

Diary 1972

1972

Saturday, January First, Nineteen
Hundred and seventy-two

Sandy woke at 7 a.m. and played happily with his new toys, joined by Jeremy about 8. We had a late breakfast, then Ian and the younger two children took George, who had just arrived on leave from Germany, to see the house at Murrayfield Road. Lady Sommerville, our neighbour, joined the outing! Then dropped George at "Strathesk" from where he made his way to Aunt Margaret's and went with her to the Mount Stuart Hotel for lunch. We had an early lunch, then Joyce took the older three children to "Aladdin" at the Kings Theatre. Auntie Libby had obtained tickets for the Ingram family, but Mary and the children had not travelled North with John, so she offered the four seats to us. Ian kept Sandy, then drove him at 4.30 p.m. to the Astley Ainslie Hospital, to see Mrs. Pryde. Joyce eventually turned up about 6 p.m. having had ignition trouble with the car, all the way, and eventually it packed up at the Hospital gate. We all went in the Cortina to Auntie Libby's for supper, but Joyce felt unwell so Ian ran her home, leaving the children, and went back about 7 p.m. All four children played vigorously with the Greenwood children until 9 p.m. They all then had an early bed.

Sunday, 2nd January

Sandy woke early, but went back to sleep, then all except Joyce (who was still feeling unwell and was having a long lie) went to Church. We gave George a lift, and also picked up Mrs. Reid, so the Cortina had a full load. Jeremy and Sandy went to the Creche after the childrens talk, where Sandy insisted that Lesley stay with him. Aunt Margaret and George for lunch. Phoned the AA about the broken Anglia, then ran Aunt Margaret with Lesley and Jeremy to Comely Bank Road. They spent the afternoon there, and had tea, then Lesley went to Charlotte Chapel and Jeremy went with Aunt Margaret to Bellevue. Ian ran George to the Astley Ainslie, to see Mrs. Pryde, then sat by the Anglia from 2.45 to 3.45 p.m. when the AA Patrolman arrived and diagnosed a poor connection in one of the ignition leads. He corrected this, charged the battery, so Ian collected George and brought the Anglia home. Robin and Sandy had spent the afternoon at home. Ian then took Sandy on the bus to the Hospital, collected the Cortina, saw Mrs. Pryde briefly, and brought the Cortina home also. Watched the film "Doctor in Distress" on the television.

Monday, 3rd January

Measured at Murrayfield Road for curtains in the morning, then Ian put Lesley and Robin into the Dominion Picture House to see "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and then went on to Dr. Watt, to be signed off after his Hernia Operation. We then put Jeremy and Sandy to Paula Ingram's Party in Corbiehill Grove and went to the sales to purchase curtain rods for the new house. No success in Frosts, but got all we required at Martins. It was then time to collect Jeremy and Sandy again, then Joyce went to the Dominion to pick up Lesley and Robin.



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ELAINE, LINDA and EVELYN WILSON, of Edinburgh are believed to be the only genuine Identical Triplet Act in show business.

Their stage performance has been acclaimed in many parts of the world, including America, West Berlin, Singapore, venues in the Persian Gulf, Gibraltar, Cyprus, Spain, etc.

Although the girls are only in their early twenties they have appeared on one of Norman Vaughan's TV Series, and one of Dick Emery's Series weekly, and also in the past few years have appeared on Thank Your Lucky Stars, two Simon Dee Shows, Crackerjack, The White Heather Club Show, Alexander Brothers Show, Gangway, Maggie's Place, recently Stars of Scotland, and many other TV Shows, including having their own Commercial for the Milk Marketing Board on the TV screen weekly and shown throughout cinemas in the country.

Three years ago they were seen by producer Carlo Ponti, who placed them in his full-length feature film—Diamonds For Breakfast—with Marcello Mastroianni, Rita Tushingham and Warren Mitchell. This film was put on general release throughout Britain and many overseas countries. They are shortly looking forward to appearing in their next full-length feature film.

They have appeared with such artistes as Donald O'Connor, Victor Borge, Count Basie, Max Bygraves, Harry Secombe, etc., and recently have been proving so popular with American audiences that they have been appearing in cabaret on the Q.E.2, sailing from New York and Southampton.

Ian then went to the Northern General Hospital, to see his father and to give Mrs. Balfour a lift with some goods back to Moray Place. Mr. Balfour was quite well, the chest complaint clearing up, but the course on the new drug had not started yet. Ian then went on to the Missionary Prayer Meeting at Charlotte Chapel, where he was in the Chair. Charlotte Davis spoke, then after various mis-starts, showed the lepracy mission film "Freedom from Bondage". A good turn out for a wet and cold evening.

Tuesday, 4th January

Sandy slept till 8 a.m. Ian back to the Office, for the first time since the Hernia Operation on 8th December to find both the qualified Assistants ill, one Apprentice ill and the other on holiday. Joyce took all the children shopping to the Safeway in Davidsons Mains, where they had their coffee. Ian home for lunch, then took Robin to Holyrood Park to play football for the Crusader Class, with James Allan, then dropped Lesley and Jeremy at the State Picture House to see "Oliver". Joyce called at the Office about 3.30 p.m. to look for the remaining curtain rails, but Hanover House, Bell Donaldson and Watson Ryman, were all still closed for the holiday. Grays, however, were open and we saw a Keymatic Washing Machine reduced by £40 for the sale and decided to buy it, after Joyce had checked with Audrey Lawrence, where Sandy had been deposited, that she was satisfied with hers. Robin and James came home on the bus and Lesley and Jeremy likewise. Went to the new house after tea, to check that the washing machine would fit the space provided, then Joyce went on to the Astley Ainslie to see her mother and Ian returned to Corbiehill Avenue to keep an eye on the children. Robin built a model "lightening" aeroplane, Lesley played the piano.

Wednesay, 5th January

Iain Clayre had offered to hang curtain rails at the new house. Ian went just after 10 to meet him, which was just as well because Gray's delivered the Kitchen table and then the Post Office engineers arrived to instal Mrs. Pryde's telephone and would cheerfully have strung wires all over the garden if Ian had not been there to suggest a more aesthetic approach. Joyce and the two younger children arrived later, and Ian went to town for more curtain rails and to confirm the purchase of the Keymatic and to arrange for its delivery. Also tried to arrange a meeting of the Trustees, before George returned to Germany and pursued Mr. Hunt to get the electricians back onto the job. Iain Clayre came for lunch and then returned to struggle with the bends in the curtain rails for Robin's and Lesley's rooms. A kettle of boiling water proved the answer to the corners. The Post Office engineers eventually had all the telephones rigged up, together with the magnetic bell for the garden. Ian then went back to the office and on to the Elders and Deacons' Courts at Charlotte Chapel. Lesley and Robin went swimming in the afternoon and Lesley attended the first Discipleship Class at the Chapel at 7. Ian was dragooned into taking the Minutes of the Deacons' Court, in Mr. Cossar's absence with flu. Our last Wednesday in the present house.



HELEN McARTHUR

Thursday 6th January

Joyce met Mr. Pierce of Kramers at the Airport and brought him to the Court of Session, for a continued debate. Ian was at the Court all day, taking Mr. Pierce out for lunch to what used to be the "Wee Windaes" but now under new management and much improved. Meantime Joyce had dropped Sandy into Barbara Lyon and collected Mrs. Purdie to do some cleaning at the new house. During this her car broke down and she had to do around in a taxi and get Clelland to tow the Anglia in for repair. A recurrence of the same trouble of last Saturday and Clelland claimed to have cured the fault which, they say, the A.A. had missed, that is a broken water pipe which was spraying damp on the ignition. The family had a quieter afternoon, and Ian had a consultation with Mr. Harris of Armours, and put him on to the 6.30 train for Glasgow. Elizabeth Fraser kept the children in the evening and we went with George to hang curtains at the new house.

Friday, 7th January

Ian went to the Western General, at 11.20 for a check from Mr. Falconer, the surgeon, and after waiting for an hour was "signed off" in five minutes. Lunch at home, then collected George and Aunt Margaret together with Lesley and Robin from her house, and drove to David Alexander's house at Oxton, arriving at 2.30, for a meeting of Mr. Pryde's Trustees to discuss the financing of the new house. Meantime the children played outside then Lulu provided coffee and tea and we left at four. Cubs and Guides started again, so Sandy and Ian took Robin to the Chapel leaving him to make his own way home, which was just as well because it was the Cub party which lasted until 9 o'clock. Aunt Margaret kept the children, and Lesley went to Guides. Joyce and Ian completed hanging the curtains at the new house and discussed the final work for next week.

Saturday 8th January

Sandy woke at 4 a.m., and, after having a plate of porridge, went back to sleep and was heard of no more until 9.30, when Lesley appeared, claiming that she had had him for an hour. Mr. Grant was in the garden, clearing up and laying aside items for the new house. Then Mr. Cuthbertson arrived, to fit the moveable light fittment in the new dining-room so Ian took him and the first load of goods up to the new house and left him to work out the cords on the light fittment. Meantime Mr. Grant had completed all that he could in the garden at Corbiehill Avenue, so we loaded the Cortina estate and took all the garage items together with Jeremy, to the new house. Then Mr. Grant and Ian cleaned out the garage, rearranged the cupboards, and then unloaded the goods into the cupboards in the garage. Lunch at 1.15, then Jeremy and Sandy went with George and Aunt Margaret to see Mrs. Pryde in hospital, Robin stayed in to watch the television, Ian and Joyce went with Lesley to look for wallpaper for the kitchen and light fitments for the study and bedroom. Not a very successful shopping expedition, although we got bedside lights and shades but had to return at 5 o'clock to meet George. Aunt Margaret came back at 7, so that Joyce and Ian could go to John and Isla Greenwoods Annual New Year Evening. The Charlesons were there, Mrs. Small, Mary and her husband Graham, Aunt Libby and Mrs. Balfour, together with all the Greenwoods. The usual gorgeous meal and then some games organised by the children. Left at 11 p.m. and Ian ran Aunt Margaret home.

Sunday 9th January

All at Church in the morning except Joyce, who was resting. Collected Mrs. Reid for the last time, as she is moving into the Viewforth/...

Viewforth Home this week, and Sheila Waddell is to take her in the future. George left for Germany. Aunt Margaret only for lunch. She then went home, the older three children went into Crusaders at 3 o'clock, and Sandy came with Joyce and Ian to see Mrs. Pryde. Ian took Sandy back at 4, to run Lesley and Jeremy into the Missionary Band, and to take Robin back with Sandy to the Astley Ainslie Hospital. Home about 5, then Ian had a consultation with Roger Craik, Mr. Stobbie of the Guardian and the accused and his employee for a trial alleging death by dangerous driving at Duns Sheriff Court the following morning. The driver had brought the bus concerned from London and the consultation was still going on when Ian left to pick up Leslie and Jeremy who had stayed on for the evening service including the Baptism. Wrote out our lists of the tradesmen for the following day, and Ian took them up to the house and restarted the Central Heating for tomorrow. Also worked on the cards for the automatic dialing device for the telephone - select the four hundred commonist numbers!

Monday 10th January

Joyce spent most of the day running between the old house and the new house, keeping an eye on both, and Ian paid several visits to the new house from the office. In the morning the washing machine came, and all day the painters and joiners were generally trying to finish up before the removal men arrived. Ian had the usual partners lunch, all present. Aunt Maimie came to Corbiehill Avenue for lunch. In the evening, we left the children to look after themselves and hung the curtains in Robin's room in the new house.

Tuesday 11th January

Sandy started at the Davidson Mains play group - aged 2 years and 2 months! They had arranged to take him, with Jeremy before the fortnight of the move. He seemed to get on very well. John Duncan's, who were to do the move on the following day, arrived to pack the breakable items. They also took the goods from Mrs. Pryde's house directly to the new house. Meanwhile Mrs. Purdie kept the children at Corbiehill Avenue. Ian spent the afternoon going round wholesale Ironmongers, looking...

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Introit
 The Word - 1 Peter 5: 6,7
 Psalm 84: 1-5
 Prayer
 Scripture Reading - 2 Chron. 26
 Children's Address
 Children's Hymn No. 281
 Young children (2½-5 years) leave for
 Nursery Department, Top Hall.
 Intimations and Offertory
 Offertory Prayer
 Message in Song
 Prayer
 Hymn No. 254
MESSAGE: The Pastor
SUBJECT: THREE STAGES IN THE LIFE OF
 KING UZZIAH
 Hymn No. 383
 Benediction.

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EVENING SERVICE at 6.30 p.m.

6.15 p.m. Community Hymn-singing

Hymn No. 357
 Prayer
 Scripture Reading - Matt. 18: 1-14
 Hymn No. 76
 Intimations and Offertory
 Offertory Prayer
 Message in Song
 Prayer
 Hymn No. 320
MESSAGE: The Pastor
SUBJECT: THE CONVERSION OF THE YOUNG
 Hymn No. 309
 ORDINANCE OF BELIEVER'S BAPTISM
 (Doxology before first and after last
 baptism)
 Hymn No. 283
 Benediction.

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looking for 'furniture' for the doors etc., for Mr. Henderson the Joiner. In the evening, Aunt Margaret came to keep the children, while we hung the bathroom curtains and generally tidied up the new house. Ian then went back to finish off at the office.

Wednesday 12th January

The children all departed to school - Lesley with Mr. Syme for the last time, Jeremy and Sandy to the nursery school, and Ian took Robin to the Academy. John Duncan's van arrived with five men about 8.30, and quickly loaded the first instalment of the removal, chiefly from upstairs, Mrs. Purdie went to the new house, to receive the first load, while Aunt Margaret stayed at Corbiehill Avenue to prepare for the second and to sweep out the empty rooms. The first load was into the house by 12 noon, when the men departed with the van for their lunch and arranged to call back at Corbiehill Avenue at 1.15. Lorna Hunt arrived at 1 o' clock, with soup and sandwiches, which provided an excellent lunch for us all. Ian then took Aunt Margaret back to Corbiehill Avenue, where the men were ready to take the second load, and both assisted in the final clearing of the house. Ian had meantime collected Sandy from the Nursery School, and taken him to Moray Place where Mrs. Balfour was to keep him until the evening. Jeremy went home with Mrs. Ingram, to play with Gillian and Paula. Ian then collected Robin at 3.30 and took him to Moray Place also. Lesley came in after school to the new house. About 5.30 we had things as straight as they were going to get that night, so we took Mrs. Purdie home, Aunt Margaret having gone straight from the old house when Ian went to collect Robin, and all went to Moray Place for supper. From there, we put Lesley into the Discipleship Class at Charlotte Chapel, came out to put the younger two to bed, and Robin to settle into the new house, Ian went back for Lesley, and then we just worked on till bedtime, straightening up the various bundles which were lying around the house.

Thursday, 13th January

The heating came on, as it should, which was a relief because the thermostat had been giving difficulty. The paper and milk arrived, and then the postman called, so we began to feel settled in. The first painter came at 7.45 and then the two joiners. They were glad to get comparative peace, having spent yesterday ducking between removal men as they had tried to paper the hall and put door-handles on the hall doors. Two painters started on the outside, it being a beautiful day, and almost completed the first coat of the eaves, rones and down-pipes. On the way to school with Robin, Ian called past Corbiehill Avenue to check whether the kitchen carpet had been removed. Joyce and Ian had called in last night, after the children were asleep, just for a final check and found various other things left in corners. Ian settled the sale with Farquharson Craig at 9.30 a.m. Joyce put Jeremy and Sandy into the Nursery School, collected Mrs. Purvie, and spent the day tidying out the kitchen. Ian worked at the office all morning, and in the house in the afternoon. The supervisor from Gray came to check the washing-machine, and to demonstrate it, and at the same time got the electric oven working. The Electricity Board representative called to deal with the "emergency" of putting a plug on the starter of the gas-cooker, which in fact we had done the previous day although the rules provided that since the Electricity Board had done the installation, they had to make the connection. The man took the order for the various equipment for the light fittings, which were to be hung the following day. John Hunter called in the late afternoon, for a check around and we came to a decision about the wash-hand basin for Mrs. Pride's kitchen. The painters and joiners were still working all day. Sandy and Jeremy played around in the afternoon, and the other two made their own way home from school. Joyce went to the hairdresser at 3.30 p.m., and took Mrs. Purdie home. In the evening there was the Chapel Pastoral Group Meeting which the Fishers in Cammo Grove had arranged to take in/...

in view of our move. There were eight present, the Fishers, Mr. Drever, the McLellands, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Stark, and Ian, with apologies from several others. Quite a pleasant and profitable evening from 8 until 10.

Friday, 14th January

The house began to assume some semblance of normality. The heating came on, we had breakfast in the kitchen, and the children departed for school, and Ian for the office. Painters and joiners still working. Mrs. Purdie and Joyce tackled the bedroom and Robin's room. Ian came in for lunch and spent the usual time discussing with the patient Mr. Henderson where to put various joinery items. Ian took Robin to Cubs, as usual, worked in the office until 7.30 and brought Robin out, but Lesley went both ways to Guides on the 13 bus. With the continuing good weather, the painters finished the first coat on the outside of the house and started on the second. The Gas Board arrived to dig up the front garden and put in a new main from the street, as when checking the cooker and gas fires on the previous day, formally for the installation, they found the outside pipe defective. The painters put the "crushed strawberry" paint on to the kitchen. In the morning Joyce had gone to Mrs. Pride's house, to put out the buckets and had hoped to meet Mr. Ross about the carpets. She spent some time throwing out junk there.

Saturday, 15th January

Mr. Grant was working in the garden before Sandy woke us at 9 o'clock and although it was chilly, with an east wind, he tied up roses for four hours along the bottom wall despite Ian urging him to do something warmer on this particular day. Ian took Lesley, Jeremy and Sandy to do the shopping in Corstorphine, and to return the plates to Mackies. We had lunched on Thursday and Friday by carrying out plates from their restaurant and now had the empties from Friday to return. Ian then took Jeremy to the Junior Department of the Academy, situated temporarily in Fettes, for his Entrance "Test". We first of all met Miss Taylor, then Jeremy went off with Miss

Entrance Tests will be held on Saturday, 15th January 1972
 You are requested to arrange for Balfour, J.R. to attend at 11.30 a.m. on that day at the Academy Preparatory School Junior Department.

Please complete and return the enclosed form by Friday, 17th December.

Yours faithfully,

B.A. STENHOUSE
 Registrar

Phiemester, and finally both met Mr. Brittain, the Headmaster. This took from 11.30 to 12.30. Meantime, John Barbour from down the road had called to play with Robin and arranged for Robin to go back to his house after the Rugby Match at Murrayfield. Ian tidied/ ...

ROW	SEAT	SCHOOLBOY	ROW	SEAT
D	800	ENCLOSURE SEAT	D	800
<u>SCOTTISH RUGBY UNION</u>				
SCOTLAND versus FRANCE				
AT MURRAYFIELD, EDINBURGH				
On SATURDAY, 15th JANUARY, 1972				
KICK-OFF 2.15 P.M.				
PRICE 20p				

Full back	15	A. R. Brown Gala	15	P. Villepreux Toulouse
Right wing	14	W. C. C. Steele Bedford	14	R. Bertranne Bagnères
Right centre	13	J. N. M. Frame Gala	13	J. Trillo Bègles
Left centre	12	J. M. Renwick Hawick	12	J.-P. Lux Dax
Left wing	11	A. G. Biggar London Scottish	11	J. Cantoni Béziers
Stand off	10	C. M. Telfer Hawick	10	J.-L. Berot Toulouse
Scrum half	9	I. G. McCrae Gordonians	9	J.-M. Aguirre Bagnères
Prop	1	J. McLauchlan Jordanhill College	1	A. Vacquerin Béziers
Hooker	2	R. L. Clark Edinburgh Wanderers	2	R. Bénésis Agen
Prop	3	A. B. Carmichael West of Scotland	3	J.-L. Martin Béziers
Second row	4	A. F. McHarg London Scottish	4	J.-P. Bastiat Dax
Second row	5	G. L. Brown West of Scotland	5	B. Dauga (Capt.) Mont-de-Marsan
Wing	6	N. A. MacEwan Gala	6	O. Saisset Béziers
Lock	8	P. C. Brown (Capt.) Gala	8	C. Spanghero Narbonne
Wing	7	R. J. Arneil Northampton	7	V. Boffelli Aurillac

tidied out the garage, both at lunch-time and later in the evening. Lesley and Robin had tickets for the International Rugby Match against France at Murrayfield, so Ian took them down the road and put them in. We then took Jeremy and Sandy to visit Mrs. Pride in the Astley Ainslie hospital where she was in the sitting-room watching the Rugby International on television, which we also did. Stayed until 4.30, then came back to find that Lesley had let herself in. Joyce took her to the Junior Y.P.M. in the car, because she had arranged to pick up Bronwen Allan and because Joyce wanted to deliver curtains to Isobel Stevenson. She was not in, so Joyce left them at Aunt Margaret's in Comely Bank Road, while Ian finished off the garage. Robin arrived back, well pleased with both the Rugby and his visit to Johnny Barbour's, Sandy went down and Jeremy watched the television. All had an early night. (Scotland won, 20-9 in a very fine match).



Scotland



France

••• HAILES/LONGSTONE SUNDAY •••

MORNING WORSHIP AT 11 a.m.

Introit
The Word
Hymn No. 326
Prayer
Hymn No. 292
Scripture Reading - Mark 2: 1-12
Children's Address
Children's Hymn No. 31
Young children (2½-5 years) leave for
Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 96
MESSAGE: Rev. Alex Hardie, M.A.
Pastor/Leader, Hailes/Longstone.
Hymn No. 495
Benediction.

Sunday, 16th January

Sandy woke about 8 but played in the Study with his plastic animals while Ian read until about 9. Breakfast all together in the kitchen, while Joyce tried to get the electric oven pre-set to cook the meat while we were at church. Having a shorter distance than from the old house, and not having to pick up Mrs Reid, we all got in before the first hymn. Alex Hardy was the speaker on the Hailes Longstone Sunday. Douglas Laurence was out for the first time after his operation for a

duodenal ulcer. The usual round before the Crusader Class, picking up Dorothy Fraser and only one Academy boy, Michael Williams. Tidied around the house until it was time to go back, then had Michael for tea. Ian took Lesley and Bronwen to the Junior Y.P.M. Prayer Meeting, then later ran Michael back to Mackenzie House and worked in the office until 8.15, putting some urgent mail into the G.P.O. The family all settled fairly quickly.

Monday, 15th January

An army of workmen descended on the house, the usual half-dozen painters who seemed to be everywhere, the two joiners (Mr. Henderson and Gordon), two men from the gas board to renew the pipe to the street, two men from Rentokil to put insulation in the ceiling, and the two electricians back to go on hanging electric lights. Being a Monday, Jeremy and Sandy were not at School, so they added to the pandemonium, with Mrs. Purdie trying to keep the peace. Ian had the usual partners' lunch, and after that a meeting with Scott Duncan, the architect for No.56 Frederick Street, and then out to pick up Joyce to look at the curtain materials at Harkness shop. Ian went back to interview Ian Quigley, as a possible replacement for David Walker and, because of the wet paint in the kitchen, bought scampi and chicken suppers to save cooking. Lesley had her music lesson as usual at 6.15, while Joyce tried again to deliver the curtains to Isobel Stevenson. Ian settled Sandy in his cot, but about 7 o'clock he appeared downstairs, opened the door and announced that he wished to see 'vision' - the first time he had climbed out of his cot. We therefore put him into the bed in his room, but he took a long time to settle and was playing with his toys long after 10 o'clock despite various threats and warnings. Meantime Joyce and Ian hung pictures and boards in Lesley's room, went on tidying up various debris about the house, and then Ian went back to tidy up at the office.

Tuesday, 18th January

A day of comparative calm in the house, with only the painters and the joiners inside the house, although the Gas Board were still merrily digging a trench through the front lawn and hacking up the pavement outside to put in the new gas main. A bitterly cold day, with the first snow of the year in the air, but since the lack of a vent-axis was holding up the plasterer, which was holding up the joiner, which was holding up the painters, most of the painters were directed to give the outside a second coat and to paint the garage doors. Meantime, the foreman finished papering the hall, and then Mr. Ross arrived to lay the linoleum in the kitchen, and Gray's man came to fix the Xpel-air in/ ...

in the kitchen window, so by lunch time the place was the usual pandemonium. Mrs. Purdie was at the house all day again, and Ian was in for lunch. Then, after a consultation with Mr. Harris of Armours, was in by six for the evening. Sandy went down at first, but was disturbed after about half an hour and we had the same pantomime as last evening, when he just would not settle until about ten o'clock. Joyce's leg and back were extremely painful so she went to bed early. Ian hung the curtain-rail in the morning-room, while the other three children watched the film on television until 9 o'clock. They then went to bed, and by 10, all was quiet. The foreman from Dom-heating also called during the day, to correct a fault in the boiler thermostat, to point out what was wrong with the , and to veto the idea of a further heater in the main bedroom. However, one by one the rooms are being overcome, and the end (to our part of the house at least) seems to be in sight. At lunch time we had first fuse to blow in the new house, when Sandy's room, the new bathroom and the hall outside it failed until the fuse was replaced.

Wednesday, 19th January

Rentokil returned to put the cladding on the lead tank in the attic, the gas-board were still struggling to connect the branch pipe to the main in the street, the electrician from Gray's called to finish the Xpel-Air in the kitchen, but apart from that we were down to our usual complement of five painters and two joiners. It was again a bright day, although with a cold east wind, so the painters gave the outside its second coat. Jeremy and Sandy went to school as usual, and Joyce collected Mrs. Purdie on the way back. Ian was in for lunch, then Joyce took Jeremy and Sandy to see the doctor, for her sciatica and to get something to help the younger two sleep in the new house. Subdued by this, and with their previous two late nights, they went down like lambs at 7 o'clock and Lesley departed on the bus to the Discipleship Class. Ian wrote up the accounts while Joyce and Robin played Chinese Chequers, then each had an early night when Lesley came in. Robin had, unfortunately, been promised to see the football on Sportsreel, which, perhaps predictably, came on about half-past-ten after the boxing and bob-sleigh riding and all the other sports had been exhausted. It was, however, a very exciting Cup re-play between Manchester United and Southampton, so Ian and Robin watched it while the others were asleep. Manchester United scored three goals in extra time.

Thursday, 20th January

Two of Lesley's friends arrived by half-past-eight this morning, to accompany her to school, which, in effect, meant watching us have breakfast, then Joyce, as recommended by the doctor, set about finding someone to take the younger two children for a few hours in the afternoon. The plasterer arrived, to finish off the plastering in the new bathroom and Mrs. Pride's kitchen, which he did very efficiently before lunch. Lunch was the usual series of interruptions by tradesmen wanting decisions on colours of paints, positions of locks, and so forth, not assisted by the gas men turning off the supply at the meter, just before we began to cook. However, Kate Gemmell, arrived just before two, to look after the children, and this let Joyce get into town for shopping. The painters gave the hall its second coat, and more or less finished the outside, so apart from work which is held up by plaster drying, they are almost complete and this adds greatly to the appearance of the house. In addition, Mrs. Ross rang to say that the carpet for the lounge and dining-room was on its way, and the boiler seemed to be working correctly after Dom attention to it, so the end did appear to be in sight. This was just as well, because the Astley Ainslie Hospital suddenly decided / ...

decided that Mrs. Pride, far from being kept in for twelve weeks, was now to be discharged right away, and fortunately Aunt Maimie arranged to take her in the meantime. Mrs. Purdie advised that the picture which we had missed in the sales, the "schooner with three masts" was in the West End Bookshop now, so Ian tried to get it, but it had again gone. Accordingly he just placed an order for it. He then collected Mrs. Balfour and went to meet Professor Jelinek, with Billy at the Northern General Hospital, as the Professor wished to discuss Mr. Balfour coming home from hospital. He advised that while the confusion had initially been caused by the chest infection, and, surprisingly, had not cleared up when the chest infection did, the parkinson's disease now seemed to have responded to the treatment and he felt that Mr. Balfour should come home, and he was quite cheerful about the future. Had a short time with Mr. Balfour as well. Then the usual evening rush at the office, with telephones, mail, but Ian managed to finish and be out for tea without having to go back. In the evening, we erected some ironmongery which Joyce had bought in the shops, with the aid of the tools which the joiner had conveniently left lying around.

Friday, 21st January

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Evening News, Friday, January 21, 1972

CHURCH NEWS

By KIRKER

After 5 years— they can leave school

FOR more than five years, Baptists in Wester Hailes and Longstone, Edinburgh, have been meeting and worshipping in the local primary school.

Even the Sunday school meets in the minister's home. And yet throughout this period the young minister, the Rev. Alex Hardie, has managed to maintain a weekly congregation of between 75 and 90.

Now Mr Hardie's wish for a church is coming true and the important ceremony of laying the foundation stone for the new Hailes-Longstone Baptist Church, takes place tomorrow.

The stone will be laid by the two men who started a Sunday school in Longstone 22 years ago, Mr Bruce Hardie, and Mr George Rae who are both retired.

The minister of Charlotte Baptist Chapel, the Rev. Derek Prime will also be there.

The church incorporates a large hall, a small hall, and church lounge and car park and will

cost about £38,000 and already £31,000 has been raised—by direct donation—the difference will be made up in the next year while building proceeds.

All the money has come from the people in the area and from deeds of covenant.

Mr Hardie said: "I came to this area more or less in the capacity of a missionary straight from college and using the school means that we don't get the number we would like. It's hard enough getting people into a church, let alone a school."

He said that practical difficulties had also been encountered—"for example there's really nowhere to store things properly."

"Now we intend to open the church at the end of the year in a debt-free position. It's very exciting. The church will be built to modern designs and this could attract more people."

The Church of Scotland are also building a new church in the area where many families are moving into the rapidly-growing housing scheme.

Ian had an invitation from Glasses Fruit Markets to attend at their stance at their new Fruit Market at Chesser Avenue, and then to attend the opening ceremony to be conducted by the Secretary of State, and while he kept hoping to get away, priorities at the office detained him until it was not worth while setting out. In the meantime, Joyce and Mrs. Purdie, with the younger two at school, really began to get a grip of the house. Ross came after lunch and laid the living-room and dining-room carpet, which made a big difference. The joiners have by now/...

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LAYING OF THE
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SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1972

(Please see the back of the programme for
directions to the site of the new building.)

PROGRAMME OF SERVICES

2.30 p.m.

LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE

Chairman:

Rev. Derek Prime, M.A., S. Th.
Minister, Charlotte Baptist Chapel,
Edinburgh

HYMN

"GREAT is Thy faithfulness," O
God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with
Thee:
Thou changest not, Thy compas-
sions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou for ever
wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is
Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I
see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath
provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord,
unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and spring-
time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses
above,
Join with all Nature in manifold
witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy
and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that
endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer
and to guide:
Strength for today and bright
hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten
thousand beside!

PRAYER

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

ADDRESS:

Rev. Alex. Hardie, M.A.
Minister of Hailes-Longstone
Baptist Fellowship

now transferred their mess to Mrs. Pryde's room, particularly her kitchenette, which saves sweeping up after them wherever we go. Catherine Gemmell came again, and this time got on much better with the children and indeed seemed reluctant to leave at six o'clock. She had the younger two down at Roseburn Park. It was again a beautiful day, chilly but with a bright sun. We had planned tea at 5.15 as usual, to get Robin into Cubs, but a Mr. Wallace, of Wallace & Guthrie, the Chairman of the Welcoming Committee for the Murrayfield Church, called just at 5.20 to extend a welcome to the Church. They cover 47 streets in the district, and have a "spy" system so that the Welcoming Committee is supplied with information about anyone arriving in any of the 47 streets. When he went, Mr. Ross, who had just finished the main carpets, wanted to discuss remaining items of floorcovering, so Ian took Robin to Cubs at ten-to-six, with Sandy and Jeremy coming for the ride, and then brought them back for a late tea. When they were down, Ian took the unwanted lampstandard to Aunt Margaret, dropped off Lesley at Guides /...

