise today on turning over some stones in [4]

Sep[tember] the garden in search of slugs for the Slow worm to find a lively TM€[female] Lampyrus, no doubt one of the 2 I brought home from Goathland, but how it got into the garden I can't imagine. I had written to Mr. Paul &[and] told him that I was to lecture at Starbeck on Oct[ober] 21st and to day I had a letter from him [5]

asking Rose and myself to spend the 21st, 22nd &[and] 23rd with him. In the evening I gave the lecture "Animals Clothes" before the Grammar School boys at which Rose and Fanny were present. We went down with Fanny to Fallowfield and returned home late. 22. Thur[sday]. It would appear as though I was well among the Reptilia this [6]

Sep[tember] month for in addition to the creatures mentioned in "Note Book No.29" To day Mr R[ichard] Reynold called at the Museum and told me that he was going to send a live snake which had been found in some packing-straw received he thinks from Germany. Not knowing the species he &[and] his men were afraid [7]

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

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

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

Sep[tember]. frog was still on the snake quite unconscious of any probable danger. In the evening I made a coloured window for the bath - room in order to utilise it as a "dark-room" and also a reducing "camera" for lantern slides. 24. Sat[urday]. Gurnell came to Ashville to tea. In the afternoon we were [11]

taking instantaneous photos at Woodhouse Feast pitched just at the back of our house. After tea Fanny &[and] Wilfrid came up. 25 Sun[day]. Rose and I walked to Adel in the afternoon, had tea at Reformatory where we remained until late. 26 Mon[day]. I attended Council meeting of L[Leeds]. N[aturalists]. Club at 7.0 and arranged to exhibit, with remarks some living Reptiles [12]

Sep[tember]. When I returned I took Rose into the feast where we visited the men -agerie when "Orenza" did the usual among the Lions. Tues[day]. 27. In the <evening> afternoon Fanny came up &[and] Wilfrid joined us to tea. We afterwards went to the 'Feast' &[and] visited a ghost show where a very good illustration of Pepper's ghost was given. The second part of the 'performance' [13]

was Faust, in which the usual "invisibility" of Meph[istopheles] was much heightened by the glass. 28 Wednesday. This morning I had a letter from Uncle W[illia]m respecting my 'Want of Affection' for Father &[and] asking me to go to the Bank to see him. bought Prendergast's Mastery Series German 2[shillings]/1[pence] Rose went down to town with me after dinner to Fallowfield [14]

Sep[tember] where I joined her to tea. At 7.30 we met Gurnell at the Grand, he treating us, Wilson Barrett in Claudian. 29. Thur[sday]. Wrote to Uncle Tom, and enclosed copy of Uncle W[illia]m's letter to me. Passed final proof of 'Naturalist'. Collinge called &[and] told me that he was resigning his post at St Andrews having been appointed [15]

Demonstrator in Zoology at Mason College Birmingham 30 Fri[day]: W[illia]m Whitwell wrote asking me how Roebuck's ac- cident had affected him. Bought doz[en] ½ Castle plates for tomorrow. Howarth. sent proof of the paper I sent to Museums Association on Colouring of Museum cases. - In the evening I made Rose - a bracket [16]

Oct[ober] 1 Sat[urday] At noon I joined Rose at Fallowfield, and exposed some plates on the interior, but as the light was bad only 1 or 2 turned out well, remained until 9.30. 2 Sun[day] After dinner Rose and I walked to Horsforth, and stayed tea and the evening. I arranged to take the Scotch Terrier "Bruce" for Herbert who [17]

<g> was going to 'walk' another dog for his friend Mr Long to whom 'Bruce' also belongs. 3 Mon[day]. Letter from Uncle Tom, taking our part &[saying] that he had written to Uncle W[illia]m with reference to his letter to me. Called at Fallowfield where Rose had gone. had tea &[and] I took her Mrs Bowling &[and] Marie to Phil[osophical] Hall. L[ee]ds.N[at]uralists.Club [18]

Oct[ober]. Dr Lavis-Johnson on Vesuvius. 4. Tues[day]. Wrote to Uncle W[illia]m about as measured as he had written to me. Saw Teale with reference to my mention of him in my Museum paper corrected the proof and sent it off. Grimshaw told me that he had 4 oppon<e>nents for the Edinburgh appointment of [19]

whom he knew one was 'plucked' Belle &[and] Herbert to tea sent off 'Serious poem' to "Pick-me Up" to compete for £[pound]1-1-0 prize At 12.30 someone knocked me up &[and] I found Mr Craven our neighbour at the door. he had got a trifle wrong evidently being a little fuddled. [20]

Oct[ober] 5. Wed[nesday]. Rose visited Mrs Miall. At noon I went to Fallowfield and exposed 2 ½ plates on interior - with Ross's Lens. Stop 5 Moderate Light. Exposed ½ hour each. dined there. I developed them at home in the evening &[and] found them A.1.[excellent] Printed from the only negative of Saturday which I consider really [21]

good. Alf Robinson called to see me. 6. Thur[sday]. Nellie Twigg came in afternoon &[and] spent the evening with us. I commenced to draw Byland Abbey for Zinco[graph] 7. Fri[day]. At noon I went to Fallowfield and took 2 more ½ plates. One of which turned out to be very good. Asked Gurnell to lend me his camera for in- stantaneous work on [22]

Oct[ober] Saturday I worked at Byland at night. &[and] almost finished it. 8.Sat[urday] Sent drawing of Byland to Uncle Banks for suggestions &c[et cetera]. After dinner Rose &[and] I walked to Horsforth &[and] stayed overnight. 9 Sun[day] Being bright in the morning I exposed 4 plates on Herbert, the goat &[and] the dogs. We then went out for a [23]

walk and returned to dinner when it rained the rest of the afternoon. It cleared up about 8.30 &[and] Rose and I walked home taking 'Bruce' with us. 10. Mon[day]. At noon I went to Fallowfield Photographed one interior &[and] also an exterior of the house neither of which turned out very well. The Horsforth plates are thin but [24]

Oct[ober] printable. In the evening I developed after which Rose &[and] I &[and] Bruce went to Lawnswood but the house was empty. 11.Tues[day] - Backhouse called &[and] when I told him that Rose &[and]I would be at Starbeck on the 21st he invited us to tea on that day. he sent me TM,[male] &[and] TM♀[female] Falco Spaverius. to paint for him as I had promised [25]

12 Wed[nesday]. - Received my drawing from Uncle Banks, and in the evening I made some sketches for "Pick-me-up". Wrote to Baker of Hull re[garding] Coleoptera for Miall. Fanny told me that Nov[ember] 8, the date of my Kirk Burton lecture was Subscription concert night at Huddersfield so I wrote to Collins to change the date. [26]

Oct[ober] 13. Thur[sday]. Evening Roebuck came up to Headingley &[and] we had a long night at the 'Naturalist' Index. 14 Fri[day]. Wrote part of Y[orkshire].N[aturalists].U[nion]. Report of Coxwold excursion &[and] sent it to McC[orquodale] &[and] Co[mpany] also 'Byland' Abbey which I finished Branson called &[and] told me that he had found that Marsden had lost from his warehouse [27]

(near R &[and] Bransons') a Ringed Snake the same which I have and which can be identified by its damaged tail, he will attend my lecture at the L[eads].N[aturalists'].C[lub] on the 24th when I shall have to surrender my Tropidonotus 15 Sat[urday] Attended Y[orkshire].N[aturalists'].U[nion] Executive meeting at 3.30 and then joined Rose at Fallowfield [28]

Oct[ober] The rain not having ceased since Thursday noon when I took the rain this morning I found that 2.84 in[ches] had fallen in the 24 hours and search through our records &[and] found that it was the greatest rainfall recorded viz[videlicet= that is] from 1850 when our records commenced on July 26 1886. 2.30 fell the next nearest. [29]

I saw Mrs Reynolds &[and] wrote letter to 'Mercury' &[and] 'Post'. I went down to see the river in flood it was a grand sight, the water was boiling down &[and] entering many of the cellars along its banks, In Water lane, the water was bubbling up through the grates &[and] paving stones while in East St[reet], people had [30]

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

of my Starbeck lecture. In the afternoon Rose &[and] I walked to Horsforth &[and] by the time we returned the rain was ceasing. 17. The following is my letter to the post which appears this morning together with one from Mr. Paul:- Telegraphed to Atkinson &[and] told him I would take the [32]

Oct[ober] [Newspaper clipping] THE FORTY-EIGHT HOURS' RAINFALL. To the Editor of the Yorkshire Post. Sir,- Our reports from numerous districts record floods of unusual severity, and it is of interest to notice the scientific measurement of the rainfall which has led to these disastrous consequences. The following figures show the records obtained for Leeds at the Museum and Cliff Road, Headingley, the latter taken by Mr. Richard Reynolds:-
Museum. Cliff Road. October 13 0.91 inches 0.68 inches October 14 2.84 " 2.52 " ----- In 48 hours 3.75 " 3.20 " An examination of the records kept here since the year 1850 shows that there has been no instance of such a fall as is now recorded for October 14. The nearest approach was on July 26, 1886, when 2.30 inches fell. At an inland station such as Leeds it is very rare for even half the present figure of rainfall to be reached.-Yours truly, EDGAR R. WAITE. The Museum, Leeds, 15th October, 1892. SIR,- The rainfall of Friday last has "broken the record" in this district for I know not how many years, but certainly for the last four-and-a-quarter years. The highest record of rainfall for any one day of 24 hours in that period is 128 tons per acre (1.275 inches), and that occurred, singular to say, on the [33]

27th May, 1891, and on the 27th May, 1892. But the rainfall of last Friday was 207 tons (two hundred and seven) per acre (2.050 inches). This quantity, too, was very evenly distributed over the day and the night, as exactly one inch fell during the twelve hours extending from nine a.m. to nine p.m., and one inch and five hundredths from the time last mentioned to nine a.m. on Saturday. Adding the rainfall of Saturday also to the total amount of rain which

has fallen throughout the present year, we have a rainfall of 24.410 inches up to the 16th October, as compared with 20.810 inches in the corresponding period of last year, thus giving us a gain of 3.6 inches, although up to the end of July we were 2½ inches in arrear. The effect of the rainfall upon the River Nidd has been to increase its bulk to the flood dimensions of the noted flood of 1868, and to raise its temperature exactly two degrees, at the same time retarding the falling of the air temperature, which was rapidly declining, by arresting terrestrial radiation. In short, it has precisely equalised the temperature of earth and water, at one foot deep, the temperature of the latter being just two degrees below that of the soil at the depth named. The temperature of the rivers is almost always raised by heavy rainfalls in the winter ends of the year, and lowered by them in the summer half of the year. Of course, the record of this abnormal rainfall is an interesting scientific fact, but it is accompanied by very sad reflections when we think of its evil results. It adds one more to the number of existing trying conditions by which agriculture finds itself surrounded, and increases the strain upon the resources of the country at large. -I am, yours truly, G. PAUL.

