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1887 9. Sep[tember] 9 to Dec[ember] 31

[1]

1887 No 9 Sep[tember] 9. I made another attempt at a mould &[and] succeeded very well making it in 3 pieces 10th Tried casting the egg but met with the same difficulty as before. I had intended to photo the Aldred's at 3 this afternoon but on receiving a telephone communication that all the family w[ou]ld not be at home I decided to go to [2]

Saltaire - I managed to catch a train at Kirkstall station at 2.20 &[and] found the rest of the party in the same train so I got in with them we went all round the exhibition &[and] left Saltaire at 8.53 13th. Toned prints 14th. Gave W Ramsden the Photos of Maybabs grave. I did not go to business this afternoon being [3]

ill. At night I took 3 more photos to the Denton's 15th. At noon I called on Scott &[and] he told me that Clarke was going to be at his house at night &[and] would I go too. I went and

brought back the volume of Morris containing the Corvidae - wrote up part of feet of birds in my book. W Ramsden called [4]

but being out I called at his house on Friday morning but found him in bed 16th. W Ramsden called & told me that Mayhall did not care for the photos as the - inscription being in lead was not so black as he thought it ought to be so he paid only 4/6 for the 2 Photos instead of

[5]

5/- for one. I got 2/6 for them & w[ou]ld print some deeper 17th I went on to Aldreds to photo Group I had 4 tries with 8 x 10 plates & the donkey moved every attempt 18th Nearly finished writing out feet of birds in book 19th & had dinner in town & make a few [6]

extracts from books in the library on the Corvidae. At night I had another try at the G[rea]t. Auks' eggs I got the 2 small sections off & left the egg intact but when trying to get the <m> egg from the larger portion I broke it, printed one of the Aldred group 20. Commenced my paper in British Corvidae & toned [7]

Sep[tember] 87. the print of the Aldred Group- 21 I showed the photo to Mr. ASquith & arranged for me to take her youngster on Sat[urday] at. 3.0 O'clock Called on the Denton's & left the matter of disposing of the photos' in Jack D's hands nothing having been done. [8]

22nd Called on - Clarke in the morning re[garding] the Nutcracker and Grey & Bl[ac]k Crows he advised me to refer to -- Seebohui's Siberia in Asia and Newton's article on Corvidae in the Enc[yc]l[opedia] Britannica he also advised me to adopt the glass<e> topped boxes for my [9]

egg cabinet & said that he was going to order some for himself & Scott & would get mine at the same time if I liked. Sent the following to appear in the "Bazaar." "For sale <Au> <or Eu[?]> Egg or Conchological Cabinet. 20 drawers (2 tiers) glass tops 40/- photograph [10]

sent (.6d[pence].) Waite Heaadingley Leeds 24th. Took photo of Cabinet. & 2 of the Young Asquith, it moved & would not be taken again. 26. Find the Adv[ertisemen]t. of Cabinet under the head Conchology & not under Nat[ural] Hist[ory], as I stated in my letter to the Bazaar. Went to Meeting Holgate on Fossils of Leeds [11]

and district. 27th received letter from H W Marsden Gloster asking for particulars of Egg &c[et cetera] Cabinet 28th Sent Photos &[and] particulars of Egg Cabinet to Marsden, &[and] received a letter from I A Hargreaves Fern Cottage Bailden Road Shipley. Sent photo and particulars of Egg cabinet [12]

&[and] promised to pay ½ Railway fare if he would Come over to see it. also received a post Card from Bazaar. stating that the Adv[ertisemen]t; should have appeared under heading "various" &[and] that they w[ou]ld reinsert it free of charge if I wished - I wrote &[and] said that I [13]

had an application in reply, but if I did not effect a sale I would thank them to reinsert the adv[ertisemen]t &[and] would pay ½ cost (3d-[pence]) 29. Letter from Marsden asking me to send Cabinet on approval &[and] one from J A Hargreaves stating that is was too small for him Oct[ober] 1. made ventilator for Bedroom window [14]