Water Wonderland

Programme

Welcome to Water Wonderland	The Company
Around the World	Maureen Reynolds
Trains and Boats and Planes	The Aquabelles
The Whacky Workers	The Builders
The Indian Reservation	The Aquabelles and Pat Anthony
International Diving	Aquashow Divers
Balancing Beautifully	The Melbas
Who's Haunting Who?	?
Aloha Hawaii	The Aquabelles with John Crease

INTERVAL

A Classical Recital	Conducted by Sir Hartley Lykeleigh
Colourful Capes	The Aquadancers
The chump	and The CHAMP
Kaleidoscope	The Aquabelles
Flight into Danger	The Aqua Show Divers
Japanese Sunset	The Aquabelles
Anything Goes	The Aquagoons
With a little help from my Friends	Maureen and Dezi
FINALE	The Company

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Guides, put Robin on the bus home, and tidied up at the Office until ten. Earlier, Douglas Lawrence, who is now mobile after his duodenal ulcer operation, called in for morning coffee. Mrs. Pryde, now installed safely at Aunt Maimie's, rang up for an hour in the evening. Omitted after lunch - Ian collected Mrs. Balfour, and went with her to bring Mr. Balfour home from the Northern General Hospital. He seemed extremely fit, well orientated, but said goodbye without regrets to the ward. He was extremely pleased with the treatment he had received, but even more pleased to be home, and bounded up the stairs at 18 Moray Place. We called round to Dr. Watt on the way from the Hospital, and got a fresh supply of the drug, but the general outlook certainly seems cheerful.

Saturday, 22nd January

Another warm and sunny day, quite out of character for January. Mr. Grant finished tying up the roses and dug a large area of the beds. Joyce and Robin experimented with the spit in the new oven, to cook a chicken for the Greenwoods coming at night, with complete success. Ian took the other three, to uplift some papers from the parcels' office at Glasgow, which had been sent through in haste from Mr. Harris of Armours, for Counsel, delivered them to Parliament House, attempted to pick up Mrs. Purdie's table at the parcels' office in New Street, but it is closed on Saturdays. We disposed of the tea-chest of lights which had come from Newcastle, and which were not the lights we required, by handing them into the parcels' office on Waverley Bridge/ ...

Bridge. Jeremy was keen to go on a train, so Ian put Lesley, Jeremy and Sandy on to the 11.50 train to Fife, giving himself time to be at Haymarket before they arrived, and pick them up there. Total cost 6p. Sandy then went down, and we had an early lunch in order to get Robin to the Rugby Bus in time. Ian ran him to the Boarding Houses where a bus took the Junior School First Fifteen to Cliftonhall at 1.30. They drew, one try each. Meanwhile, Ian took Sandy to the Stone-laying Ceremony at the site for the new Church at Wester Hailes. There was a large crowd, and a very impressive Ceremony, with a cold wind, but clear skies. Jeremy was coming, but decided to stay and watch television instead. Ian then went on to collect Robin, who somewhat reluctantly left the team tea at Cliftonhall, and we came back in to pick up the others at the house, and meet the Greenwoods at the Commonwealth Pool at five o'clock for the "Water Wonderland". Quite an interesting programme, although rather slow-moving. Very much a childrens occasion, with the clowns being in good form. It was, as always in the Commonwealth Pool, extremely hot for spectators, but ice-cream in the Interval helped that. The Greenwoods then came back for a meal, our first official visitors, and although Sandy went down shortly after that, the others stayed up until the Greenwoods left just before 11. The heating cut off at 9.30, but they stayed on in spite the cold! We had soup, chicken and trifle in the kitchen, then the children watched television while the adults had coffee in the sunroom, and all ended up watching the football.

Sunday, 23rd January

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Introit
 The Word
 Psalm 8
 Prayer
 Scripture Reading - Romans 13
 Children's Address
 Children's Hymn No. 175
 Young children (2½-5 years) leave for
 Nursery Department, Top Hall.
 Intimations and Offertory
 Offertory Prayer
 Message in Song
 Prayer
 Hymn No. 333
 MESSAGE: The Pastor
 Subject: Studies in Paul's Letter to the
 Romans: THE CHRISTIAN'S DUTY
 TO THE STATE (Rom: 13: 1-7)
 Hymn No. 215
 Benediction.

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All up for a leisurely breakfast, then we took both cars to Church so that Ian could pick up Aunt Margaret while Joyce brought Aunt Libby and the others home to get the house ready. The oven switched itself on to prepare the roast. Lesley, Jeremy and Sandy departed for the creche, then Lesley and Jeremy came back, but shortly after that Lesley was signalled to go up to keep Sandy. Jeremy stayed in for a most interesting address on the Christian and the State - Tertullian being quoted with approval! After the Service, Mr. Prime indicated to the Elders that he was not feeling well, and arranged for Norman Hunt to stand by to take the

Evening Service and asked Ian to go to the Longstone Youth Fellowship in his place. Ian and Sandy then collected Aunt Margaret and Sandy went down, leaving us to leisurely lunch. Ian then collected three Academy boys, dropped off Aunt Margaret, picked up Dorothy Fraser and delivered them all to Crusader Class at 3. Ian went to see Mr. Oliphant in his pastoral group, who had been unwell. Meantime Joyce got Sandy up, and Aunt Libby walked him to the Greenwoods, where Ian collected him after the Crusader Class. Dropping off the Academy boys at the house, Ian took Jeremy to and Sandy to Aunt Maimie's for tea, where Mrs. Pryde was staying, and she brought them back about six. The Academy boys were in no hurry to go, and seemed to enjoy the new house and / ...

and their tea particularly, then played in the playroom until seven. Ian dropped them off, taking Sandy for the ride, and came back to put Sandy down before leaving for Alex Hardy's house for the Longstone Youth Fellowship. There was a good crowd there, hearty singing, and

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Dear Mr. Balfour,

Many thanks for coming to

stand to our young people at such short notice

We appreciated your coming and your

message.

good attention to the talk, but Jeremy and Robin were both still up when Ian came back at ten. Eventually got them all to sleep, and watched television for a while. Lesley had gone straight to Aunt Margaret's for tea, after Crusaders, on to the evening Service at Charlotte Chapel and Mrs. Allen brought her out with Bronwen, about eight.

Monday, 24th January

The painters and the joiners were still hard at it, painters chiefly on the outside, and the joiner Gordon putting the finishing touches on our house, while Mr. Henderson was in the shop cutting out materials for Mrs. Pryde's rooms. Ian had a lengthy partners' meeting, at the invitation of Mr. McLellan, to celebrate his becoming Senior Partner on the imminent retiral of Mr. Balfour Senior. This consisted of a short meeting before lunch in the North British Hotel, but the message regarding lunch got lost in the Hotel system and it was served about an hour-and-a-half later, coming up for 2 o'clock. Meantime Joyce had the children at home, their being no school on Monday, and Catherine Gemmell to take them out in the afternoon. Lesley had her music lesson as usual at 6.15, during which Joyce took curtain material to Isobel Stevenson, at last. Joyce then took Lesley on to the doctor as she had a sore knee, and when she was safely home, Ian went to tidy up at the office. We had our second delivery of domestic oil today, 350 gallons.

Tuesday, 25th January

Mr. Ross of Freelance Carpets laid a spare piece of his best Wilton in the green bathroom, linoleum in the pink bathroom, and relayed the carpet on the upper landing and part of the stair, so upstairs began to look finished. Meantime the joiners had erected the cabinet for Mrs. Pryde's livingroom, and begun to repair the garden gate. It was another very pleasant day for January, sunny and fairly warm. Mrs. Purdie began to talk of "when we get straight" instead of "if we get straight". Ian / ...

Ian went to Dante's after lunch, for a hair-cut and in the office the removal of the Reception Centre began and caused no end of confusion. Ian heard that Ian Quigley accepted the offer to take over from David Walker, so that takes care of that department. Meantime, applications come in by the shoal with every post for the vacancy caused by Diana Tucker's departure at the end of this week. Caroline Gemmell seems to be getting into her stride, and had the children completely occupied from after lunch until 5.30. In the evening, we did the usual odd jobs around the house, changing plugs and arranging odds and ends. Joyce did a run on the addressograph machine for the heralds, - not usually a problem, but she had bought the wrong size of ribbon and it took some ingenuity to get the machine working.

Wednesday, 26th January

An uneventful day, following the pattern which we have now settled into. The whole family slept until the alarm went off, about twenty-past-seven, and we woke to find the house reasonably warm from the central heating. Ian got the children up, while Joyce made breakfast, and at about 8.30 two of Lesley's friends called for her on the way to school. Ian left just after that, dropped Robin and was in the office by ten-to-nine. Joyce took Jeremy to school, did some shopping, picked up Mrs. Purdie, and had the painters and joiners in the house.

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MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

To all members of the Missionary Committee.

Please remember the next Meeting of the Missionary Committee, on Wednesday 26th January, 1972 at 7.30 p.m., in the Committee Room in the Chapel.

Enclosed is a draft of the Minutes of the Meeting of 13th October, 1971 and annexed is the draft Agenda. I have mislaid the note of members present, but will correct the Minute if my memory is at fault.

IAN L. S. BALFOUR
Convener.

A G E N D A.

They seem to be part of the scenery now. Ian was busy interviewing, and went back shortly after lunch, then Caroline came and took the children for a bus ride on the No.26 bus to Portobello and back. She had them bathed and ready when Ian came in for supper. The Missionary Committee met in the Chapel in the evening, under Ian's Chairmanship for the first time, and Lesley went to the Discipleship Class, only to discover that it had been cancelled through Dorothy Sommerville's illness. So much for a letter in the hands of the General Post Office, by 4.15 p.m. on Tuesday evening, with a 3p. stamp and "First-Class" on it - the letter came on Thursday morning.

Thursday, 27th January

Another not dissimilar day, except that Mrs. Purdie had a day off for, I think, the first time since we moved in. Joyce picked up Aunt Margaret, and took her for a run to Leith, also taking Isobel Stevenson and going to the Scandanavian Quilt Centre in Portobello to change one of the Downies which had come in the wrong size. Joyce had set out just to take curtains to Isobel, and pick up others, but invited her to come for the run. Ian again spent a large part of the day interviewing, then we had supper at just after 5, so that Joyce and Lesley could go to the late evening shopping in town. They sampled various curtain materials for the kitchen, had some supper, and generally seemed to fill in two hours without doing much shopping. Ian then - literally because the alterations are now in full swing, with the switchboard in the hall, engineers and builders everywhere, and papers to be found in any odd corners that can be spared. In the house, Mrs. Pryde's kitchen took a dramatic leap forward, with the formica tops being fixed in, and if only old Walter would come back and finish off our own kitchen seats, ours would be complete.

Friday, 28th January

Douglas Lawrence walked up for coffee and is shortly to get back to work after his operation. Ian spent a large part of the day interviewing replacements for Diana Tucker. Ian took Robin into Cubs, as usual, but Lesley had no guides, because of some other function in the Hall. Fiona came to attempt her 'child minding' badge for the guides by looking after the younger two here. Lesley came back into town with her on the 13 bus, and called at the office, and came out with Robin.

Saturday, 29th January

Mr. Grant busied himself with tidying around the garden, while Ian took Robin to Newfield, to play Rugby against Watsons, a team including Ewan Brown. Ian also took Sandy to watch the game, but when they called at Aunt Margaret's to pick up some curtains, Sandy decided to stay there for the morning, because of the cold. Ian therefore went to watch the match, which was a hard fought one with no score until just on half-time, when the slight age advantage of "Watsons" team began to tell and they eventually won, ten nil.

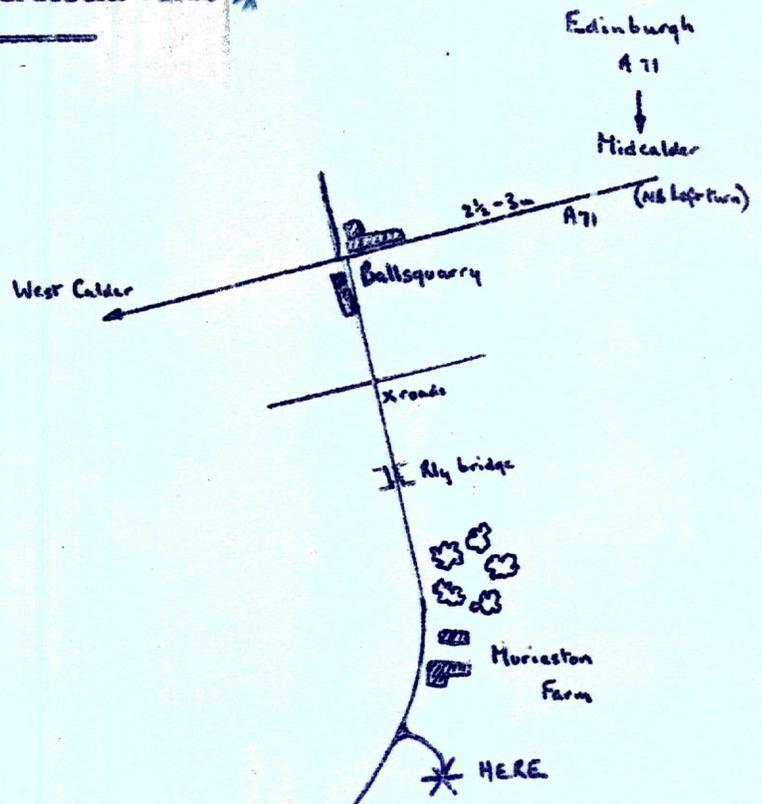
Meantime, Joyce had taken Lesley to play hockey at Meggatland and had gone on to Aunt Maimie to see her mother. When Ian got back, he took Mr. Grant to Strathesk, to clear out the garage and found Mrs. Sangster there, taking measurements for the house. We brought as much back from the garage to the new house as we could, in one car load, and then tidied up the garage. After lunch, we dropped Robin off to watch the Hearts, who were playing Clyde, then took Sandy to join Jeremy, who had been at Aunt Maimie's all morning, leaving the younger two and collecting Lesley so that we could go shopping. We tried various shops in Tollcross and Princes Street for curtains to match the kitchen paint and floor, without success, and generally had rather a fruitless afternoon, because we found the shops were out of either sizes or the colours of the various things we wanted, like sweaters and jeans. Had tea in the 'Highlander' then collected the children and came home. Robin had made his own way home. Then Ian went to collect Janice Bain, who/ ...

GROUP 35 BARN PARTY

29th January at Murieston Farm. *

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Be here at 7.30 p.m.
Action packed programme
Real fun
Nosh provided

Party ends around 11.00 p.m.
Absolute must for your diary
Relaxation (mostly mental!) in clean,
dry farm building
This ticket costs 30p
You should wear ~~old~~ elderly clothes.



who was babysitting for us for the first time, and Joyce and Ian went to the "Group 35" Party in the barn at Murieston Farm at Bells Quarry. There were about 80 there, and after the heating came on and some activity began, so did the party warm up under the able leadership of David Cramond. We stayed until the end at 11, when Ian Leeds gave an epilogue about "rising damp".

Sunday, 30th January

Very heavy snow, which lay fairly thickly. Again we took the two cars to Church, Ian going on to give out the Minutes to the Deacons and then to collect Aunt Margaret for lunch. There were four Academy boys, but Mr. Mendal did not want them to stay for tea this week and so Ian brought them straight back to Mackenzie House. Lesley and Jeremy went to Aunt Margaret, and Ian completed hanging the curtains, which he had started after putting the children into Crusaders, but had to suspend the operation when Aunt Helen and Uncle Robbie and Fay called, having put Jonathon into Crusaders, to pass the hour here. Ian collected Jeremy at 6, then went in at / ...

at nine o'clock again to collect Lesley, who had stayed for the After Church Rally.

Monday, 31st January

The snow was lying deeply, making the roads treacherous, but paradoxically, this thinned out the traffic and we had a better run to school than usual. Joyce went straight away to Jeffreys at Tollcross, to change the candlewick covers which we had bought on Saturday, one of our few purchases. She changed them for green ones, which suited Lesley's room better. Then she collected Mrs. Purdie, and had a fairly lively day. Walter Meikle was working in the kitchen all day, putting on the finishing touches from Grays, Barbara Lyon called with Fiona for coffee, while Mrs. Purdie struggled to give the brass handles on the lounge windows their first polish for a long time. This ran her out of Brasso, and Joyce was just about to go out for more when the mechanic called to sort the whine in the Hoovermatic, which meant that the shops had shut and Joyce had to run around Davidsons Mains and Blackhall for Brasso. Then Mr. Redpath arrived, to supervise the work in the kitchen, followed by a visit from Eurwen Allen. Then Joyce had the school round, to pick up Robin, Keith Murray and Cameron Davidson and Martin Davidson. When Joyce took Mrs. Purdie down to Strachan Road, she met Elspeth Cameron who then called at the house. Meantime, Robin was sledging on the Murrayfield Golf Course with Cameron Davidson, and the younger two were sledging with Caroline. She is now able to bath the children, which is just as well because Elspeth Cameron was till talking to Joyce when it was bath time. Mr. Meikle was still working in the kitchen, so Joyce rang and Ian picked up suppers at the fish-shop. Joyce then took Lesley to Mrs. Keiller for her music lesson, and went back for her. Ian had had a no less active day, with a longer than usual visit from Alex Quinn in the morning, then a quick lunch at noon with Albert Kunze, a German student spending two months in the office, then Albert went with Ian to speak at the Law Faculty Christian Union on "Has Christianity any Relevance in a Lawyer's Life?" We had to leave that Meeting early to go to the Olivers' Board Meeting at Gorgie at 2 o'clock. It was an interminable Meeting, so Albert and Ian got back late to the Office, to discover that Grays had taken away the electric fire on the coldest day of the year, to mend one of the elements. Ian then had an emergency meeting of the Officebearers of the TOR at Mrs. McKinlay's home at Morningside Grove, to cover various items, but chiefly our relationship with the matron. That lasted until after 10. Since it was fairly clear night, and the snow was lying, it was bitterly cold.

Tuesday, 1st February

Joyce paid her Tuesday visit to Strathesk, with Mrs. Purdie, to carry on the clearing of all the furniture there - only a fortnight to go until the removal. Mrs. Purdie stayed late, while Caroline took the young two sledging. Joyce went down to shop, and returned to find only Caroline and Sandy. Lesley and Jeremy had departed to sledging on their own, while Robin was nowhere to be found, but they all arrived back about 6. Ian spoke in the evening at the Womens' guild at St. David's Broomhouse, on the subject of his won choosing, so he gave a repetition of yesterday's talk to the Christian Union! It was even colder, with the snow lying thick on the ground.

Wednesday, 2nd February

The thaw began, which meant that everything was just wet and muddy. Ian had a busy morning, then out for an early lunch so as to be /...

be back at Great King Street by 2 o'clock to go over the offices of Fergusson Reekie & Kilgour, with Fergus Brown and John Mackay, to clear off the remaining furniture. The treasurer of the University Christian Union paid her annual visit with the books for auditing, and then Ian saw Mr. Bulman at some length, interviewing him for the job to replace Diana Tucker, and eventually tied up the details for him to start. This meant that Ian missed the Elders' Tea at Charlotte Chapel and indeed the whole of the Elders' Court, but arrived in time for the Deacons' Court at 7.30. This was held in the lower hall for an experiment, and while the location was successful, the subject matter was a complete waste of time. Ian was asked to take the Minutes again, but few decisions were reached, with a great deal of talking, and this business adjourned at 10 o'clock, without having reached the end of "matters arising" on the previous Minutes. Something will have to be done to streamline the business or eliminate the irrelevances. Meantime, at the house, both the joiner and the painters have the end in sight, and were putting on finishing touches. Caroline had taken 'flu, perhaps as a result of her exposure to the sledging slopes for Monday and Tuesday, but Mrs. Fraser had rung up and begged that Sandy should go to play at her house in the morning, so Joyce had them only for the afternoon. She took them to the Princess Margaret Rose Hospital for Jeremy's arm to be mended, and in the evening cleared out some old picture frames. These two pictures bear no relation to the present but were taken by Mr. Purdie on our holiday at Findochty in August 1969. One shows Jeremy on the roundabout at one of the local fairs, and the other shows him entranced with the band at the Bantham Swimming Pool one Sunday afternoon.



Thursday, 3rd February

Ian had a fairly peaceful day, having settled the Jury Trial yesterday, having despatched Ann Clure to the Debate in the Court of Session, and David Walker to the Pleas in the Sheriff Court and for the first time for some weeks found the typing to date. He picked up Mr. and Mrs. Balfour at Moray Place and brought them out for lunch, Mr. Balfour's first outing since his return from hospital a fortnight ago. The wind and the sun had by now completely removed the traces of snow, and it was again a very pleasant day. Ian took Mr. and Mrs. Balfour back after lunch, and then Joyce went shopping with the younger two, to buy curtains, light fittings, coat racks, and so forth. In the evening, we hung pictures and mirrors, and about 9 o'clock Alex Cameron dropped in, for a moan about the Deacons' Court yesterday evening, and for coffee. He stayed until the back of ten, when /...

when we went around the house and made a list of the outstanding jobs for the painter, joiner and electrician. Gordon is to be paid off tomorrow, as there is only work left for one joiner, and the painters are now down to the finishing touches in Mrs. Pryde's rooms. The long awaited Xpel-Air for her shower cabinet arrived, so the joiners were able to finish her kitchenette and have just about worked themselves out of a job, as far as the inside of the house is concerned.

Friday, 4th February

Joyce had what she claims was one of the busiest days in her life, tackling the final cleaning of the downstairs, windows, toilets, etc. but the house showed a remarkable improvement as a result. Ian went to Haddington, to see a farmer in connection with the case involving the poisoning of crops, then round by Aberlady to have a Deed signed, back to Macmerry to trace a witness, and home for lunch. Caroline was still off in the afternoon, so Joyce had the children to entertain. Robin went to Cubs as usual, and Lesley, having a friend for tea, made her own way in on the bus, and out again.

Saturday, 5th February

Mr. Grant was in the front garden by ten-to-nine, sweeping away the years accumulation of dead leaves, and made a fine job right around the front of the house. Ian called to see the tenants of a house on Hillhouse Road, at 10 o'clock, to check whether Rentokil had done a proper job, on behalf of the landlord, then took Lesley and Sandy into town. He was to meet Mrs. McLellan and Miss Graham, to interview Pat Wright, a candidate for the B.M.M.F. for Nepal, at 11 o'clock in Kinnaird Club. Lesley took Sandy for a walk along to the West End, and came back about 12, and we came home. At 10 o'clock, Robin left for the day with the Davidsons, to their cottage in East Lothian, and had a great time, returning covered in mud, about half-past-six. Meantime, Ian was hanging curtains, and, having found on the Friday evening that Bella Stevenson had made the kitchen curtains three inches short, Ian went to town to find some more curtain material. That did not take long, but since Mr. Harkness had 'phoned to say that the velvet curtains for the lounge and diningroom would be available that evening, we decided to get some more of the runners for the curtain rails. This proved an enormous problem, and Ian started at Grants, worked through Patrick Thomsons, down the Bridges, up along Princes Street and Shandwick Place, up to Fountainbridge, and eventually found the necessary runners, after 5 o'clock, in Goldbergs. He then delivered the material to Bella Stevenson, went round to the Harknesses to pick up the curtains, and tried in vain to get the car washed, but the 5-Minute Car Wash was closed. In the evening we hung the velvet curtains, which was an evening's work in itself, but, as soon as the kitchen curtains are returned, that is the curtaining of the house complete.

Sunday, 6th February

A very pleasant sunny day, which only served to show up the dirt on Ian's car. Having called on Thursday, when the pump was broken and they were not taking any more cars, having called at 8.30 on Friday on the way to school, to find only one man on duty and he was unable to cope, having called on Saturday and found the queue too long, having called today on the way back from Church and finding the queue too long, having called again after putting the children into Crusaders, and, after waiting in the queue, being told that the place was about to /....

to close, Ian finally decided to cancel the Banker's Order to the 5-Minute Car Wash, due on the 11th February, and to use the 20p. slot machines instead. Ian had been finding the trip to the 5-Minute Car Wash increasingly inconvenient, now that it is not on our route between the house and town, and this was the final straw. The men were very apologetic, at having to turn cars away on the Sunday afternoon, which makes it even more embarrassing to cancel the subscription. However, we took both cars to church as usual, and Ian took all the children, except Robin, round by Bellevue, to pick up Aunt Margaret. Joyce brought Robin and Mrs. Reid, who did not wish to stay for Communion, home and got the lunch ready. We then had the usual round to Crusaders, Dorothy Fraser, and today, four Academy boys, who all came for tea. Lesley, Jeremy and Sandy went to Aunt Margarets, while the Academy boys had a good tuck in, and seemed to enjoy themselves in the garden. Ian took them back just after six, ran Aunt Margaret and Cissie Symmondson to Bellevue, dropped off the Academy boys, and brought Jeremy and Sandy home. Lesley had made her own way to Charlotte Chapel for the Evening Service, where Ian called and picked her up at 8 o'clock and brought Moira Cameron and Moira's boyfriend home. At tea-time, Ian Clayre and the family called, to have a look around and no doubt to stay for tea if invited, but with the Academy boys we had no room to ask them for tea. We showed them round the house, and got Ian's usual useful comments, then they left about 5.

Monday, 7th February

Gordon, the joiner, worked today, but this was his last day, and Mr. Henderson had the joinery work all but complete. The cut-out safety switch on the boiler is still giving trouble, but when Dom calls in answer to Ian's complaint, they came when Mrs. Purdie was in and did nothing to the boiler except just look at it. Caroline Gemmell returned, after her 'flu, and took the children out to the park, and this set Joyce free to search the town for a rung, for the front of the fire. She tried Hans Kristian, but he was closed, and then Frosts, who quoted £27, and £54, so Joyce is still looking. Ian had a fairly hectic day, because Mrs. Pryde phoned to say that Rebecca Mee had died on Saturday, making herself and Ian trustees under her will, so Ian had the funeral to arrange, with Post Mortem thrown in, but otherwise the day went smoothly. All the partners were at the lunch, and we heard that Mr. Sturrock was leaving for another firm. The new building provides a perenial source of conversation as well. We had tea at 5.30, then Ian ran Lesley to music, and went back for her, then prepared for the Missionary Prayer Meeting. Ian was in the Chair, as Norman Hunt was abroad, and as well as the letters, Miss Helen Bee who works with Sheila Masterton in Calcutta, gave a most interesting account of their work. There was a reasonable turnout, then Ian tidied up at the Office and we all had an early night.

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Sandy started a new habit, of getting up about quarter-to-seven and switching on all the lights he could find and then dusting the stair with metal rods! Today was Joyce's final blitz on Strathesk, with Mrs. Purdie, when she made final bundles for the removal, and disposed of a great quantity of rubbish to the bucket-men. Jeremy was not very well, so he stayed in in the afternoon, while Caroline took Sandy to Moray Place for tea. Sandy had been at Mrs. Fraser again for the morning.

Wednesday, 9th February

Rebecca Mee's funeral at 12.30 at Mr. Purves Funeral Parlour, and at 1 p.m. at Mortonhall Cemetery. Ian came out to collect Joyce, and we went together to Roseneath Place. More turned up than expected, and we hurriedly arranged further coaches and then brought a load back to the Kinnaird Club, where Aunt Margaret had laid on lunch for Miss Mee's friends. Ian went back right away, to arrange for the Central Edinburgh Meat Market Meeting, which lasted from 3 until 5. At ten-past-eight, there was a special Meeting of the Conveners of Committee of Charlotte Chapel, to discuss the better organisation of the Deacon's Court business. This lasted until 10 p.m.

Thursday, 10th February

Mr. Henderson, the joiner, had just about completed all his work, so asked Ian to find another ball-catch and various handles, so that he could get tidied up. Ian was in for lunch, but left at 5 o'clock for Stirling, to speak at the Christian Union on "Who Moved the Stone?" Ian was met at the station by John Cuthbert, the enterprising secretary, and taken up to the Stirling University complex for a meal in one of the diningrooms. There were about sixty at the Meeting, quite a few strangers, and an interesting time of questions. Ian went to the President's room afterwards for coffee, then one of the others ran him for the nine o'clock train home.

Friday, 11th February

Mr. Henderson finally tidied up, leaving his tools over the week-end only for the purpose of coming back on Monday with Mr. Campbell, his supervisor, to go round the job. The painters completed the decoration and painting of Mrs. Pryde's bedroom, gave the kitchen the first coat, so Mr. Ramsey is on the last lap also. We woke up to no lights this morning, our first cut of the electricity reductions owing to the coal shortage because of the miners' strike. The lights came on about 9 o'clock, but went off again at 6 p.m. until just after 9 p.m. - a rather long cut by current standards. We were fairly well supplied with candles, and the gas fire kept us from being cold, but there was, of course, no television. Ian had been at a consultation, to discuss the crop chemical case, so Joyce had just taken Robin into Cubs, before 6 o'clock, when the lights failed and when Ian arrived just after six, Jeremy and Sandy were a bit frightened, with Lesley and her friend for tea trying to comfort them. Lesley and the friend left for Guides on the bus, and Norman Allen brought Lesley home. Lesley brought Bronwen in to see her room, so Ian asked Norman to come in, and he had a look around the house and stayed for a short while, but would not stay for coffee as he was concerned about his own/.....

family, in the darkness of the streets. Earlier in the day, Ian went to collect the carpets from Strathesk, where Mr. Ross of Freelance Carpet Services had picked them up, but his vehicle was broken down and he could not get them to the new house. He then laid Mrs. Pryde's lounge carpet and left the others for laying later.

Saturday, 12th February

Mr. Grant was in the garden by 8.45, as his wife was away for the week-end and he had nothing else to do with himself. He dug up the North border for some time, then tackled one of the hedges round the vegetable garden, giving it a real cut back to its proper size, after, he reckoned, five years of overgrowth. He was well stuck into this at 1 o'clock, so insisted on going home for some lunch and then came back and worked until four, to complete this. Ian burned it as he went along and it went like wildfire. Meantime, Ian had taken Robin to Goldenacre for rugby, dropped him off and gone to get the car washed for its final wash at the 5-Minute Centre - the banker's order which Ian had cancelled because of dissatisfaction with the service, expires today. Joyce had meantime decided unexpectedly to watch Robin, came down, and found that the game was cancelled through frost, and took Robin away with her. By the time Ian came back, Robin was not to be found so he went to pick up Jeremy from Aunt Margaret's, but she was then out shopping and Ian had to wait until quarter-to-eleven until Aunt Margaret brought Jeremy back, and the family were complete again. We had coffee at the back of eleven, while Lesley and Jeremy departed to do some window shopping in town and to buy Joyce a birthday present. After lunch, we dropped Robin off to watch the Hearts Reserves, and took the two younger ones up to Craiglockhart to stay with Mrs. Pryde and Aunt Maimie. Lesley stayed in the house to watch the Irish/English International, which resulted in a dramatic and surprising last minute win for Ireland. Having disposed of the younger two, Joyce and Ian went shopping, firstly to buy the curtain rails and the net curtains for Mrs. Pryde's rooms, and then to look for shoes in the various multiple stores in Princes Street. All the shops west of Frederick Street were blacked out, and apparently had been blacked out all day, so many had closed. We had no success on the shoes, but did get a pair of trousers for Ian. We then had supper in Graham Ross's "Cairngorm" Restaurant, and arrived home to find that Lesley had departed on the bus for her Sunrise Band Party and that Robin had gone to Johnny Barbour's after the match. He came in, so when the younger two were ready for bed, Ian took Robin to the Olympic Health Studio - Ian's first visit after his operation. We had a gentle run round, a shower and sauna, and then went to pick up Lesley at the end of her party in the Kinnaird Club. Mrs. Prime, thinking that Lesley was going to be left behind, had brought her out, so Ian had another frustrating day of people who were not where they should have been. The street lighting was in chaos, with the time clocks on the lights being affected by the electricity cuts, so there were hardly any street lights burning, although, ironically, many of them were on during the day. Robin took a long time to settle, with a severe cough, and then Jeremy was up in the night, so we did not get much peace.

Sunday, 13th February

Another bright and sunny day, but with a chill in the air because there was little cloud about to keep the heat in. Sandy was playing around /...

around very early as usual, then had a plate of porridge and then went back to sleep, but was soon up again. We had full power, but the electricity was off at the West End and the Morning Service in Charlotte Chapel had to be conducted by natural light, and without loudspeakers or the organ, until about 12 noon, when the lights came on. Ian collected Aunt Margaret, as usual, then got the ice-cream and lemonade at the shop in Stockbridge, for a change. There were four Academy boys waiting for the Crusaders Class, and they came back for tea, during which Ian pressed ahead with hanging the curtain rails in Mrs. Pryde's rooms. He had made a start last night and got the bedroom rails up, but the 16 ft. 6 inch. rail in the lounge required daylight and some patience to get it in the right place. Lesley and Jeremy went to the Missionary Band, in Charlotte Chapel, then stayed on for the evening service, which Robin came home with the boys and Sandy was here all the time. Ian was on duty on the door in Charlotte Chapel in the evening, to welcome strangers, then came out to finish making the shelving for the upstairs cupboard and to repair Lesley's cable - all the remaining joinery jobs before the joiner took his tools away the next morning! Ian then went back in for Lesley and Jeremy at 8 o'clock, and brought the Allen children home as well. Parts of the town were in darkness, but we had had power all day although in the evening the circulating pump on the boiler began to give trouble and Ian switched it off as a precaution. The safety cutout on the boiler is now cutting out so regularly, every hour or so, that one almost forgets to mention it, but it is most irritating and the heating engineer seems unable or unwilling to do anything to replace it. In the evening all except Sandy watched the film of 'Dunkirk', then had an early night.