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Oct[ober] 28th if necessary to changed but much preferred the 21st as selected. 18 Tues[day]. Letter from Atkinson allowing me the original date. At noon I had dinner with Gurnell & then to his house where I gave him a lesson in making lantern slides. In the evening I took Rose to opening lecture of Phil[osophical] Soc[iety] [35]

& worked lantern for du Maurier "Social Pictorial Satire" Saw Herbert who said that Mr Long had no license for 'Bruce' but was going to take out one on Jan[uary] 1st. I told him that I should not keep the dog unless a license was taken & asked him to see Mr. Long 19. Herbert told me that it was not intended to take [36]

Oct[ober] license & I might return the dog. At 5.0 ML Thompson (Saltburn) called at the Museum & I took him home to tea he soon left for 7.30 train & I walked over to Horsforth and took Bruce. In coming home I 'nosed' a weasel near Mosley Wood. 20. Thur[sday]. Mounted 2 lantern slides for Gurnell & at night took Rose to the [37]

opening meeting of the Leeds Geol[ogical] Assoc[iation] In starting we met Fanny and Wilfrid who walked down with us. 21 Fri[day] Measured for new suit at Arnotts' At 4.30 Rose & I took train for Harrogate called to see Fortune - At 6.0 we met Backhouse from York & went to his house. Had tea & at 7.22 took train to Starbeck met by Addyman gave my lecture [38]

Oct[ober] 'Animals' &[and]their clothes' Mr. Paul and Frank Gray being there with whom we walked to Knaresb[orough] Sat[urday] 22. Went down to the river, not yet recovered from the recent rains. Very interesting to watch the different kinds of leaves floating down the stream went down again with Rose thence to the old town &[and] back to dinner In the afternoon [left margin] E.R.W weighed - 10 st[one]3 lbs[pounds] R.E.W "[weighed] 9 -[stone] 6 - [pounds] [39]

we went through Scriven Park, there were bushels of sound Beech nuts on the ground &[and] the village children we[re] gathering walnuts. Spent the evening at French. Sun[day] 23. Mr Paul, Rose &[and] I went down to the river thence through the Park The Yews &[and] Hollies are crammed with berries. Frank Gray came in afternoon &[and] at night Uncle &[and] I walked with [40]

Oct[ober]. him on his way to Harrogate as far as Starbeck &[and] back again. 24. Mon[day]. Left at 8.45 for Leeds snow, en route. M.L. Thompson sent a noctule from Saltburn. Mr. _____ Longbotham called at the Museum (from Middleham) Letter from Mr Collins re[garding] lecture at Kirkburtom. Had "The Major's" coat altered to [41]

fit me at Arnotts In the evening I took Rose to my lecture at the L[Leeds]. N[aturalists'].C[lub]. on British Reptile exhibiting the living examples. Afterwards called at Roebuck's when Miss R[oebuck]. gave me 'her book' in which I promised to draw her something. W[illiam]D[enison]R[oebuck] told me that Knubley suggested Hobkirk's address should be read (by me). [42]

Oct[ober] 25 Tues[day]. Grimshaw told me that he had failed to pull off the Edinburgh post he being No.[Number] 2. Spent evening in drawing a Magpie &[and] nest for Miss Roebuck Received proof of Zinco[graph] of Byland Abbey &[and] 'Made up' the November 'Nat[uralist]' 26. Wed[nesday]: Rev[erend] John Hawell, of Ingleby Greenhow sent me [43]

a bat for iden- tification (*Vespertilio mystacinus*.)I wrote note for November Naturalist p[age] 336. Bought doz[en] Bromide Printing Papers and spent evening on Fallowfield 'photos' Fanny &[and] Wilfrid came up in the evening 27 Thur[sday]: Answered Collins' letter and chose Nov[ember] 14th the day preceding the Y[orkshire].N[aturalists].U[nion] Annual meeting. Arthur Walker and his [44]

Nov[ember]. Mother spent the evening with us as arranged. 28. Fri[day]. Sent photos to Fallowfield, but as Hydrokinone made the prints soot colored, I bought some from developer.

Took 'the Major's' dress coat &c[et cetera] to Arnotts to alter for me and received my new suit. As the Annual meeting of the Conchological Society is to be [45]

held in Manchester on Nov[ember] 4th. I wrote to Aunt Longbotham to say if convenient we would spend the Friday with her &[and] go on to Oldham next day to remain over Sunday. At night I made 4 Bromide prints. 29 Sat[urday]: Letter from Manchester agreeing to my proposal. Sent prints to Fallowfield.- In the afternoon - [46]

Nov[ember] Roebuck &[and] Rosenstock came to Ashville &[and] I had a walk with them, the latter returning with me to tea. 30 Sun[day] Painted at in the morning At 1.30 Rose and I started off for Bramhope. Had tea with Mr. Whitham Miss Gill and Miss Hirst also there. walked past Cook- ridge Hall to Horsforth called [47]

on Herbert &[and] Belle &[and] walked home Saw nothing of special interest. 31 Mon[day]. Rose wrote to her uncle in Oldham respecting our proposed visit. Paid Arnott £[pound]3.18.6 _____ Suit 2.15.0 Trowsers*[trousers] 16.6 Overcoat alt[ere]d 6.6 Dress Suit alt[ere]d 4.0 _____ 4. 2 - dis[count] 3.6 £[pound] 3.18.6 _____ Asked Ernst to tea on Wednesday [48]

Nov[ember] 1. Tues[day]. Write Davis re[garding] Y[orkshire].N[aturalists'].U[nion]. Annual meeting. Woodhead called on the same business. Took Rose in the evening to the Phil[osophical] Society's lecture. C.V. Boys on photos of flying Bullets for which I worked the lantern 2. Wed[nesday] Ernst came to tea &[and] spent the evening. I arranged with Husband, to be away from Friday until Tuesday morning [49]

3. Thur[sday]. Sent vopy of Nov[ember] Naturalist to Goathland also with L[eads].N[aturalists'].C[lub]. Vol[ume] 2. Transactions and home work of Rose's to Knaresboro[ugh]. A letter from Symons asking me for photos of the floods. I found the Mr Fox at R's &[and] Branson had taken 2 at Knottingley, the negatives of which he will lend me also asked that a note may be [50]

Nov[ember]. made in the "Post" &[and] Mercury. At noon I dined with Gurnell. 4. Fri[day]. Left Leeds at 1.40 with Rose. Met at Manchester by Aunt while I took car to Owen's College. Attended Council meeting of Conchol[ogical] Society at 4.0, went out &[and] had tea. At 6.0 the general meeting at which I read the Annual Report for Roebuck I then walked to [51]

Aunts house at 131 Meadow Street Moss Side. After supper Raymond took me round the locality. 5 Sat[urday]. Walked with Raymond to Ralli Brother where he "is". Went through the large warehouses saw them packing bales &c[et cetera], took 'bus to Belle Vue and was delighted with the fine "zoo" African Elephant [52]

Nov[ember] Remained about 3 hours and then walked to Moss Side for dinner. At 3.20 Rose and I left for Werneth met by Annie who conducted us to Bath Street, had tea and a walk afterwards with 'the family' round the town bought "Stage Land" 1[shilling]/6[pence]. by Jerome. 6 Sun[day]. Foggy day went to Chapel [53]

in the morning and a walk to Mumps &c[et cetera] with Mr. Green in the afternoon. 7 Mon[day]. With Rose &[and] Annie I was taken over Platt's works &[and] was "just" amazed at the enormous magnitude of the scale on which it is worked returned to dinner had a walk after- wards when 'Sallie' came. After tea [54]

Nov[ember] Mr. Green took me to some of the Clubs &[and] Institutes &c[et cetera] in the town and 'George' came to take 'Sallie' home. The <other> unmar- ried member are Annie Alice &[and] Percy. 8 Tues[day] At 8.58 I left for Leeds changed at Mumps &[and] Rochdale. at which latter place I telegraphed to Rose for the house key which she [55]

had - arrived at Leeds. 11.43. Found Photos awaiting me in response to newspaper notice from J. Brigg J[?] Wakefield &[and] also the negatives from Fox. Received the key at 1.15. Saw Roebuck &[and] arranged to meet him after tea, had tea at Fallowfield and found Fanny ill with Bronchitus*[Bronchitis] &[and] Neuralgia. Met [56]

Nov[ember] Roebuck as arranged &[and] worked at the Y[orkshire].N[aturalists'].U[nion] Presidential address wh[ic]h Hobkirk had sent, while there Wilfrid brought a letter from Fanny re[garding] some little mis- understanding we had a fort- -night ago &[and] which I had forgotten but asking me to sleep there which I did but did not see her again [57]

9. Wed[nesday]. Went to Museum from Fallowfield leaving Fanny ill in bed. I replied to her letter and also wrote to Rose. dined with Gurnell &[and] in the evening I wrote out Y[orkshire].N[aturalists'].U[nion]. draft Annual Report &[and] printed in Bromide from Fox's negatives. 10 Thur[sday]. Sent all the flood photos to Symons. Letters [58]

Nov[ember] from Rose, also from Collins re[garding] my lectures to which I replied as also to one from Rosenstock asking Rose &[and] I to tea on 15th Letter from 'friend' Braithwaite

followed by personal call asking me for lecture at Ackworth on the 17th Am too busy at that time. Bought Baird's [59]