Oct[ober] 2. Sunday Painted Hooded Crow &[and] took for Paper on Corvidae Oct[ober] 3 Toned prints of Aldred Groups. Oct[ober] 4. Took one photo to be framed at Armitage's Oct[ober] 5. Had dinner in town &[and] made drawing of Nutcracker in the Museum. Oct[ober] 6. Took Photos to Mrs. Aldred 7 mounted 1 framed & 1 un "[ditto] to send to Africa [15]

Oct[ober].8. Got other 2 photos framed, &[and] at night took them on to Address, the number being. 3 Framed 5 mounted and <or> 1 unmounted got paid for them £[pound]1. 8. 6 9th Oct[ober].Painted Chough 5th "[ditto] Miss Harlley told me that She could get me a Kestrels egg if I wished, as she knew someone who has 5 thinking this must be a clutch [16]

I asked her if she could get me the lot she said she would try. Hutchinson's boy had them, so I sent a turkey's egg &[and] 6d[pence] &[and] she brought back the lot &[and] said that one of the Butcher lads had given them to him - he had a lot of eggs, &[and] wanted to part with them - 8th Sir Geo[rge] Morrison sent a letter from [17]

Mr Ralph Crecpke one of the Directors of the York City &[and] County Bank, & to whom I had asked Sir Geo[rge] to write respecting an appointment there. , I went to Mr. Derrys' House &[and] he gave me a tesimonial which I sent to Mr. Morrell the general manager along with a formal application, I also wrote to Mr Coning [18]

&[and] asked him to assist me, 9 Oct Painted Chough 10th letter from Man[age]r of York City &[and] County B[an]k negative reply - Went to College - Club night Ex of fruits &c[et cetera] 11th finished paper on Corvidae, b[ough]t Man[?]t of Photography - White Shirt &c[et cetera] - Stubbins asked me to take my M[icro]scope to Conversat[ion] of [19]

Congregational Union at Town Hall on Thursday nest 13th. Went to the Conversat[ion] at Town Hall. 1500 persons there. 14th. 15th. Drew Jay. 16th. "[ditto] Carrion Crow &[and] Raven. 17th. J Denton Paid me. 7/6 On a/c[account] of Photos 1st Instalment*[Installment] Paper on Corvidae I exhibited drawing [20]

of 9 of Corvidae also skin of Young rook &[and] eggs of all the birds except - Chough (of which I showed drawing in Atkinson's work) and Nutcracker. Booth lent me Raven's Egg - <I> I had the eggs of the Hooded Crow smashed by one of the members - [21]

although I had them in Chip Boxes. 19 Went to 1st. Popular Concert. Dress Circle Coleseum. Miss Davis M[a]d[a]me Patey 'Tenor Sidney Towers Bass Mr. F Bevan Violin Herr Ponanski Piano Titu Matee' 21st Caught a Robin &[and] skinned it at Scotts in the evening [22]

Oct[ober] 23 Mr Little, Warwick Father Willie & Self walked to Eccup Reservoir - I saw a heron, several teal &[and] a brent goose thro[ugh] the glass. (Sunday) . Drew, another rook not being pleased with the 1st one. 24 painted the rook &[and] called on Clarke who lent me a green Wood. [23]

pecker 25 Commenced to paint the W[ood]pecker letter from FRF with list of bird for Exhibition, Gave <26> drawings of Cabinet to Culling work Johnson's Estimate was £[pound]11-15-0 26th wrote to F.R F &[and] asked for copy of Harrogate paper Hy, Wilson. brought his eggs to house and, as as he [24]

had but little data with them &[and] there were only 5 new to my - collection. I gave him 5/- [shillings] for the lot, the new ones were Heron - Squacco, ? Petrel Oyster Catcher and Red Breast Merganser for particulars see register of eggs. 27 letter from FR F saying he w[ou]ld [25]

meet me on my walk to Harrogate on Saturday 28th Mounted photos (3) of Mayall's tomb &[and] W Ramsden called for them - J Denton p[ai]d 5/- 29th left Headingley exactly at 2.0.