Monday, 14th February

Lesley received one Valentine, sender unknown. It was the Mary Erskine half-term so she had a long lie, then took Jeremy (who has no school on Monday in any event) and met Aunt Margaret in town for lunch. They then went on to see Mrs. Pryde at Lockharton Avenue, and came to 58 Frederick Street at 5 p.m. for a lift home. Meantime, the Office was experiencing its first day with the Government ban on all forms of electric heating, and was making do with paraffin and calor gas heaters, with people crowded into the few warm rooms. It was not a perishing day outside, but a normal winter day and really too cold to sit without either an overcoat or some artificial heat. The partners' lunch was moved to one of the small rooms in the Albyn Restaurant and the alterations provided the main topic of conversation. Joyce and Mrs. Purdie were generally busy around the house, shopping, and so forth. In the evening, Lesley had music as usual, then Ian went to the Charlotte Chapel District Visitation. As the district was to have been Rose Street, and the street lighting and the lighting in the stairs was all cockeyed with the clocks being out of sequence, Mr. Prime decided to cancel the visitation and to have an ordinary Prayer Meeting instead. After that Ian tidied up at the Office and came home to find the whole house asleep.

Tuesday, 15th February

We set the alarm for 6.30, to be at House O'Hill Avenue by 8.30, for Mrs. Pryde's "flit". As it turned out, we need not have bothered on either count, because Sandy provided the necessary alarm and the furniture van did not arrive until 9.30. Robin was at school by 8.30. earlier than ever before in his life, and Lesley likewise. Sandy went to Mrs. Fraser, across the road, and just after nine, Ian took Jeremy/

Jeremy to school. Mrs. Purdie arrived, and got the house set out for Lyon & Turnbull's men. They took until lunchtime to load the van, then drove it up to Murrayfield Road and had their lunch before starting to unload into the house. The same gang had removed the Weir's furniture, when the house was sold to us last Summer, and expressed pleasant surprise at the alteration. Their reaction was not as sharp as that of the Gas Board Official, who called the other day to read the meter, and came into the kitchen door as usual and apologised for having come to the wrong house! While Lyon & Turnbull were loading up, Ian had returned to Murrayfield Road, where the window-cleaner, Mr. Brown, had made his first appearance after many reminders. He too saw a difference from his last visit. Then the foreman from Dom arrived to deal with the complaint about the thermostat on the boiler and the faulty pump, and then the mason from the builders, Walkers, arrived to concrete over the boilerhouse. Ian had to explain to him what to do, because Mr. Henderson, the joiner, had left the job and Mr. Hunt was extremely angry when, having put great pressure on Walkers to get their mason there, no joiner was on hand to explain the work. However, since Mr. Henderson had at great length explained to Ian what was required, Ian told the mason and the work was done through out the afternoon. So it was like being back to old times, with Mr. Ramsey, the painter, dotting around from room to room, the mason working outside and furniture removers all round the house. Caroline came just after 2, and took over the younger two children, while Lyon & Turnbull's men allocated the furniture between the various rooms. In view of the prohibition on electric heating in the Office, Ian went off to look for some paraffin to make use of the old greenhouse heater. Those places which had paraffin had no electric power with which to pump it out of the pumps! When Lyon & Turnbull had unloaded, they went back to pick up the goods at House O'Hill Avenue which were for the saleroom. With the Corporation road-menders tearing up the pavement for the fourth or fifth time, and hanging the gates, there was quite a circus at House O'Hill Avenue as well. Ian then took Mrs. Purdie home, at about 5, when the van departed, and went to the Office to sign the mail. Our heating was off from 9 until 12, and 3 until 6 today, so we had supper at 5.30 by candlelight. The lights came on promptly at 6, and whatever shortages of power there may be, the Electricity Board are allocating it strictly fairly. The family had a quiet evening while Joyce and Ian shorted out the furniture which had been dumped in George's room, hung the curtains in Mrs. Pryde's lounge and generally tidied out her room. Then Ian went back to the Office and finished off his work for the day, leaving the paraffin heater to burn overnight.

Wednesday, 16th February

The electricity shortage hit the Office for the first time, the lights being out when we arrived until shortly after 9 a.m., then they went out again from just after 12 noon until just after 3. The paraffin heater had kept Ian's room reasonably warm, but the darkness was not very welcoming for Mr. Bulman, who started this morning to train to take Diana Tucker's place. With the move to the new rooms in full progress, there were boxes everywhere, together with lime and dust in all the cracks, so by candlelight it looked quite garish. After lunch, Ian ran Joyce to put her car into Clelland's Garage for engine tuning, then took Mrs. Purdie into town. Mr. Ross was laying carpets and his son by his first marriage, who was on a visit from Canada, found a soulmate in Caroline. Aunt Maimie worked valiantly all day on Mrs. Pryde's rooms, and Mrs. Purdie came back after 6 to work through for four hours and get the three rooms into a reasonable state. Mr. Ross has now given us a stair carpet and carpeting for the back hall, and he is to finish the front hall tomorrow and that completes that. The house has been much quieter today, with a new pump in the boiler. We woke to find the house cold this morning, the heavy overnight rain having seeped into the electrical part of the boiler because the cover was /...

was left off for the cement to dry. Whenever the heating switched on at 6.30, the fuse blew. Ian tried to repair it, but two more fuses went, so he sent an S.O.S. to Dom. The foreman arrived in a thoroughly bad humour because the cover had been left off, but whether because of his temper or in spite of it, he went to the supplier and got a new pump, which runs silently, and he also renewed the electrical works. With that out of the way, it requires only the finishing touches from Mr. Ramsey, the painter (who did not turn up today at all) and Mr. Henderson, the joiner (who is to come back to strip the wood off the boiler next week) and then the work will be complete, except for paying the bills. In the evening, after taking Joyce back to the garage to pick up her car, Ian went to the manse for the first leisurely meeting of the Elders. Mr. Prime gave each a topic for prayer, which was quite effective, with tea half-way through. At nine o'clock the lights went off there, but we carried on in the dark until we were finished. Ian then tidied up at the office and came home about 10.45 to find that Joyce was still running Mrs. Purdie home after their late session on Mrs. Pryde's rooms. It was a thoroughly soaking night, with heavy rain and a blustery wind, and virtually no street lighting. Great areas of the town were on their 9 to 12 blackout, and many other street-lights were out of sequence anyway.

Thursday, 17th February

Mrs. Purdie was back again, to work an extra day, to get Mrs. Pryde's house straight, and by lunch-time it was beginning to look habitable. Isobel Stevenson came to make Mrs. Pryde's lounge curtains, which she did very successfully, and Ian ran her home at 2 o'clock. Mr. Ross laid the hall carpet, the vanity unit was delivered to our bedroom but not installed, and Mr. Kirk arrived to take Mr. Ramsey off to another job, so it was rather a day of coming and going. Both the house and the office escaped all power cuts today, so in the evening Ian helped Lesley with her Commonwealth Project then changed more plugs for Mrs. Pryde's room, rehung her curtains, and we had a very peaceful evening all round.

Friday, 18th February

Joyce worked on Mrs. Pryde's house all day, with Mrs. Purdie, while Caroline took the children after lunch to Moray Place. For a change, Lesley had no friends for tea. Robin went to cubs, and then the lights went out, owing to the power shortage. Enid provided two large paraffin lamps, which Joyce lit and promptly went to sleep. Jeremy came to the office, to help Ian tidy up, then we collected Robin at 7.30 and sat until the lights came on again at 9.

Saturday, 19th February

Joyce's birthday, with appropriate celebrations. Mr. Grant tackled the hedge around the vegetable garden, then Joyce took him to Dobbies at the Maybury, where they bought an apple tree for the vegetable garden, and also a gooseberry bush and a hydrangea. After lunch, we took the three older children to the Young Worshippers League party in the chapel, then picked up Mrs. Pryde and Maimie and gave them a run to Flotterstone. It was a very pleasant afternoon, so we went right up to the end of the road, past the reservoirs, then had high tea in the Flotterstone Tea Room. Sandy was with us. Ian collected Jeremy and Robin, while Lesley met her friend Nicola and stayed to the junior Y.P.M. film in the chapel.

Sunday, 20th February

All at church in the morning, with two cars. Ian went for Aunt Margaret and brought her for lunch. There were no Crusader boys, since it was the Academy half term, but we still had Dorothy Fraser to collect. After Crusaders, Robin went to the Lawrence's for tea. Jeremy and Sandy went to Aunt Margaret, and Lesley had Alyson Nicholl. We all met up again at church at night - the Lawrence's brought Robin, Ian collected Jeremy, Lesley made her way with Alyson, and Joyce brought Sandy home. It was the guest service, with Mr. Prime speaking on "the Lord is my Shepherd". Very hot, despite the electricity shortage!

Monday, 21st February

Robin's half-term, so he had a long lie. Ian had the partners lunch, then collected Rob in and took him to the Corstorphone Police Station, where he had to see some witnesses. Sandy and Jeremy were at Fiona Lyons birthday party. In the evening, Joyce and Ian were at the prayer meeting, then had supper with the Camerons. Graham Ross's restaurant was serving only tepid drinks, through the power shortage, so we went to the Wimpy Bar in Frederick Street.

Tuesday, 22nd February

Sandy went to Barbara Lyon's for the morning, leaving Joyce with peace to put the finishing touches on Mrs. Pryde's rooms for her arrival the next day. Otherwise a normal day.

Wednesday, 23rd February

An eventful day for more than one reason. The last of the workmen finally departed, Mr. Ross having laid the last carpet, Mr. Ramsey having put on the last touch of paint, and Mr. Henderson having hung the last mirror. At 10.45, Mrs. Pryde took a taxi from Lockarton Avenue, and was safely installed in her rooms. Joyce went into town to get her watch mended. In the evening, Lorna Hunt came for supper and for an evening of "scrabble", Norman still being in Malaysia.

Thursday, 24th February

Ian was expecting to have the insurance company representatives at his case of Elliott -v- Crop Chemicals, but in fact they did not turn up and Ann Clure was quite able to look after the client, so Ian rang Joyce and she came in to town for lunch in what used to be the "wee windies". At 7 o'clock, Ian had a meeting as Law Agent to the trustees of Charlotte Chapel, to discuss the assumption of new trustees, and, at greater length, terms on which the ground at Stenhouse should be given to the church there. What should have been a short discussion lasted until after 9 o'clock!

Friday, 25th February

Fairly straightforward Friday, although Sandy has not been very well and has had medicine to throw off some bug. The usual round of Cubs and Guides in the evening, except that Lesley caused confusion by phoning, about 9 o'clock, to say that since Ian was to collect her, there was no need for Mr. Allen to come in for Bronwin. Joyce understood by this that the Guides had already finished, so Ian spent half-an-hour looking for the Guides before discovering this had been an interim message. The lights, which were scheduled to go out from 9 to 12, did not in fact do so, as the power crisis was easing.

Saturday, 26th February

A delightful spring day, when Mr. Grant finished off the hedge around the vegetable garden, and was able to spruce the garden up considerably. Lesley had hockey against Watson's, at their field at Liberton, so Joyce took her there and did some shopping on the way. Ian took the other children for messages in town. Rob in was dropped from the First XV, according to him because they were playing a mixed team against weak opposition. In the afternoon, Robin had football for the Crusader class, so Addison Graham called just after lunch and took him away for the afternoon. Joyce and Ian then shot off to North Berwick, to look at a house for a week in the summer, which proved delightful and they made a firm booking for it on the spot. They arrived back to find Lesley's guests coming for her birthday party - 11 in all. They played in the room upstairs, then had tea, then retired to the upstairs room again until ice cream was served just before 8 o'clock. It all seemed very successful.

Sunday, 27th February

Aunt Margaret had a cold so we required only the one car for church. As a result we were in before the Minister, for the first time for weeks! Mr. Donald Jenkins' death was announced. Mr. Mendl telephoned at lunchtime, to say that 12 Academy boys wished to come to the Crusader class, prompted, he thought, by the football match of the day before. We arranged to have them all for tea, so bought in some extra provisions. They played ball games happily in the garden, only one or two electing to watch television, and Ian took them all home in one load just before 7. Lesley was the only one at church at night. She came in and joined us, watching the film called "Twelve o'clock High".

Monday, 28th February

All hands on deck again, with Mrs. Purdie and Caroline, and Mrs. Jessie Scott, who (I should have mentioned before) has come each day to help Mrs. Pryde during the day. Joyce went in to Addressograph to get the new plates for Pat Frazer's prayer letter, and spent the afternoon and evening preparing these, stamping the envelopes and getting them away. Ian had the first of a series of working partners lunches, with sandwiches sent in, while the partners discussed the new building and the annual salary reviews. We were both at the Prayer Meeting at 8, but left early because Ian had a meeting of the Committee Convenors of the "Tor", to iron out some problems with Miss Dawson. This lasted, at the "Tor", from 9 o'clock until 10.45. Sandy was improving slowly, after his bug, but still was not himself. One result is that he wakes about 5 or 6 these mornings, switches on all the lights that he can lay hands on, and then plays with his toys around the house.

Tuesday, 29th February

Sandy had another 5 a.m. start, which lulled us into a sense of false security and Robin was even later than usual for school. Joyce shopped in town all morning, looking at a suit, and went back after lunch to pick it up and take it to Mrs. Forker for alteration. Mr. Stenhouse phoned from the Academy, to say that a letter was in the post, offering Jeremy a place at the school. Jeremy was delighted, as we all were, with the news. Ian went to Broxburn to catch a witness, after his work, then Audrey Lawrence came at 8 o'clock, to take Joyce to Barbara Lyon for the evening, until about midnight. The power was off from 9 until 11.30, possibly the last of the cuts, and when it was over Ian took the gas lamps back into the office, as the office expected a cut from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. and Mrs. Anderson wanted the lamps for cleaning. The children had meantime all settled happily, each with their candle in their /

their bedrooms, and had an earlier night than usual. Should have mentioned earlier that Ian went to Mr. Jenkins' funeral at noon in the Charlotte Chapel. Not a great crowd, but he was well spoken of by Mr. Prime. It was a chance to escape from the office, which is still in turmoil with the removal, with lime and paint everywhere and people carrying furniture about. Our room is the last to be tackled, with the partition of the typing room and consequent rearrangement of cabinets.

Wednesday, 1st March

A normal day, except that Ian went straight to the Elders' and Deacons' Court, the latter being held in the Lower Hall for the second time, with some considerable improvement since the Chairman got a grip on the business and the rules discussed at the Committee Chairman's Meeting of 9th February were approved and showed an immediate influence on the business.

Thursday, 2nd March

Joyce re-started Jeremy swimming at the Drumsheugh Baths, and Sandy went for his first lesson.

Friday, 3rd March

Joyce took Jeremy to the Princess Margaret Rose at 10.15, for a routine check with Mr. Lamb, in fact, a very pleasant Pakistan surgeon took the clinic. Jeremy was annoyed to miss his school, but it was a useful visit to the Hospital. Meantime, Ian was clearing the typists' room in preparation for the building work to start on Monday. At 6.15 we were invited to the Gilleses next door, to meet them and their daughter and her husband and also William Moody and his wife. They entertained us so lavishly that Ian forgot he was to collect Fiona Lawrence and Robin after Brownies and Cubs respectively, so Fiona telephoned her father and Douglas brought them both out. At 8 o'clock Joyce went to Elizabeth Thom to baby-sit for the evening.

Saturday, 4th March

Mr. Grant did a good morning's work in the garden, although it was bitterly cold. After lunch we all went to "Peter Pan" at the King's. Followed by tea at Graham Rosses Restaurant just opposite. Lesley then went to the Gordon's, for the Junion Y.P.M., so Ian took her there, then went to the Club for his second visit after resuming and collected Lesley at 9 o'clock at the Gordon's.

Sunday, 5th March

All out in the morning, but two cars because Ian was on duty for the Communion Service while the others, except Lesley, came home after the main service. Aunt Margaret had a cold and did not come. There /

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Act 1	The Nursery
Act 2	The Never Land
	Interval
Act 3	The Mermaids Lagoon
Act 4	The House under the Ground
	Interval
Act 5	
Scene 1	The Pirate Ship
Scene 2	The Indian Encampment
Scene 3	The Nursery and the treetops

SYNOPSIS OF MUSIC

Music by Grant Foster

Orchestra under the direction of
Malcolm Rudland

- 1 Overture "Peter Pan"
- 2 "Nana"
- 3 Lullaby
- 4 Arrival of Peter
- 5 Shadow Dance
- 6 The Take Off
- 7 Pas de Deux
- 8 "We're sure to meet Below"
- 9 Tick-Tock!
- 10 "Poor Wendy"
- 11 Wendy's House
- 12 Gentle Waters
- 13 Birdie
- 14 Watch that Hook!!
- 15 Return of Birdie
- 16 Indian Beat
- 17 Come on, Chaps
- 18 The Capture
- 19 The Skull and Bones
- 20 "The Frisky Cat"
- 21 End of the Hook
- 22 Off Again
- 23 My House, My Dream

There were only three Academy boys today for tea, which was as well in a way because Ian left at 3.30 to go to Pitlochry to take the Evening Service at the Baptist Church there. Ian had tea with Watson Moyes then had a long and useful Meeting after the Service, to which Becky Ann came. Ian left Pitlochry just after 10 and was home by 11. Joyce took the Academy boys home after their tea.

Sunday, 5th March

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

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Romans: CONDUCT GUIDED BY LOVE (2)
(Romans 14: 13-23)

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UNION - Hymns Nos 190 and 574

Monday, 6th March

Another of the Partners' Working Lunches, with sandwiches brought in, this time in Billy's new room which was sufficiently advanced to be furnished, although in a somewhat spartan way. Ian was in the Chair at the Missionary Prayer Meeting, when a very capable young man from the Africa Inland Mission spoke and showed his slides. We

invited the Cameron's to come back to our house for coffee, and they stayed until 11.30, despite the hint that the heating went off at 9.30. Work started today on Ian's typists' room, with more lime and dust in our/

SCRIPTURE UNION CHORUS

Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth;

Speak just now

Some message to meet my need, which Thou only dost
know;

Speak now through thy Holy Word, and make me see
Some wonderful truth thou hast to show to me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Sheila Nicol

Choruses

Sing His praises !
Heaven raises
Songs to Him who died for me.
His the glory
Mine the story
Of the love which sets me free;
Love which never will deceive me,
Love which never lets me go.
Who can measure
Half the treasure
Of His love, who loves me so !

No, never alone !
No, never alone !
He promised never to leave me
Never to leave me alone !

When hosts of sin encompass me,
When tempted not to trust in Thee,
Open my eyes that I may see
Jesus is nearer and stronger.

Day by day, dear Lord,
Of Thee three things I pray:
To see Thee more dearly,
To love Thee more dearly,
To follow more nearly,
Day by day.

What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus,
What a wonderful friend is He,
For He left all the glory of heaven,
Came to earth to die on Calvary :

Chorus :

Sing Hosanna ! Sing Hosanna !
Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings !
Sing Hosanna ! Sing Hosanna !
Sing Hosanna to the King.

He arose from the grave, Hallelujah,
And He lives never more to die,
At the Father's right hand interceding,
He will hear and heed our faintest cry;

Chorus :

He is coming some day to receive us,
We'll be caught up to heaven above,
What a joy it will be to behold Him,
Sing forever of His grace and love :

Chorus :

for coffee until it closed down. We returned to find all the children
up, including Sandy.

Tuesday, 14th March

Ian was having an exceptionally busy week, possibly because David
Walker was tidying up to leave, but eventually got out to lunch after
1.30./

At 2 o'clock he collected the petrol mower with Mr. Grant from the "Tor" and brought it up to the house so that Mr. Grant could attack the moss in the back garden. Mr. Grant came about 4, and spent two hours scraping the surface to get the moss off and sweeping up sackfuls. He left the mower to come back tomorrow and spike and cut the grass. Ian had a Meeting of the Elders Management Committee at 7.30 at the "Tor", which lasted until well after ten, but he managed to fit in a visit to Mrs. Sked during it. Lesley had decided that her future did not lie in swimming and we are not having any more early morning trips to the Commonwealth Pool at this stage.

Wednesday, 15th March

Joyce was not feeling very well, possibly with a bug going around, but managed to do some shopping in town while Caroline had the children. She is still coming every day except Thursday from 2.30 until 5.30. Otherwise life has settled down into a fairly steady pattern, with us all having breakfast and then the children getting to school in time and Ian coming in for lunch. Jeremy has school from 9 until 12, and Sandy sleeps from about 12.30 until about 2. In the evening Ian had a Meeting of the Elders', with the Hailes/Longstone Committee, to discuss the constitution of the new Longstone Church.

Thursday, 16th March

An uneventful day, more so because Mrs. Purdie does not come today either. It was the warmest 16th March for 11 years, with temperatures reaching the 70's in parts of the country and the grass, after Mr. Grant's attention, looked most attractive. Joyce was still not feeling very well, but came into town in the morning with Sandy, to see whether Ian would come out for coffee. As she was touring the new building, the police started checking on cars in Frederick Street, so she departed to a safe place and then did her shopping from there. Vera Taylor was visiting Mrs. Pryde, and Joyce ran her home after the 9 o'clock News. Lesley had got stuck with her homework, earlier, so Ian went with her to the Blackhall Library to figure out the rivers of Bangladesh. When Ian could not get them to fit the map which she had, by any stretch of the imagination, Lesley conceded that perhaps the map was intended to be of West Pakistan, whereupon the jigsaw fell together. All this took an hour! Lesley had also got complicated French homework so while Robin seems to be managing his homework on his own these days, Ian gave Lesley some help with the French. Ian then watched the Film on B.B.C.2, "The True Glory" a film made in 1945 of the invasion of Europe through to V.E. Day. After taking Vera Taylor home, Joyce had an early night. It was pleasant to have an evening in, without these interminable evening Committee Meetings.

Friday, 17th March

An uneventful day, until the evening when Jeremy and Sandy regarded a visit to the office, while Ian was tidying up after he dropped Robin at Cubs, as a great event in their lives. When we went back for Robin, he was still practicing for his Troupador Badge, so we took Fiona Lawrence home, got the ice-cream, went back and still Robin was at his practice, but eventually completed it to the Leader's satisfaction, and we all got home.

Saturday, 18th March

A beautiful day for the Scotland/England Match at Murrayfield. Mr. Grant gardened in the morning, including giving the gravel a good rake to make it attractive for the visitors and it certainly worked wonders for the front of the house. Alistair Brown and Alistair Taylor and two friends were to park with us for the Game, but arrived rather late and left their car just off the main road and came on afterwards. Lesley and Robin had tickets, for the Enclosure. Lesley was molested for most of the first half by a drunk youth in the crown behind, but enjoyed the game more when the police removed him. It was an excellent victory for Scotland. While Joyce was watching the game on television, Ian took Jeremy and Sandy to Haymarket, for a ride on the train into the Waverley, and out again, and to Jeremy's great delight, he was taken onto the foot-plate by the driver. The two Alistair's and their friends then came for tea and left at the back of six. So Joyce and Ian were at the Lyceum - to see the programme.

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Royal Lyceum

The Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh

THE WYLIES

James Wylie is about to make a move on the dambrod, and in the little Scotch room there is an awful silence befitting the occasion. His father, who is Alick, is pretending to be in a panic lest James should make the move.

You will find them thus any Saturday night (after family worship, which sends the servants to bed); and sometimes the pauses are so long that in the end they forget whose move it is.

It is not the room you would be shown into if you were calling socially on Miss Wylie. The drawing-room for you, and Miss Wylie in a coloured merino to receive you; very likely she would exclaim,

'This is a pleasant surprise!' though she has seen you coming up the avenue and has just had time to whip the dustcloths off the chairs, and to warn Alick, David and James, that they had better not dare come in to see you before they have put on a dickey. Nor is this the room in which you would dine in solemn grandeur if invited to drop in and take pot-luck, which is how the Wylies invite, it being a family weakness to pretend that they sit down in the dining-room daily. It is the real living-room of the house, where Alick, who will never get used to fashionable ways, can take off his collar and sit happily in his stocking soles, and James at times would do so also; but catch Maggie letting him.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Sunday, 19th March

All out in the Morning, then Aunt Margaret for lunch. British Summertime came back overnight, so we woke rather sleepily. It was, however, delightful to have the long evening. Three Academy boys came, for their last appearance this term. Two are going to Africa and one to Callendar for the Easter holiday. Lesley was at Church in the evening, for the Baptismal Service. Ian had been going to speak at the Youth Fellowship at Longstone, but it was postponed because of some other engagement which the Fellowship had.

Monday, 20th March

The last (fortunately) of the series of Partners' Working Lunches, sandwiches brought in. Ian left immediately after-ward for St. Andrews, for the I.V.F. Scottish Advisory Committee Meeting.

It was a most delightful day, warm and without a cloud in the sky and with the Motorway now stretching to the North of Kinross, Ian made very good time and arrived at the beginning of the Committee Meeting. Oliver Barclay, reviewing the national trend, commented on the Experience Centred Christianity which seemed to be on the increase. The Committee was then invited to stay to the Lecture being given by Jock Purves on the Covenanters, as part of the I.V.F. Student Conference, and thereafter for Dinner in the University Hall. Meantime the day had gone quietly at home, with Lesley struggling on with her music lessons and Caroline entering her second last week with the children in the afternoon. Ian's new assistant, Ian Quigley arrived, to replace David Walker, who had a week's holiday before going to his new position in Cupar.

Introit
The Word
Hymn No. 57
Prayer
Scripture Reading - Romans 14:13 to 15:6
Children's Address
Hymn No. 476
Young children (2½-5 years) leave
for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 74
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: Studies in Paul's Letter to the
Romans: SERVING OTHERS RATHER
THAN PLEASING OURSELVES (Romans
15:1-6)

Psalm 133
Benediction.

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GUEST and BAPTISMAL
SERVICE at 6.30 p.m.

6.15 p.m. Community Hymn-singing.

Psalm 40: 1-5
Prayer
Scripture Reading - Acts 2: 22-42
Hymn No. 196
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 329
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: DECLARING YOUR FAITH
Hymn No. 377
ORDINANCE of BELIEVER'S BAPTISM
Hymn No. 312
Benediction.

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Tuesday, 21st March

A busy day, as all days seem to be nowadays. Joyce was still not feeling very well, but managed to struggle through.

Wednesday, 22nd March

Our first appearance for many weeks at the Davidsons Mains Church Bible Study, which was a particularly good one, on Acts 15.

Thursday, 23rd March

Robin finished school for the Easter Holidays, and was bored by the middle of the afternoon. Jeremy and Sandy had their regular swimming lesson at Drumsheugh Baths.

Friday, 24th March

Again a fairly routine day, although busy in all directions, and again Sandy and Jeremy looked forward very much to their visit to the office, from 6 - 7.30, while Robin took his two pieces of handywork to Cubs. There were a writing-pad, made out of wood,

Saturday, 25th March

Mr. Grant worked in the garden, and then Ian took him to Mrs. Purdie's house to dig up some rhubarb for transplant to our garden. Meantime, Joyce was shopping in town. It was a lovely afternoon, so we all went, with Mrs. Pryde, to West Linton for the afternoon. We looked in vain for any rivers capable of being dammed, and eventually had a run in the public park, and then tea in the Gunn-Russell Tea Room which survived having the children among all the delicacies of the ancient bake-house. In the evening, Ian was keeping the Fraser children at their house in House O'Hill Avenue, but they were not late home.

Sunday, 26th March

Palm Sunday, and a normal day, except for no Academy boys who were now on holiday. All the children, except Robin, went to Aunt Margaret's for tea in the afternoon, Lesley went on to Charlotte Chapel while Ian collected the others and we all watched the /

the film on television in the evening.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Introit
The Word
Hymn No. 331
Prayer
Scripture Reading - Acts 20: 17-38
Children's Address
Hymn No. 10
Young children (2½-5 years) leave
for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 337
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: THE BLOOD OF GOD
(Acts 20: 28)
Hymn No. 106
Benediction.

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Monday, 27th March

A day of four meetings for Ian. He started off with the lengthy consultation in the morning, then the Olivers' Board Meeting at 2.00 in the afternoon, then the meeting of the TOR Management Committee at the house from 6 - 7 p.m., to consider the resignation of the Matron, Miss Dawson, and then finally the Prayer Meeting in the Chapel.

Tuesday, 28th March

Robin on holiday, and becoming somewhat bored with it, but he found some friends in the district to play with. In the evening, Joyce and Ian were at the Mary Erskine Opera 'Iolanthe' which was extremely well performed, jointly with Daniel Stewarts College. In the Mary Erskine Hall.

Wednesday, 29th March

Lesley went straight from school to Alison Nichol's birthday party, which was at the Trampoline Centre at Portobello, but was delivered back to the house.

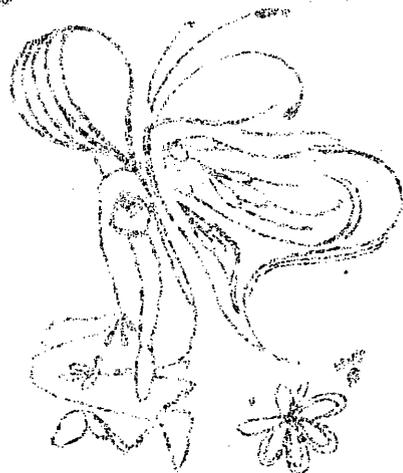
Thursday, 30th March

Lesley started Easter Holidays, so Joyce had the family all swimming at Drumsheugh Baths, in the afternoon.

Friday, 31st March

Good Friday, and an office holiday. Lesley was with Ruth Stewart all day, organising the Junior Y.P.M. Picnic for the following day. Joyce and Ian spent the evening at Carrubber's Close for the Evening of Sacred Song - see the catalogue. A full house and a very pleasant evening.
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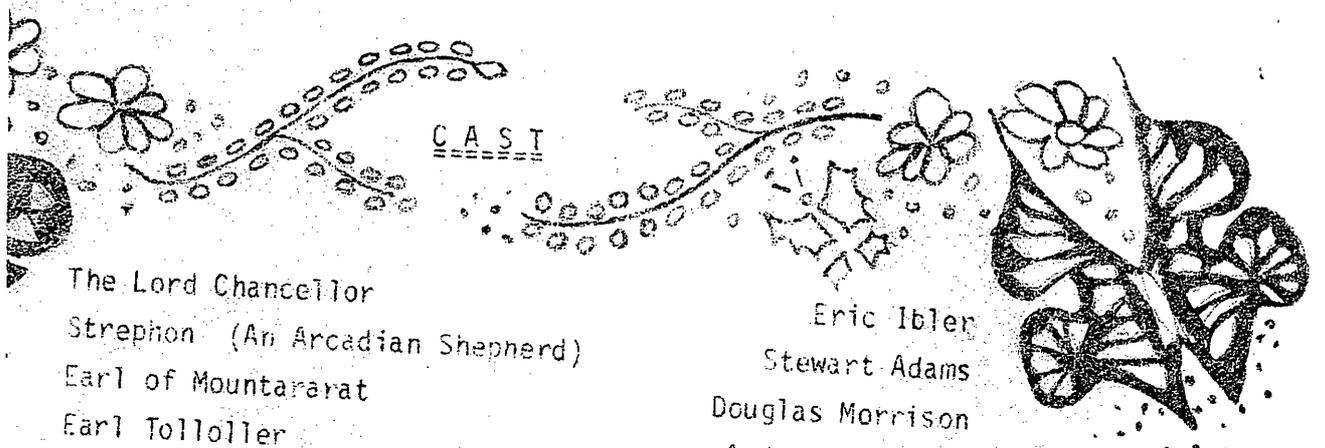
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The Lord Chancellor
Strephon (An Arcadian Shepherd)

Earl of Mountararat

Earl Tolloller

Private Willis
(of the Grenadier Guards)

Train-bearer

Phyllis (An Arcadian Shepherdess
and Ward in Chancery)

Iolanthe (A Fairy, Strephon's Mother)

Queen of the Fairies

Celia
Leila
Fleta

Fairies

Eric Ibler

Stewart Adams

Douglas Morrison

Andrew Kendrick

Ian Livesey

Elizabeth Morrison

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Nicole Cromb

Glenys Watt

Gillian Milne

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D Allan

A Bruce

N Davis

M Hamilton

P Low

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E Ward

C Baxter

L Buchanan

G Duncan

E Hildebrandt

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I Stevenson

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N Miller

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R Glen

I Livesey

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P Macdonald

A Smith

ARSAL PIANIST:

Elizabeth Morrison



GOOD FRIDAY **MARCH 31** **AT 7:30 P.M.**

An Evening of Sacred Song

IN
Carrubber's Close Mission, 65 High Street

GUEST SOLOISTS

BARBARA DUFF, American Operatic Soprano

NEIL MCCALLISTER, Irish Tenor Soloist

BOB CHRISTIE, Hammond Organist

DONATION RESERVATION TICKET - - 20p

The rest of us just spent the day around the house.