"Cyclopaedia of the Natural Sciences" in the market 1[shilling]/- published 1858 @ [at] 15[shillings]/- In evening letter from Sorby - replied, & [and] wrote to A Clarke 11. Fri[day]. Had tea with Roebuck, finished off Presidents' Address, working until after 11.0. Wrote Rose. 12. Sat[urday]. Attended Y[orkshire].N[aturalists'].U[nion] Executive meeting at 3.30 then walked to [60]

Nov[ember] Horsforth. 13 Sun[day]. Wet Day. At Horsforth. we did not go out. 14 Mon[day] Herbert & [and] I walked to town. At 5.30 I left for Kirkburton or <train> rather should have done but the train was late & [and] I missed the connection at Huddersfield, I told the Station Master & [and] as there was no train for [61]

some time I took a cab for a 5 miles drive, Had tea on arriving gave the lecture & [and] returned to the vicarage. 15 Tues[day]. Left Kirk- burton at 9.35 for Huddersfield, to the Town Hall soon after Roebuck came & [and] we spent morning at work. Dined with Porritt. At 3.0 sectional meetings [62]

Nov[ember] & [and] general Committee at 3.30 at which I had a lot of hard work, tea at 5.0 Met Rose from Oldham at 6.32 and at 7.0. The General meeting when I read the Presidential Address. A regular party of us suppered at Porritts' and at 10.40 Rose, Roebuck and I left for Leeds. [63]

Cab to Sunny Bank just landed before 12.0 & [and] saved the double fare, but of course cabby growled. Rose & [and] I walked home. 16. Wrote L[ondon and].N[orth].W[estern] R[ailwa]y for 5[shillings]/- enclosing ticket & [and] cabby's receipt, also to Mrs Collins. At night I commenced to write "Annual" meeting but was too tired to do much [64]

Nov[ember] Father sent letter of Intro[duction] by "My cousin Geo[rge] Metcalfe Sackville Place Dublin whom I had never seen nor heard of. His mother was the eldest and mine the youngest of the family. 17 Thur[sday] Dense Fog I called for Roebuck on my way home and we spent a long night at the [65]

'Naturalist' index. 18 Fri[day] Rose went to Fallowfield and I joined her to tea On account of the Fog we remained overnight. 19 Sat[urday]. Wrote to Ackworth re[garding] my lecture on

Monday Saw Hall re[garding] a Flute. Answ[ere]d an Adv[er]t[isement] in Bazaar. Boehm for 75[shillings]/- &[and] sent adv[er]t[isement] for 3 insertions - Cylinder [66]

Nov[ember] Boehm preferred. Returned to Fallowfield to dinner and stayed all day. In the afternoon I wrote up better part of Y[orkshire].N[aturalists'].U[nion] Ann[ual] Meeting. 20 Sun[day] Rose and I walked to Horsforth. Messrs Dean, Hudson &[and] Atkinson also went to Herberts' and we all came home together. 21 Mon[day] Letter from Alf[re]d Gregory, re[garding] the flute, Saw Hall [67]

who knew the man by name &[and] I sent P[ost]O[ffice] O[rder] £[pound]3.15.0 for flute on approval he being a 'Bazaar' reference man. At 3.43 I left for Pontefract, Spent an hour in looking over the Castle and took train to Ackworth met by cab, to the School, found I could not well get back same day. So telegraphed Rose to [68]

go to Fallowfield gave my lecture &[and] remained the night. Driven to Hemsworth &[and] train to Leeds. Found 22 Rose at Museum &[and] letter from Sydney informing me of my appointment at the Museum. Told them at Fallowfield wrote to Father. At noon Mrs W[aite] stopped me in the Museum porch, asked me to [69]

go to No[number] 25 but I said it was their turn to see me &[and] arranged for them to go on Wednesday. At night I burnt a barrowful of papers. 23 Wed[nesday]. Received the Flute, saw Hall who said it was very good at the money but re-padded hole were badly done, he advised me to ask 5[shilling]/- reduction ie.[id est "that is"] to accept £[pounds]3.10.0 [70]

Hall's terms for lessons are £[pound]2.2.0 for 10. I arranged to commence on the 25th. Wrote to Gregory re[garding] flute &[and] padding Just after we had finished dinner at Ashville Rose's brother came &[and] remained to tea, I, consequently did not go to the Museum. Father &[and] Mrs W[aite] also came to tea as arranged &[and] spent the evening. [71]

{Newspaper clipping} "Yorkshire Post" AN AUSTRALIAN APPOINTMENT FOR A LEEDS GENTLEMAN.- The numerous friends in Leeds and in other parts of Yorkshire of Mr. Edgar Waite, curator to the leeds Philosophical Society, while they will heartily congratulate him on his preferment will be sorry to learn that he has accepted an appointment which will necessitate his leaving the town for New South Wales. Mr. Waite has received from the Government of New South Wales the appointment of assistant curator in the Australian Museum at Sydney, where he will have special charge of the reptile and fish sections. Mr. Waite

succeeded Mr. Clarke in 1888 as assistant curator at the Leeds Philosophical Society's Museum, and since Professor Miall's retirement from the position two or three years ago he has filled the post of curator. In addition to his functions in this position Mr. Waite has in many ways actively identified himself with local scientific re- search and studies, having for some years been, in con- junction with Mr. Denison Roebuck, responsible for the secretarial work- an honorary position- of the York- shire Naturalists' Union, and also editor of the Naturalist. His place among the Yorkshire Naturalists will be diffi- cult to fill, for to his enthusiasm in the work of the society he added personal characteristics which have won him the warm regard of all who have come into relations with him. He will leave a gap in certain circles in Leeds and Yorkshire; but his host of friends will unite in wishing him all success and happiness in his new sphere of labour. Mr. Waite will leave Leeds in the spring of next year. [72A]

{Newspaper Clipping} "Leeds Mercury" IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT FOR MR. EDGAR WAITE, OF LEEDS. It will interest our readers to learn that Mr. Edgar R. Waite, the curator of the museum of the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society, is about to leave this country, he having received an important appoint- ment under the Government of New South Wales as assistant-curator of the Australian Museum, at Sydney, where he is to take special charge of the depart- ment of reptiles and fishes. It will be remembered that Mr. Waite succeeded Mr. Clarke as assistant to Professor Miall in the curatorship of the museum of the Philosophical and Literary Society in the year 1888, and that about two years later, when Professor Miall retired, he received the full appointment. Mr. Waite has done much valuable work in that capacity, and has besides been actively engaged in other scientific pursuits. For some years he has, in conjunction with Mr. Denison Roebuck, discharged the duties of the secretaryship of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, at whose meetings and excursions he has been a regular attender. He is, besides, one of the editors of "The Naturalist," a monthly journal which is very much ap- preciated in the North of England. Mr Waite's de- parture will be a distinct loss to the intellectual life of the town, and will cause deep regret to his many friends, though they will none the less heartily con- gratulate him on the appointment he has received. He will leave this country in the spring of next year to take up his new duties. [72B]

saw Fred off to Horsforth. Father said he would give me the Camera out &[and] out. 2<3>4. Then I sent Rose to Horsforth to prevent the return of Fred to our house. A notice of the appoint- ment - (by Roebuck) appears in Mercury &[and] Post of today. I had numerous callers including Branson &[and] Simpson. Reynolds H.P. Legg left me 'Sydney Mail' Sep[tember] 24 [72]

Nov[ember] containing portraits of Mayor & Mayoress of Burwood, he a Leeds man to whom Legg will give me letter of intro[duction]: Twigg telephoned wrote Eayrs cancelling lecture engagement. for Jan[uary] 14th, went with Herbert by train to Horsforth got Fred off to Sunderland at 7.30 We remained all night wrote to Wheatleys. Liverpool re[garding] freight by clippers [73]

25. Fri[day]. Rose went to Fallowfield to tea. At 4.30 I went to Hall & had a flute lesson & joined Rose at Fallowfield to tea. 26. Sat[urday]. Wrote T.J.B[anks] Gurnell came to Ashville in the afternoon & Father joined us after tea. Received letter from Wheatleys'. Freight 12[shillings]/6[pence] per ton (ie.[id est] "that is") 40 c[ubic].f[ee]t) +[plus] 5%[percent] and 3[shillings]/6[pence] per p[ack]a[ge] shipping dues. [74]

Nov[ember] 27. Sun[day]. Spent afternoon & evening at No. 25 Father offered to give me Voightlander Lens, condenser. "W[illia]m Raper's" Box of drawings instruments "Dunluce Castle" 28. Mon[day]. Roebuck gave me a letter from Brazier enclosed in one to him, it is very friendly & he wishes to know 'the boat' in order that he may meet me. Father came in the evening. I [75]

made some Bromide prints, giving him a lesson. He gave me "Mitchell's Ex - peditions into - Australia" Vol[ume].1 29 Tues[day]. Wrote replies to Uncle at Keith Nellie Beale & Jim Wragby. Spent part of evening with Teasdale at 255 Hyde Park Road. 30 Wed[nesday]. Saw Carvers who will send up a man tomorrow re[garding] packing our goods. In evening Father & Mrs Waite [76]

Nov[ember] - Dec[ember]. visited us. Father had received a letter from Mr Vanse in which he mentioned my application and said he had been married before leaving Italy (Oct.24) Dec[ember] 1. Thur[sday]. Wrote my resignation as Curator of the Leeds Museum and also to Brazier. Carvers' man came up to look at the goods they charge 9d[pence] per hour per man for packing. Enquired at Cooks' [77]

for sailings of the Orient Line. The 'Orient' sails on the 10 Feb[ruary] & the "Ormuz" on the 24 Feb[ruary]. I think of selecting the latter. In the evening I attended L[eesds].N[aturalists].<C> Club Council. The Misses Barnes with Rose. Arranged with Roebuck to walk from Beverley to Leeds or Ribbleshead to Leeds (either is 51 miles) if fine on Sunday. 2 Fri[day] Looked through my sternums at the Museum with a [78]