got to Stairfoot at. 2.43. W R Police Office Moortown. 3.18 Harwood Br. 4.23 Met FRF. 4.30 Arrived at Harrogate*[Harrogate] [26]

at 6.0 - Had tea &[and] spent the evening with FR F, he gave me a case &[and] said he would send it along with his woodpeckers on Monday for me to draw from I gave his lantern slide of G[rea]t Auk's Skull, left H[arro]gate by 10.0 train bringing back a few books on [shorthand symbol] &[and] leaves from a [27]

Nat[uralis]ts Note book.. by I saw but few birds on my way. large flocks of Chaffinches, a few Yellow Ammers- G[rea]t &[and] Blue Tits &c[et cetera] The Avenue looked magnificent all the leaves being of a beautiful rich brown &[and] the ground beneath the trees stewn with the fallen 30th Rabbits Born. 4 Bl[ac]k &[and] Wh[ite] [28]

leaves, Acorns &[and] beech nuts. 31st. Council Meeting at 6.0 &[and] Practical Microscopy @[at] 7.30 Yorks[ire] College I went Nov[ember].1. Went to Grand Theatre, Maritana Carl Rosa's Co[mpany]! with Kendall, &[and] joined the Denton<'s> &[and] party whom we found there. Nov[ember] 2. At Scott's to arrange for Exhibition of birds [29]

at the College on the 7th, got my birds together &[and] found several of them attacked by moths. (Mrs Longbotham here) <B went to Scott's at night &[and] arranged> 3rd Rev Jno Bell gave me a chaffinch alive - ,[male] 4th I b[ough]t a trap cage 1/6 &[and] a lb[pound] of rape Leed 4d[pence] W Ramsden paid me 2/6 ½ price<s> charged for photos [30]

to Mayball. 5th I went to woods with the Chaffinch and trap-cage but although I had it out all the afternoon I did not catch a single bird, a sparrow was c[augh]t in the morning but let go again 6th Fanny T came I went home with<e> her at 5th I saw 2 Crows at [31]

woods, feeding on the Butchers' offal, used for) manure) Night. in the morning I had hung the cage in a tree &[and] a cat knocked it down &[and] so frightened the<at> Chaffinch that it died shortly after. 7th Exhibition of Birds illustrating difference in plumage consequent on Age Sex &[and] Season at Yorks[hire] College [32]

Prof[essor] Myall presiding Booth Scott FRF &[and] Myself exhibited &[and] I having charge of the evening did the spouting I did not use any notes and satisfied myself much better than I had ever done previously in that live J. C. Birch was at the meeting &[and] he reminded [33]

me that I had not been down to see his birds (the only time I had met him was with the excursion to Ripon & Studley & he there invited me to see his birds) So <I> promised that I would call on him tomorrow night 8th I went down to 189 Meanwood Rd [34]

after tea to see Birch, the birds I found were not his but belonged to a friend in Newcastle who was in "low water" Birch had sent him £2 & now wished to realise something on the birds, as they were of no use to him, they were on the whole but a very indifferent [36]

lot in 30 cases but there were a few decent birds among them the following is a list of the whole collection Lapwing & Young, Hooded Crow Nightjar - Blackbird Fieldfares Redwing - Rook - Grey & Goldfinch Plover Cuckoo Pair Magpies Goldfinch Eye - Guillemot pair Puffins - Arctic Tern & Meadow Pipits - Barn Owl . Black Sparrowhawk , male & female & Starling Linnet Goldfinch. Turtle Dove [37]

he wished me to give him an idea of their value. What might be got for them & the best way of realising, he afterwards showed me some of his modelling (being a dentist) & promised to help me with the Great Auks' Egg casting &c[et cetera] [38]