Saturday, 1st April

Lesley left early in the morning for the mystery day with the Junior Y.P.M., which, because of the rain, consisted of games, then swimming at the Commonwealth Pool and then more games at Charlotte Chapel in the evening, with meals in between. Joyce spent the morning at the hairdresser. It continued to be a rainy day, so we dropped Robin at Tynecastle to watch the Hearts, and went shopping in town. Jeremy and Sandy wanted their favourite afternoon outing, namely to take the train from Haymarket into the Waverley and out again, so Robin was left to walk home from Tynecastle. Joyce was not feeling at all well by the evening, and had an early night.

Sunday, 2nd April

Easter Sunday, and Ian was on duty at the 10 a.m. Prayer Meeting and then standing in for Norman Hunt at 10.30 on the Front Door, and again on the door on the Evening. Hordes of visitors, particularly from England. It was fair, but not sufficiently good a day for Joyce to turn out in her new Spring outfit. Lesley went to Auntie Margaret's, tea, and then on to Charlotte Chapel. In fact the weather deteriorated and it rained for most of the day, so we had a quiet evening.

Monday, 3rd April

Off to Netherhall for our Spring Week. Ian worked at the office until lunch-time, while Mrs. Purdie packed. We had lunch at home and got away at about 3, going straight along the motor-way/

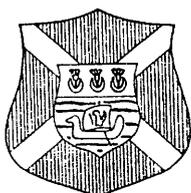
motor-way, past the grounds of Celtic and Rangers, and directly to Largs. Just after leaving Edinburgh, Joyce realised that she had forgotten Ian's sweater for the week, so we managed to telephone to Mrs. Purdie, who had not left the house, from the service station on the motor-way and she was able to put the sweater in the post for its arrival the following morning. The usual gang at Netherhall, where we settled in and the Rosses arranged games in the evening. While the weather was overcast, it was possible to get out and get fresh air and the men had a walk down to the pier before turning in at night.

Tuesday, 4th April

A traditional day, coffee in Nardini's, and then the children to the boating pond where, despite a stiff wind, they were able to work off their energy in the paddling boats. Robin was meantime golfing. After lunch, we were able to get in a game of tennis, and then Joyce and the children went swimming and Mr. Beattie laid on a musical evening over the tape-recorder. The youngsters had the usual games in the field, and once again we had managed to get a full day's activities without being hampered by the overcast skies.

Wednesday, 5th April

The rain was fairly heavy and the wind strong, so much so that the attendant in the boating-park would not charge for the children using the boats. The storms did not discourage them from the paddle-boats, and it cleared up sufficiently after lunch for Ian and Alec Cameron and Ian Ross and the boys to have twelve holes of golf over the Routenburn Course. Ian took the younger two out for a walk with Shona Ross, and in the evening, Mr. Beattie had films for the children.



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Thursday, 6th April

The day for Cumbrae! We went over on the boat from the pier to Millport at 10.10 a.m., and hired bicycles. There was a fairly stiff wind blowing, which meant that most got up to the Tea-room and back, but Robin and Lesley and some of the others got round the Island. Both Jeremy and Sandy were on seats on the back of our cycles. We came back on the flat-bottomed 'barge', from the slipway on Cumbrae to the slipway in Largs. After lunch the Camerons left for home, to prepar to sell Topper at the Kelso Horse Sales the next day. Graham arranged a tennis tournament in the open air, in which Joyce came second. A musical evening had been arranged by various enthusiast

groups, and occupied from 8 o'clock until the buffet at 9.30.

Friday, 7th April

Packing up, and then Nardini's. The children went to the swing-park while Ian called on Mrs. Mortimer. They then had a ride on the motor-boats, and we left for home after lunch, coming directly home by Grennock, the motor-way, the high-level bridge and the A8. The children had Guides and Cubs in the evening.

Saturday, 8th April

Robin's Birthday, so he bought a fishing-rod at the shop in Roseburn. He also searched the town for a rugby-ball but was unable to get an appropriately cheap one. It was still wet, continuing a week of broken weather, so Mr. Grant did not manage. We did the week-end shopping, then went to the Commonwealth Pool and Ian brought all the Ross clan and their connections (13 in all) home for tea at the house. In the evening we watched the Melrose Sevens on the television.

Sunday, 9th April

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Introit
The Word
Hymn No. 214
Prayer
Scripture Reading - Luke 24: 13-35
Children's Address
Hymn No. 403
Young children (2½-5 years) leave
for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 264
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: THE SCRIPTURES AND THE
GLORY OF CHRIST.
Hymn No. 420
Benediction.

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A lovely day, so that Joyce could put on her Spring outfit. The Academy boys were still on holiday. Catherine Rendall arrived, nominally at 4.30, but in fact at 5.30. Lesley and the two younger ones went with Ian to the station to meet her, and then the Mandersons came for supper. They had seen another house, that of Lind Weir, and had asked us to look it over with a view to them buying it. It faces some competition, and after doing their sums very carefully, they decided to put in an offer, but

it was not acceptable. Ian took Catherine and Lesley to the Evening Service in Charlotte Chapel, and then they went on to a squash/

squash in Warrender Park Crescent, where Ian Leach was speaking most effectively. Ian called for them at 9.30, and the Mandersons stayed for some time after that.

EVENING SERVICE at 6.30 p.m.

6.15 p.m. Community Hymn-singing.

Hymn No. 216
Prayer
Scripture Reading - Psalm 84
Hymn No. 373
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer

Monday, 10th April

Catherine Rendall had a long lie, and then departed with Lesley to see various relations. Mrs.

Purdie reappeared to get the house straight.

Ian got Joyce's car back from the Lothian Coach Works, where

it had been for the week while we were at Largs, having various dents knocked out. Ian was at the Prayer Meeting in the evening, which was combined with the visitation of the district. The Camerons came in for supper afterwards, and also Alastair Durie, who was down from Aberdeen for the holidays, and, as usual, they stayed until just about midnight.

Hymn No. 394

MESSAGE: The Pastor

Subject: GREEN PASTURES, STILL WATERS
(Psalm 23: 2)

Hymn No. 440

Benediction.

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Tuesday, 11th April

Catherine got up at 12 o'clock, and went with Lesley to the Club with Aunt Margaret. Joyce had Mrs. Pryde at the Eye Hospital.

Wednesday, 12th April

A fairly hectic day all round, with Joyce taking all her gang, including Fiona Lyon and the Fraser child, for a walk, and arriving back late, and then coming for lunch in town. In the afternoon Joyce took Sandy to the shops, while Robin and Jeremy went to see "Steptoe and Son" at the A.B.C. Catherine and Lesley went to Ross Restaurants to see Mrs. Smith (her grandmother) and then we settled down for what was meant to be a quiet evening. However, the Missionary Committee, which was cancelled because the date did not suit the Pastor, was still in Mr. Beren's diary, so he arrived at the house at 7.20, all spruced up and with his figures, for the Missionary Committee Meeting. After duly apologising, Ian took him up to the bus, and while doing so met the Hunts and invited them to drop in sometime. About half-an-hour later they did, and stayed for the rest of the evening!

Thursday, 13th April

Joyce had all the children and Catherine at Peter Hood's farm at Pease Bay. Ian had a full Committee Meeting of the TOR housing committee at/

at the house from 7.30 until all hours of the night, while Mr. Grant cemented the paths in the back garden.

Friday, 14th April

Lesley went off with Catherine to South Queensferry, while Joyce and Pam Manderson went to the Zoo and were duly soaked. It was so wet that Ken Lyon cancelled his golf outing and Joyce who had been preparing to baby-sit for Fiona, was not required. Robin had Cubs, nearing the end of his career in the Cubs, and Lesley had her Guides.

Saturday, 15th April

Robin disappeared for the day on a Cub Walk, returning in glorious sunshine about 3 in the afternoon. Mr. Grant was able to get a good morning's work in the garden, and came back in the afternoon. Lesley and Catherine disappeared to town for the day. After Ian had collected Robin, the younger two children wanted to go on a train again, which they did, and then in the evening Ian went to the Club.

Sunday, 16th April

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Introit
The Word
Psalm 121
Prayer
Scripture Reading - John 14: 15-31
Children's Address
Hymn No. 385
Young children (2½-5 years) leave
for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 123
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: SEEING CHRIST'S GLORY NOW.
(John 14: 21)
Hymn No. 120
Benediction.

Lesley and Catherine sat upstairs, at Church, then went off to Mrs. Rendall's for lunch and from there to Aunt Margaret's for tea, and then back to the Evening Service, so we did not see them all day. Ian took the younger two on the bus, across the Forth Bridge to see the boats being broken up at Inverkeithing Yard, walking with them over the headland from the North end of the Bridge to the bus-stop in Inverkeithing, and back by bus to Blackhall Garage, where he had left the car.

6.15 p.m. Community Hymn-singing.

Monday, 17th April

The Edinburgh Holiday Monday. We went to Pittencrieff Park in Dunfermline, for the "Eat as much as you can" lunch, and then Joyce, Lesley and Catherine went shopping in town, while Ian entertained the others in the park. The three boys decided to come home by train, so Joyce dropped them with Ian at the Dunfermline Station for the 5 o'clock train, arranging to

Hymn No. 562
Prayer
Scripture Reading - John 21:1-17
Hymn No. 416
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 50
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: A RESTORED SOUL (Psalm 23:3)
Hymn No. 318
Benediction.

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pick them up at Dalmeny twenty minutes later. The 5 o'clock train did not come, or at least not on time, leading the Station Master at Dalmeny to advise Joyce, when she got there, that it had been cancelled owing to the Railway "Go Slow" dispute. In fact, another train came shortly afterwards, depositing Ian and the children at Dalmeny, while Joyce, having assumed that since the train was cancelled, they would make their way home by some other means, had driven off. After waiting there for 40 minutes, Ian telephoned to the house, and arranged to get the next train into Edinburgh, where Joyce met them at Haymarket. We were both at the Prayer Meeting in the evening, which was a particularly lively one, with the young folk turning out in force to prepare for the Arthur Blessitt Meeting on the following night. Coffee was served in the Hall after the Meeting, preparatory to a further Meeting for the young folk. Altogether quite an exciting occasion.

Tuesday, 18th April

Lesley back to school, and straight into exams. Catherine Randall went home on the "Moonjet" plane at 11 o'clock at night, because of the uncertainties of the trains. She and Lesley, together with Joyce (on the bookstall) and Ian (counselling) were at the packed house at the Assembly Hall for the Meeting of Arthur Blessitt. Joyce took Catherine to the Airport afterwards, Ian having queued to get a ticket at the British Caledonian Offices.

Wednesday, 19th April

Joyce's car packed up, so she arrived at the office at lunch-time, and after Ian had attempted to drive it home, when she returned from the Eye Hospital with her mother, the car gave up completely in Stockbridge. We bought a clothes rope and towed it to Clelland's Garage in Davidson's Mains, where a new clutch was called for.

Thursday, 20th April/

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The Pastoral Group Meeting at our house in the evening, with a particularly good turnout of about 22. This included Dorothy Somerville, her friend Doreen from Boi, and Mrs. Somerville. We had quite a useful Meeting, dominated by Doreen talking about her revival at Boi and Ian having collected two of the oldladies, took three of them home. Some of the folk were most reluctant to go and were still talking when he got back.

Friday, 21st April

Ian had to take Dr. Alastair Masson to Glasgow, for a consultation at the Offices of Messrs. Brown, Mair, Gemmell & McKillop, because of the uncertainty of the rail services with the industrial dispute. This was particularly unfortunate, because this was the day that Joyce's car was off the road, but by getting Barbara to pick up Jeremy and someone else to bring him back, she managed to struggle through. Ian got back for a late lunch, then spent the rest of the afternoon dashing around, tending to be two cars, running children here and there and then getting Robin into Cubs for 5 o'clock for his Troupador Badge. He passed this and so qualified for the Golden Arrow. It was just about his last Friday at Cubs. On the way out from Cubs, and after tea, we collected Joyce's car, whereupon she did her week-end shopping, Ian took the younger two to play in the office, and life returned to normal.

Y.P.M. Arthur Blessitt Outreach
Tuesday, 18th April
Preliminary Meetings

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| Mon. 10th April -
<u>8 p.m.</u> | - Church Prayer Meeting with particular emphasis on Blessitt Outreach. |
| Wed. 12th April -
<u>7.40 p.m.</u> | - Y.P.M. Prayer Meeting in the Top Hall. |
| Thurs. 13th April -
<u>7.30 p.m.</u> | - Counselling Class in the Top Hall led by Donald Cormack. This will be followed by a Literature Distribution at 8.30 p.m. (approx.) |
| Fri. 14th April -
<u>7.30 p.m.</u> | - Literature Distribution. |
| Sat. 15th April -
<u>7.30 p.m.</u> | - Prayer Meeting in the Top Hall for everyone involved. This will be followed by a Literature Distribution at 8.30 p.m. (approx.) |
| Sun. 16th April - | - After Church Fellowship in the Lower Hall for all interested led by Mr. Cameron. |
| Mon. 17th April -
8 p.m.
<u>9.30 - 12 p.m.</u> | - Church Prayer Meeting.
- Simultaneous Prayer and Literature Distribution. |
| Tues. 18th April -
<u>8 p.m.</u> | - A Prayer Meeting will be held in the Assembly Halls during Mr. Blessitt's Meeting. |
| Sun. 23rd April - | - Follow-Up Meeting in the Top Hall led by Mr. Cameron. |

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Mr. Grant was hard at work by the time we woke up, as he usually is, and Robin departed at 11 o'clock with the Davidsons for a day's fishing at Biel, in the Borders. The Camerons had come on the 10th April to explain something about fishing to him, so while he did not catch any fish at least he knew roughly what he was trying to do. He did not come back until 7 at night. Ian laid out the clock golf in the back lawn, after Mr. Grant had cut the grass. Joyce and Lesley went shopping in the afternoon, so Ian and Jeremy and Sandy went first of all to the museum in Chambers Street, for an hour and a half, and then on a train out to Haymarket, to do some train spotting and to come back in again for 5 o'clock, with tea at Ross Restaurants where they met Joyce and Lesley. After getting the younger ones settled, Ian went to the Health Club for a round of exercises in the evening.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Sunday, 23rd April

Back to two cars again, Ian taking Mrs. Pryde to Bellevue in the morning. Cissie Symondson and Aunt Margaret for lunch. Crusaders resumed, with five Academy boys. Ethel Houston and Rosalie Crawford also came for tea, so there were three separate tea-parties going in the house in different rooms. Lesley set off in the bus for Charlotte Chapel, and stayed to the Arthur Blessitt follow-up in the Lower Hall afterwards. Ian returned the Academy boys and came back to get the youngsters down. A particularly pathetic war film, in the S.T.V. series of Sunday evening war films, involving the unlikely story of a Japanese and American platoons which decided to live at peace together on a desert island.

Introit
The Word
Psalm 64
Prayer
Scripture Reading - Romans 15: 1-13
Children's Address
Hymn No. 94
Young children (2½-5 years) leave for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 513
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: Studies in Paul's Letter to the Romans: RECEIVING ONE ANOTHER (Rom. 15: 7-13)
Hymn No. 512
Benediction.

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GUEST SERVICE at 6.30 p.m.

6.15 p.m. Community Hymn-singing.

Hymn No. 357
Prayer
Scripture Reading - Isaiah 12;
2 Tim. 1: 1-12
Hymn No. 396
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 410
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: THE ANSWER TO FEAR
Hymn No. 300
Benediction.

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Monday, 24th April

Partners' Lunches resumed, unfortunately, which/

which not only proved undigestible but contentious. We were both at the Prayer Meeting, and then asked the Cormacks in for Coffee afterwards, so that Donald could tell us about going full time into Christian Work. The Camerons came also and this time outdid themselves by staying until ten-past-midnight!

Tuesday, 25th April

Ian at Court all day, with Jimmy Hogg down from FortWilliam for a jury trial. Day of beautiful sunshine, far too good to be spending indoors, particularly with a tedious accident like the collision of two lorries and two long-winded counsel like the Dean of Faculty and Bruce Weir. Between them they managed to make the evidence last over until next day. Lesley was in the midst of exams, so, having completed two in the morning, was given the afternoon off. She took Jeremy and Sandy to Drumsheugh Baths, while Joyce did some shopping. Robin was back into the cricket season in full swing. Joyce went to the District Scripture Union Prayer Meeting at 8 o'clock and since Sandy and Jeremy were both tired, Sandy having spent his first day deliberately without a sleep, there was comparative peace in the house, that is apart from Robin wrestling with Latin and Lesley with maths, from eight o'clock onwards.

Wednesday, 26th April

Ian's jury trial, Fraser -v- The Lord Advocate, continued today, and since both Mr. Hogg and Mr. Nelson had been unable to tear themselves away, and were coming back, Ian felt obliged to be in attendance throughout as well. Just before lunch the jury returned a verdict unanimously in favour of our client, with no contributory negligence, which was most satisfactory and somewhat surprising. Mr. Hogg invited Ted Bowen to join us for lunch, in what was formerly "The Wee Windaes", and then they departed. Mr. Grant came in the evening, and Joyce ran him down to Aunt Margaret's to prune her roses. Then Joyce and Ian were at the Davidsons Mains Group Bible Study, it being Ian's turn to lead, and when we got back we found Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Pryde's guests for the evening, preparing to leave at 5 past 10 for the 10 o'clock bus, so Ian ran them to the West End, then we watched Scotland beating Peru 2-nil. at Hampden. A rather scrappy day all round.

Thursday, 27th April/

Goodbye Scottish Life

Fifteen years ago I reported for duty, and started in the Supplies Department. It doesn't seem like fifteen years; the time has flown. Life in the Scottish Life is usually varied, hectic, often exasperating, frequently amusing but I must say that I have had the time of my life with colleagues of all ages, shapes and sizes, past and present.

Next month I am no longer Supplies Department Superintendent. I will be free-lancing as an evangelist.

"But what will you do?" many of you have asked. "Where will the money come from?" etc.

Thursday, 27th April

Lesley had the afternoon off school again because of the exams, so she went with Joyce, Jeremy and Sandy to Drumsheugh Baths, for Jeremy's last lesson. Ian looked in on the way back to the office and got splashed. Joyce was at the Church Annual General Meeting in the evening, and the Camerons invited us to supper afterwards. By the time Joyce had got out, conveyed the message, then taken Aunt Vera and Mrs. Alden home, (Mrs. Pryde's guests) we arrived at the Cameron's at about the time we should have been leaving, and stayed until midnight.

Friday, 28th April

Ian took Fiona Lawrence and Robin into the Brownies and Cubs, but did not take Jeremy or Sandy, because he had to put the finishing touches on a big case, starting next week, and wished peace to do this. Ian brought these two home, and Lesley made her own way to Guides on the bus. Joyce and Ian then went to the Heralds Prayer Meeting, at the Rosses in Craigcrook Road. Ian Leach was supporting with enthusiasm on various visits the Heralds had made, and Donald Cormack, having just left his employment with Scottish Life, showed us a leaflet he had distributed to the staff. No one was in any hurry to leave - a series of rather late evenings.

Saturday, 29th April

Mr. Grant was again in the garden, long before we were up, then Joyce took Robin to the first cricket match of the year, at Arboretum, and took Jeremy and Sandy to watch as well. It was rather a cold day, and although Robin was top scorer equal with six runs, the Academy team was beaten by six wickets by Melville College. Ian meantime had painted the front gates and done various repairs around the house. When Joyce got back, we went to Bruces Nursery to buy tubs for the front door, and various other shopping. Aunt Maimie took Mrs. Pryde and Jeremy and Sandy for a run, intending to bring them home for tea, but the radiator in her car began to leak badly at Fairmilehead and when Ian got back in from the Club, he had to turn out to rescue them from Lockharton Avenue. Lesley had meantime met the two Janes, from Corbiehill, to watch the Students' Charities in Princes Street, and to do some shopping. The Janes came back for tea, then Ian ran them home at 7, and Joyce and Ian went with Iain and Beatrice Clare to the Royal Lyceum, to see Margaret Lockwood in "Relative Values". It was exceptionally well acted, and we had a splendid view from one of the boxes. Afterwards we went for a pizza in the Conal Eating House in Lothian Road, which closed at 11 - another late night!

Sunday, 30th April/

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Introit
The Word
Psalm 145 (Second version) vv. 1-7
Prayer
Scripture Reading - Romans 15: 14-29
Children's Address
Hymn No. 493
Young children (2½-5 years) leave
for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 546
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: Studies in Paul's Letter to the
Romans: PAUL'S MINISTRY TO DATE
TO THE GENTILES. (Rom 15: 14-21)
Hymn No. 467
Benediction.

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EVENING SERVICE at 6.30 p.m.

6.15 p.m. Community Hymn-singing.

Hymn No. 33
Prayer
Scripture Reading - John 15: 12-27
Hymn No. 353
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 422
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: SATISFACTION, REFRESHMENT AND JOY.
(Psalm 23: 5)
Hymn No. 277
Benediction.

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Sunday, 30th April

A completely hectic day. Joyce took Mrs. Pryde to Bellevue, then we all met up at Church but it was Joyce's turn (the first for a long time) to do the Junior Creche, which she did not enjoy one bit. Lunch was fairly normal, but apart from five Academy boys for tea, after the Crusader Class, the Hoods (Peter's parents) were up from Cockburnspath, and came to tea as well. They had to rush off to take Peter and another boy to the ski-ing at Hillend, where Peter managed to twist his ankle and so spoilt Mrs. Hood's plans to get back to Charlotte Chapel for the evening service. Joyce went to meet her, and then stayed to the after Church rally, which she found immensely boring.

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which she found immensely boring, with singing in Pakistan and slides of the Wester Hailes project. Lesley had gone straight there, having had tea at Aunt Margaret's. Meantime, Robin and Ian were having a more restful evening watching "D-Day, the Sixth of June", which turned out to be more amorous than military. However, Professor Barclay had a good talk on the television earlier, the second in B.B.C.'s series of groundings in the Christian Faith.

Monday, 1st May

Lesley was back to normal and got the first of her exam results, 76 per cent in Arithmetic, but only 40 percent in Maths, which still gave a reasonable average for the two papers. Mrs. Purdie rather unsettled Joyce by continuing her applications for other jobs, but Ian came in for lunch, ignoring the Partners' lunch, because he was to be out for the rest of the week at the Jackson case. Lesley then had her music as usual, and at the Missionary Prayer Meeting, which Norman Hunt chaired, the speaker was Brian Russell-Jones, now with the Belgian Gospel Mission. We invited him for coffee afterwards, but he wished to visit his sister, however, Norman and Lorna Hunt came and, like most of our guests these nights, stayed until well after 11. Just to delay our getting to bed, Jeremy wet his bed, on the one night when the rubber sheet had slipped and the first time he had done it, in any event, since we moved. With all this, and the telephone ringing continuously about some crises at the "Lor" over one of the resident's daughters pestering her, it was quite a wearing day.

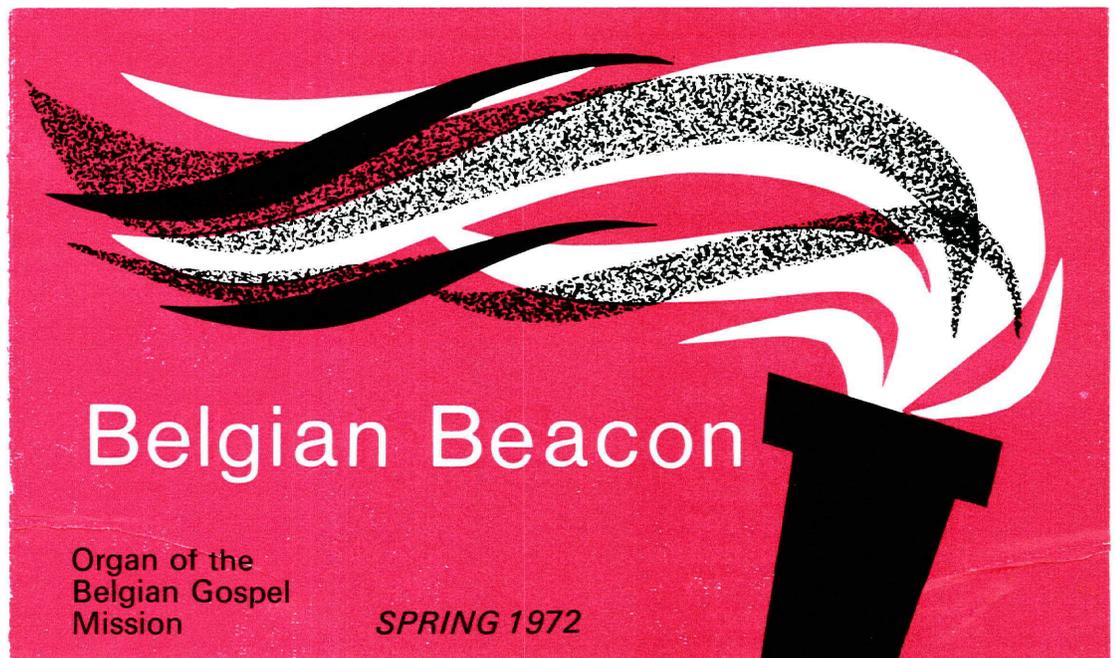
Tuesday, 2nd May

Ian started his Great Cause of Jackson -v- The Hospital Board, in the Court of Session, which proved wearing for him, not because it was the largest claim ever made in Scotland for personal injuries but because the Senior Partner of The Medical and Defence Union

Agents in Glasgow, Mr. Wolsencroft, decided to take up residence in the George Hotel, Edinburgh, for the week, and so Ian's continued attendance at the Case was required, day in and day out. Ian took him to the "Grosvenor", (still in the popular mind the "Wee Windaes") for lunch. In the evening, Jim and Helen Taylor came for dinner at 8 o'clock, and we had a very pleasant evening.

Wednesday, 3rd May

Ian rather began to lose touch with the family, having spent the whole day at Court again on the Jackson case, then having picked up Robin/



Robin from his cricket practice at 5 o'clock, had a quick tea, and departed to the Elders' and Deacons' Courts in Charlotte Chapel. He was precluded a quiet read in the back row of the Deacons' Court, because Mr. Cossar was on holiday again and Ian was called upon to take the Minutes. The Meeting lasted until 10, with the Disposition of the Stenhouse Church giving rise to its usual controversy.

Thursday, 4th May

over all mark 55%

Exams 120th class 2b

Arith - 76% top } over
 Maths - 40% 22nd } all 58%

Physics - 62% top
 Chemistry - 51% 8th
 Biology - 60% 3rd

English - 59% 4th
 French - 50% 3rd

History - 45% 5th
 Geog - 39% 4th

Lesley continued to get good results from her exams, which was encouraging for her, but the rest of us continued to be rushed off our feet. Ian had an outstanding engagement to have lunch with the Pastor, so excused himself from Mr. Wolsencroft and picked up the Pastor and went to the Braid Hills Hotel for a useful working lunch, and then went back to the Manse. We had a quick tea, then Joyce went to the late-night-shopping until 10.30. Ian, not having been near the Office all day, set off to go and tidy up, but first of all met Alex Cameron, who had walked the dog and was just about to ring the doorbell to have a chat. Then, when he reached the office, Ethel Houston came in and stayed until Joyce telephoned to discuss something on the phone, then having gone away, came back when the phone call was finished and went on! It is not that one is unsociable

The younger children had their swimming lesson at Drumsheugh Baths, as usual, although Joyce doubts about taking Sandy because he had a running nose and a cough which would not go away. However, both he and Jeremy were so keen to go that Joyce decided to take them and they seemed none the worse.

Friday, 5th May

Ian again at Court, this time joined by the Chairman of the Medical and Dental Defence Union, but this time they had lunch in Parliament House. Ian just got back to the Office in time for a phone call from Mrs. Lomax which filled up the time until he should have left for tea, so he telephoned and suggested that they start tea without him, and Joyce volunteered to take Robin into Cubs. In the event, Ian just had time for a quick bite and then was at "The Tor" at 6 o'clock for the Meeting, to resolve the position of one of the residents vis-a-vis her daughter. It was in fact, Robin's last run to the Cubs, as he was to stay to the Scouts and then next week just go straight to the Scouts. We settled down for the evening when Eurwen Allen rang to say that she had promised to collect Bronwen, but now could not do so, so Ian went to collect the girls and also Robin.

Saturday, 6th May

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The day opened with heavy rain and mist, so that Mr. Grant wondered whether to come, but as the day began to improve, he decided to come a little late and made the front garden look spectacularly tidy. He also trimmed the edges round the back and the whole garden was in beautiful order. Robin was due to play cricket at Goldenacre at 9, so Ian ran him down, but all morning matches were cancelled at the Heriots Field. Robin and Ian, together with the two younger ones who had come for the run, paid a visit to the office to tidy up there, then Robin got flies at the Fishing Shop in Roseburn, in preparation for this afternoon's expedition. Robert Harley was coming, so his mother delivered him about 10.30 and stayed for coffee. Lesley having decided it was too wet for the ramble over the hills with the Junior Y.P.M., had got herself invited to Bronwen Allen's for the day, and then to go on to Fiona Armstrong's 'Party' which was to commence with swimming at the Commonwealth Pool. So the rest of us, together with Robert Harley and Mrs. Pride, left at about 11.30 for Ethel Houston's cottage at Abbey St. Bathans. It was misty most of the way, but improving all the time. We arrived just after Jeffrey and Ann Bobs, with their three children and Archie Campbell's two children, so there was a general merry-go-round of hide-and-seek when our younger ones joined in. We had a standing lunch, picking up the food in the kitchen, eating it in the lounge, then Robin and Robert departed with Willie Blyth, the ghillie, to fish in the river. The rest of us, except Mrs. Pride, began to walk down the river later in the afternoon to see them, and went on through the woods. The children got tired, and we drifted back to the house, where Ethel had departed to an afternoon theatre in Edinburgh. We had tea in front of the roaring fire, then left about 6. The East wind was still bringing in the sea-mist, but it was a very pleasant run home with intermittent sunshine. Robert, who had been sick once coming down, looked green from the beginning going back, and was sick on two occasions and then fell asleep. We delivered him to his home in Juniper Green, and on the way past saw Lesley gathering with her friends at the Commonwealth Pool. In fact it was just closing when they arrived, so they went to the Armstrong's house. Ian went to do some photocopying in the Office, and then to pick them up, but since he had the Armstrong's address from the phonebook, which was the address of their previous shop, he had quite a job in finding the house. He then brought Lesley, Bronwen, and Caroline Keith home. Lesley, in fact, would have not been able to swim in any event, so the closing of the pool did not concern unduly.

Sunday, 7th May

It was the Beulah Home Aniversary at the Chapel, with Mr. Kingdon as the Guest Speaker from the Irish Theological College in Belfast.

Ian found him interesting, but he put the others to sleep. It was also Communion, when Ian was on duty, so Joyce took the large car to collect Mrs. Pride, while Ian brought out Lesley and Frances Bennet, who was coming for lunch. Lunch/

Dear Mr. Baefour,

Just a reminder of your engagement ^{to give} ~~with~~ a fifteen minute (maximum) address at our Youth Fellowship (Longstone) on Sunday 4th May at 8.15pm. in the home of Mr. & Mrs. G. Mackenzie 5, Redhall Cresc. (Longstone)

Yours faithfully,

Barbara Allan

Secretary

2nd May.

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Lunch being late, we were a bit rushed in getting away afterwards, but there was no Dorothy Fraser to collect, and only two Academy boys. There continued to be heavy intermittent showers, which we had to dodge in delivering them. Frances stayed for tea, then went off for the 6 o'clock bus, with Bessie Ross, who had been having tea with Mrs. Pryde. Lesley had gone directly from Crusaders to

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Dear Mr BALFOUR,

I trust it will be convenient for you to be on duty at the Communion Service on Sunday MORNING 7.15 AM.

Please let me know by return if you are unable to attend.