Dec[ember] view of taking them to Sydney. Also commenced to recolour a series of distribution maps of Bird families. Rose went in the afternoon to Fallowfield I had a flute lesson &[and] joined her, 3 wrote to Grassham at San Jose! Saw Roebuck &[and] in view of the bad weather we decided to postpone our walk from to<m>morrow. Had tea at No[number] 25 [79]

Father gave me the box of drawing instruments. 4 Sun[day] Went to Adel &[and] had tea at the Reformatory. Mr Twigg gave me this Fountain pen. 5 Mon[day], Father wrote to the Colonial Agent in my name re[garding] duty on goods specially mentioning Furniture, Picture &[and] my bird skins. Called on Wager at 5.0 &[and] he had tea with us, but left early When [80]

Dec[ember] practising on the flute I found it would not act properly &[and] discovered a crack extending from the first joint to the embouche'. Fanny &[and] Marie called &[and] invited Rose down tomorrow. 6. Tues[day] Wrote to A Gregory re[garding] Flute Rose went to Fal- lowfield in the afternoon. I joined her to tea after attending Phil[osophical] Soc[iety] lecture. D. Morris [81]

on Tropical Plant Life. Returned to Fallowfield &[and] stayed rest of evening. 7. Wed[nesday]. At 9.am I went to Birch by appointment and he filled me 7 teeth, 3 extractions tomorrow. Letter from Gregory saying that if the crack<ed> in the Flute was not my fault he would exchange it &[and] quoted others viz[videlicet = namely] Cove. Randall &[and] Rose £[pound]4-4-0 " Lot. £[pound]5.17.6 [82]

Dec[ember] Cylinder by Collard £[pound]5.5.0 I wrote &[and] asked him to send me the Cylinder on approval &[and] enclosed £[pound]1-10-0 being the additional amount (£[pound]3.15.0 for the Flute). I afterwards sent him the flute &[and] also the ordinary concert Flute and asked him if he could allow me anything on it &[and] if so to withhold 5[shillings]/- for the music [83]

Letter from the Agent General N[ew] S[outh] W[ales]. enclosing tariffs &[and] also year book. Father will write again for further particulars. Letter of congratulation from A S Woodward, letter from Gambier Bolton re[garding] photos of Animals &[and] also his lecture at Y[oung].M[en€™s].C[hristian].A[ssociation] on Tuesday,. At 7.30 I took Rose to Annual meeting of L[eads].N[aturalists'].C[lub]. President (Smithells) on the structure of Flame. [84]

Dec[ember] 8. Thur[sday]. At 10.45 I went to Birch, he gave me 'gas' but although he had 3 tries he failed to remove my 3rd Left superior molar (wisdom). He put me under again &[and] got the tooth at the second attempt &[and] also my 2nd right superior molar and broke off the crown of the 1st right inferior premolar. Gregory sent 2 Flutes, the Cylinder and the Conical 'Lot' £[pound]5.17.6 [85]

I took them to Hall, he first tried the cone but found he could force the moisture through an otherwise invisible crack in the head. The Cylinder seemed all right thus I kept &[and] returned the 'Lot' together with my old 8 keyed flute &[and] asked Gregory what he would allow me on it. The Cylinder is Coco-wood. All holdes covered. Open G#[sharp] paid £[pound]5.5.0 Asked Hall to excuse [86]

Dec[ember] my lesson tomorrow on account of teeth &[and] not having been able to practise in consequence of the defective flute. In the evening Father &[and] Mrs Waite visited us. 9. Fri[day]. Dined with Gurnell. We had tea &[and] spent evening at Sunny Bank &[and] arranged with Roebuck to have our walk on Sunday weather permitting which appeared doubtful. [87]

10. Sat[urday]. On account of the Frost &[and] Snow we decided to again postpone the walk Letter from Gregory offering 8[shillings]/- for my old flute which I at once declined Received letter from Agent General N[ew].S[outh].W[ales] saying he had no authority with regard to the Customs, and informing me that I must settle up on arriving in Sydney. W.L. Chadwick called at the Museum In the evening I made [88]

Dec[ember] ten prints from the Fallowfield photos 11 Sun[day]. In the afternoon we went to the Misses Barnes and remained the evening having previously called at No[number] 25 When Father gave me a drawing board (panelled). 12 Mon[day]. Wilfrid called in the evening and asked us to go to Fallowfield on Friday Took Berths on the 'Ormuz' at Cook's for Feb[ruar]y 24 th [89]

depositing ½ the passage money viz[videlicet = that is] £[pound]36.15.0. Letter from Hobkirk. 13. Tues[day]. Miss Mitton Herbert &[and] Belle to tea. Herbert asked us to meet his brothers Ernest and Fred at Horsforth on Sunday. I took Father to Y[oung].M[en€™s].C[hristian].A[ssociation] to hear Gambier Bolton on photos of animals. I had a word with him before the lecture &[and] he will see me tomorrow. [90]

Dec[ember] 14 Wed[nesday]. Bolton called, at the Museum he gave me a 12 X 10 photo[graph] of Rhinoceros unicornis. Wrote to W.E. Clarke. Letter from Gregory saying he meant to allow me 8[shillings]/- in addition to the 5[shillings]/- for music. In the evening we visited father he gave me some brushes &[and] also a few tubes of colors 15 Thur[sday] Wrote Gregory accepting his offer [91]

Letter from Clarke in which he told me that his newly appointed assistant was resigning and that probably the second man. Grimshaw would be elected. Overhauled the sternums preparatory to removing them. Wrote to Uncle in Goathland partly re[garding] "Newman's Moths" &[and] also asked him if he could spare me a few brushes. Wrote to Loten re[garding] Sternums [92]

Dec[ember] and also Stuart's Terns. I attended meeting of Leeds Geol[ogical]. Assoc[iation]. When papers on holidays were read. John Redmayne gave an account of his voyage round the world but as he spun it out we only got to New Zealand by closing time. Mentioning that I should like to see his photos &[and] have further par- [93]

-ticulars he asked me to tea on Mon[day]: also to take Rose. I had attended the Council meeting at 7.30 when my letter of resignation was read. also read to the meeting. 16. Fri[day]: Had my Flute lesson at 4.30 &[and] then joined Rose to tea at Fallowfield. Wilfrid &[and] I arranged to walk to Barkston tomorrow and so we remained all [94]

Dec[ember]. night. Hall and the Misses Walker were also there. 1<9>7. Sat[urday]. At 2. O'clock Wilfrid &[and] I set off for our walk, thro[ugh] Seacroft. Stanks Scholes, Barwick, here darkness set in &[and] as the roads were in a fearful state on account of the recent frosts We had a lively time of it, being pitch dark, we proceeded to Aber- [95]

-ford to the Crooked Billet, and here Wilfrid came to grief walking into a ditch at full length. I had many tumbles but did not actually lie down. passed through Saxton &[and] on to Barkston, had tea at Mr Haigh's the Landlord of 'Fallow- field' as the new house is to be named he took us over it &[and] then lent [96]

Dec[ember]- us a lantern by which we got on well to Ch[urch] - Fenton. &[and] left by train at 8.25. proceeded to 'Old' Fallowfield &[and] remained the night. 18 Sun[day]: Remained at Fallowfield to dinner walked to Ashville thence to Horsforth. Met Fred &[and] Ernest Denny at Herbert's we all walked home together 19 Mon[day]: Letter from Uncle Banks to [97]

say I might keep Newmans Moths in memory of Claude. He will gave*[give] me some brushes and also an Old palette. He and Aunt are going to York on Thursday for a fortnight. Letter from Loten re[garding] the Sternums. The 'Post' of Saturday last contain<e>s a notice of me with reference to Bolton's lecture (see (over) [98]

Dec[ember] [Newspaper clipping] YORKSHIRE WEEKLY POST DECEMBER 17, 1892 Mr. Edgar Waite, of the Leeds Philosophical Society, must have listened with a degree of pleasure to the remarks made by Mr. Gambier Bolton, F[ellow].R[oyal].S[ociety of London]., the other evening on the wild animals in captivity. As curator to the Society it could but have been gratifying to Mr. Waite to hear praised the collection of zoological specimens at the Museum, and he must at the same time have admitted the ground for the lament that so few persons examine those specimens. Men absorbed in commercial pursuits do not as a rule care to drop into museums, which on the whole are the reverse of popular, and this it is to be regretted is the experience at Leeds in common with other places. Mr. Edgar Waite, many of whose friends are so much regretting his departure from Leeds, has done what he could to make the Museum a success, but he will not when in New South Wales have cause to testify to the enthusiasm of the people of Leeds for wild animals as they are represented at museums. _____ [99]

19.(continued) Grimshaw called to tell me that he had received the appointment as Clarke's assistant in Edinbur[gh]. Mr. Paul called gave me a Pajama &[and] promised me some Meteorological appar -atus. Geo[rge] Metcalfe also came with him &[and] gave me a letter of introduction to the Inspector of Patents at Sydney Mr. Paul said Aunt [100]

Dec[ember] was coming tomorrow. I wrote to her. At night Rose &[and] I went to Mr. Redmayre's to tea and we learnt much about our route. Letter 20 from Knubley. Got some cards. die &c[et cetera] from Blades. Wrote to Curator, Museum Colombo. Saw H.B. Wilson who will give me a letter of introduction to Dr. Johnson-Lavis of Naples whom I [101]

recently met in Leeds. Aunt Paul came at noon &[and] went home with me. She returned with me after tea when I attended L[eads] P[hilosophical] &[and] Lit[erary] Soc[iety]: Lecture &[and] worked lantern for Dr. Waldstein on "Recent Excavations in Greece." Wrote to J.A Reid 21 Wed[nesday] Roebuck said a parting dinner was to be given [102]

Dec[ember] me and asked me if either Feb[ruary] 13 or 15 would suit me &[and] which date I would select. I sent note to Post &[and] Mercury relating to Grimshaw's ap- pointment which appeared as below [newspaper clipping] MR. PERCY HALL GRIMSHAW, son of Mr.