9th Began drawing of Goldfinch Winged Woodpecker 10th 11th Wrote to J. C. Birch & gave Cox pith of remarks at the College Arranged birds in boxes. 12th returned Clarke Great Spot Woodpecker Corporation bought a White Swan from C Baker & Company for £22.0 the Black Swans are £10.10.0 each [39]

Had a walk to Cookridge with Booth - at night I went with Willie to a rehearsal at Asquiths' met Miss <A> Isa Atkinson & Miss Jefferson 13th After Church I met Booth Who had just called in North Lane & we agreed to go a walk after dinner - [40]

we first went to Adel Dam & saw some Coots & a few Hares - We then made our way to Eccup there were 16 Canada Geese on the reservoir - & a lot of Teal & Mallard. A Woodcock came past us & settled at the other side of the water. I got the glass [41]

on to him & after walking some distance we flushed him & he went whirring away - saw several hares - one which we marked down & Booth stealing along the reservoir

side got within a short distance of it. it made straight for the water, &[and] did not turn until it
[42]

was within a few yards of it - got back home a 6.15 having - started @[at] 2.15 had a talk to
Father about my idea of going to N[ew].Z[ealand]. he said he would see Mr. Faber about.
something which he thought would be likely , at worksop*[workshop], at the Bank there.
[43]

14 Nov[ember]. paper at the York[hire]' College by the President on the pond mussel. I saw
Birch &[and] gave him the model (wood) of the G[rea]t Auk's Egg, he would make a mould
&[and] I arranged to be at his house on Thursday 17th when he would show me how to cast
B[ough]t Hat Bissington. 7/6. [44]

wrote &[and] sent paper containing a/c[account] of proceeding at the Yorks[shire] College
on the 7th to N. B. 15. Drew Downy woodpeckers- 16 Concert at Coleseum Foli Botisini
(Cont Bass) Chilling Tenor. Linkins Bass) C Violin Rosina Isador Sop. Eleanor Rees Cont
Mom Friekenhaus Piano Herr Accop 3rd Popular Concert [45]

FRF sent G[rea]t Bl[ac]k Woodpecker by Lofthouse, 17. FRF wrote asking me to send
duplic[a]t[e] eggs I replied asking for his list. went to see Birch he had made a mould &[and]
while I was there he cast an egg - having previously anointed the mould with vaseline - the
mould was [46]

Nov[ember]. 87 made in 5 pieces 18. I made a<n> duplicate mould in 6 pieces &[and] cast 2
eggs. 19. finished drawings of Downy &[and] Golden W.W[ood]p[ec]k[er]s 20 Mr. Stubbins
told me that he had seen a heron on the filter Beds. Had a walk to Adel Reformatory with
WHW. Mr Warwick lent me New Test[iment] [47]

in [shorthand symbol]. C[ough]t H[e]dg[e] Acc[entor]! in Trap Cage 21. Club Meeting
Branson on Hessian Fly. 22 Wrote to FRF enclosing list of duplicate eggs. 23. Commenced
drawing of G[rea]t Bl[ac]k W[ood]p[ec]k[er]. 24 Father wrote to Mr. Wilstenholm - re[garding]
my projected visit to Knaresb[o]ro[ugh] on Saturday 25 Called on Clarke who lent me
Vol[ume] [48]

2 of Yarrell, Letter from .F.R.F specifing*[specifying] eggs for exchange &[and] eggs
required C[ough]t G[rea]t Tit in Trap Cage Without call bird. 26. The G[rea]t Tit got out of

both the large Cage & the Aviary 27 Walked to Eccup & back with A Walker - but as it was nearly dark when we got there I did [49]

not see much in the ornithological line. At night I went to bid adieu to Atkinson's who leaves here tomorrow for London & leave England on Thursday for New Zealand 28 I noticed that while feeding the birds - that while the Starling devoured large worms whole [50] the blackbirds invariably broke them in pieces although harassed by the other birds C[ough]t H[e]dge Acc[e]nt[o]r in Brk Trap. Club Meeting Paper on Bats. W Storey - I went down to the club but found that Storey had not turned up. A pipe having burst at the reservoir which he could [51]