N.B. YOU WILL
SAVE TIME
ORGANIST

I am,
Yours sincerely,



Position at Table:

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MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Introit
The Word
Hymn No. 26
Prayer
Scripture Reading
Children's Address
Hymn No. 632
Young children (2½-5 years) leave for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Prayer
Hymn No. 194
MESSAGE: Rev. D.P. KINGDON, Belfast
Subject: THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY.
Hymn No. 501
Benediction.

COMMUNION - Hymn No. 187.

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EVENING SERVICE at 6.30 p.m.

6.15 p.m. Community Hymn-singing.

Hymn No. 25
Prayer
Scripture Reading
Hymn No. 50
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 16
MESSAGE: Rev. D.P. KINGDON
Subject: THE DIVINE LAWGIVER.
Hymn No. 275
Benediction.

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Aunt Margarets, and on to the Chapel, but the rest of us were in until Ian went to the Hailes/Longstone Youth Fellowship, at 8.15 at the MacKenzie's house at 8 Redhall Crescent. The place was packed to capacity, and the singing quite thunderous. When Ian got back he decided to tackle the Olivers Report, which had been sitting in the Study for long enough, and so he completed that before coming to bed.

Monday, 8th May

Sandy, who had not been sleeping at all well with his cough and cold, again woke early and was crawling around our room in the dark. Joyce therefor asked for Dr. Thomson to call, and she diagnosed a severe attack of tonsillitis. On top of this, Joyce was at the dentist at 10.30, but Ian came in for lunch. Ian went to the Restaurant for the Partners' Lunch, but found nobody there, so they do not seem to have picked up again after the holidays. Jeremy achieved quite a milestone, by being able to take himself to the toilet, but celebrated this by contracting mumps. Before this was diagnosed, Fiona and Barbara Lyon had been for tea, and earlier, Joyce took/

took Jeremy to "The Tor", to buy some plants from Mr. Grant, so he spread his mumps far and wide. Ian was at the Prayer Meeting on his own, because Joyce was tied with the invalids and was tired.

Tuesday, 9th May

Dr. Thomson called to see Jeremy, and confirmed that he had mumps. Joyce had a hairdressing appointment at 1.30, in preparation for the "Squash" this evening, so Ian kept the children. We had intended to have a "Squash" to say farewell to Helen Hislop, before she left for the Yemen. However, since Helen herself had not had mumps, and we were not sure about some of the guests, we decided to transfer it to Lorna Hunt's house. In the afternoon, Lesley and Robin payed their first visit to the Murrayfield Tennis Club, and

Murrayfield Lawn Tennis Club

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your application will be considered by the Committee. In the meantime full playing facilities are available to you. Please make use of them. The courts will be/are now open for play.

Yours faithfully,

HONORARY SECRETARY

had an enjoyable game until Ian collected them at 6. From 7 until 8, Ian directed the guests at the "Squash" from our house to the Hunt's. During this, Sandy got loose with an aerosol can of 'window-lene', and left his mark on the bedroom carpet.

Wednesday, 10th May

This was the day that we had intended to be in London, for Ian's Graduation, but with other events, proved right by the illness of the children we had called the trip off. Robin started extra cricket practices, so Ian collected him, together with M.P. Davidson and Ian Murray, at 5 o'clock at Newfield. In the evening there was the Davidsons Mains Bible Study, but Joyce was tired so Ian went on his own and led it in her place.

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Wednesday 10 May 1972

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Thursday, 11th May

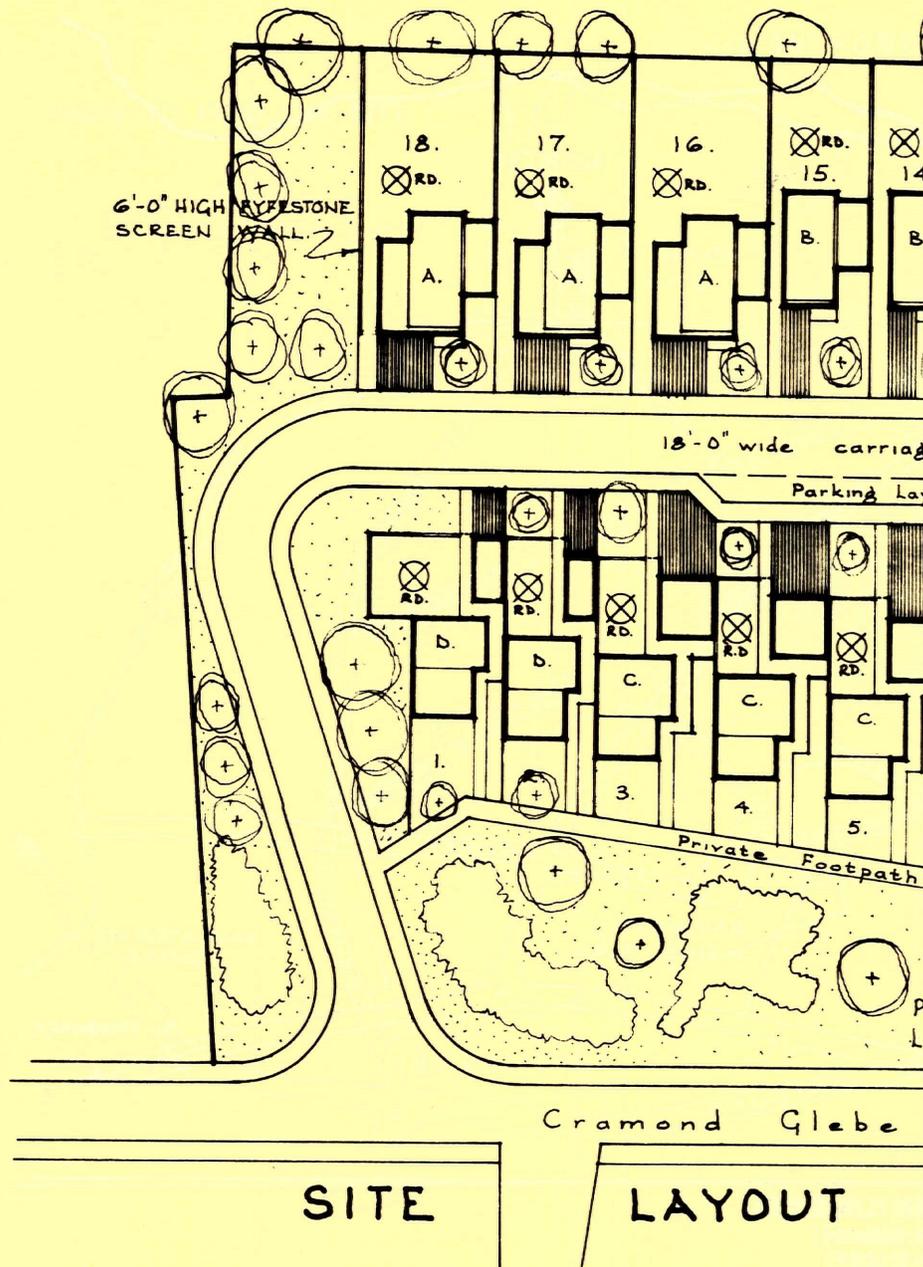
Joyce hung around the house for most of the day, because Dr. Thomson had said that she would call to see Jeremy, although in fact she did not come. Because of the illness, the usual Thursday swimming at Drumsheugh Baths was called off. Ironically, Jeremy was very fit all day, but took ill again in the evening and obviously the mumps was making him patchy. Joyce and Lesley went to the late-night-shopping again, having been to the Ideal Home Exhibition on the previous week, and met Graham Ross in his restaurant.

Friday, 12th May

Jeremy was fairly ill all day, although Sandy was gradually on the mend. In the evening Joyce and Ian drove to Glasgow for the Reception in the Renfield Centre. We sat with William and Audrey Whyte and heard all about their trip to Palestine. The Reception was pleasant, though the meal was disappointing. Afterwards, we went out with Jim and Helen Taylor, together with Christopher Haig and his wife, to look for a quiet cup of coffee, but found this a contradiction in terms in the Renfield Street area, so we had a pizza in an extremely noisy restaurant and then drove home.

Saturday, 13th May

Robin had cricket against Watsons at Myreside, and in an excess of enthusiasm in case he was late, had us up there before the gates were open. However, they beat the Watson's team. Robin went straight from there to Ian Murray's for the day, and did not reappear until Mr. Murray dropped him off in the late evening. Lesley meantime was put on the bus at 11.15 at the Corstorphine Road, to go to a Crusader Sports Meeting at Perth. She came back about 8, and made her way out on the 13 bus. Having dropped her off, Joyce and Ian took the younger two to Bruces Nurseries, to buy some heather for the front garden, as a birthday present for Ian, but Jimmy was away, and we did not feel confident that his substitute was able to select the right heathers for us, so we left it over until next week. In the afternoon, it was the "weatherman's sunshine and showers", so Ian took Sandy to the Health Club, where he came round and enjoyed the Sauna bath, then we had the evening in.



PLAN OF CRAMOND GLEBE

— WELL BUILT —

Sunday, 14th May

Ian kept the younger two, neither of whom was able to go out, while Joyce and the older children went to hear Gerald Griffiths, on a visit to Charlotte Chapel. Joyce was much impressed although not so sure about a demonstration by the "Jesus People" at the end of the Service. They established themselves in the Church all day, to bring down Revival. We decided to cancel the Academy boys, for tea, because of the mumps, but they still went to the Crusader Class and Ian took them home after that. We were both out at Church in the evening, to hear Mr. Griffiths, then Mrs. Pryde had Douglas and Inez Ross, distant relations from Canada, for supper and we joined them. Helen and Robbie Harkness had come to fill in the time during the Crusader Class, and stayed for tea and supper!

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Monday, 15th May

The younger two were on the mend, but Jeremy did not, of course, have a school on Monday, in any event. Ian went briefly to the Partners' Lunch, then on to the Olivers Board of Directors at 2 o'clock. In the evening, we were both at the Prayer Meeting, which was the Visitation Evening, and Ian went with Ruth McCall to several houses in India Street. India Street had been selected for the evening, and for better or for worse, there were people at all the doors right down the street. Very quick coffee afterwards with Alex Cameron, but he wanted to get home to prepare for the Reception for Mr. Griffiths on the following day.

Tuesday, 16th May

Ian started the second week of the Jackson -v- Glasgow Hospital Board Proof, which again occupied the whole week, and again Mr. Wolsencroft was in residence in the George Hotel to watch over us. In the evening, Joyce had the Meeting for her Baby-sitting Group, but Ian went to the Cameron's to meet Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths and Jonathon, and stayed there until midnight.

Wednesday, 17th May

On the way to school, Ian handed in some books, which Mr. Griffiths had asked for to the Hadden's house, where they were staying. He stayed to chat so long in the morning sun that Robin was late for school. Jonathon Griffiths came to the Court, briefly, and then we had the Missionary Committee in the Lounge, for a Meeting at 7.30 in the evening, with almost a full turn-out, the Pastor and all.
(See inset below)

Thursday, 18th May

Lesley and Robin had been playing tennis almost every evening, until Ian picked them up on the way back from the Office. Lesley was also concentrating on her Commonwealth Knowledge Badge, so did not go late night shopping, but spent a full evening on Australia.

Friday, 19th May

The last day, until the 4th July, for the Jackson Proof, so we could all relax slightly when the Court rose after lunch. Lesley went at 5.45 with the Bristo Guides to a Canvas Camp at the Trefiol School. Ian dropped her off, then took Sandy and Jeremy to Aunt Margaret's, who entertained them until the back of 8 while Ian and Joyce were at Ethel Houston's Reception in her new house in Heriot Row. Robin having had supper with us, was also dropped at Aunt Margaret's and made his way to Scouts. The object of the Reception was to meet Margaret Houston, Ethel's sister-in-law, and Ethel's cousins from Longniddry, Donald McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Balfour, Alex and Elwen McLennan, Dr. Althorp and the Harknesses were all there, together with the Canadian Rosses and Louie. The evening was made somewhat more hectic by discussions and phonecalls regarding Mrs. Anderson, the office cleaner, who was dismissed because of a phonecall made the previous day, coming on top of various other incidents.

(Wednesday, 17th May continued.....Ian went to the funeral of Ian Crawford, at 2.30, at the St. Andrews Church, Juniper Green. Ian Crawford was one of the Members of "The Tor" Committee and had dropped dead on the previous Saturday on a sponsored walk, aged 39. After that, Ian had the central Edinburgh Meat Market Board of Directors, which lasted until tea-time.)

Ian & Joyce

Ethel Houston

at Home
on Friday 19th May 6 to
to meet Mrs. Joyce 7.30
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Saturday, 20th May

Lesley was at Camp, and Robin would have been at the Crusader Camp at Drumelzier, but we thought he should play in the Academy team against Stuarts this morning. Ian therefore took him to Newfield, where Stuarts batted first and slowly knocked up 43. Sandy and Jeremy watched until they got rather tired, so Ian brought them home for coffee with Mr. Grant, then went back to pick up Robin and the Academy team had trounced Stuarts by 7 wickets, Robin having made 19 as the opening bat. After an early lunch, we took Robin to Drumelzier, and dropped him off at the village hall because the others were out for an hour. We went on to Moffat, where the younger two had a session in the boating pond, then we had a picnic tea on the road home, which was cut short by a shower, and then checked that Robin had safely made contact with the Crusader Camp. Following the road through Drumelzier, we came to Peebles and then to Walkerburn, to arrange for Robin to have some fishing on his half-term next week. Ian had tried in vain to arrange a course for him at Aviemore, but apart from the fact that they wanted twelve year olds and over, there was no course suitable for just a couple of days. However, the proprietor of the Hotel at Walkerburn kindly fixed him up. We came back by the Leithen Water, stopping for some exercise up a hill on the way, then got the children bathed and down for 8 o'clock, when Mrs. Thom came to keep them. We went to the McLellands at Cammo for a delightful supper, with the McCalls and the Fishers. I should have said earlier that Mr. Grant had spent a very busy morning, planting the dozen or so boxes of bedding plants which we had bought from him at "The Tor", having called there after Ethel Houston's Reception on Friday. Having bedded out plants all morning, he was still left with lots of boxes for another day.

Sunday, 21st May

The older two being off at Camp, we were both out with the younger ones in the morning, then picked up Aunt Margaret for lunch.
Jeremy/

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Jeremy invited himself to the Manderson's for lunch, and they dropped him at the Crusader Class. Ian took Sandy to the Office, to do some work, then brought them both out for tea. What was intended to be a quiet day was fairly hectic, with the younger two getting their energy back. Ian went to take the Evening Service at the Longstone/Wester Hailes Church, and, on coming back, had just settled down to watch the evening Spy film when Colin Turner brought Robin back from Camp. He had been coming back in any event, not having the Monday as a holiday, but at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, playing a wide game with great enthusiasm, he had precipitated himself over a cliff about ten feet high and landed fairly heavily on the grass below. He had a swollen ankle and swollen jaw, so Dr. Thomson, whom we rang, recommended that he should go to the Sick Children's Hospital for an X-ray. Joyce took him, and after being attended to for about two hours, Robin was kept in overnight for observation.

Introit
The Word
Hymn. No. 101
Prayer
Scripture Reading: Acts. 2:1-21.
Children's Address.
Hymn No. 251
Young children (2½-5 years) leave
for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Prayer
Hymn No. 92
MESSAGE: The Paston
Subject: Two emblems of the Spirit
(Acts.2:1-3)
Hymn No. 252
Benediction.

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EVENING SERVICE at 6.30 p.m.

6.15 p.m. Community Hymn-singing.
Hymn No. 122
Prayer
Scripture Reading: John 4:1-26.
Hymn No. 45
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 256
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: Satisfying our inner thirst
(John 4:10-15).
Hymn No. 299
Benediction.

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Monday, 22nd May

We phoned the hospital at 10, as arranged, and were told that Robin could be collected as the observation had not disclosed anything serious. Then when we called, they were waiting for the result of the morning X-ray, so the younger two played with enthusiasm in the Nursery in Ward 4, while Robin read comics. It was the Monday holiday, and we had intended to go to the Safari Park at Blairdrummond, with Mr. and Mrs. Balfour, but it was so wet that we phoned them and cancelled the arrangement. We had lunch at home, then Ian took some papers to Moray Place to be signed, and deposited Jeremy at Aunt Margaret's, where he wished to go for the afternoon. Joyce entertained Sandy, while Robin recovered sufficiently to make a long delayed start on his oil project, which should have been done/

done during the Easter vacation, and which is due in this Friday. When he had had enough of that, Joyce and Ian took Sandy to Leith Docks to see some boats and to walk out to the end of the breakwater, for some fresh air.. It turned out to be a beautiful evening, after the rain at mid-day. We had a nice walk, then tea at home, and Ian went on his own to the Prayer Meeting.

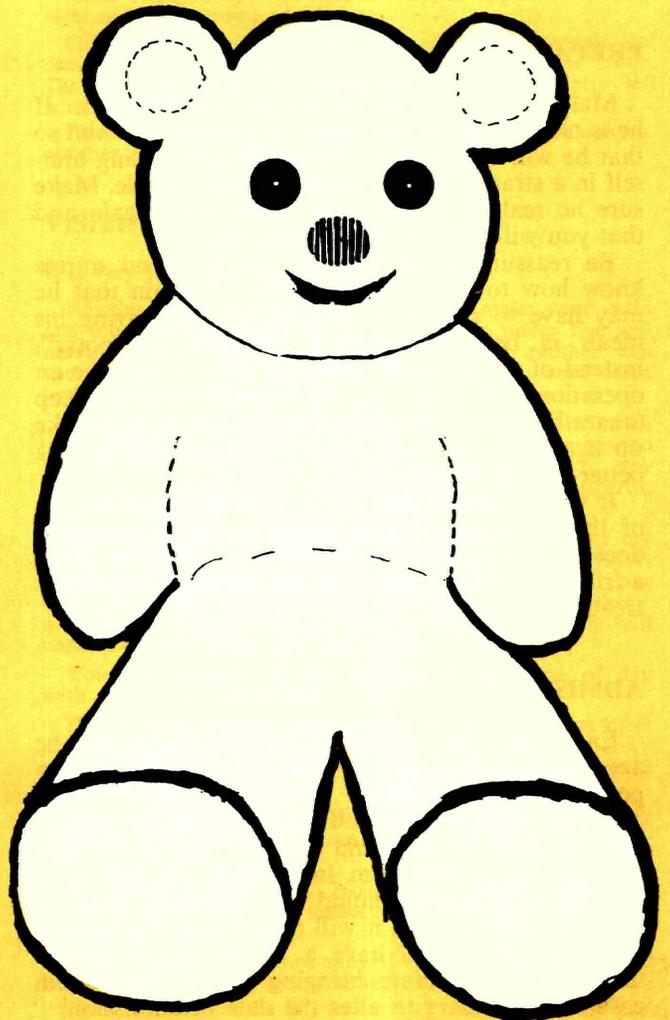
Tuesday, 23rd May

We kept Robin off school on the doctor's advice, to give him a day to recover from the shock of his accident. Ian was glad to be back in the Office proper again, after weeks of the Jackson case, but managed three quarters of an hour of the oil project at lunch time with Robin. Joyce had the school run in the afternoon, and went for the boys although Robin was not at school. In the evening she was babysitting in Hillpark and came back about 11. Ian had the Meeting of "The Tor" Management Committee transferred to our house from "The Tor" itself, because of the difficulty of getting a babysitter, since Mrs. Pryde had departed on Friday for Cambridge and was not due back for another week. We had almost a full Committee, which dragged interminably until after 10, and really accomplished very little.

Wednesday, 24th May

Robin back to school, with a slight limp and a bruise on his cheek, with instructions not to take games for the rest of this week. Ian had an early lunch, and then went to meet the relatives of Mrs. Channon at 16 Ann Street, for (at their insistence) a "reading of the Will". This turned into a ransacking of the house and various people were carrying off their legacies there and then, all of which lasted two hours. Robin devoted the evening to his oil project, and almost finished it. Joyce had intended to go to hear George Verwer, but at the last minute felt too tired to do so and had the evening in. Since there was some rule that the pictures of the Rangers/Dynamo European Cup Winners Final could not be televised until after 11 p.m., we sat up/

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up to watch the match until nearly midnight.

Thursday, 25th May

Ian was thankfully back to the routine of getting the bus at lunch time, after the very hectic recent weeks when he was either not in or else had to bring the car to do things on the way. Joyce had spent a frustrating morning trying to find a new key for her car, which had disappeared, and eventually got one at Alexanders. The car celebrated by having a puncture to the rear off-side tyre in the drive during lunch time. In the afternoon, Joyce cut the grass, while Jeremy watched the Corporation workmen retarring part of the road outside the house. We had Les and Pam Manderson for supper at 8. The Clark McIntyres had also been asked, but at the last minute were unable to come. We had a very pleasant evening, not least with pyella and fruit cream salad in a meringue case, while Robin finished his oil project and then displayed the finished product to us.

Friday, 26th May

A normal day until the evening when life got fairly hectic. Fiona Lyon arrived to stay for the night, so that he parents could go to a late function. Robin had scouts, and Lesley went up Corstorphine Hill with the Guides. Ian had a meeting at 8 o'clock at the Beamish's, at 15 Cobden Crescent, called by Mr. Bridger to announce the winding up of "World Student Service". There was about a dozen there, and after Ian had taken the Chair and formally dissolved Worl Student Service, there followed a lengthy discussior, with coffee on the future of the work along the sam e lines.

Saturday 27th May.

Mr. Grant arrived bright and early as usual, then Ian took Robin for a check up at the Sick Childrer's Hospital and Sandy came along. On the way back Ian went to the Clydesdale, to iron out the problems from the renting of the small television set then came back for coffee then took Robin down to buy some fishing tackle in preparation for his half-term outing on Monday. This was to have been the weekend when Ian took him to Aviemore or someother centre, to learn some fishing, but with the pressure of other events, and the lack of any suitable centre for his age, we ended up with the weekend at home. In the afternoon, the family watched the Scottish/English Football match on Television then Ian took Sandy and Jeremy on the train from Haymarket to the Waverley had a look around the station and back out on another train which is one of their favourite outings at the noment. In the evening we went on the car treasure hunt, organised by "Group 35" which started in Charlotte Square, took us down the High Street, got us thoroughly lost in Leith Docks, then along the front to Musselburgh, inland to Carberry then round the back of Dalkeith, ending up at 10 p.m. at the Oratavia Hotel. We had invited the Lyons, and went in their car. While we accumulated a fair number of points, we were nct in the price winning class. Meantime, Mrs. Thom kept the family at home./...

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Sunday 28th May

All out in the morning, when Lesley, Robin and Jeremy all obtained books at the Young Worshipers Prize Giving. It was under new management for the first time, with John Holborn giving out prizes in alphabetical order, irrespective of complete attendance or not. It seems a much improved system, which he was careful to point out! There were no Academy boys, since it was their half-term holiday, but Dorothy Fraser had indicated she was now coming back to Crusaders, so Ian went down to Leith to collect her. It was the boys birthday, joined by the Girls class, at which Ian was the speaker. Joyce kept Sandy for the afternoon and then we had a quiet evening.

Monday 29th May

Robin's half term, and since he had not got away, Ian had promised to take him fishing. Ian had arranged with the Manager of the Tweed Valley Hotel at Walkerburn that he would give Robin some coaching for an hour, from 10.130, then Robin would be free to fish on the river for the rest of the day. Accordingly Ian made an early start at the office, and Robin came in by bus about 9.30 and we left for Peebles. There was no sign of the Manager, but his twin brother indicated he had obviously forgotten all about it, and had gone to Edinburgh for the day. He invited us to fish on their water, and to call back after lunch. We spent the morning fishing at Innerleithen, and Walkerburn, without much success because of the high wind. We had a picnic lunch at Innerleithen, then called back to the Hotel but still no Manager, so we had another session at Innerleithen, this time down river from the Mill. We called back one o'clock but there was still no sign of the Manager. His twin brother recommended at Loch up in the hills above Heriot so, we went up there for an hour but the skies opened and the rain was so heavy that we decided to come home about five.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Introit
The Word
Psalm 136 ii 1-5, 23-26
Prayer
Scripture Reading - Romans 15: 13-33
Children's Address
Hymn No. 606
Young Children (2½-5 years) leave for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 399
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: Paul's future plans, if the Lord willed (Roms.15:22-33)
Hymn No. 574
Young Worshipers League Prize-giving
Benediction

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Dear Parents and Friends,

We are holding our Thirty Sixth Birthday Service on Sunday, 28th May at 3 p.m. in Bristo Baptist Church Hall, Queensferry Road (by kind permission) and we wish to extend to you a very cordial invitation to join us.

Our speaker is Mr Ian L.S. Balfour, M.A., LL.B., B.D., a former Crusader member.

We do hope that you will be able to be with us. Your presence will be very much appreciated by both the Leaders and the boys.

Yours sincerely,

THE LEADERS

Tuesday 30th May

After the unprofitable day yesterday, Ian arranged to take Robin for the afternoon at least fishing on Harper Rogg reservoir, beyond Balerno. He got a permit after lunch, having spent a busy morning in the office, and Jeremy came along for the sail in the boat. It was extremely windy, so much so that it took us all our time to keep the boat steady in the wind, particularly when on one occasion we lost an oar but Robin and Jeremy had a good blow even if they did not catch any fish.

Wednesday 31st May

The Purdies, all four of them, came for supper in the evening, then Ron called to collect Linda and Ian took the others home. Robin played football for the Crusaders at Inverleith at 7 o'clock, and made his own way home. Ian went down to the "Tor" at 8 o'clock, for the farewell tea for Miss Dawson, which consisted of speeches, presentations and the residents' evening supper.

Thursday 1st June

Lesley was ill, and went to bed, the first of a series of days when she was ill and off school. In the evening, we took Mrs. Pryde to the Guest night arranged by the Ladies Morning Fellowship, where Professor Stewart was the guest speaker, and gave a remarkably fine address on the "Lordship of Christ". Aunt Maimie kept the children and the meeting concluded with coffee and a good selection of things to eat, served around the places by the ladies.

Friday 2nd June

Lesley was still in bed, with sore glands and general fatigue, but Robin was at Scouts in the evening as usual.

Saturday 3rd June

Robin had cricket in the morning, but Lesley was still in bed. The doctor called and tried in vain to extract some blood from a vein, to check whether Lesley was anemic. Aunt Maimie and Bessie Campbell and Mrs. Pryde, took Jeremy with them to the Pittendreich Park at Dunfermline in the afternoon. Ian took Sandy to the Olympic Health Studio where he enjoyed coming round for the exercises and the sauna bath. Joyce and Robin watched Television and we had a quiet evening.

Sunday 4th June

Lesley was still ill, so Joyce stayed in with her in the morning. As a result, Ian took the three boys to the Gallery, where they like to go whenever they get the chance, then Sandy went up to the Creche. There were six Academy boys for tea and for the evening. Sandy departed to Bessie Campbell's for his tea, the Ian took the six boys back to the Boarding House. Joyce went to the evening service and stayed for Communion.

<u>MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.</u>	
Introit	
The Word	
Psalm 67	
Prayer	
Scripture Reading - Acts 13: 1-5;	
Children's Address	14:19-28
Hymn No. 388	
Young Children (2½-5 years) leave for Nursery Department, Top Hall.	
Intimations and Offertory	
Offertory Prayer	
Message from the Choir	
Valediction of Miss Helen Hislop who is to serve with the Red Sea Mission Team.	
Prayer	
Hymn No. 547 (Verses 3 and 4)	
MESSAGE: The Pastor	
Subject: MISSIONARY WORK - THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LOCAL CHURCH, and THE MISSIONARY	
Hymn No. 543	
Benediction	-ooOoo-

Monday 5th June

Joyce had Barbara Lyon for the morning. We were both out at the evening meeting, when Helen Hyslop was given a farewell, with the Leader of the Red Sea Mission Team, Dr. Gydney, speaking and showing slides of the work in the Yemen. Ian was in the Chair at the meeting, and also had the usual letters. Norman and Lorna Hunt asked us back for coffee afterwards, so we called in to ask Barbara, who was keeping the children, whether she would mind doing an extra hour and then went on to the Hunts. It was Lesley's half-term holiday, but since she was still ill and not at school in any event, it was not much of a holiday. The original intention had been to take her to the Safari Park at Castle Drummond, but she was not able to go.

Tuesday 6th June

Lesley was due to sit the first part of the Commonwealth Knowledge Badge today, but, since she was not allowed out, the tester, Mr. Nicol, very kindly came to the house at 6 o'clock and conducted the test here, which she passed.

Wednesday 7th June

Ian went to the "Tor" at 3 o'clock, to get instructions for a Will from one of the residents and then stayed on to meet Marjory Sommerville, who was attending for interview at Matron to replace Miss Dawson. Joyce had intended to start a voluntary job in the evening, but, after discussing it with Pam Manderson, decided it was not really worthwhile doing, as a charity. However, since she had Betty Harnden laid on as a babysitter, for that purpose anyway, she took Lesley to the second part of her Commonwealth Knowledge Badge, which was in a Church Hall in Corstorphine, then stayed and brought her right back because Lesley was still on the sick list. Lesley passed this half of the badge also, and so completed her Commonwealth Knowledge Badge. Meantime Ian went to the Elders Court at 5.30, and stayed on to the Deacons Court at 7.30, where it was decided to hold these on alternate months, to avoid the rush of two meetings in the one evening.

Thursday 8th June

Lesley was still off school, but had provisionally planned to go to the Safari Park today, for her half term holiday. In fact, Les Manderson arranged an appointment for Jeremy at the Dental Hospital, to see about the long term care of his teeth, so the proposed trip had to be cancelled. Jeremy was asked to keep a complete note of all that he ate, so they could advise on care of the teeth, so he started writing down every ice-cream and biscuit that he ate.

Friday 9th June

Lesley was preparing for her camping badge, which she was to sit on Saturday, so Ian took her to Corstorphine Woods at Lunch time and we cut straight sticks for her to practise her lashing. She spent the afternoon practising lashing logs in the garden, then decided that she also should take firewood for starting the bonfire, so we had another trip to Corstorphine Wood after tea to collect a box full of kindling wood. Ian went on from there to pick up Peter McLelland, put Lesley into the Guides at the Chapel and to take Robin and Peter to Bonaly Scout Hut where they were having an outing in Bonaly Park. Joyce was babysitting for the Harndens until 12 midnight, so Mr. McLelland brought the boys back. Sandy had a very sore ear, so the Doctor had called and given him some drops for that. All in All it was a fairly hectic day.

Saturday 10th June

Robin had cricket at Newfield, at 9.15, and the team had a very successful game, winning by seven wickets. Ian took Lesley to the field at Trefoil where the campers badge was to be held. Then he went with Mr. Grant to get gravel for the front drive, and, after trying unsuccessfully in Corstorphine, got first one load and then a second load of gravel chips in Morrison Street. Mrs. Pryde arrived back from holiday, having been in Dingwall since Monday. We have been told to call back for Leslie about 1.30, so we took Jeremy and Sandy for the ride. We were first of all told to come back in about half an hour, then, after that, another 20 minutes after that, and then another ten minutes and so on until it was nearly four o'clock before she finally completed the/...

the camping badge and passed it. We telephoned to Robin, who was watching the football on Television at home, from the Ratho Park Golf Club, and he indicated that he was quite happy just to stay in by himself until we got back.

Sunday 11th June

Joyce was on duty at the Creche, because it was the Sunday School Anniversary and all the other parents wished to see their off-spring singing. Not being in the Sunday school we had no such attachments. On leaving for the Church, we discovered that the lesson which Joyce had prepared was deficient in one page, so Ian rushed off to copy the extra page and to staple them together and then to join her just in time for her lesson. There were seven Academy boys for tea, so Lesley and Jeremy departed to Aunt Margaret's for their tea, and went on to the service in the Ross Bandstand, where they soaked but did not seem to mind. Ian was on duty at the door, then collected Jeremy, whom Lesley had brought to the Church and brought him home.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.
The Word
Hymn No. 8
Prayer
Scripture Reading - Matthew 7: 7-14
(Read by Mr. John Gordon,
Sunday School Superintendent).
MESSAGE from the SUNDAY SCHOOL
Hymn No. 653
Young children (2½-5 years) leave
for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
A Word of Greeting - Rev. Ted Emmett
Prayer
Hymn No. 613
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: THE TWO ROADS
Hymn No. 481
Benediction.