David Grimshaw, Leeds, has been appointed by the Lords Commissioners of the Council of Education, after competitive examination, assistant to Mr. W. Eagle Clarke (formerly of the Leeds Museum) in the Natural History Department of the Museum of Science and Art, Edinburgh. [103]

Paid Mrs. Bowling on behalf of Mrs. Wood 15[shillings]/- for seven cases (book boxes) some containing British Beetles. In the evening I made some more Fallowfield photos &[and] Father was also with us. Letter from Agent General New. South. Wales in London, declining to express any opinion as to the interpretation of the New. South. Wales Tariffs. [104]

December I paid Armitage 15[shillings]/- for the 6 frames bought "long ago. 22 Thursday Letter and form from C.S. Commissioners to fill in regarding personal character <of> &c[et cetera] of Grimshaw. Sent to Fallowfield for the 7 Insect Boxes. They asked us to go on Friday and stay overnight. Wrote to Curator &[and] also Secretary of Australian Museum [105]

informing them of the date of our sailing and also mentioned to the former about my Bird Skins. Letter from Wheatleys, to give me January 1st &[and] January 20th as the dates of sailing. Mrs Adamson and family came to tea &[and] spent the evening. Father gave me 200 envelopes for foreign Service stamped [106]

December with monogram. While Mrs. Adamson was here I took the opportunity of making some more Fallowfield photos. I visited Mrs. Derry &[and] bid good-bye to the old staff. 23 Friday Had my Flute lesson and joined Rose at Fallowfield where we remained all night. Wilfrid gave us a painting of Egton Bridge which [107]

he had done. 24. Saturday. From home after dinner we called at No.[number] 25 obtained front for rapid lens. We thence went to Horsforth &[and] stayed until Monday am. The large travelling box which belonged to the Major we found to contain 12 cubic feet which together with the cabin box 8feet 4 inches [108]

December practically made one of the 20 feet allowed. 25. Sunday &[and] Xmas[Christmas] day. took 3 photos of the youngster &[and] Herbert and I had a walk to Cookridge &[and] Adel in 14°[degrees] of frost. The dog repeatedly dashed into the tangled grass but did not secure anything, the cause was perhaps [109]

Field Voles. In to dinner & did not again sally forth. 26. Mon[day]: At Museum as usual wrote to Clarke, Collins and Fortune. I sent the boy with a large box of my bird-skins from the Museum to Ashville and spent the evening in packing them. Received from Miss Beale. [110]

Dec[ember] photo of herself A series of silhouettes by Roebuck & Cards from Clarke Backhouse & Fortune. 27 Tues[day]: Mr Paul called at Museum he gave me a Knife I wrote notices of Election to Y[orkshire] N[aturalists'] U[nion] Spent evening in packing some of the Bird Skins. 28 Wed[nesday] Spent the evening in packing up papers & cetera. [111]

29. Thur[sday], Roebuck asked me if Rose would not also like to be at my farewell dinner. At night I packed up my books saw Herbert & we arranged that the box should be sent from Horsforth to- -morrow. 30. Fri[day]. Felt very ill to day told Husband that I should, very probably not be at work tomorrow. Had flute lesson, went home & to bed. [112]

Dec[ember] developed a very bad cold with sickness & cetera Received the box from Horsforth and sent the Kitchen chest of drawers. 31 Sat[urday] Spent all the day in bed feeling "very bad". Rose sent off some New Year's Cards & paid Poor & Cemetary*[Cemetery] Rate The Joiner sent in A/c[account] for the Cabin boxes £[pound]1.8.7½ <Iles sent up 2 Organ cases>[113]

1892 Review Commenced the year confined to bed with the Influenza. Illness of Major Green and his death on March 12th There are 2, (at least) very important events of the year to be mentioned 1st My marriage on April 7th and 2nd my appointment as Assistant in the Australian Museum with the consequent severing my connection with old friends, The 'Naturalist', Y[orkshire].N[aturalists'].U[nion]. Leeds Geol[ogical] Ass[ociation] Leeds Nat[uralists'] Club & the Conchological Soc[iety] & cetera [114]

1893. Jan[uary]. As with last year I spent the early days in bed and did not resume work until the 6th 1. Sun[day]. In bed all day Father and Mrs Waite called to see me and gave Rose and myself each an umbrella. 2. Mon[day]. Received a letter from Rosenstock saying he was to be an applicant for the Museum vacancy & [115]

asked for my help. Wrote to Roebuck on the matter & asked him to call. Father took for me a letter to Runton & the boy brought me up some weather papers, and also a tray of Bird Sternums. Rose went to the College to report my illness and saw Brench. Gurnell came

up in the afternoon &[and] stayed to tea. I painted by way of a little diversion, the name &c[et cetera] on one of the Cabin- boxes. [116]

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

from Bolton of the Owen's College Museum to say he would call on me to day with reference to the Curatorship &[and] asked me to telegraph. I did so telling him to see the Secretary. A gentleman named - Watson brought a letter from Bissington who asked me to give him particulars of the vacancy. Being in bed Rose referred him to the Secretary [118]

Jan[uary] Roebuck came &[and] we talked about the vacancy &[and] Rosenstock but as Wallis Kew Soppitt &[and] other of 'our friends' were also "in" we could not well do much for any of them. He told me that Brownridge had been successful in ob- -taining the Borough Engineership of Birkenhead (£[pound]500) of which I knew he was one of 3 selected candidates [119]

so that counting Grimshaw 3 of "us" will be leaving the town pretty nearly together. He brought me the Zinco-block &[and] Electrotpe of my signature and told me that the proposed Testimonial was being enthusiastically taken up and that there would be a nice balance for purchase after the Testimonial had been prepared. Iles sent the 2 organ packing cases he [120]

Jan[uary] had promised &[and] we gave the men 2[shillings]/6[pence] . Wrote Rosenstock Painted name &c[et cetera] on Cabin Box No.2. Packed up Frock Coat &[and] Black Coat of the Majors for Arnott to see &[and] if possible to alter for me. I got up in afternoon but did not leave my bedroom. I filled up spare time with practise on the Flute. [121]

4 Wed[nesday]. Went downstairs &[and] spent much time in packing books. In the evening W[illiam] D[enison] R[oe]buck called to ask me to select some ob- jects for the balance of the testimonial fund. £[pound]20- had already been sub- scribed without can- vassing and a circlur*[circular] was to be sent out widely which would no doubt bring in a fair sum. Mrs. Waite also called. [122]

Jan[uary] 5 Thur[sday]: Much better Up all day. Packed Cabinets &[and] other things &[and] took some of the furniture to pieces. - heavy work! 6 Fri[day] In morning I commenced to put Glass Cabinet &c[et cetera] into one of the Organ Cases. Went to Museum in the afternoon. Found that Mr. Paul had sent me "Hints to travellers" which I acknowledged had flute lesson &[and] afterwards resumed [123]

the packing. 7. Sat[urday]. Went to Arnott &[and] had blue &[and] also brown suits tried on both for light wear took him a black coat &[and] vest &[and] frock coat &[and] vest (the Major's) to alter for me. Took Boots &c[et cetera] to Whitehead to repair &[and] was measured for a new pair of boots &[and] 2 pairs of shoes. Uncle Banks &[and] Wilfrid called at Museum &[and] asked us to dinner I sent up the boy to tell Rose. Spent the [124]

Jan[uary] 1893. rest of the day at Fallowfield. Uncle gave me about 30 used oil brushes and a palette. 8. Sun[day]. After breakfast we went to No. 25 When I painted at Father's portrait. We remained all day. He gave me his (Wedding) brown coat &[and] vest, a pair of light shoes. The Voightlander lens, the lantern &[and] condenser lamps &c[et cetera]&c[et cetera]. [125]

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

Jan[uary] 10 Tues[day] Letter from Wheatleys to say that goods by "Talavera" would be received up to the 10th but asking me to send them in good time. Sent boy to Ashville with the remainder of my Sternums which I packed at night. Mr. Whitehead sent my repaired Boots and Shoes. Paid him £[pound]1 on a/c[account] of these and of new ones. Aunt gave me some socks [127]

&[and] Rose some things also. At night Father sent me a note to say that Arthur had left the tools and I went up &[and] selected &[and] brought away the following:- Brace &[and] 36 Bits, Jack and Smoothing planes, Hammer, Gauge, File<s>, 4 chisels &[and] handles Set-Square .2 Gouges- Oil-stone Bought Birthday Book [128]

Jan[uary] 11. Wed[nesday]. Up at 5.0 We finally packed Did not go to the Museum in the morning. Carvers men came at 8.30 and cleared us out. Went to the Museum in afternoon.

Gurnell called gave me the Histoire anecdotique de L'angleterre &[and] asked me to dinner on Friday. Got camera front made for Voightlander Lens to fit the old camera. Cut to fit the new one. [129]

went to Carvers and found all the fur- niture unpacked and arranged in blocks for case - space. The foreman told me that other 2[two] organ cases would, with the ex ception of the large case required for the couch &c[et cetera] about fit me up. I left all instructions as to packing book and Nat[ural] Hist[ory] specimens in Zinc &[and] then went to see Iles who at once promised to let me have 2 more cases. [130]

Jan[uary] 12 Thur[sday]. Cut a Stencil plate for cases and went to Carvers and worked them off. I paid Kirks £[pound]1-5.0 for 2 Zinc linings &[and] fastening up. Took the 2 numbers of Lilfords Birds to Mr. Scott. 13 Fri[day] Went to Carvers They have got all packed up &[and] gave me a list of contents of each case. Mrs. Grassham called. I dined with Gurnell. Had a Flute lesson &[and] [131]

joined Rose at Fallowfield. I wrote to Wheatleys &[and] sent declaration, asking them for rates of Insurance, Bills of Lading &[and] particulars. 14 Father had a letter from Uncle W[illia]m to say that I was to take what tools I might find useful as a present from him. The Yorkshire Weekly Post of to- day contains two notices one under [132]