Nov[ember] not leave, Branson was going to fill up the evening with a lantern exhibition so I went to the Coleseum heard the Mohawk Minstrels. 29 Found both Ace Modularis dead it had been a strong frost during the night 30 Wrote to Birch - re[garding] the unknown hawk & asked [52]

him to send it down to the office Dec[ember] 1. Commenced writing, "Woodpeckers and their ways" in lecture book - Dec[ember] 2 drew diagrams of Skull of Picidae 5th Club Meeting. Practical Microscopy Letter from JC Birch 6th Sent following egg to FRF 2 Pied wag[tail]s 2 Tree Sparrows. 4 Will[ow] Warblers 1 Redstart 1 Jackdaw 1 Partridge [53]

2 Swallows 1 Linnet Letter from Mr. Bell 7th Went to Congre[g]ational Church meeting for introducing New Members &c[et cetera]. I had drawings of birds. Corvidae &c[et cetera] & microscope at noon I went to Cattle Show 9th Final Council meeeting before Annual meeting Addyman & myself were deputed to [54]

wait on Prof[essor] Miall to ask him to accept the Presidency of the Club for the ensuing year. I went with Addyman to the Exchange Club where we had tea and as he wanted to catch a train I had to see the Prof[essor] myself at the Philosophical Hall. he accepted the position at once & I hurried off [55]

to tell Cox who had to put the names in print, after seeing him I went back to the P[hilosophica]l Hall to hear the Professor on Muscular Power. During the Council meeting I was asked to take the position of Ass[jistan]t Treasurer which I declined my resolution was not however ac- -cepted & was left. [56]

over for my future consideration. 12 Annual Meeting- My resolution re[garding] treas[ure]r accepted,- I got 20 votes for Council &[and] 1 for Treasurer but o<ut>f total of 21. Forsyth &[and] his sister at 25 North Lane. 14th. Letter from Sec[retary]. Craven Nat[ional] Ass[ociatio]n re[garding] my paper, Rev[erend] E Jones to put me up for the night I replied Accepting [57]

dined in town &[and] went to the Museum &[and] drew from Mulner Col- -lection. Lesser Spotted Woodpecker 15 went to Barracloughs to look at some Silver Watches. I pitched in one at £[pound]4 . 4. 0 but subject to 10% dis[count] for Cash &[and] the price to me would be £[pound]3.10.0. I took away the watch to try &[and] would pay [58]

on the 31st of the month - last day in 1887 - 16 Got mounts cut to Royal size and mounted drawings of Corvidae &[and] Picidae Mr Hurkettle called respecting those he wanted for the Conversazione at the Chapel on Tuesday (20) 17th drew diagrams of picidae &[and] Spent the evening with Asquiths [59]

19th left the Office at 5.0 &[and] took train for Skipton, going with CC Smith with whom I had tea, &[and] we then went together to the town Hall where I gave the Picidae after which the Rev[erend] E Jones took me to his house at Embsay where I stayed all night in the morning we drove to the station 2 ¼ miles [60]

Age Stockdoves - down in egg less space &[and] requires less matter replaced by feathers tufts immature spotted except Corvidae [?] Egg Small. Linnet ----- where I took train for Leeds arriving at 9.30. 20th. Conversazione at HHC.C. I sent drawings of Corvidae &[and] Picidae 21st. Took Newspaper<s> Cuttings of Birds of Yorkshire &[and] Nat[uralists'] Club to Lennox to be bound 22nd Ordered New pair [61]

J.C. Birch (Dentist) 191 Meawood R[oad] Leeds of boots from Pinder 24th. Went to Francis St[reet]. to bring F J back - was not in. Helped them to decorate the church. 25th. Sunday [shorthand symbol] Xmas[Christmas] day. 26th. Bank Holiday spent the evening with Simpsons. 27th. Party at Simpsons Sent birds (Picidae) to. F.R.F. 29 Bought Phalocoxora<s>. Carbo in the [62]

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