Monday 12th June

Joyce took Jeremy and Sandy to the Dentist at 10.30 and also herself, then went on to the Princes Margaret Rose Hospital with Mrs. Pryde. Jeremy was to have his first week in Residence in the self-care Unit, and Mrs. Pryde was going to stay and receive physiotherapy for her leg at the same time. Joyce saw him settled in there, then brought Sandy home. Sandy got loose with a bottle of Parazone in the afternoon but some skillfull scrubbing and touching up of the carpet with red pencil restored the carpet to its original state. Ian had arranged to meet the Bakers for coffee, after the Prayer Meeting, to iron out an article for the Record which Mr. Baker was writing, on Missionary Finances. Joyce did not feel like going out so Ian went to the meeting then entertained the Bakers in McVittes, and finalised the Article. Lesley was back to school today, for the first time since her illness on the 1st of June. We were also furiously revising with Robin, whose examines start this week.

Tuesday 13th June

Mrs. Purdie was still off ill, but Joyce had Fiona Lyon for the morning, and cleaned up the house. In the afternoon she went to visit Jeremy in the hospital. In the evening it was the Tor Annual General Meeting at the Morningside Church, which Ian attended, then came back to continue revising with Robin for his examine. This proved quite successful because he was 14th in the Geography exam. In the late evening we put the Ford Cortina into Clelland for a servicing the next day, also to make the traffic indicators work again and to take off the yellow plates on the front lights which had never come off since our trip to Switzerland last Summer.

Wednesday, 14th June

Ian's car was in the garage, so Joyce ran Robin to school then dropped Ian at the office, and went to call on Mrs. Purdie and then to/...

to collect some plants from Mr. Grant. Mrs. Pryde and Cora Chapman came at lunch time, then Joyce took them back to the hospital when going to see Jeremy. Cora and Cecil Chapman arrived back in the evening, just as Joyce was leaving for music lesson which made her rather late. Mr. Grant came to work in the evening, and Sandy, having been at Barbara Lyons since Joyce did her run with the car in the morning, until lunch time, went to bed fairly early, because he was tired. Ian took the bus straight from the office to Clellands garage, to pick up the car. Joyce eventually got off to her music, and Ian revised Robin's French for the rest of the evening.

Thursday 15th June

The great day at the Princes Margaret Rose, when the grand Duchess of Luxembourg was to visit the Unit. Everything had been prepared, and Jeremy had his photograph taken, by various photographers, one of which was published in the evening news the next day. Joyce, Ian and Sandy went to Moray Place for lunch, to have Ian's Birthday lunch (a day early). Joyce then took Sandy to watch Robin playing Heriots while Ian went straight to Gorgie for the Board Meeting of Olivers. In the evening there was a Tor Committee Meeting, in the house to decide whether or not to invite Miss Sommerville as Matron. Then Lorna Hunt called in, to enquire about accommodation for Christopher.

Friday 16th June

Ian's 40th Birthday. Sandy celebrated by waking up very early and playing around the house then Ian had a particularly busy day at the office, missing the 12.27 bus home for lunch and did not manage to get out, even with the car, until 1.15. Joyce went up after lunch to collect Mrs. Pryde and Jeremy from the Princes Margaret Rose, and there was great excitement when Jeremy's photograph appeared in the news. Robin had Scouts and Lesley had Guides in the evening, where Lesley was supposed to do her Hostess badge, but the evening seemed to be chaotic and she did not get it completed.

Saturday 17th June

Robin had cricket at Newfield again, another successful result although a narrow victory this time. Mr. Grant had hit his finger with a nail at the Tor, but insisted on coming to garden and had a great sweep around the vegetable bed and the flower beds, weeding and tidying up. Ian took Lesley and the younger two, to obtain a new tyre and also a new wheel (to replace one which had been stolen) for Joyce's Anglia. We got a very good bargain at the Tyre Depot at Roseburn and stayed while they fitted the two new tyres and put on the spare wheel. Lesley was swimming for the school at 1.30, in a match against St. Leonards, and came back about 3.30 when we were all watching the Lawn Tennis (Wightman Cup) on Television. The Junior Y.P.M. had a sausage Sizzle at Bonaly at 5 o'clock, so Ian took Sandy, dropped Lesley off, then took Sandy to the Club. Jeremy meantime had been on his mini cru picnic with the Lawrences, to Blackford Hill, and came back, very full of excitement about 5.30. Joyce was to babysit for the Lyons, but they telephoned to say that because of the showery weather they were not going to golf, and if she could come at 8 o'clock that would be time enough, instead of six. It was a hot day, between showers, so it was difficult to get anyone to bed because it was a hot and sticky evening. Joyce was not long, and was back by 11.

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Sunday 18th June

Back to Normal in the morning. Ian took the children and ran Mrs Pryde to Bellevue, leaving Joyce to tidy up and come in her own car, so that she could get away quickly to make the lunch at the end. Then Ian went back to collect Mrs. Pryde, and also Aunt Margaret, while Joyce came straight out and had the lunch ready. Sandy went down as usual, then at 2.30 Ian took Aunt Margaret home, dropped the others at the Crusader Class, and went for the Academy boys. There were three and no Dorothy Fraser this week. It was again a hot day, although showery. Ian was feeling rather the worse for the heat, or perhaps lack of sleep, and had a rest at teatime until late evening. Joy accordingly took the Academy boys back and collected Jeremy from Charlotte Chapel. He and Lesley had gone to tea at Aunt Margaret's, gone on the bus to Princes Street Gardens and then made their way back to the Chapel. Aunt Mamie called for Mrs. Pryde, and took her to the evening service, which was a Baptismal service. They brought Lesley out, well after 9. Robin was meanwhile doing his final revision for his last exam, a Latin exam, and while Jeremy had gone off soundly to sleep, Sandy kept playing all kinds of tricks and would not settle. It was a very bleak Sunday, as the news commentator said, from a National point of view, with Britain's worst air disaster so far, 117 killed when a Trident crashed on taking off from Heathrow and there was further violence and killing in Northern Ireland, pot-holders trapped, the after-math of a French Railway Crash in a tunnel when two trains collided with falling stones, a serious land-slide in Hong Kong with 100 killed.

Monday 19th June

A fairly straightforward Monday, with Mrs. Purdie back, the usual Partners' lunch, Lesley at Music, and then we were at the Prayer Meeting at 8 o'clock. The Pastor had on the previous day exhorted people to come, now that there were less other activities during the week, and whether because of this or not, there was a very full turn-out. Angus Noble was up for the weekend, looking for accommodation for the family in October. We ran him along to the bus/...

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Introit
The Word
Paraphrase 61
Prayer
Scripture Reading - Romans 16: 1-16
Children's Address
Hymn No. 382
Young children (2½-5 years) leave for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 261
MESSAGE: The Pastor
SUBJECT: STUDIES IN PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS: Commendation and Greeting (Rom. 16: 1-16)
Hymn No. 485
DEDICATION
Benediction.

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bus station, and saw him on to the overnight bus to London, then came straight home.

Tuesday 20th June

Atim, the married lady from Nigeria whom Uncle Bill had asked us to look after during her stay in Edinburgh, invited us to her presentation service at the Craiglockhart College of Education. Joyce therefore put the younger two children into Aunt Margaret at 3.30, and arranged for the older two to go there from school. We arrived at 4 p.m. at the college, to discover that more knowledgeable visitors had already started the tea. By the time Atim showed us around, there was just time for a quick cup of tea before we went to the hall for the presentation. The Choir sang several pieces and the principal gave an interesting report. The distribution of diplomas, however, went on for over an hour, although there were only 105 students receiving them, plus a handful of students receiving Certificates. They achieved this by having everyone go up separately for each individual prize!

Cardinal Gray then gave a talk on the value of Catholic Schools. And it was after 6 before we finished. Atim wished us to take photographs of her, which we were pleased to do then we had supper in the "Quick and Twenty" at McVities Guest in Charlotte Street, and picked up the family about 7. Ian went back to tidy up at the office after that. Note - correction for this entry. Jeremy was not at Aunt Margaret's because he had gone for another week's residential stay at the Princes Margaret Rose, and Mrs. Pryde went to stay as well.

Wednesday 21st June

The longest day, but one of the coldest, in fact it was said to be colder by 2 degrees than the highest temperature attained on the shortest day last December! Arnold Rhodes, looked in on a visit from London to furnish his flat in Succoth Court, Joyce went to visit Jeremy and her mother at the Princes Margaret Rose. In the evening, we were invited to Ian Gunn-Russell at Hazlieburn, to advise an enthusiastic young American on the best way to set up a printing press. From there the discussion ranged around the general purchase of property in the area for the Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts, and various odd bodies, on drugs or not, kept wondering in and out of the room until we excused ourselves about half past ten. Mrs. Thom had kept the children.

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Mr. and Mrs. Balfour Senior came for lunch, Ian brought them out and then dropped them back on his way into the office again. Joyce went to see Jeremy at the hospital. At 7 o'clock there was a special meeting of the elders Court, to go over the membership roll, which lasted until the back of 9 but which effectively dealt with the more acute problems on the present roll.

Friday 23rd June

Joyce collected

Jeremy and Mrs. Pryde

immediately after their lunch, in order to leave the afternoon free for the cricket match.

Ian went on, spent the attired in Douglas Lawrences set of cricket whites, boots, a Scotland sweater, and George's first eleven Blazer. As it turned out, everyone else was just as well attired, all with whites, club sweaters and blazers and so forth, so it was just as well we had Douglas to draw on.

Joyce brought Jeremy and Sandy while Mrs. Pryde stayed to receive Lesley from School.

It turned out to be a

pleasant afternoon, windy but dry, after rain in the morning. The boys batted first, by arrangement, and the unofficial intention was to let them knock up about 100. They lost two early wickets, so the parents eased up slightly, but when the boys got to 50 the parents made more determined efforts to get them out. Nevertheless, Sanders hit out, despite all efforts to dislodge him, and the boys declared at 3.45, in order to have tea, that 119 for 9. Robin made two, not particularly happily, before he was caught. The parents then batted, their only handicap being to use the boys bats and the arrangement that no-one should score more than thirty. In fact, with a small bat it proved very difficult to score at all. Ian survived only two overs and went out for one run. The parents did not manage to reach 100 before being all out, with/...

THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

FATHERS' CRICKET MATCH

FRIDAY 23rd JUNE 1972

Prep. 1st XII

D.R. Macleod (Capt.)

R.F. Balfour

M.P. Davidson

I.A.S. Glen

D.A. Hellums

W.S.S. Howgate

N.J. Macnaughton

J.A.F. Miller

K.I. Murray

I.E.W. Sanders

J.D. Sutton

K.M. Stark

Fathers' XI

Mr. F. Macleod

Mr. I.L.S. Balfour

Mr. L.W. Graham

Mr. J.R. Glen

Mr. J.M. Barber

Mr. C.W. Turner

Mr. I.G.D. Wares

Mr. I. Miller

Mr. I.C. Murray

Mr. C.A.W. Sander

Mr. J.H.D. Sutton

Scorer:- R.P.D. Craddock

Tea for Parents at 3.30 p.m.

with Colin Turner making a duck. A very satisfactory solution all round. Ian left at 5, to see some clients at the office, and then out for supper at 6. Robin felt too tired to go to Scouts, so Lesley went into Guides on the bus, and the rest of us had the evening in.

Saturday 24th June

Mr. Grant came to work in the garden, although his finger was still badly damaged after he had hit it with a hammer the previous week. He insisted on clearing all the leaves around the front of the house, then weeding around the beds at the back, which made a great difference and he seemed to prefer to keep going. Ian ran Robin to Newfield, where they handsomely beat Trinity Academy. Ian then took Jeremy and Sandy out for the morning, while Joyce was at the Hairdresser, and we all gathered back at 11.15 for coffee. Robin did not ring until well after 12, as they had been searching for loss balls in the long grass. Lesley went off with Aunt Maimie and Mrs. Pryde and Miss Justin for an afternoon in the car. Robin went to Cameron Davidson's to make airfix models. Joyce took Ian round the town to do various bits of shopping, calling at Newington, and then leaving Joyce in Allans while he took the children to the Museum for 45 minutes, then meeting her at Princes Street while he took the children on the train to Haymarket Station and back, and we had supper about 5 in Graham Ross' "Highlander" Restaurant. When we collect Robin from Cameron Davidson's we discovered their television was broken, so Cameron came to watch it with us for the evening.

Sunday 25th June

All out in the morning, and Atim was to come to Church and then on for lunch. She presented herself at 12.30, having had a long lie but having decided she would not like to miss the lunch! There were no academy boys for tea, because they had some activity weekend. However, Ian collected Dorothy Fraser, for the Crusader Class. Atim stayed for tea, then Ian ran her in to Princes Street, on the way to the service at the Band Stand. Jeremy and Lesley had gone to Aunt Margarets for tea, straight from Crusaders, and then made their own way to Princes Street Gardens. The Open Air Service was to be taken by the Sunday School Choir, with Ian giving the talk. It turned out to be quite a pleasant evening, although windy and a reasonable crowd had gathered. The Choir sang extremely well - how Ian got on is not for him to say. Ian then brought Jeremy home, and at 8.30 we called on our neighbour in No. 28a, Robert McEwan, who was Classics Master at the Academy in Ian's days and who had invited us for the evening. The people down below him, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, were there as well and we had a pleasant evening talking about the district until about 10.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Introit

The Word

Hymn No. 192

Prayer

Scripture Reading - Romans 16:17-27.

Children's Address

Hymn No. 414

Young children (2½-5 years) leave
for Nursery Department, Top Hall.

Intimations and Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Message in Song

Prayer

Hymn No. 354

MESSAGE: The Pastor

Subject: STUDIES IN PAUL'S LETTER TO THE

ROMANS: A Final Appeal

(Rom. 16:17-24)

Hymn No. 369

Benediction.

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Monday 26th June

Jeremy was back at the hospital, but only as a day visitor on this occasion. Robin got the results of his French exam and was pleased to be 21st. In particular, he was pleased to get 19 out of 20 in his dictation. Since everyone seemed to have over 70% the placing in the class was somewhat arbitrary. Ian had the Partners' lunch as usual, then Joyce was back at the hospital to collect Jeremy. Ian had the monthly meeting of the Committee Convenors at the Tor, at 7.30, to go over things with the matron and assistant matron, then went on from there to tidy up at the office. Lesley was swimming for Mary Erskin against Trinity Academy, and the team lost on the last event, the relay. However, Lesley had a first, a second and a third, she was pleased with her own performance. Ian collected her, took her to music, dropped off various of our friends, then went back to bring her home from music, before going to the Tor. The Wimbledon fortnight having started, Joyce was glued to the television, not only during the live performances but during the replays in the evening.

SUNDAY, 2nd July 1972

Mrs Pride took the No 13 bus to a Church for the first time, leaving at 10.25 and dropping her near Belview in reasonable time. Ian was taking the services at East Kilbride in the morning and evening. In the morning, Jeremy came with him and Ian came back for lunch. For the evening service, Mrs Pride and Jeremy came. There were no academy boys because it was an open day at the Boarding houses. The others were at Charlotte Chapel in the morning then Lesley was at the Bandstand and at the evening service.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Introit
The Word
Hymn No. 124
Prayer
Scripture Reading- Romans 1:1-17.
Children's Address
Children's Hymn No. 632
Young children (2½-5 years) leave
for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Prayer
Hymn No. 240
MESSAGE: The Pastor
Subject: Praise God!
(Romans 16:25-27)
Hymn No. 352
Benediction.
COMMUNION HYMN 523.

MONDAY, 3rd July 1972

Jeremy continued his day visits to the Princess Margaret Rose, and Wimbleton continued on the television. For the Missionary Prayer Meeting in the evening, there was a tape from Pat Frazer in the

TUESDAY, 4th JULY, 1972

A wet day, which washed out a cricket match that Ian was supposed to play in the evening, for Douglas Lawrence against an eleven from St Thomas Church. As it was the day of the Royal Garden Party, it was not surprising that there was a downpour. It has a most unfortunate tradition of bad weather. The great cause of Jackson's Curative Bonus against the Hospital Board resumed, after an interval, which kept Ian occupied for this and the remaining days of the week, looking after Mr Wolsten Croft for lunch.

WEDNESDAY, 5th July 1972

Lesley's sports day, which Joyce and Mrs Price attended at the School grounds.

THURSDAY, 6th July 1972

Robin's sports day. We were at Moray Place for lunch, then went on to for the School games. Ian managed to win his heat in the fathers' race again, plus completing an unbroken record/

THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

SENIOR PREPARATORY SCHOOL GAMES

Arboretum Field

Thursday, 6th July, at 2.0 p.m.

EAST KILBRIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

EAST MAINS CONGREGATION

MAXWELL DRIVE.

A GUIDE TO VISITING PREACHERS.

MORNING SERVICE 11.00 a.m.

EVENING SERVICE 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 27th June

Jeremy at the Princess Margaret Rose Hospital again, in connection with the fitting of his new arm. Ian called on the Mansons in the "Colonies" on his way back from lunch. From 1.30 p.m. onwards, Joyce could only be communicated with during the occasional breaks in the tennis from Wimbledon.

Wednesday, 28th June

The last of the combined meetings of the Elders and Deacons at Charlotte Chapel, as a new system was to be started in the Autumn, with the Elders and Deacons meeting on alternate months. To commemorate the occasions, Mrs. Rae had laid on a particularly excellent tea for the Elders at 5.30, and the business proceeded smoothly until about 9.30.

Thursday, 29th June

Nothing but Wimbledon.

Friday, 30th June

Jeremy Turner arrived to spend a weekend, because his parents were taking a party to the Academy Retreat in Perthshire. Since Jeremy had division matches in the morning of Saturday, and a play rehearsal in the evening, they were anxious that he should not miss these. He stayed in the spare room.

Saturday, 1st July

The division cricket matches were to be played in the morning, so Robin went with Jeremy Turner. It was a glorious day, and in the afternoon we watched the tennis from Wimbledon. Lesley and the youngsters departed with Aunt Maimie for a picnic at West Linton. At tea time, Mr. Davidson called with Cameron, and took the two boys down to the play rehearsal in the school hall. When they came back, Ian took them for a walk up Corstorphine Hill and a game along the golf course until it was dark.

record since Robin first started at School. It was a gorgeous sunny day, which Sandy enjoyed in a sand pit. Mr and Mrs Hood were there.

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July 1972

"REHEARSE ON 7 A SIDE"

A Daydream.

ACT ONE Arrival and Thunderstorm: Clawthorne Manor.

ACT TWO By a River

INTERVAL OF TEN MINUTES

ACT THREE The Playroom in Clawthorne Manor.

ACT FOUR The Open Country near the Manor.

ACT FIVE The Garden before Clawthorne Manor.

CAST

Chris	A.S. Clarke
Dwindle	R.D.J. Oglethorpe
Brass	K.R. Jackson
Violent	G.C. McInnes
Spallow	J.W.S. Turner
Gristle	J.A.F. Miller
Booloo	R.P. Dundas
Red	D.M. MacKenzie
Dig	C.M. Mackay
Marm	R.K.M. Muir
Flutol	R.P.D. Craddock
Gen. Woolly	M.P. Davidson
Sergeant	J.R. Bowman
Capt. Hiram	D.C.L. Davidson

Friday, 7th July, 1972

Ian had a Sheriff Court debate all day, and the Jackson case finished. It was the Academy School Play in the evening, for which Robin had been rehearsing the previous Saturday - see programme. It was more understandable when one realised that it was in fact a dream, in which scenes kept recurring. However, since it was written by Mr. Britton, the Headmaster of the Junior School, it was suitably well received. Joyce and Ian were there and again met the Hoods.

Saturday, 8th July

The final day of Wimbledon was washed out, which was ironic, because it was a beautiful day here. Mr. Grant worked throughout the morning, and Lesley departed on the bus to Lulu Alexander's to ride her pony "Oxton". Aunt Maimie took the other three children to/

to Gullane, to the Morningside Old Schoolhouse Outing. Being deprived of any Wimbledon television, we spent the afternoon in the garden, then at 7.30, called on the Tweedies, who took us to the Bruntsfield Golf Course Clubhouse for an evening meal. They came back here for coffee to see over our new house.

Sunday, 9th July

Mrs. Pryde, having managed successfully on the No.13 bus to Church last Sunday, went again today. The rest of us were at Charlotte Chapel. Robin was invited to the Turners for lunch and for the afternoon, in return for having had Jeremy the weekend before. It was slightly ironic that after he had accepted, Mr. Mendel rang up to say that there were eight boys in the Boarding House who would like to come for tea that day, and

would we like to have them for this Sunday and for the next. Ian thought it better to have them all at once, so collected them at the usual time of 2.45, and took them up to Corstorphine Wood to make a bonfire, and to play hide and seek until Joyce had seen the best of Wimbledon on television. For the first time, Wimbledon played on Sunday, to make up for the missed matches on the previous day. Lesley invited Fiona Brown and Moira to tea. Jeremy departed to Aung Margaret for his tea. The family was well scattered, but when Ian returned the boys to Mackenzie House, at about 7 o'clock, he picked up Robin, then Jeremy came back and eventually Lesley, after the Evening Service at Charlotte Chapel.

Monday, 9th July

Joyce began to show the house at 133 Craigleith Road, which she showed for the remainder of this week and had just produced a purchaser when the seller decided that he would not sell the house after all! Jeremy was back to the Princess Margaret Rose, for more work on the new arm. He also had an appointment at the Dental Hospital in the afternoon. Ian had the usual partners' working lunch and in the evening went to the Meat Market for a discussion on the possible taking over of the Slaughter House.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11 a.m.

Introit
The Word
Psalm 43: 3-5
Prayer
Scripture Reading - Isaiah 63: 15-19
64: 1-8
Children's Address
Children's Hymn No. 257
Young Children (2½-5 years)
leave for Nursery Department, Top Hall
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message in Song
Prayer
Hymn No. 5
MESSAGE: The Pastor
SUBJECT: The Potter and the Clay
Hymn No. 248
Benediction



Tuesday, 11th July

The older two were still hard at work at School, which seemed unfortunate in this beautiful weather. Joyce again showed the house in Craigleith Road, and again took Jeremy up to the Hospital and collected him in the afternoon.

Wednesday, 12th July

Lesley's closing concert at school.

Thursday, 13th July

Nothing of note.

Friday, 14th July

Lesley left for the first of her three camps, that is, the Guide Camp. They were at a farm near North Berwick, and enjoyed a heat-wave which left them basking in sun for most of the following week. The Saunderson family arrived from Guilden Morden, Bob and Joey and Margaret just after breakfast, for the Wedding of Donald McCallum's daughter, and the other three that evening. The first contingent had motored through the night, and the others came up during the day, to stay from this day, until a week on Monday.

Saturday, 15th July

Mr. Grant worked hard in the morning, and the rest of the day was taken up with organising the family and the Saundersons and so on.

Sunday, 16th July

Ian was at the Dalry Congregational Church for the morning service, during the Minister's absence on holiday. The others were at Charlotte Chapel, then back for a large lunch with all the Saundersons, and a free afternoon, with only the Boys' Crusader Class.

Monday, 17th July)

Tuesday, 18th July)

Wednesday, 19th July)

Thursday, 20th July)

The entries in the diary for these dates were washed out when Jeremy and Ian fell into the Boating Pond at Aberdeen, and the ink ran, so apart from a general comment that the Saundersons were here, that Lesley was at Camp, that Robin had his Concert and broke up on the 18th, and that the weather was generally beautiful, there are no further details to be noted.

Friday, 21st July

Lesley arrived back from her Guide Camp, so we had a full house for this night, until she left tomorrow for the second Camp. Joyce was at the dentist at 11 in the morning.

Saturday, 22nd July

The Edinburgh Academy

The Senior Preparatory School Exhibition



Tuesday, 18th July 1972 at 10.30 a.m.

Chairman: J. M. DAVIDSON, Esq., W.S. [E.A. 1936-1940]

HYMN

Book of books, our people's strength,
Statesman's, teacher's, hero's treasure,
Bringing freedom, spreading truth,
Shedding light that none can measure!
Wisdom comes to those who know thee,
All the best we have we owe thee.

Thank we those who toiled in thought,
Many diverse scrolls completing,
Poets, prophets, scholars, saints,
Each his word from God repeating;
Till they came, who told the story
Of the Word, and showed his glory.

Praise we God, who hath inspired
Those whose wisdom still directs us,
Praise him for the Word made flesh.

Saturday, 22nd July

Lesley departed for the Morningside Old Schoolhouse Camp at the Curry's Farm. It was a poor day, and Mr. Grant had not wished to come with all the Saundersons being here. We cleared up and tidied the garage in the morning, and in the afternoon, Ian took the younger two to the "Meet the Navy at Rosyth". It turned out to be very wet, but nevertheless they enjoyed going over various ships, through a submarine, and in particular went out on two occasions for the boat trip to the Royal Fleet Auxilliary. The first was on a fishing boat, but when Jeremy and Sandy saw that there were trips also on a commando landing barge, they insisted on making a second trip to the "Lyness" to get the feel of the landing barge. We stayed until the Exhibition was closing at 5 o'clock, then motored home.

Sunday, 23rd July

Ian was at the Morningside Church, morning and evening. In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Balfour were there, having been to tea with Miss Rattray. The Saundersons went to hear Alastair Durie speaking at the Old Schoolhouse, and Robin cheerfully went with them. He then went on with the Saundersons to Fay's flat, where he appears to have been the life and/

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

1345 - Royal Marine Display
1415 - HMS RAPID departs
1430 - Helicopter Air Rescue Display
1500 - Diving Display
1600 - HMS RAPID departs
1615 - Helicopter Air Rescue Display
1645 - Royal Marine Display

MEET THE NAVY AT ROSYTH

MUSIC - Provided by the Royal Marine Band of the
1330-1430 Flag Officer Scotland & Northern
1515-1615 Ireland.

REFRESHMENTS - Provided by the NAAFI.

and soul of the party until all hours. In the afternoon, it was not much of a day, so Jeremy and Sandy expressed the wish to go back to the Navy Day at Rosyth. This time Paul and David Saunderson and Robin came as well. We kept meeting from time to time, particularly on H.M.S. Fearless, where there was a band, which Jeremy particularly enjoyed.

Monday, 24th July

Jeremy was again at the Princess Margaret Rose Hospital each day of this week, for the day. After breakfast, the Saundersons left for home. There was the usual partners' lunch at the office. In the evening, Joyce had Mary Graham and Audrey Laurence until after 11 p.m. to catch up with all their news, now that Audrey's studies had finished.

Tuesday, 25th July

Jeremy was at the dental hospital again, for the preventive course, for the preventive course, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. We had Ian Clayre for the evening, until after midnight, when Ian ran him home, because his bicycle had a puncture, which had somewhat delayed his arrival.

Wednesday, 26th July

A busy week for the dentist - Ian had Jeremy and himself at the dentist at 3.30, and Joyce brought Jeremy and took him away so Ian could get back to the Office. In the evening, despite the fact that we had people every other night of the week, and we were packing up for holiday, we decided to go to "Diamonds are for Ever", starring "James Bond", at the Playhouse.

Thursday, 27th July

Jeremy decided that he would not stay at the hospital any longer, having got tired of it, so Joyce just brought him back. We were at Moray Place for lunch, then Ian had a special Meeting of the Olivers Board at 2 o'clock, to consider the predicament of a customer who had gone off with £14,000 worth of cattle. In the evening, we went to the Camerons to meet Norman and Rosemary Sinclair, who were up from Richmond for a short holiday. Again it was after midnight before we left - what a week to prepare for a holiday!

Friday, 28th July

Ian spent a large part of the afternoon in finishing off details for the new Missionary Supplement to the Record, then we were invited to the Moodies, down the road, to meet various of their friends, and we excelled ourselves by leaving after 1 a.m. the next morning.

Saturday, 29th July

Robin left for camp at Portknockie on the 9.45 a.m. train from the Waverley. He was not at all keen to go when the time came, but once was out of our sight, he began to enjoy himself. Mr. Grant came to work for the morning. We had an early lunch, then Ian set off with the two younger

SCOTTISH CRUSADER CAMPS
PORTKNOCKIE II CAMP - 1972.

Mrs. Pryde and Mrs. Purdie for North Berwick. We handed in the Supplement to the Missionary Record after we had dropped off Robin. We arrived at North Berwick at about 2, collected the spare bed from Doris Clemment, and got settled in to Mrs. Davis' house at 54 Forth Street, and the plan was that when Lesley arrived back from camp, she would get tidied up and then Joyce would bring her down in the Anglia. In fact, when Lesley did arrive, she was not very well, so Joyce decided to keep her at home overnight. Jeremy and Sandy set off with Ian to look for the display by a helicopter at the harbour, which Mrs. Clemment had spoken about, but no one appeared to know anything about it. There was, however, a lifeboat day, and at 4 o'clock, the "Blue Peter" lifeboat gave a demonstration of rescue off the harbour. After supper the children went to the park to sample the trampolines, and went to bed, tired, but happy.

Sunday, 30th July

All except Mrs. Purdie went to the Blackadder Church in the morning, and Sandy and Jeremy left for the Creche after the first part of the Service. We met the Aitkens', who invited us up that evening. Joyce arrived with Lesley at 1 o'clock, and we had lunch. In the afternoon we were at the swing park, and then the beach. At eight o'clock, Joyce and Ian went to the Aitkens' for coffee and to catch up with their news.

Monday, 31st July

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We woke to the excitement of two tractors clearing the beach of seaweed, which fascinated the two younger children for some time. Ian had to leave about 11, to get up for the Directors' Meeting of Olivers, and to look into the Office on the way. He saw the children safely deposited at the Games, which were being run by the Church of Scotland Summer Mission on the beach, and after the Games session in the morning, they went to the Service in the afternoon. After that they were on the beach. Ian was back at seven o'clock, to take them to the park for a last swing and trampoline before bed.

Tuesday, 1st August

We took the children to the beach games, then when they were settled there with Mrs. Pryde watching, Joyce and Ian returned to Edinburgh, with Lesley, to get her packed up for going to her next Camp - the Scripture Union Camp at Nethy Bridge. Lesley was at the dentist at four o'clock, so Ian worked in the house until supper time. He then went to have a discussion with Alex McLennan on the future of the Court work in the firm and was there until nearly midnight again.

Wednesday, 2nd August

We saw Lesley and Bronwen Allen on to the train at 10.45, for Aviemore and they departed with great enthusiasm. We came back to finalise our own packing, to tidy up the house, and left about noon for Cheltenham. We had lunch at the Bakehouse in West Linton, leaving West Linton just after 1 p.m. We made splendid time down the A.74, despite one major hold up for an accident clearance, and were passing Lancaster about 3 o'clock, when Ian depressed the clutch, to get into line for a repair on the motorway, the clutch gave no response at all. We managed to force it into a low gear, and turn off onto the exit for Lancaster. The first garage could hold out no hope of effecting a repair, but said that the other garages in the town were busier. Eventually the proprietor was prevailed on to look at the defect in the clutch, and said he would do it within three hours, if we called back at 6.30. We walked towards the town, took a bus into the centre, and settled with a pot of tea in one of the hotels, to read. We wandered back just after 6, where the garage proprietor claimed that it had been a fault in the master cylinder, which he had replaced, and that the defect was now cured. We left Lancaster at 6.30, again made good time on the motorway, but when we pulled into one of the service stations, north of Birmingham, for petrol, the clutch gave exactly the same lack of response. Fortunately there was a mechanic on duty, who said that the fault was only air in the pipe, and he muttered comments about the standards of workmanship at the previous garage, in leaving the clutch in this condition. He topped up the system, pumped out the air, and again assured that he had finally cleared the fault. We did not have occasion to depress the clutch peddle again, until we turned off the motorway for Cheltenham, when it gave the same problem for the third time! However, this time, we limped into the Overton Lodge Hotel, about 10 o'clock. On the following day, one of the Cheltenham garages said that they could find nothing wrong with the system, so we concluded that the heat of the engine on the motorway was causing air to get into the clutch and that it could be pumped out by normal manoeuvre. Whether the first garage had replaced a master cylinder we never discovered, though we rather doubted it. The clutch gave the same problem when we were on the way north when Ian tested it passing the same exit from the motorway. On this occasion, we merely asked the man to clear the air, which he did without comment, or without further charge, so we may have had

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a bad conscience about the whole matter. However, we arrived safely, telephoned to North Berwick to speak with the family, and settled in.

Thursday, 3rd August

We looked over the Ladies College in the morning, with the permission of the lady in the Guild Office, met the Headmistress in the corridor, and then spent a couple of hours exploring the whole school by ourselves. We then looked at the shops, had lunch at the hotel, and drove up Cleeve Hill in the afternoon. We climbed to the top, had a lie in the sunshine, went back to the hotel for dinner. For our evening walk we rang the doorbell at the house of Miss Crossley and Miss Pick, who happened to be passing through on an overnight stop, so they gave us coffee and were very pleased to catch up with our news. They also recommended that we should seriously consider applying for Lesley to go for a couple of years after her "O Levels", to do her "A Levels" at the College.