Jan[uary] News and the other Editorial and I heard that other notices have ap- -peared in the Leeds Daily News. &[and] also the Express. The following are from the "Post".
[Newspaper clipping] MR. EDGAR WAITE, F[ellow].L[innean].S[ociety of London].- A movement has been set on foot to pay a tribute of respect to Mr. Edgar R. Waite, F[ellow].L[innean].S[ociety of London]., who is about to leave England to take up the post of assistant curator in the Australian Museum at Sydney, N[ew].S[outh].W[ales]., his passage having been taken in the Ormuz, which leaves London on the 24th of February. His scientific friends propose that some tangible recogni- tion be made of the services which (outside the sphere of his professional duties) he has rendered to the cause of natural history in his native county, and at a joint meet- ing of the committees of the Leeds Geological Association, the Leeds Naturalists' Club, and the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, it was decided to present him with an illuminated address, and such other gifts as may be determined upon. A sub-committee of three representa- tives from each society was appointed to carry out the arrangements. It is proposed that the address shall be presented to Mr. Waite at a social tea to be held at Leeds, when it is expected that the Mayor of Halifax will preside. [133]

[Newspaper clipping] I note with considerable satisfaction that it is proposed to recognise in a tangible manner the signal services rendered by Mr. Edgar Waite, F[ellow].L[innean].S[ociety of London], of Leeds. This gentleman, who is relinquishing his appointment as curator of the Philosophical Hall, has in the cause of Science and Natural History placed various associations under a debt of deep obligation. He has freely given them the benefit of his acknowledged abilities and his re- markable diligence in the various fields of science. Mr. Waite leaves for Sydney, New South Wales, next month to enter upon his new office, and at the social gathering which has been arranged at Leeds in connection with his departure he will not only, I understand, be presented with an address, but receive other tributes of the deep respect entertained for him. Friday, January 13. Saw Carver's foreman who told me that the goods were on the rail. I paid their A/c[account] £[pound]8.3.8 vizviz[videlicet = that is] collecting and packing £[pound]3.5.0 [134]

Jan[uary] £[pound]3. 5.0 6 Stones Straw 2.6 Large Case 1.16.0 Carriage to Wapping Dock 3. 0.2 ----- £[pound]8. 3.8 In the afternoon we intended to go to Lawnswood but on account of the snow stopped short at No 25 &[and] remained the evening. Aunt Longbotham there. 15 Sun[day]. Went to No 25 to dinner &[and] remained [135]

the rest of the day. Father gave me an oval palette. 16 Mon[day]: Carr Smith called respecting my lecture and asked us to supper afterwards Saw Whitham and I arranged that we should visit him on Sunday next if fine. Letter from Wheatley to say insurance on good would be 20[shillings]/- %[per hundred] At night I developed Bromide prints of Herbert's youngster [136]

Jan after which we walked to Horsforth &[and] remained all night Husband told me that in all probability Crowther would be appointed my successor (not joyful news!) 17 Tues[day]. Came down by train with Herbert Saw Pocklington re[garding] Marine Insurance who also quoted me 20[shillings]/- %[per hundred] E.W Crawley gave me ticket for concert at Phil[osophical] Hall tomorrow Saxophone Recital. [137]

Received my shoes (2 pairs) &[and] paid in all for New Boots and repairs £[pound]2-15-6. Continued packing in the evening. 18 Wed[nesday]. At the Phil[osophical] Soc[iety] Council meeting. Crowther was appointed my successor. In the evening I took Rose to hear Mills on the Saxophone - a very fine instrument. 19. Thur[sday]. Bought a box from Reynolds &[and] Bransons for the [138]

Jan[uary] hold for 2[shillings]/6[pence]. In the evening I gave lecture on Defences of Animals before Emanuel, Recreation Club. Rose also went &[and] we afterwards had supper with the Vicar (W. Kerr Smith). 20 Fri[day]. Had Flute lesson &[and] afterwards did more packing. Ordered a Thornton - Pickard shutter for the Rapid Lens. 21 Saw Kendall. Told me Mr Derry had [139]

sent him to ask me to call on him on Monday. Mr. Paul called at the Museum. We went to Chadwicks' to tea &[and] spent the evening. 22 Sun[day]: After dinner Rose &[and] I walked to Bramhope, saw a large flock of T. pilaris above Adel dam. Aunt &[and] Uncle Banks at Whithams where we had tea came home by train at 8.1 from Arthington [140]

Jan[uary] 23 Mon[day] Father told me that his Aunt Catherine had died yesterday aged 77<th>. Mrs Longbotham who had been staying at Bilton came to Leeds. Percy Grimshaw commences work at Edinbur[gh] today. Backhouse telephoned me to ask if we could spend some night with him this week I replied that we were too busy but would [141]

Feb[ruary] 3. I found when I got home that Miss Anderson was coming on that date. At 4.30 I went to see Mr Derry by appointment &[and] received a most agreeable surprise. All my old fellow workers had signed an address, read by Kendall and presented to me with a malacca walking stick with ivory handle bearing my [142]

Jan[uary] [18]93 monogram thus: &[and] 'January 1893' [diagram] beneath. The presentation was made in Mr. Derry's room among the old faces, and I afterwards obtained their signatures in my book. 24 Tues[day] Wrote Backhouse &[and] told him that the 10th Feb[ruar]y was my best date. Letter from Fortune re[garding] a book &[and] some Sternums of his which I had [143]

overlooked and are now at Liverpool. I sent Wilfrid's 'T.J.B[anks].' Picture to him. Got a frame for the 'Borough' Address from Bogg. 1[shilling]/9[pence]. At night we continued the packing. The new tenant (Hobley) called &[and] paid me £[pound]1 for the gas fittings. 25 Wed[nesday]. Paid Roebuck £[pound]2 to balance the Y[orkshire] N[aturalists'] U[nion] a/c[account] and also £[pound]1. 4 years subs[criptions]' [144]

paid in advance. The 'Yorks[hire]' Evening Post of Tues[day] contains the following note. [Newspaper clipping] JANUARY 24, 1893 The new curator of Leeds Literary and Philo-
sophical Society is, I am informed, to be Mr. Crow-ther, who formerly acted as assistant to Mr. Edgar Waite and migrated to Truro. 26 Thurs[day]. Wrote to Mr Blades re[garding]

invitation for us to have tea with him at Sutton. Wrote Howson, the landlord re[garding] 4[shillings]/7[pence] paid for repairing [145]

Water pipe. I got a Kershaw's burner for the Phil[osophical] Soc[iety] lantern and as 7[shillings]/6[pence] would be allowed on our 15[shillings]/- existing burner I bought it at half price and in the evening I fitted it to the lantern. Bought a lantern slide carrier for 1[shilling]/6[pence]. 27 Fri[day]. Dined in town with Gurnell, bought a view finder 3[shillings]/6[pence] [146]

Flute lesson No.[Number] 9. then joined Rose at Fallowfield, Mrs Bowling paid me 16[shillings]/- for the photos. Called on Roebuck re[garding] invitations to the tea. 28. Called at Magee's &[and] arranged for a cart to fetch our boxes &c[et cetera] on Monday at 8.0. At night I took Rose to a lecture by A.C. Poire on Gouin's method of learning [147]

languages. Gurnell &[and] Wilfrid also there. 29 Sun[day]: Went to No[Number] 25 to dinner, sorted out some music &[and] negatives &c[et cetera]. Rose &[and] I went to Lawnswood in the afternoon &[and] returned to 25 to tea. 30 Mon[day]: Up at 5.0 Magee fetched our goods at 8. Packed some of them at the Museum. Letter from Mr. Blades. accepting [148]

my date Feb[ruary] 23rd. to dine with his family. Bought Ilford ½ plates from White 4 doz[en] White-label Rapid. 12.0 2 doz[en] Red-label Extra Rapid 7.4 Bought GÃ¼nther's Reptiles of British India (Miles) £[pound]1. Herbert and I had tea in town &[and] then went to Ashville when a cart took most of the goods remaining to his [149]

house to which we walked &[and] where Rose &[and] I remained overnight. 31 Tues[day]. All came down by train Rose leaving at Armley for Ashville to meet the cart to take the balance of goods. Letter from Wager inviting us to supper to- morrow. Wrote to Backhouse giving him 11th &[and] 12[th] Feb[ruary]. [150]

wrote Wheatleys re[garding] Bills of Lading &c[et cetera] our boat 'Talavera' being stated to sail today. W.L. Carter called re[garding] the form of presentation The Committee had suggested either a microscope or a gun with a good field glass in case of surplus funds. Finished the packing of the 2 "hold" boxes. it seemed that we should want some extra accommodation [151]

Rose dined in town with me. Went to Horsforth and remained overnight. We have now taken up our quarters there for the week. Feb[ruary].1. Wed[nesday]. Letter from Wheatleys to say

the 'Talavera' is again postponed sailing until the 7th Got Thornton - Pickard Time Shutter from White 18[shillings]/6[pence]. Clothes from Arnott viz [videlicet =namely] 2 suits £[pound]5.0.0. Altering 2 coats &[and] vests 8[shillings]/- dis[count]: 5[shillings]/- £[pound]5.3.0 [152]

Uncle &[and] Aunt Banks came to bid me good- bye. Saw Roebuck &[and] had talk about the presentation &[and] told him I thought some plate &[and] balance in cash would me better than anything else, the cash especially. he mentioned his promised wedding present &[and] I suggested a field glass. Had tea at No.[number] 25. Met Rose at Armley Station 7.11. to Wager's house, Groom also there, spent a pleasant evening. We [153]

walked to Horsforth arriving at 12.0. 2. Thur[sday]: Mr. Derry called &[and] I showed him round the Museum. Gurnell gave me some Flute music and a handkerchief for Rose. Most astoundingly unexpectedly I received from the 'Naturalist' Compositors a silver Pencil Case and an address this was sent and I acknowledge (initially) by letter. Saw Roebuck &[and] we discussed the question [154]

of having a walk on Sunday. Got duplicate ground glass for the Camera in case of accident 3 Fri[day] Paid Arnott £[pound]5.18.0. (see 1st £[pound]5.3.0 &[and] 15[shillings]/- for trousers.) Had Flute lesson &[and] went to Fallowfield to tea I stayed over night (Rose being at Horsforth) Wilfrid &[and] I went to hear Poire on 'How to learn <at> a language (at Church Institute) [155]

wrote to W.L. Carter re[garding] presentation. _____ [Newspaper clipping] FEBRUARY 4, 1893. In connection with the contemplated removal of Mr. Edgar Waite from Leeds, I am to-day informed of an interesting incident. The compositors of the establishment of Messrs. McCorquodale &[and] Co[mpany]., directly engaged on the Naturalist, have forwarded to Mr. Waite a silver pencil-case and a miniature illuminated address. He has been joint editor with Mr. Roebuck, and the mark of respect shows that Mr. Waite has been a welcome visitor to the composing-room. Friday, February 3. This cutting is from the Yorkshire Weekly Post. At 1.0 I left Leeds with W[illiam] D[enison] R[oebuck] for Hull (see special Note Book No[number] 31 for particulars) [156]

5. Sun[day]. Our Big Walk 52 miles. Beverley to Leeds (see special Note Book No.[number] 31) 6. Having slept at Fallowfield, I did not awake until 10.0 Wilfrid went to the Museum to say I should not be down until afternoon. When I went after dinner feeling very 'stiff'. Rose

&[and] Belle called and we all went on to Horsforth together at 5.20. I received GÃ¼nther's 'Study of [157]

Fishes' second-hand on approval for 13[shillings]/6[pence]. from Lowe Birmingham 7 Tues[day]. Walked with Herbert to Leeds &[and] removed all stiffness sent 13[shillings]/6[pence] for GÃ¼nther's Fishes. Wrote to Mr. Paul &[and] told him that Rose would go tomorrow Got tracing paper to map out our route. Bought 3 doz[en] 4 to Note Books for 3[shillings]/6[pence] Slept at Horsforth. 8 Wed[nesday]. Drew map of our walk and [158]

commenced to write diary of it. Rose came to Leeds 3.19 &[and] I saw her off to <Horsfor> Knaresb[o]ro[ugh] at 3.45. I returned to Horsforth to tea Uncle Banks sent one some slips of canvas. 9 Thur[sday]. Letter from Carter re[garding] presentation Received my pencil which Father had taken for purpose of having monogram cut. Visited the composers at Mc. [159]

Corquodales &[and] thanked them in person. At their request I returned the address for date which had been omitted. A reporter from the Post called to ask for my Photo[graph] for reproduction but I declined. I went to No[Number] 25 with Father &[and] remained overnight. Roebuck told me that R. Rosenstock was in for the post vacated by Crowther [160]

at Truro &[and] would like a testimonial from <Truro> me 10 Fri[day] Letter from Rose at Knaresb[o]ro[ugh] I replied also to one from Gregson Wrote to Rosenstock Roebuck gave me the glasses inscribed with my name &[and] 'W.D.R.' Offered Runton £[pound]1. but he declined &[and] afterwards said he would like a pipe. Had my Flute lesson. paid Hall £[pound]2-8-0 [161]

Went to No[Number] 25 and stayed overnight Father gave me a sketch book &[and] brush holder. 11 Sat[urday]. Sent draft for £[pound]10.11.3 to Wheatley for payment Freight 6. 6.6 Insurance 3. 1.3 Other charges 1. 3.6 Got medicine &c[et cetera] from Fred Reynolds for the voyage. I left Leeds at 12.8 for Knaresb[o]ro[ugh]. Saw Backhouse &[and] Addyman at Starbeck. [162]

Rose met me at 1.8. As usual Uncle Paul gave me a lot of things among which were, River Thermometer &[and] extra one for Same Case. Dry Thermometer Spirit level. Set of chess men &[and] board. Meteorological note Book, Blue goggles. Clock, Ink bottle &c[et cetera]. 12. Sun[day]. Went down to the river with Rose to take temperature. Had a walk through Scriven Park. Saw [163]

among other. Cole*[coal] &[and] Marsh Tits and [tree]Creeper. I made a Sketch of the wood Yard &c[et cetera]. In the afternoon we had a stroll about the Castle. Uncle would have me write to Meteorological Office asking if they would like my en voyage observations and if they could not see their way to let me have a small set of instruments for such observa- (paid Rates £[pound]1.5.5.) [164]

-tions as would be acceptable to them. 13 Mon[day]. I had told Mr Husband that I should be late on Monday &[and] so we did not leave until 2.9. I put Rose off at Horsforth and did not get into Leeds till 4.0 (nearly). Went to Fallowfield joined Rose, Belle &[and] Herbert at the Museum &[and] a[t] 6.30 went on to Powolonys, where the tea &[and] presentation took place. £[pound]33.1.7 [165]

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[Newspaper clipping] PRESENTATION TO MR. E.R.WAITE ---- A presentation was made last night in Mr.Powolny's Restaurant, Bond street, Leeds, to Mr. Edgar R. Waite, who for several years has held the position of curator at the Leeds Philosophical Hall, and who has now received the appointment of curator of the museum of the University of Sydney. About fifty ladies and gentlemen were present. The repast was served in Mr. Powolny's usual elegant style. The company included representatives of the local scientific bodies - the Leeds Naturalists' Club, the Leeds Geo- logical Association, and the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union. Mr. J.W. Davies (Mayor of Halifax) pre- sided. - Mr. Harold Wager, President of the Leeds Naturalists' Club, delivered a eulogistic address on Mr. Waite, who, he said, had kept

the society in touch with the outside world. He commended Mr. Waite's energy, industry, and great manipulative skill, combined with acuteness and accuracy of observation. That manipulative skill had enabled him to present to the society some of the most interesting papers that had ever been read to its members. Since 1885, the date of his first connection with the club, he had contributed no less than thirty-one lectures and demonstrations. Mr. Wager paid a high compliment to Mr. Waite's powers as an artist, as well as an ornithologist.

- Mr. J. Ingleby, President of the Leeds Geological Association, and Mr. W.D. Roebuck, secretary of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, also testified to high respect in which Mr. Waite was held by local scientists; and these speeches were supplemented by others from Mr. G.C. Dennis (York Naturalists' Field Club), Mr. M.B. Slater (Malton Naturalists' Society), Mr. J.H. Rowntree (Scarborough Field Naturalists' Club), Mr. Charles Crosland (Halifax Naturalists' Society), Mr. W. Teasdale (Leeds Astronomical Society), and others. - Mr. R. Wilson (treasurer) stated that the subscriptions amounted to £[pound]47 11s[hillings].6d[pence]., given by over a hundred subscribers. - Mr. F.W. Branson explained the design of the illuminated address which had been prepared for presentation to Mr. Waite.

- Mr. W.L. Carter read the address; and the Chairman presented it, along with a purse of gold. - Mr. Waite made a suitable reply. In the course of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Waite were the recipients of the congratulations and good wishes of the company.

CRAVEN NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION. ---- For many years now the Craven Naturalists' and Scientific Association has been in the front rank of kindred societies. At the present time it is enjoying a vigorous existence. Evidence of this was furnished last evening at the Skipton Town Hall, where the annual conversazione was held. No one could have attended the function without coming away conscious of the fact that the association is composed of a band of students of nature, ardent and enthusiastic. The conversazione is one of the leading social events of the year in the capital of Craven. It is invariably a successful gathering, and that of last night was no exception to the rule. On the contrary, the affair was passed off with great "eclat." The whole building was for the time being given over to the naturalists and their friends. Under the skilful treatment of the decorator, the rooms had been made to present a festive appearance, the effect of which was heightened when the company arrived. Early in the evening a hearty welcome was extended to all by the President of the association, Mr. R.H. Tiddeman, F[ellow of the].G[eological].S[ociety of London]. In the course of his remarks, he incidentally mentioned that during the coming year it was proposed to start a photographic section, in order to encourage devotees of the camera to focus their attention on the Craven district, which was so crowded with interesting spots. Then he alluded to the circumstance that the number present was somewhat lessened in consequence of the "farewell" which Yorkshire naturalists were that evening giving to Mr. E.R. Waite at Leeds, prior to his removal to Sydney. At his suggestion the meeting unanimously decided to

forward to Mr. Waite a telegram expressing the good wishes of Craven naturalists. - There were plenty of objects displayed in the building to attract the attention of the guests. Photographs formed quite a prominent feature. Many of these were most beautiful and artistic productions. A large number were forwarded by members of the Keighley Photographic Society. Cases containing objects found in the course of tumulus explorations in Upper Wharfedale were re- garded with much curiosity. It is only within the last few months that the tumuli, or ancient burying places, of the district have been investigated, but the results so far as they have gone have led to the formation of a representative committee, of which Mr. E. Speight is the active secretary, who purpose making a systematic exploration in the neighbourhood. In the cases shown by the Rev[erend]. Bailey J. Harker, who directed his attention to a mound at Grassington, and by Mr. Speight, there were many interesting and curious relics of the period when the ancient Britons had matters of their own way in the land. - Mr. W. Horne, F[ellow of the].G[eological].S[ociety of London]., of Leyburn, exhibited a number of old articles which carried the beholder back to the days when the blessings of the nineteenth century were undreamt of. Then in other parts of the room were some capital botanical specimens collected by Mr. L. Rotheray, the secretary of the association; some birds' eggs and skins shown by Mr. A. Kinder; flint and stone imple- ments, lent by Mr. S. Chadwick, F[ellow of the].G[eological].S[ociety of London]., Mr. J.H. Skelton, and Mr. Clarke; models illustrating the life history of insects, lent by Mr. S.L. Mosley, Hudders- field; West African curiosities, lent by the Rev[erend]. C. B. Sykes; and ivory and oak carvings, lent by Mr. Sunderland. Upstairs were about thirty microscopes, through which were to be seen slides illustrating pond life and the life history of a gnat and of miscellaneous objects. In the large hall there was a concert of vocal and instrumental music, and in one of the ante- rooms short lectures were given by Mess[rs]. J.J. Wilkinson, J.E. Wilson, and R.H. Tiddeman, and the Rev[erend]. E. Jones; whilst lantern exhibitions were given by Mr. James Hargreaves and Mr. J.H. Howarth. The arrangements for the conversazione had been very largely in the hands of Mr. Rotheray, the secretary, and Mr. J. Dodgson, the treasurer. -----