Friday, 4th August

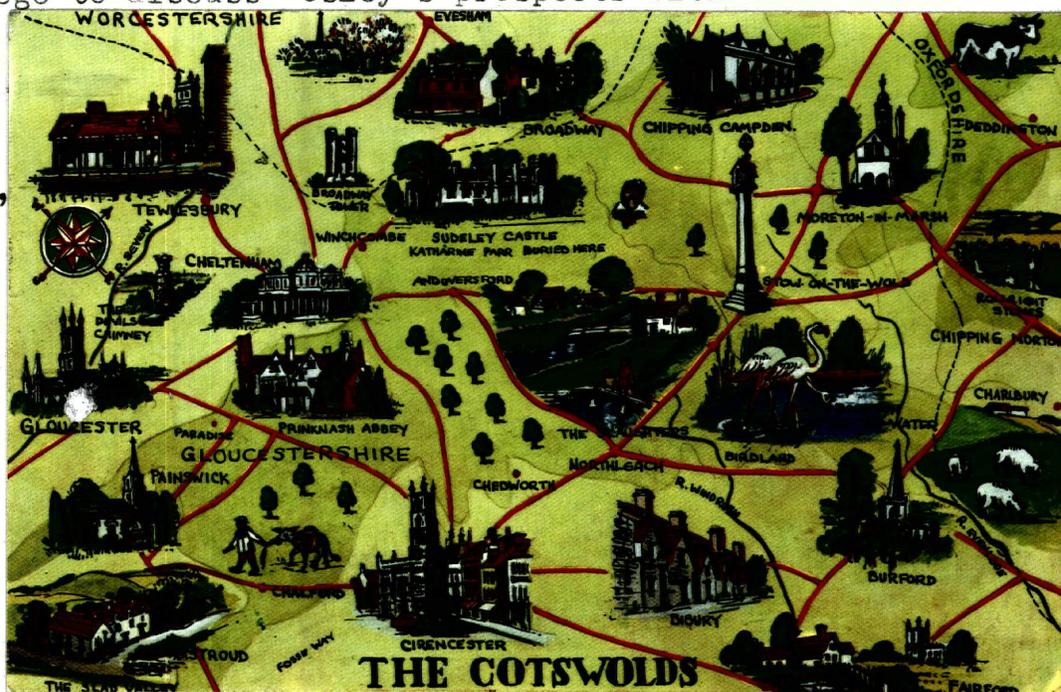
Ian called at the College to discuss Lesley's prospects with Miss Hampshire, the Headmistress, and then, because it was not a very great day, we went to Longleat. We first of all looked around the house, with its spacious grounds, had lunch by the lake, and then went through the Lion Park. The Lions were extremely 'friendly' and walked all round the car. Our only regret was that the wardens kept moving us on, even on the left hand side of the road.

Saturday, 5th August

We called on Mrs. Warr, at their house on Cleeve Hill, and they insisted that we stay for coffee, then they showed us all over their house. After that we drove on to Broadway, bought some strawberries to supplement the packed lunch which the Hotel had given us, and drove on to Stow in the Wold. There we looked up Mr. and Mrs. de Greux Coutts who had us for tea, and we came back by Bourton on the Water. We had dinner at the Hotel, then watched the B.B.C. until "Emma".

Sunday, 6th August

We called at Regent Hall for the morning meeting, and since Joyce had previously telephoned to Mr. Brown at Pamington to arrange to go for tea on Sunday, we were expected and Ian was asked to speak at the morning meeting. Also, Mr. Turner's brother pounced on us, to say that Mr. Brown expected Ian to take the evening service at Northway, as well. We had lunch at the Hotel, then a sleep in the afternoon because there was heavy rain. At four o'clock we went to the Brown's at Pamington. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had relations from New Zealand, by the name of Osborne, there, together with their son Geoffry, and "Liz" who had just arrived to/



two days before, as the fiancée of Geoffry. After the evening service we went to their daughter Janet for supper, and she had a great crowd of folk in for some singing at their electric organ.



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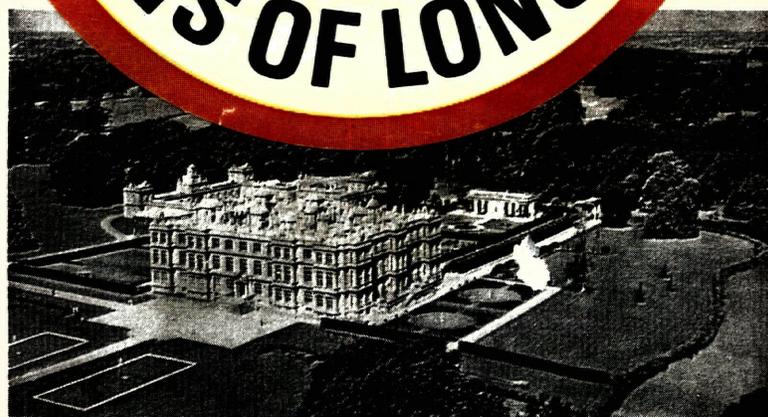
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Monday, 7th August

We parked at the disc meter in the Parade in the centre of Cheltenham while Joyce went shopping. Then we drove down to Painswick, intending to see Miss Jennings, the former Headmistress of Mary Erskine, but she was away. Coming back to Cheltenham, we had a look at the hotel where Mr. Balfour had stayed recently, then had lunch at our own hotel. After that we went for a drive up Leckhampton Hill, had a sit in the sun, then Ian walked down to the cricket match where Gloucester were playing Lancashire. Lancashire declared, leaving Gloucestershire to have a knock at their second innings, but rain stopped play shortly before the end.

Tuesday, 8th August/

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Tuesday, 8th August

We did our final shopping in the morning, then drove to Oxford for the afternoon. We had a look around old haunts, had some tea, then drove back for dinner at our own hotel. We went to the Turner's new house for the evening, and they also had one of the daughters' of Percy Ruoff, a widow, for supper, with her daughter.

M. Balfour

9 Aug 1972

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Wednesday, 9th August

We packed up and left about 10.30, driving steadily north, with a break for lunch at Lancaster. This was because we tested the clutch, when passing the garage which had effected the repair earlier, and found the same problem. We therefore asked the garage to put it right, by leading out the air, and took the opportunity of lunching when there. We then drove on solidly up the motorway, leaving it at Carlisle and coming through Hawick, past Stow, then over the hills to Humber, Haddington and so to North Berwick at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Purdie and Mrs. Pryde had tea ready. After supper the children went again to the swing park.

Thursday, 10th August

Ian took the children to the beach in the morning, then Aunt Margaret and the Airds arrived for the day, with a picnic, which we ate indoors because it was rather windy. It was the children's Gala at the Pool in the afternoon, where Jeremy completed the Tiny-Tots Race and got a prize. Sandy started, but turned back. We then decided to go for a sail round the Bass Rock, but there were only two seats available on the boat so Mrs. Purdie and Joyce went, leaving the others to watch from the harbour.

Friday, 11th August

We spent the morning at Dunbar, where the children had the great ambition to go back to ride on the fire-engine at the Fair. In the afternoon Ian was able to get three tickets on the boat to Fidra, so took the children, who all counted as a "seat", although at half-fare. On the boat, we met Chris and Margaret Cannon, from/



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Dollar, who introduced us to their friends Ian and Margaret Brown, who turned out to have the Parish Church at Tarland, just five miles from Aboyne, where we were to go for the second part of our holiday, so we arranged to call on them.

Saturday, 12th August

We packed up in the morning to come home, and said goodbye to Mrs. Davis and made provisional arrangements to have an option on her house for next summer. We left after an early lunch, then were at the Waverley Station at 3.0'clock to meet Lesley coming back from Stirling. She was full of enthusiasm for the camp, then we were back at the Station at 5.0'clock to meet Robin, coming back thankfully, but perhaps with less appreciation at the time, from his camp at Portknockie. In the evening, we got unpacked and at about 10.0'clock, with his wife and daughter arrived to return the Anglia car which they had borrowed for the week. They stayed until after midnight, Donald telling us about his adventures in America, then Ian drove them to their house in Morrison Street.

Sunday, 13th August

Joyce was in bed all day, with some kind of bug which made her feel miserable. The others were at Charlotte Chapel, for the morning. After lunch Lesley then went to Aunt Margaret's for tea, Ian took Jeremy and Sandy to the Docks at Granton to see the trawlers and the yachts, dropped Jeremy at Aunt Margaret's, and brought Sandy back for tea. Ian then got a request to take the Evening Service at Hailes/Longstone, as Alex Hardie had been taken ill. Mr. Prime was back and introduced a potential Assistant Minister in the morning. Lesley was at Charlotte Chapel at night, after having been to the Gardens, and was not altogether impressed with the conduct of the Evening Service by the potential Assistant. Mrs. Pryde had gone to Bellevue, with Jeremy, after Ian had dropped her at Aunt Margaret's so that she could make easier progress to Bellevue. Therefore, after Ian had taken the service at Longstone, and called back to the Chapel for Lesley, he went on to Bellevue for Mrs. Pryde and Jeremy and stayed for a Baptismal Service after the Evening Service so the very scattered family eventually were gathered under one roof again.

Monday, 14th August

A vacation Bible School started in Bellevue, which Jeremy and Sandy were very willing to attend. Joyce dropped them, then in the afternoon, Mrs. Pryde took them to the Botanic Gardens. In the evening we called to see Mr. Grant at the "Tor" to ask whether he would keep the plants until after the second part of our holiday.

Tuesday, 15th August

Vacation Bible School again. Ian had a lot to do at the Office, to tidy up during this week, because Ian Quigley left for a fortnight's holiday in Norway, John Rodgers had gone, Alex McLennan was away on his holiday and there seemed to be a queue of people wanting to make wills, apart from catching up on the Court work.

Wednesday, 16th August/

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Joyce took the family up the ski-lift at Hillend. In the evening we deposited Joyce's car at Clellands Garage, to have the radio fixed, and then went round to see Mrs. Jenkins, one of whose neighbours had complained that she was playing her wireless too loudly. Ian then called on the neighbour, and found some substance in the complaint, but it was a problem to know what to do in view of Mrs. Jenkin's health.

Thursday, 17th August

Joyce took the family to Portobello Open-air Pool, where they declared themselves frozen after a short dip. We called again at the "Tor" to offer Mr. Grant the Anglia during the second week of our holiday, but he declined this. On the way back from the Pool, the family, who had Ian's car, because the Anglia was in the garage, called at the Office at 4 O'clock. Ian come home for an early tea, and then went back to tidy up the office after that.

Friday, 18th August

Fiona and Mark Laurence came to play for the day, and Mrs. Purdie was landed with them as well as our children, while Joyce went to the hairdresser to get her hair done.

Saturday, 19th August

Mr. Grant called to keep the garden tidy, and we packed up to go off for the week at Aboyne. The car was pretty heavily loaded, but we got away by 11.30. We had a picnic just north of Perth, and took the first cine-film of this year's holiday. We then pushed on and were at the "Abercorn" private hotel in Aboyne, by 4 o'clock. We had a look around Aboyne that afternoon, then settled the family while Joyce and Ian had a pot of coffee at the Huntley Arms Hotel nearby.

Sunday, 20th August

A nice day, and we motored to the Church at Tarland for the Morning Service at 11.15, which Ian enjoyed, but Joyce found rather dreich. Mrs. Brown took the younger two out for the creche, which consisted largely of her own children and the Cannon children. We drove back to the main road and had lunch at the side of the road, watching the gliders of the Aberdeen Gliding Club being towed off by little monoplanes. We then went into Ballater at 3 o'clock, to watch the piping and dancing display. We drove home by the "black road" and had a very pleasant swim in the river Dee at Dinnet Bridge. We then drove up Glen Tanner, and had a look at one of the Stately Homes which was open to the public that day, and then finally settled the family. Joyce and Ian tried Birse Lodge, the Hotel in the opposite direction to Huntly House, for a pot of coffee and watched the coloured television there for the evening.

Monday, 21st August

Joyce dropped Robin and Ian at the Aboyne Golf Course for a round of golf, and took the others to Ballater for the morning. She called back at one o'clock, by which time Robin and Ian had completed fifteen holes, with Robin being one up at that point - on his reckoning, anyway/



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anyway, which was that all shots in the rough counted as one, as far as he was concerned! We drove round to the Loch at Aboyne, and had a very pleasant picnic on the Pier of the Aberdeen

BALLATER

Water Ski Club. We also had a swim, then after supper and Robin completed their game of golf, with Lesley coming as caddy. We started at the tenth, and played all the last nine holes, which resulted in Ian overcoming Robin's initial lead and winning 4 and 2.

Tuesday, 22nd August

At Stonehaven for the day, for a swim in the heated pool, a shot on the various shows, and a chance meeting with Leila Aitken. We drove back in gorgeous sunshine, and this time Joyce and Ian went back to the Huntly Arms for a pot of coffee and to spend the evening once the others were settled in the "Abercorn", Lesley and Robin with a game of chess and the younger two in bed with a television set.

No. 0967

Aboyne
Golf Club

DAY TICKET

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Wednesday, 23rd August

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A rainy morning, the first dull day we had had. We were just wondering what to do when the Browns telephoned from the Manse at Tarland, inviting us to coffee. We drove the five miles up to Tarland, and found a spacious Manse, recently renovated, on the outskirts of town. They made us very welcome, and the children departed to play with toys in various parts of the building while we had coffee with Mr. and Mrs. Brown. They had a great interest in Edinburgh, and we had many other things in common through the Scripture Union and so forth. We left after coffee, and drove down to Aberdeen, by the road on the North side of the river Dee, which is straight, fast, and little used. We had lunch in the Cordiner's Restaurant, the Victoria, after searching in vain for riding stables where Lesley could have had some horse riding. After lunch, Joyce and Lesley went shopping, while Ian took the younger two and Robin to look for a swing-park. We hired canoes and had a great sail in one of the parks, but in off-loading Jeremy at the end, the canoe capsized and he went into the water, with Ian falling in after him and then the pond-master. We drove back to meet the others, and after having a look at the swimming pool, which had a very long queue, drove straight home to get dried out and changed. As it began to get dark, Ian took Robin fishing in the Tarland Burn, and caught one smallish fish which we threw back. Then having settled the children, we went to the Huntly Arms where there was a ceilidh, chiefly for the benefit of the touring busses.

Thursday, 24th August

Grantown-on-Spey for the day. Ian had some lunch with the Office Bearers in the Baptist Church, so called at the Manse, and was very hospitably received by the Davidsons and the Church Treasurer, Mr. Welch. It was again a gorgeous day, so we went to Loch Garten, and had a swim. We had a very pleasant drive back, by Tomintoul, again in lovely weather. After supper, we decided to go fishing so all drove to the River Aron, where there was a playground for the younger children and good fishing. Robin caught two fish, and Ian one, before darkness came down.

Friday, 25th August

We shopped in the morning, then had coffee in the Old Station building in Aboyne. We had a look at a pottery in an old station down the line, where there was nothing worth purchasing, but we got some nice photographs of a goat. Then we went to the Pier on Loch Aboyne, and spent the rest of the day there, swimming from the pier and fishing from the bank. After supper the children settled down to watch television, while we went to the Boat Inn for a dinner, chiefly of salmon, which had been recommended to us as one of the best hotels for eating in the district.

Saturday, 26th August

Home by Braemar, with a pause at the ski-lift at Glenshee. We went up to the top, but the mist began to come down and visibility was poor. Nevertheless we had a pleasant run home without delays.

Sunday, 27th August/

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We were all out in the morning, then home for lunch and to Moray Place for tea. Ian collected Lesley after the Evening Service.

Monday, 28th August

Found Edinburgh extremely crowded and hot, with the Festival visitors still at their height. Joyce came into town and went to Aitken & Niven to fit Jeremy out with a blazer for school.

Then there was a partners' lunch in the office and at home the television had started for the Olympic Games in Munich. Ian had arrived back to find a state of some considerable confusion, with John Rodger having left and no assistant having replaced him, so Ian spent this evening, and most of the rest of the evenings this week tidying up John Rodger's work.

Tuesday, 29th August

Jeremy was back to the Princess Margaret Rose for the day. In between, Joyce took him to Mrs. Forker, to have the blazer adapted suitably for school. The Balfour clan descended on us at tea-time.

Wednesday, 30th August

Joyce had the family at Clifton Hall, to meet the various relations who were gathering there for the afternoon. Robin went on with the Ross boys to watch the Hearts playing at Tynecastle. Ian was expected to speak at the Open Air Summer Campaign at the Mound, but found he was too tired to go out, so telephoned to Bryce Crawford who was arranging it, and sent his apologies. As it turned out, there seemed to be plenty of speakers and he was not needed.

Thursday, 31st August

Joyce took the children to the Lion Park at Blairdrummond, and did not get back until late evening, so Ian worked through the day and on at the office until she telephoned.

Friday, 1st September/

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00 a.m.

Introit

The Word

Psalm 62: 5-8

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37: 1-11

Children's Address

Children's Hymn No. 519

Young children (2½-5 years) leave for Nursery Department, Top Hall.

Intimations and Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Message in Song

Prayer

Hymn No. 260

MESSAGE: The Pastor.

SUBJECT: Joseph: Spoiled and Envied.

Hymn No. 245

Benediction

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Friday, 1st September

Jeremy had a busy day. Firstly, Ian took him to Mr. Lamb's Clinic at the Princess Margaret Rose, because we were concerned that his spine was growing out of line. Dr. Lamb was reasonably on time, and decided that there was no immediate cause for alarm, but wanted to see him again in September. Then at 3 o'clock, Jeremy was at the Preventive Care Department of the Dental Hospital, where Joyce took him. All this time the Olympic Games were going on in the back-

ground. At 7.30, Ian had the House Committee of the Tor at the Old Peoples' Home.

Saturday, 2nd September

The family scattered to their various ways. Aunt Maimie took the younger two off to Eddleston for a picnic, Robin went to watch the Hearts, and Lesley had a sausage sizzle with the Junior Y.P.M., while the rest of us stayed at home and watched the Olympics on television.

Sunday, 3rd September

Ian was taking the morning and evening Services at the Stirling Baptist Church. The three boys came in the morning, and managed to cover the Vestry carpet in the cake which the care-taker had prepared for tea. They all went out to the creche, and then after the Service we came back for lunch. In the evening, Mrs. Pryde and Aunt Maimie and Jeremy came back for the Service, but we did not stay afterwards and came straight home.

Monday, 4th Spetember

The Missionary Prayer Meeting in the evening, which was somewhat of a let down because the Chapel duplicating machine had broken down and the ordinary part of the record was not available, and so the Missionary Supplement had not been distributed either. However, the Reverend Alex Sommerville was giving a report on his visit to Bangladesh, and his sister, Dorothy, was giving a report on her departure for Nigeria, so there was ample to fill in the evening, without the Record for Letters.

Tuesday, 5th September/

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We used the dining room for the first time! We had met Leila and Robbie Aitken at North Berwick, and arranged for them to come up to see the new house. We had never previously entertained in the dining room, but this seemed an occasion for it. The table was rather large for four, but we had a very pleasant evening with them.

Wednesday, 6th September

Sandy was at the dentist at 10.30 in the morning, and in the evening, Ian went to the Rae's to meet Norman Miller and to discuss a concert in the Usher Hall in March. They did not raise much enthusiasm for his scheme, and the Meeting was continued, but supper followed, and what should have been a fairly brief committee meeting lasted until 12 midnight.

Thursday, 7th September

The Olympic Games were still going strong, but Jeremy had another appointment with the Preventive Unit in the Dental Hospital in the morning. Ian had a lengthy meeting with the Trustees' of Charlotte Chapel in the evening, to iron out the ownership of the two new sites at Wester Hailes and also to discuss the transfer to the Stenhouse Church of the property there.

Friday, 8th September

Still the Olympic Games going strong all day. Ian left at 5.45 with the Rev. Peter Clark for the Galashiel's Baptist Church, to have a Meeting with the Office Bearers about a possible sale of one or other of their two buildings. We drove down in lovely evening sunshine, arrived in good time and met the Office Bearers of the two churches. Coming back about the back of nine, we stopped for some coffee by the roadside then drove home.

Saturday, 9th September

Mr. Grant was in the garden bright and early as usual. The children slept after lunch, while we watched the Olympic Games on television. The Andrew Durie clan arrived for the week-end. Lesley was in Glasgow for the re-union of her Summer Camp, having departed on the 10.a.m. train with Bronwen. We had elaborate plans for meeting her at a quarter-to-eight, and whisking her up to the Tattoo at the Castle Esplanade, but in fact, the rally ended much earlier than she had expected, so she telephoned from Queen Street Station to say that she was coming on an early train and had time to come back to the house first. We had three tickets, and planned one for Lesley, one for Robin, and one for Ian, with Jeremy on his knee. In fact, Robin was feeling too ill, so Jill, who was staying for the week-end, accepted our invitation to come. Then Sandy decided to join in as well, so we ended up with them all on our knees. It was an 8 o'clock start, which meant we started in daylight but it was quite impossible to get tickets this year for the closing performance on the last night. To our surprise, we found ourselves very much stuck behind a pillar, where there was scaffolding round one of the statues at the north-west corner of the Esplanade. However, it was very enjoyable, and the children felt it all very worthwhile. We were home by the back of 10 o'clock.

Sunday, 10th September

Ian was at the Coatbridge Baptist Church in the morning and evening. In the morning, Jeremy went with Mrs. Pryde to Bellevue, while the rest went with Joyce to the Charlotte Chapel. Ian had a pleasant trip, and again a cup of tea before the service. He came home for lunch, and we had a quiet afternoon with Aunt Maimie coming for tea. Ian went back to Coatbridge in the evening, and on the journey enjoyed the translation on his tape of Beck "Romanisches Recht". We were invited to the Laurences' for the evening, and had a pleasant time with them.

Monday, 11th September

Joyce had coffee at the Hodgsons' at 2 Wester Coates Avenue, to work out the details of the school run to and from the Preparatory Department. It was the Annual General Meeting of the Olivers, so Ian brought Ann Clure one of the apprentices, for lunch and then went on to the Olivers' Meeting which was its usual monotonous formality. Ian was at the Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Tuesday, 12th September

Joyce was shopping in the morning, then Ian Ross from Canada came for supper. He seemed happy to watch television, and during the evening Joyce and Ian went to Corstorphine to deliver a present for Christopher Hunt's Wedding and to stay to admire the other presents which were being shown that night.

Wednesday, 13th September

A busy day all round. Joyce had Stephen McCaulay and Millers to coffee in the morning, to get acquainted with Jeremy before school started. She took Sandy to stay with the Lyons', who were going off for a run in the country, so Sandy was up from the time that he was delivered there at 9 in the morning until they brought him back at 9 at night. Ian went to the Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court with Ian Ross for company, at 11 o'clock, and was there until late evening at a motoring case. Joyce went shopping with Lesley, and Lesley started her clarinet lessons at school. Robin went to the Millers' for the afternoon and was there until the evening. At night, Ian went back to the office again to get tidied up.

Thursday, 14th September

Robin back to school, and Jeremy started at the Preparatory Department for the first time. Ian took them both, but in relays. Firstly, he dropped off Robin at the School at 8.30, then opened his mail in the office and then came out in time to deliver Jeremy to the temporary school at Fettes, and to see him settled in there. As soon as Jeremy was safely settled, Joyce and Ian and Sandy drove to Whitburn, where Joyce was to see some witnesses in the Arthur Engineering factory. It turned out that they were in Grangemouth, either because they had been delayed, or because the foreman had forgotten to lay them on. While Joyce waited for them, Ian took Sandy into the town of Bathgate and he had coco-cola in one of the cafes. We then rushed back to Edinburgh, where Joyce collected Jeremy and Ian went back to the Office. Jeremy was at the Preventive Unit in the dental hospital again at 2.15. Sandy was worn out after yesterday and today and had an/

an early night, and again Ian went back to the office. Robin was tired after his first day at school and had an early night also.

Friday, 15th September

Lesley was at the dentist at 4.30, where Joyce took her, then she came to the Office and Ian brought her home.

Saturday, 16th September

The Edinburgh week-end, and also the Battle of Britain Anniversary, so we went, as so often before, to the Air Display at Leuchars. We left in what we thought was a leisurely fashion, at 11.30, intending to drive up the Motorway and be in the Airfield in good time. The disadvantage of following the recommended route was that thousands of other motorists were doing the same, and from Cupar we joined a steady crawl which enabled Robin and sometimes Jeremy too to walk along beside, and sometimes ahead, of the car for exercise. In fact, we were still miles away from the Airfield when the Concorde came over, but we had a reasonable view of the air display as we drove bumper to bumper on to the field. We were parked in row "Z" of the car-park, but had a very pleasant afternoon in mild weather, which the children spent either watching airplanes or riding on the train/tank provided for the entertainment of the youngsters, or eating toffee apples or candy-floss. We also had lunch when we arrived! We were in no hurry to leave, and wandered into St. Andrews for a "carry-out" supper which we took to the cliff overlooking the harbour then we drove home in darkness.

Sunday, 17th September

Jeremy took croup again at 2 a.m., so we had to call the emergency service doctor. Joyce kept Jeremy in bed in the morning, but the others went to Charlotte Chapel, where they scattered to various parts of the building. Robin disappeared up to the creche with Sandy and never reappeared.

It was in fact a very pleasant sunny day. The girls' Crusader Class reopened and also the Juniors. Ian was looking forward to a quiet afternoon at home, but Isobel Duncan called and persuaded him to take a series of Bible Readings at the Davidson's Mains Church in the Winter. It took a full hour to persuade him! After tea, we played in the warm sun in the garden. Lesley and Ian went back to the Evening Service.

Monday, 18th September/

BATTLE OF BRITAIN "AT HOME" DAY



R.A.F. AIR DISPLAY AT LEUCHARS

SATURDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER
10 a.m. — 5.30 p.m. 1972

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Monday, 18th September

The Edinburgh Holiday Monday, but the older two boys had school nonetheless. Ian delivered them, and Lesley walked up in her usual way. We tidied the house and then, after having considerable difficulty in getting lunch anywhere in the centre of Edinburgh, eventually had a light snack in the Wimpy Bar in Frederick Street. We went up the ski-lift at Hillend, climbed to the top of Caercatten then came back to get Robin and Lesley and to help them with their homework.

Tuesday, 19th September

Sandy started at the Davidson Mains Play Group for the first time. Robin started his first after-school activity, that is, shooting at the ranges and got on well. Joyce also started her week on the school run, collecting the youngsters from Fettes. Robin came to the Office and Ian came out for an early tea then went back in for a consultation in a case with Mr. Downs of Glasgow and ran him to the station. It was time then to go on to the "Tor" for the monthly Committee Meeting with the staff there, and so the day shot through.

Wednesday, 20th September

Ian was at the Value Added Tax Conference at the Heriot Watt University all day, with lunch and ample other catering provided, but a very useful conference.

Thursday, 21st September

Nothing to report.

Friday, 22nd September

Scouts re-opened. Ian took Robin in and collected him again afterwards.

Saturday, 23rd September

Mrs. Barbour collected Robin, before 9 o'clock, and took him to Newfield for a practice game. Mr. Grant worked in the garden, and then after lunch we went to the Commonwealth Pool, where we all had a swim and then supper about 5.30. We then went to search for a witness in the Craigmillar district, without success, but Joyce resolved to go back with a camera to take photographs. We had Martin Davidson with us for the afternoon, to keep Robin company.

Sunday, 24th September

All out at Charlotte Chapel in the morning. The Academy boys started again at the Crusader Class and there were five, mostly the/

regulars. Ian dropped them off on the way to speak at the St. Andrews Hall in Leith at 7 o'clock.

Monday, 25th September

The first full Partners' Lunch after the holidays, when we got back to some serious business again. In the evening was the first of the new Church Fellowship Meetings, where the congregation were informed and could comment, but were discouraged from saying too much and certainly were not allowed to vote. Ian had to contribute on behalf of the Missionary Committee and it was generally voted a pleasant evening. We asked the Camerons back for supper afterwards, and they stayed until 12 midnight.

Tuesday, 26th September

Jeremy got his first homework, to learn some words for reading, to his great delight, and practised them over and over again and pestered everyone in the house for help with his homework! John MacPhail started his period of apprenticeship with Ian. In the evening Joyce went to David Wales' house to discuss the setting up of the Church Bookstall for this year.

Wednesday, 27th September

Jeremy was at the dentist at 2 o'clock and had an unusual and unsolicited testimonial. Dr. Moore was off and his locum intended to work in the morning only. However, since Jeremy had toothache and school in the morning, the locum agreed to come back at 2 o'clock to see him. She was herself married to a dentist and had lunch with her husband in town. The husband remarked conversationally during lunch that he had been treating the son of the Roseberrys' who had just started at the Academy. When he asked young Primrose how he was getting on at school, the lad volunteered that he was getting on well and that there was a boy in his class who had only two fingers and who was called Jeremy. The lady remarked that she had a patient called Jeremy coming that afternoon, was it not a coincidence to have two Jeremys in the same day, and when she arrived discovered that it was one and the same! She passed on the comment that the other boy found Jeremy great fun at school. In the evening the Bible Study Group started in Davidsons Mains, with about a dozen, and a very useful discussion on revenge from Matthew 5: 38-42.

Thursday, 28th September

Joyce did a day of photocopying in the Office, to run through some gigantic records for a court case while we had the free week on the copying machine. Ian came in at 4.30, which was not altogether a good idea because it put the Office work very far behind, and the children were more engrossed in television than doing homework. We were invited to the Clayers for a party in the evening, which was largely of linguists who were celebrating the publishing of books or the obtaining of doctorates.

Friday, 29th September/

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Jeremy achieved his ambition of getting the reading book, which was the reward for knowing all the words on the printed slips. Robin departed for the Scouts, and we had the Heralds Prayer Meeting in the house at 7.30. The room was packed to overflowing, so that we had to open up the glass doors into the diningroom, again for the first time. Ian ought to have been at the continued Meeting of the Raes, to discuss the musical concert in the Usher Hall, but never got round, and apparently the concert did not get off the ground in any event. By the time Ian had collected people and run them home, he was quite worn out.

Saturday, 30th September

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"The SON
Worshippers"

on Sat
30th Sept 1972
7.30pm in Hall

Mrs. Barbour again collected Robin at a very early hour, to take him to Newfield along with the other boys. Robin was captaining the class team and beat the Trinity Academy team 44 - nil. It was a gorgeous Autumn day, perhaps rather stuffy, but warm for the end of September. Mr. Grant did a good morning's work in the garden, then Ian decided to take the younger two to Dunfermline, to play in the park, to give Joyce a rest for the afternoon. We caught the train from Haymarket to Inverkeithing, then the bus up to the Park in Dunfermline, and had a very pleasant time, climbing on the engine and playing on the swings until just as we were about to leave, Sandy made a run for a vacant/



vacant swing and walked into the path of Jeremy's swing, which was coming back with some force. He was completely bowled over and got a cut on the forehead which obviously needed stitching. We patched him up in the first-aid room at the Park, then called in at the Hospital in Dunfermline, but they

had a long queue so we just took the train home and after depositing Jeremy at the house, Ian took Sandy to the Western. They had just about as long a queue and were as unhelpful as they have always been to us, so Ian called on to the Royal Infirmary who passed us to the Sick Childrens' Hospital because they did not wish to deal with children unless it was an emergency. The atmosphere there was completely different, where Sandy was made welcome right away, was most expeditiously examined, X-rayed, and given a couple of stitches, and patched up within the hour. Ian brought him back, got him settled then went to Chair a Meeting of "Group 35" in the lower hall in the Chapel. As it turned out, the films went on so long that there was scarcely any meeting left to Chair, but we had a discussion with Les Manderson and Morgan Jameson on the films, until 10.15. Sandy slept soundly through the night, apparently oblivious to his injuries. He really had taken the whole thing remarkably well, and protested from the beginning that he did not want to go near a doctor.

Sunday, 1st October

With Mrs. Pryde back from holiday, we were back to normal with two cars to Church in the morning, so as to collect her at Bellevue. It was the anniversary week-end and Jeffrey King was the guest speaker. Ian had volunteered to help at the Crusader Class while they were short of leaders, so sat in with Andrew Gyatt at the Senior Class as he started a series in Psalms. There were three Academy boys for tea, but Ian had to abandon them at 5.30 and leave (with Mrs. Pryde and Jeremy for company) to drive to Milngavie, where he was to take the service at the "Evangelical Church", as the Brethren Assembly now named itself in its new building. He had been given a subject, part of a series, "Is Salvation Necessary?" which seemed to be well received and was certainly a great encouragement in the meeting. Joyce had meantime taken the Academy boys home and got the others settled. Ian went with Mrs. Pryde and Jeremy to Hamilton Frame for supper, after the Meeting, then back home on the Motorway in 65 minutes to our house.