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would ask the Council to pay me to end of the month. Gave Father Insurance Policy. on Life, and Goods. Bill of Lading. I wrote to Mrs Tye [167]

&[and] also to Britannia Co[mpany] re[garding] Ilford Plates. Tom Anderson gave me a letter to his brother in Sydney. 16. Thur[sday]. I wrote to Andersons re[garding] time of embarking &c[et cetera]. 17 Fri[day] I wrote to J.A. Reid &[and] Nellie Beale. Received letter from Mrs Tye ask- -ing us to spend Wednesday with them. Received from Cooks. Railway tickets from Fenchurch S[tree]t Station to Tilbury [168]

&[and] noting that we should leave by special train at 11.0 am on Friday. Abell sent me some of the Photographs. The accompanying from the weekly Post. [Newspaper clipping] Mr. Edgar Waite will on his approaching departure from Leeds for New South Wales leave behind him many friends. Fitting testimony was in the early part of the week borne to the energy and ability displayed by him in the city and the county in promoting the cause of science, of which he has been such a devoted student. There could have been no greater or more gratifying compliment paid to him than the statement that his work had been thorough, interesting, and clear. Work that is thorough is invariably clear. The presentation of addresses and a purse of gold was accompanied by that expression of good wishes which could hardly fail to be appreciated. When Mr. Waite said in response that he had friends all over Yorkshire and that he left the county with regret, he stated what could readily be understood. To the scientist and the student of Nature there is no place in the world perhaps to excel Yorkshire, rich as it is in materials for study in so many branches of science. Friday, February 17. [169]

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spent the evening. Gurnell gave me an- -other Flute Book con- taining Braga's Serenata & other pieces. In the afternoon we had a walk & in Gill's Wood came in with a large flock of Lesser Redpolls. 19 Sun[day]. Rose, Belle Herbert & self went to Fallowfield to dinner We, fellows walked while our wives took train from 3 Horse Shoes went to Museum & got letters from Reid [171]

Miss Beale, Nellie asking us to stay on Tuesday night with her & John saying he would see us off at Tilbury. Mr. Farrar also at Fallowfield to dinner, took train & walked to Horsforth. 20 Mon[day]. Sent off our baggage by G[reat].N[orthern].R[ailway] £[pound]1-4-3 Bid Ernest Farewell he gave me a letter to W. Walker Sydney. Called on Fred Reynolds Bought 1 doz[en] Rapid Plates and charged the slides 3[shillings]/8[pence] [172]

also scales 2[shillings]/6[pence]. Packet Ferro Prus[siate] Paper and Pyro[gallol] developer. Drew my money out of Penny Bank £[pound]45-4-9 & gave Father £[pound]25 to send also with my salary cheque. Crowther at the Museum. Bought handkerchief Box for Mrs Runton. Rose came down in the afternoon & we went to No[number]. 25 with Father Mrs W[ai]te. gave us a very cool reception & Rose put in nearly all her [173]

time with the Misses Barnes, wrote to Nellie John, Mr Blades & also to J. Barran. M[ember of] P[arliament] to ask him for an Order to see Parliament Houses Called to bid good-bye to Mr & Miss Hartley the latter gave me some photo[graph]s, just as we were going Chadwick called & walked with us to the 'bus. Teasdale left me 2 Photo[graph]s of Museum. We went to Fallowfield for the night. In the afternoon we had [174]

called on the Roebucks W[illia]m gave me a letter to relatives in Sydney. 21. Tues[day]. Called at the Museum for our small baggages which Runton & the boy took to the Station, Great North[er]n Father, Herbert, Miss Barnes, & also Ernest were there the latter fortunately also going to London. We left at 10.0 & had a most pleasurable journey to- gether landing at Kings [Cross Station] at 1.55. The [175]

following €»[reference mark] is from the "Million" Met[ropolitan] Rail; to Aldgate left bag walked to Fenchurch St[reet] Sta[tio]n &[and] left our baggage for the 'Ormuz' called at Andersons' had dinner, returned to Aldgate thence to Moorgate St[reet] &[and] took train for Enfield landing at 5. Walked to Chase Farm Schools &[and] stayed overnight with N[ellie] Beale. 22 Wed[nesday], I left at 9.15 for Broad St[reet], went to Blade, send Telegram to Mrs Tye, thence (€»[reference mark] 4 leaves further.) [176]

walked to Burlington House, Linnean Soc[iety] paid Hammond £[pound]6 for 2 years Sub[scription]s &[and] got my Transactions from Cappel. Bought Amidol, a developer Bromide Paper &[and] Pyro[gallol] Pilules. Took Bus to Ludgate Hill met Rose &[and] Nellie at 1.8. We two walked to the Houses of Parliament &[and] after some time saw Jno [John] Barran who had sent me a letter, he showed us the Commons (now [177]

sitting) the Lords where Rose sat on the Wool Sack. He gave me a copy of the Home Rule Bill. Saw Tim Healy. Chamberlain Sir W[ilfrid] Lawson &c[et cetera] &c[et cetera] &c[et cetera] Walked to London Br[idge] &[and] at 4.39 took train to Anerley, stayed overnight with Mr. &[and] Mrs. Tye. 23 Thur[sday] left C[rystal] Palace Stat[i]o[n] at 10.15 to London Br[idge] called Monument Yard saw Cousin Carr who wanted us to go to Acton &[and] also Wall [178]

Beale, left Bag &c[et cetera] at Blades, &[and] took Met[ropolitan] Rail[way] at Cannon St[reet]. for S[outh] Kensington had lunch at an A. B. C. (Aerated Bread Co[mpany]) Rest[auran]t Then to S[outh]. K[ensington]. Museum Saw Woodward, called at Bramham Gardens Saw Mrs. Reid, We had not time to go to Acton &[and] I telegraphed Took. Met[ropolitan] Rail[way] from Earl's Court to Cannon St[reet] did some shopping thence to Blades &[and] to Sutton with G.R. B[la]des spent evening. Music [179]

24. Fri[day]. Left Sutton at 9.0 for London Bridge thence to Abchurch Lane (Blades) returned at 10.0 &[and] found J.A Reid as arranged. We went to Fenchurch Street Stat[i]o[n]. Bought Deck Chairs &c[et cetera]. G R Blades also came to the train (later) &[and] at 11.0 we left the City of Silk Hats &[and] Umbrellas, en route for Tilbury Dock &[and] the 'Ormuz' We were taken off [180]

by a tender, the 'Tilbury', Found parcel of wool Collars from Herbert, A letter from Mrs Tye, introducing us to her sister in Sydney Mrs Fischer. Letter &[and] present of 2 jam spoons from Nellie. [181]

[Newspaper clipping] THE MILLION February 25, 1893. Whenever I see a really first-rate opportunity of worldly advancement for a capable person, I like to bring it under the notice of Millionaires, and see that they have no excuse for missing the chance. In the Athenaeum recently I came across this startling offer:- WANTED. - A RESIDENT CURATOR, METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVER, and CARETAKER, for the Museum and Library Buildings of the Royal Institution of Cornwall, Truro. Salary £[pound]50 per annum, with rooms, coals, and gas. Applications, in candidates' own handwriting, stating age and scientific qualifications, with testimonials and references, &c[et cetera]., &c[et cetera] Whether or not I number among my readers anybody of "scientific qualifications" sufficient to encourage longing ambitions towards the brilliant prospect here held out, I don't know. Why does the Royal Institution of Cornwall advertise? I should have thought that a mere note, specifying the advantages offered, to Professors Huxley and Tyndall, and perhaps the Astronomer Royal would bring those lights of science down to Truro with a rush after that £[pound]50 a year. But perhaps there were doubts about their testimonials -or even their "own handwriting." This is one of those things that bring home clearly to us the glorious advantages of scientific eminence. Just think, now. The distinguished savant whose "scientific qualifications" fit him for the eminence and wealth offered by the Royal Institution of Cornwall will be provided with "rooms" - certainly two, if no more, because of the "s." See that, now; there may even be cupboards, although such an endowment is not specifically mentioned. Then think of the command of the coals, the glory of the gas! Then, beside the privilege of conducting scientific operations, he will be allowed the crowning grandeur of being "caretaker for the Museum and Library Buildings," in which capacity he will be at liberty to conduct practical experiments in the more advanced branches of window-cleaning and floor-sweeping. And, as though they had not yet heaped enough honours over him a lavish income - 19s[shillings] 2¾d[pence]., and a fraction, every blessed week of his life, free of income tax, and nothing whatever to do with it except keep and clothe himself and his wife and family, send his boys to Eton and Oxford, make contributions for scientific objects, pay subscriptions to learned societies, patronise charities, buy bootlaces, and invest a little in Government securities. There is only one remaining means by which the Royal Institution of Cornwall can confer distinction upon this pundit - they might give him a nice uniform, with a number on his collar, like a workhouse porter. But they are already generous enough. O! that I had scientific qualifications and testimonials and references and a presentable "own handwriting." [182]

THE YORKSHIRE EVENING POST, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1893. [183]

GOSSIP OF THE DAY. ----- MR. EDGAR R. WAITE. As previously announced in The Evening Post, Mr. Edgar R. Waite, whose portrait we give, has resigned his position of Curator to the Leeds Philosophical Society, which he has held for almost five [printed years, having been appointed portrait to a similar post at the Museum of Waite] in the University of Sidney, New South Wales. On Monday evening last, Mr. Waite was Entertained at the rooms of Mr. Powolny by about 50 ladies and gentlemen representing the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, the Leeds Naturalists' Club, and the Leeds Geological Society, in order to show their appreciation of his valuable work, and also to present him with a purse containing £[pound]33, which had been contributed by 103 subscribers. The Mayor of Halifax (Alderman J.W. Davis) presided over the gathering. Mr. Harold Wager, the president of the Leeds Naturalists' Club, spoke of the extremely good work done by Mr. Waite. Mr. W.L. Carter read an artistic illuminated address, in which many scientific societies expressed their gratitude to Mr. Waite. Mr. Waite told them that he left Yorkshire with regret, for he had many friends, all of whom he would carry over the sea. On behalf of himself and his wife he expressed thanks for the address and the several marks of their appreciation of his services. [184]

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