Monday, 2nd October

Another full Partners' Lunch, which must be quite a record to have all the partners there for two weeks running. It was the Church Anniversary in the evening, when Joyce went with great anticipation to hear Jeffrey King on "The Signs of the Times" and she was not disappointed. David Wales had called to see Ian, to discuss the Church Bookstall, and did his best to dampen Joyce's enthusiasm when she came in. However, she would not be discouraged, nor would David change his views.

Tuesday, 3rd October

Joyce had been down to baby-sit at Elizabeth Fraser's at 7.30, but felt tired in the evening, so Ian took the stationery stock-books from the Office and had a restful/evening getting the stationery stock run through, while Joyce had a restful evening too at home. The Frasers were back by about 10.30.

Wednesday, 4th October/

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Joyce took up golf again, playing a round on the Ravelston Course with Barbara. Ian started his studies at New College, with a welcome in the Martin Hall at 11.0'clock, then a conducted tour of the College by the Post-Graduate Committee and lunch with the Faculty and the new students in the dining-room. We then had the first of the new style Deacons' Courts in Charlotte Chapel at 7 o'clock, and Ian went out for a cup of coffee with Alex Cameron afterwards. Meantime, Barbara and Joyce were busy at 58 Frederick Street, collating and copying the Records for the case which Joyce had started last week, and eventually Ian, having had his coffee, went to pick them up and bring them home, much wearied with well-doing there.

Thursday, 5th October

Ian was supposed to be in about half-a-dozen places at once, with a big case at the Court of Session, two fatal accident enquiries in the Sheriff Court, and an Official Meeting of the Post-Graduate Group in New College. After that, we all had lunch at 18 Moray Place, and at 2 o'clock Joyce took Sandy to the doctor to have his stitches out. Joyce then dashed back to do some shopping in town, and since both of the younger children had coughs and colds, they went down early. Joyce and Lesley went to do late night shopping in town, while Barbara Lyon called to do more collating of the documents, which she and Joyce had photo-copied. When she came, Ian went to the Full Meeting of the "Tor" Committee at the Old Peoples' Home and came back to find that Joyce and Barbara had finished the job and were just enjoying some coffee after counting and collating thousands of sheets. Ian carted them into the office and stayed on to tidy up, thereby exhausting himself and giving himself a cough and cold.

Friday, 6th October

We were all feeling pretty miserable, the younger two with coughs and colds which kept Sandy off his play-school and which should have kept Jeremy off school, if he had not been so keen to go. Robin had the usual end of the week worn out feeling, and Joyce had some bug which made her listless, and Ian had a sore throat and a stiff neck. However, we coughed and sneezed our way through the day, then Robin and Lesley went off to the Scouts and Guides on the 7 o'clock bus and came back again at 10 o'clock. Joyce went during the evening with Mrs. Pryde to visit Aunt Johanna, who had had a car crash at Carfraemill on the previous Sunday, and had this day been transferred to the Astley Ainslie Hospital with two broken legs. Ian had just about enough energy to stay awake until she got back, then we all had an early night.

Saturday, 7th October

Another beautiful Autumn day, far beyond what we deserve for October, and one which must drive the water authorities to despair, because there is now quite an acute shortage of water with the prolonged dry weather. Mrs. Barbour called just after 9, to take Robin to Newfield where they were to play Watsons. He was again captaining the team, but the fortune of previous Saturday was reversed and they were defeated by about 36 points to nil by the Watson's team. Joyce went down at the end to see the game, to meet Graham Ross and others watching and to bring Robin and the gang of boys home. Meantime, Joyce and Ian had been out/

out to the Maybury, in the hope of getting raspberry canes for the garden, but Dobbies do not stock them until mid-November. We then tidied round the house, still feeling rather listless and without much enthusiasm and just to complete the chapter of pessimism, Lesley was beaten 3-1 at Hockey at her game. Perhaps it was too humid to perform properly. Mr. Grant appeared on a new motor-bike, and swept leaves with great enthusiasm from the front garden but by the following morning they were as thick as ever. Mrs. Pryde had the Rosses from Vancouver for lunch, together with their son Ian who was studying here. After lunch we toured around to buy a wireless for Joyce's car, as her one had been stolen from the garage a few weeks before. We got one down in Bellevue, but it blew the fuse as soon as we fitted it, so we did not know whether it would work or not. Ian then took Lesley to Corstorphine Woods, the younger two to watch, where she had some practice for her Guide Pioneer Badge. This involved boiling half-a-pint of water in twenty minutes, which was to include collecting the sticks and building the fire, using an axe and a saw, building an emergency shelter, and crossing an imaginary river, and it was a beautiful afternoon and we could have gone on for long enough, but Lesley had a group going to Junior Y.P.M. with her at 6 o'clock. Sandy should not have been out, having had doses of medicine from the doctor, but he put on his coat and played happily in Corstorphine Hill. Robin departed with Ian Ross to watch Hearts beat Aberdeen 2-1, and then they walked home and we all accumulated back at the house around 6 o'clock. Uncle Ross came to take the Rosses away and Joyce set off to deliver Lesley, Jane Allen, and the others, to the Junior Y.P.M. Meeting in Marchmont. She also called round to Mrs. Purdie, to deliver a message about not going to Leven the following day, because the person whom she was going to see had travelled south. Ian took the opportunity of a quiet evening to go to bed at 7 o'clock and was oblivious to the world after that.

Sunday, 8th October

Joyce kept Sandy in the morning, as he was still fairly miserable. Ian, Lesley, Robin and Jeremy all sat in the front row. Alex Hardie was speaking as the Pastor was away for the week-end. It was again a warm and humid day. We collected Mrs. Pryde and Aunt Margaret from Bellevue, collected the ice-cream, cola and comics as usual on the way, and tried to get some rest before departing to pick up the Academy boys. As it happened, they had all gone off to the week-end course in Perthshire, so we would have had an enormous tea were it not for the fact that Aunt Libby, the Greenwoods and Pamela all called together with Ann Hinge and her two youngsters, Daniel and Alexander. We also had Frances Bennett for lunch and tea. Ian showed Ann and the children round the house, then departed hastily at 5.45 to take the Evening Service at the Fishermans' Bethel in Port Seton. It was/

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00 a.m.

Introit
 The Word
 Hymn No. 65
 Prayer
 Scripture Reading
 Children's Address
 Children's Hymn No. 614
 Young children (2½-5 years) leave for
 Nursery Department, Top Hall.
 Intimations and Offertory
 Offertory Prayer
 Message from the Choir
 Prayer
 Hymn No. 103
MESSAGE: Rev. A. HARDIE, M.A.
Subject: I believe in God the Father
 Almighty.
 Hymn No. 391
 Benediction.

was again an encouraging meeting, and on the way back, Ian collected Mrs. Pryde from Bellevue. She kept the children, while Joyce and Ian went to the Mandersons' house, to plan a dental conference at the Gean House at Alloa in December. It turned out to be much discussion and having of refreshments without any real progress towards planning the conference, but neither of us was feeling at our best even yet.

Monday, 9th October

Ian fell into the familiar pattern of dropping Jeremy at 8.40 at the gates of Fettes, dropping Robin at the back door of the Academy at 8.45, then parking in the parking space which was now watched over by the new manager of the Bradford Permanent Building Society, who had taken over the building and policed the car park like a watchdog. It was again a busy day at the Office, still without any replacement for John Rodger. We had a full partners' lunch - three weeks running! But meantime Joyce was having her problems with Sandy who was neither ill enough to stay in bed nor well enough to go out. Again we had the familiar routine in the evening, with tea at 5.30, then the younger two being bathed and put to bed, homework with Robin, a check on Lesley's homework, and then we were too tired to do much else. However, Joyce went out to the Prayer Meeting, as this was the first of the Winter Visitation Mondays, while Ian kept the family.

Tuesday, 10th October

One of these days which we spent running round in circles. Ian and Mr. Clark went to the "Tor", the Old Peoples' Home,

after lunch, to have a talk with them about their legal obligations in the home, the charges, insurance of their property, and so forth. At 5 o'clock, Joyce took Robin to the dentist. At 7.30 we had the first of the Receptions at the Academy, to meet the Staff of the Preparatory Department, and to have a talk from Miss

Mrs. & Mrs.



THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

*The Headmaster, Masters and Mistresses
request the pleasure of your Company at
The Preparatory School, Arboretum Road
on Tuesday, 10th October, 1972
from 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.*

R. S. V. P.

TO THE HEADMASTER'S SECRETARY
BY *S. K. B. C.*

DRESS INFORMAL

Taylor on the progress on rebuilding the Denham Green School. It was intended to be just a brief chat with the teacher, and not a detailed analysis of anyone's progress. We spoke with Mrs. Murray, who was Jeremy's teacher, and also Miss Taylor and Mr. Britten. There was the usual coffee and cakes provided and a chance to chat with other parents until about 9.30.

Wednesday, 11th October/

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The second of the Bible Studies in the Davidson's Mains Parish Church, under the title "Dare to Think about The Bible". This time the subject was scandal, based on Matthew 5: 27-30. There was one less than a fortnight ago, but again it was a useful Meeting and Mr. Monihan himself was there, as indeed he was for the subsequent Meetings also.

Thursday, 12th October

Friday, 13th October

Lesley was at Guides, and Ian collected her at the end. Robin was too tired to go to Scouts. The I.V.F. Committee Meeting had been cancelled, as Mr. Patterson was away.

Saturday, 14th October

CAMPS REUNION 1972

on

SATURDAY: 14TH OCTOBER

Mr. Grant was up bright and early as usual. It was a lovely day. We went to shop in town in the morning. Lesley went to a Camp Reunion. Robin stayed in in the morning, then Joyce, Ian and the

youngsters went to Flotterston, to see a witness in the caravan site. We then had a walk up the road at Flotterston, and had afternoon tea in the Inn. Ian went to the Bain's, in Blackhall Villiage, who baby-sit. Joyce collected Lesley from the flat occupied by Frances Bennett in Lothian Road, where Lesley had gone after the Camp Reunion.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00 a.m.

Sunday, 15th October

All out in the morning, with Mrs. Pryde going on the bus, and Ian collecting her and Aunt Margaret at Bellevue afterwards. There was a bread strike, so as well as buying lemonade and ice-cream, as usual, we were able to get some rolls. We took half-a-dozen up to Moray Place, then went/

Introit

The Word

Hymn No. 21

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Genesis 39: 6b-20

Children's Address

Children's Hymn No. 506

Young children (2½-5 years) leave for Nursery Department, Top Hall.

Intimations and Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Message from the Choir

Prayer

Hymn No. 421

MESSAGE: The Pastor.

Subject: Joseph: Tested and Proved.

Psalm 119: 9-16

Benediction.

went back to the shop for more. There was only one Academy boy at the Crusader Class and for tea, which was just as well, in view of the bread situation. Lesley, Jeremy and Sandy went to Aunt Margaret for tea. Ian took the boys Crusader Class. At 6 o'clock he collected the younger two, while Lesley made her way to Charlotte Chapel for the Guest Service in the evening. Ian took Jeremy and Sandy to do some photocopying in the office, then we had a quiet evening.

Monday, 16th October

Another Partners' Lunch. Ian went to the first of the Winter series of Lectures, being given by James Torrence at New College at 2 o'clock. In fact, James had intended to start the previous Monday, so had to give a resume of the lecture delivered to half of his class the previous Monday. Jeremy had been invited to Lessels for the day. There was the usual running around on the Monday evening, with Lesley going to her music class, then the Missionary Prayer Meeting (slightly out of order because of the Church Anniversary) at which Angus Noble spoke very well. We invited ourselves to the Camerons for coffee afterwards, and, as usual, having got there, were there until midnight.

Tuesday, 17th October

Joyce went to Pam Manderson's for coffee.

Wednesday, 18th October

The Missionary Committee met in Charlotte Chapel in the evening.

Thursday, 19th October

Friday, 20th October

Saturday, 21st October

Sunday, 22nd October

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00 a.m.

Introit
The Word
Hymn No. 406
Prayer
Scripture Reading. Psalm 105: 1-24
Children's Address
Children's Hymn No. 250
Young children (2½-5 years) leave
for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message from the Choir
Prayer
Hymn No. 345
MESSAGE: The Pastor.
Subject: Joseph: Imprisoned yet trusted.
(Genesis 39: 21-23)
Hymn No. 441
Benediction.

Ian was asked at short notice to speak at the Evening Service at Longstone, as Mr. Hardie was at the Baptist Union Assembly at Ayr. Otherwise the day followed its normal pattern. We were all out in the morning, Ian was at the Crusader Class but was not speaking at it. Jeremy and Mrs. Pryde came with Ian to Longstone in the evening.

Monday, 23rd October

Another Partners' Lunch - a series of full meetings for a change. Ian left again at 1.45 to get up to New College for the second of the lectures. We were both out at the Prayer Meeting in the evening, but did not go anywhere for supper. The Camerons were going to Fiona Toop and there was nobody else who invited us or whom we wished to invite.

Tuesday, 24th October

Lesley went off for the day to sit her Pioneer Badge with the Guides. This was the last Badge that she needed to become a Queen's Guide. It was a cold and gusty day, but dry. Joyce dropped her at Caroline Terrace at 9.30 and she went off with a minibus, arriving back, apparently successfully, about 4.30.

Wednesday, 25th October

The third of the Bible Studies in the evening, this time on divorce. Joyce came for the first time.

Thursday, 26th October

Friday, 27th October

Saturday, 28th October

The half-term holiday week-end. We packed in the morning, while Mr. Grant gardened. Ian tidied up at the Office until 11, then left for Crieff Hydro, after coffee. We got there in time for lunch, only to be told there was such an "overlap", that they could not accommodate any incoming guests. Eventually, we managed to get lunch, by waiting at the diningroom for it. After lunch we unpacked, then walked up to the horses and booked Lesley in for a ride on Monday and Tuesday. Robin had discovered a home-from-home in the billiard room, and spent most of the day there. The other children swam between our tea-time at four o'clock and the tea in the Nursery at 5.30. We then had the job of getting them to bed, which was no small problem, and there was a tannoy for us to go to see them on one occasion during the evening. With the clock going back for the reintroduction of winter time, it was made even worse and it was midnight before they were all settled.

Sunday, 29th October

Joyce swam before breakfast. The extra hour meant that the children were up earlier than they would normally have been. We went to Stanley Heavener's Church, but he was away and Bill Shannon, of St. Ninian's, was speaking in his place. It was rather a damp day, but we played around the grounds, swam again between 5 and 5.30, then got the children down. The "Film -Airport" was to be shown at 9.o'clock. We got reasonable peace from the children during the Evening Service in Crieff Hydro, but they had gone to bed only on condition they were taken to see "Airport". Sandy soon fell asleep and had to be removed, then Jeremy fell asleep as well, but refused to be removed, so eventually Lesley was the only one of the family left.

Monday, 30th October

We all swam before breakfast again. Ian and Robin then went to golf at Muthill, which was a pleasant little nine hole course, and it was a gusty and windy day, but they had fourteen holes before lunch. In the meantime, Lesley had had a ride on a horse. While Ian and Robin were golfing, Joyce and the other three had gone shopping in the town, but it had proved rather cold. In the afternoon, Ian took the children to make a bonfire down at the river, where they cooked marshmallows. Lesley went to see the film - "Airport" - in the evening, while Joyce played cards with the McLauchlins and Ian kept an eye on the children to stop them running wild around the hotel.

Tuesday, 31st October

All but Joyce had a swim in the pool before breakfast. We then got packed up and went for the children to have a ride. All/

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All three children got a proper ride around the grounds, that is except for Robin, who was still playing billiards. It was a beautiful day. We left just before 1, as lunch was not included in the tariff. We went to the Criff Coffee Room, where we had a very nice lunch for a moderate price. Ian bought a sunset scene of Loch Tay for the Study, for £6.50, and also some honey. We drove on to Forfar, arriving about 3 o'clock, to look over the dog which was for sale at the school for training guide-dogs for the blind. We quite took to the dog, named by them "Dolly" so we decided to buy her for £16 and take her home. We stopped in Dundee, to equip ourselves ourselves for the dog, with leads, bones, dogfood, and all the rest of it, while those who wanted some afternoon tea, had it in a baker's shop in Dundee and then in the car as we drove along. We came over the Tay Bridge, then straight down to the Forth Bridge and home. Unpacking, and walking the dog occupied the rest of the evening.

Wednesday, 1st November

Robin dutifully took the dog out for a walk before breakfast. The children were back to school. Joyce had the Moray Place people for coffee in the morning. Ian went to the first of the post-graduate seminars at New College, which was rather a waste of time.

The McCaulay children came to play with our children in the afternoon. Lesley then went to the Red Cross and at 7 o'clock, Ian had the first of the new style of Elders' Courts, that is, the Elders Meeting alone for one long session.

Thursday, 2nd November

Friday, 3rd November

At 3 o'clock, Mrs. Pryde and Jeremy and Ian left for the B.M.M.F. Conference at Netherhall. They arrived about 5.30, got unpacked and met the others. Ian was to give the first of the Conference addresses in the evening. Meantime, the older two had been to Scouts/Guides and Eurwin Allen dropped in to see Joyce, and to tell her that she was going into hospital for an operation on/

Mrs. & Mrs.



THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY

*The Rector and Masters request the pleasure
of your Company at the Academy on Friday
3rd November 1972 at 7.20 for 7.30 p.m.*

P. J. V. P.

TO THE SCHOOL CLERK

BY

Nov. 1st

DRESS INFORMAL

on her disc, at the beginning of next week.

Note: Bible study will be led by Mr. Ian L.S. Balfour LLB BD,
a member of Scottish Council.

SCOTTISH

CONFERENCE.



Saturday, 4th November

A beautiful day at Largs. Ian had to speak at the Conference session at 10 o'clock. In the afternoon, Jeremy went with Aunt Maimie for a drive. There was a bonfire and firework party for the children as it got dark, then an evening of meetings. Meantime, at home, Joyce had kept the family running, with Robin having his rugby in the morning, Mr. Grant to do the garden, and then a peaceful afternoon and evening.

Sunday, 5th November/

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Ian gave the third and last of his talks at 10 o'clock. The rest of the day was devoted to meetings, while Ian took Jeremy on the ferry across to Cumbræ just before 12 noon, turning straight round and coming back again. It started off a beautiful day, and remained so until mid-afternoon. There were meetings after lunch, and then tea was at 5 o'clock at Netherhall. Just after six, we packed up and got away, and were home by 8. In the meantime, Joyce had been to Aunt Margaret's for lunch, and then had five or six Academy Boys for tea in the afternoon. After the travellers got back, we had a quiet evening in the house.

Monday, 6th November

Another full-turnout of six for the Partners' Lunch, then Ian went on to James Torrence's Lecture at New College. Ian is coming to regard Monday after as his "afternoon off", with two hours of lecture, a cup of tea, and some work in the library, then back to the Office just to sign the mail. In the evening it was the Missionary Prayer Meeting, which Ian was to chair and Joyce came as well. Charlotte Davies had been persuaded to speak, for the first time, of husband's work in Thailand, which she did very forcefully and well.

Tuesday, 7th November

Wednesday, 8th November

An uneventful day. In the evening we had the fourth of the Bible Studies in the Davidsons Mains Church, this time on "Common Grace". Joyce came along as well and we had the usual turn out, and a lively discussion.

Thursday, 9th November

Friday, 10th November

The Heralds were to come to us for the second of their Prayer Meetings in the evening. It was in fact a cold night, and only the two girls from the Y.W.C.A. Hostel, together with some of the Heralds themselves, turned up. Ian Leitch was in Carlisle, and Donald Cormack arrived back from Carlisle with a tape recording. All the Heralds were to leave the following day for the week-end in Carlisle. Nevertheless, it was a pleasant meeting. Robin and Lesley went to the Scouts and Guides respectively on the bus, both ways.

Very many thanks for your conference fees, partnership subscription for the year 1973 and gift to our general funds. I enclose official receipts.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the really interesting Bible studies which you led us in during the weekend. I am not, I assure you, just being polite when I say that we all received benefit from listening to your exposition. Several folks remarked to me that "he hit the nail on the head as far as I'm concerned, when he said " Others said "that was fabulous" or "gee that was tremendous" or "wow, I enjoyed that". Yet others expressed the same sentiment in words such as "very stimulating", "most interesting", "I did appreciate the Bible study". One friend, I shall refrain from mentioning names, asked me if I had booked you for next year!

I do trust that you derived some benefit from being with us. We really were sorry not to have your wife and the rest of the family. Which brings me to mention that we have been offered the last weekend in September 1973 at Netherhall. I wonder how Council will react to that.

BMMF

Yours sincerely,

SCOTTISH COUNCIL

Ty Rennie
Secretary to Council.

Saturday, 11th November

Mr. Grant was in the garden again by 9 o'clock, and after having worked for over a year in the house, still cannot recollect one Saturday when his work was rained off. Jeremy had a party with Christopher in 2 Wester Coates Avenue, so we put him in their, having located the house by large balloons floating about outside it. Sandy went out with Aunt Maimie, Robin departed as a reserve with the Academy Rugby Team to North Berwick, and Lesley with Alison Nichol went off to town to shop and then to the Nichol's for tea. Since Mrs. Barbour was to bring Robin back when the bus returned from North Berwick, we were completely free until collecting Jeremy after the party at 5.30. We therefore tried around the Morningside Area for a long dress for Joyce, in various shops, but without success. On the

way, we went to look for a swing for the children's Christmas. The first one that we looked at, in Corstorphine, seemed very suitable and we said that we would let them know. The second house that we called at, in Colinton, the swing had been sold already, and since these were the only two replies to our advertisement, we decided just to

take the Corstorphine one. We then went over to the Braid Hills, for a walk with the dog. It was a biting cold wind from the West, but we parked beside the golf course and had a brisk walk for about twenty minutes, with the wind behind us, then twenty minutes back to the car. After that we had tea at the "Quick and Twenty" at the West End, after having had to wait sometime to get served. We arrived back at Wester Coates Avenue to pick up Jeremy, accompanied by more balloons, and had the evening in. The only thing we had accomplished was the purchase of a long dress.

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Dear

Jeremy
We are having a Party on
Sat 11th Nov
at *3-5.30* o'clock and will be looking
out for you.

Do come!

Christopher

Sunday, 12th November

Remembrance Sunday - Ian took the two older children and Sandy into Church early, to get the older two on to parade with the Guides and Scouts. Joyce followed with Jeremy and eventually we met up in the Church. We had the usual number for lunch, then there were seven Academy boys waiting to come to Crusaders and to tea. After the Crusader class, which Ian waited to "understudy" Dr. Andrew Gyatt, he took the younger two children and Lesley to Aunt Margaret. Robin invited Jeremy Turner home for tea as well, so all the Academy boys had games around the house and in the garden. Ian collected the younger two from Aunt Margaret, took her to Bellevue and came home, while Mr. Turner, when he called for Jeremy, took all the Academy boys back to the boarding house. At 8.15, Ian was responsible for the Evening Prayers at the "Tor". The Charlotte Chapel young folk, under the leadership of Donald Cormack, ran most of the meeting after being introduced. Mirriam Murray sang, Donald led the singing, and Ian gave the Epilogue. It seemed to be very much appreciated.

Monday, 13th November

After a Partners' Lunch, Ian went to James Torrence's lecture. It was the Visitation Evening in Charlotte Chapel and since the teams were made up in advance, Ian was not required. Joyce and Ian therefore stayed in the Prayer Meeting, which was very cold in every sense of the word. Mr. Miller had been doing something to the floor in the Lower Hall, so the Prayer Meeting was in the Church itself, and this was not properly heated for a cold night. With all the folk with initiative being out visiting, it was also a chilly Prayer Meeting. Afterwards Ian went to the Office to tidy up. At 3.45, Joyce had taken Jeremy to the dentist.

Tuesday, 14th November

The dog, now variously called "Jolly", "Dolly" and a variety of other names to rhyme with it, made a mess in the morning-room where he slept. It may have been because it was a bitterly cold night. Joyce had a very organised day, running people around. The Coulston man called to mend the washing machine during lunch, which fascinated the younger two. Sandy and Jeremy went to a party at 82 Craigcrook Road, and Ian picked them up on the way out from the Office. Robin and a friend called as they often do on Tuesdays, to the Office, to get a lift home. Joyce went out and bought herself a dress, without looking for Ian's approval of it. She also telephoned to confirm that we would take the swing and would call for it on the following Saturday. In the evening Ian had the monthly Meeting of the House Committee at the "Tor", and then went on to the Camerons to see Isobel Wood's slides and to have supper there.

Wednesday, 15th November

Thursday, 16th November

Robin was meant to be at the dentist at 5 o'clock, but we seem to/

to miss as many dental appointments as we keep these days. We had the Camerons and the Laurences for a formal dinner at 8, all in long dresses and soforth. It was the second time we had used the dining-room proper and they stayed until about 11.30.

Friday, 17th November



Saturday, 18th November

With Mr. Grant's help we collected the swing from the house in Corstorphine, then took it to the "Tor" where Mr. Grant was going to paint it and keep it until Christmas. We also went to Dobbies at the Maybury Roundabout to buy raspberry canes. It was a sharp and severe frost, and the ground under the south wall of the garden was so cold that we could not break it to get the raspberry canes in. However, Mr. Grant was able to work around the rest of the garden, where the sun had thawed out the earth slightly. Robin's rugby was cancelled because of the known frost.

Sunday, 19th
November

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00 a.m.

Ian was to take both the services at the Gorgie Baptist Church, where there was a very large number in the morning, swelled by the young people from Wester Hailes. In the evening, the congregation was fairly thin. Mrs. Pryde and Jeremy came in the evening. At Charlotte Chapel, where Joyce and the others were, Mr. Prime broke

Introit
The Word
Hymn No. 55
Prayer
Scripture Reading: Joshua 2: 1-15
Children's Address
Children's Hymn No. 34
(Young children leave for Nursery Department, Top Hall)
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message from the Choir
Prayer
Hymn No. 554
MESSAGE: The Pastor.
Subject: A Missionary Prayer (Psalm 67)
Psalm 67 (i)
Benediction.

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his series on Joseph to give a preparatory address for the Missionary Conference, which was on the following weekend. We had no Academy boys, because the following day, Monday, was to be a school holiday for the Queen's Silver Wedding Anniversary. In consequence, the Academy Boarding House boys had been allowed to go away for the Sunday and Monday, but we still called to collect Dorothy Fraser. Ian sat through the Crusaders again, as it was still not clear when Andrew Gyatt was going to leave.

Monday, 20th November/

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It was very inconsiderate of the Queen to have a school holiday on a poor November day, because it meant that Joyce had all four children to look after. Ian was in for lunch, then on to the Oliver Director's Board Meeting at Newmarket. Robin found friends to play with in the park in the morning, and although the pools, ski slope and Meadowbank were officially free to all school children, the pressure on them was so immense that it was quite pointless to try to go.

Tuesday, 21st November

Ian had two cases in the Court of Session, so was not in for lunch. Otherwise we had a quiet and straightforward day.

Wednesday, 22nd November

Dear Mr and Mrs. Balfour,

You are invited to come to the above address on 22nd November at 3.15 p.m. to discuss your son's progress. Approximately ten minutes is allowed for each interview.

Joyce and Ian called at 3.15 to see Mrs. Murray, Jeremy's teacher, at the Preparatory School. She seemed pleased with Jeremy's progress over recent weeks, showed us his writing book, and generally gave the impression that he was fitting in quite well. In the evening we had the fifth of the six Bible Studies which was displaced from its usual room because of a Welcome Meeting to new members in the Large Hall. The subject was "swearing" and Isobel Duncan had two girls with her. Mr. Hayho and the Minister were not there, because of the Reception. Although it looked like being one of the more difficult subjects, in fact, it promoted one of the liveliest discussions we had had.

Thursday, 23rd November

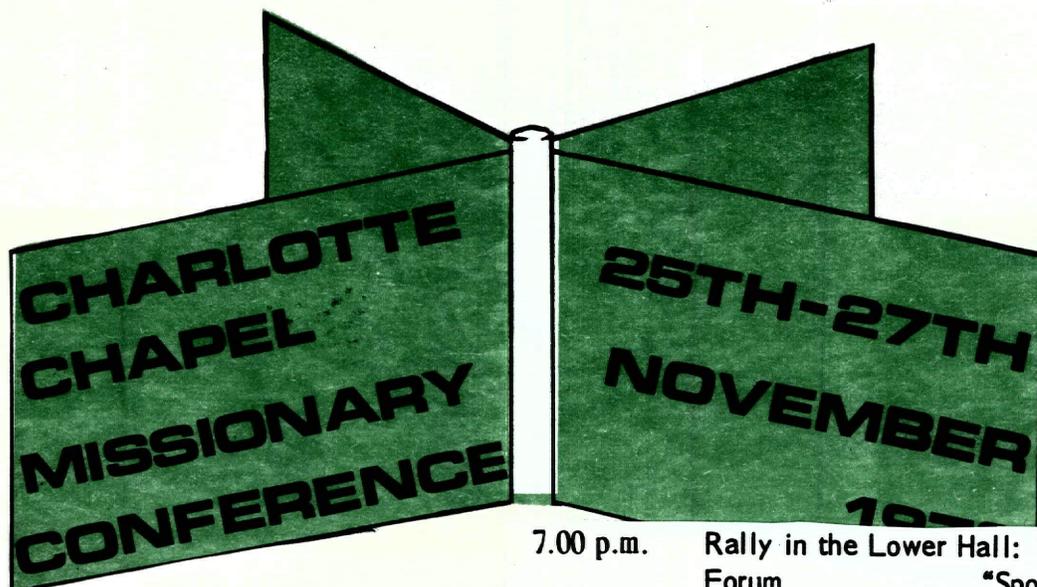
Ian called to see Miss Thow, at 3.30, to discuss whether Lesley should go to Cheltenham Ladies' College after her "O" Levels. Miss Thow was very pleasant and quite encouraging, indeed (despite her known dislike of parents in general) seemed prepared to talk forever on the subject. In the evening we had Neil and Elspeth MacTaggart for dinner, again in the diningroom, and invited Isobel Duncan and Pat Shaunessay with them. It was a very profitable evening.

Friday, 24th November

Ian had another baby-sitting session, this time at the Fraser's from 8 p.m. until midnight, while they were at a function in the "Beehive". I omitted to mention that on the previous Saturday, 18th November, Ian had the longest baby-sitting session yet, from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m., at the Bain's flat in Blackhall Village. These were the first two baby-sitting episodes under the revised scheme, under which one person is responsible for arranging baby-sitters for the month. The other alteration was that tickets no longer passed physically, but that the organising person for the month gave an appropriate number of ticks for the hours recorded. For Saturday, the 18th, we notched nine tickets, being six hours at ordinary time, and three hours at the "overtime" rate.

Saturday, 25th November

A much pleasanter morning, which enabled Mr. Grant to get the raspberry canes in, and generally to tidy round the garden. He made a start on planting out the wallflower. We potted around for most of the day, then all except the younger two turned out for the Opening of the Missionary Conference in the Lower Hall in Charlotte Chapel in the evening. It was a crowded meeting, with Professor Hunt and Rodger Whales using an epidiescope to illustrate the whereabouts of the Missionaries. Robin did not seem wildly enthusiastic and indeed the first half of the meeting did drag somewhat, but the second part was livelier when the Hawes' spoke - see the programme.



7.00 p.m.

Rally in the Lower Hall:

Forum

"Spot on Literature"

Missionary Dilemmas

Choir

Refreshments

Bookstall

Sunday, 26th November

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00 a.m.

Introit
The Word
Hymn No. 2
Prayer
Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12 - 2:7
Children's Address
Children's Hymn No. 649
Young children (2½-5 years) leave
for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message from the Choir
Prayer
Hymn No. 215
MESSAGE: DR. BILL HAWES
SUBJECT: WORLD MISSION (1 Timothy 2)
Hymn No. 115
Benediction.

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The Missionary Conference occupied the morning and all the evening, with an after-Church Rally at which quite a profitable dialogue was started between the two doctors Hawes, under the Chairmanship of Norman Hunt. They rather dove-tailed the subject they had been given which was "How to become a Missionary" but spoke on the problems facing young Missionaries. There was again quite a good turn out in the Lower Hall.

Monday, 27th November/

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This followed the pattern of most Mondays now, that is, Partners' Lunch and New College for Ian, with Mrs. Purdie being collected by Joyce when she puts Sandy into school, then taking her back after lunch, and Sandy being at home for the afternoon with Jeremy. In the evening there was the Missionary Fellowship Meeting, when Ian introduced "Getting to Know You" and "Footing the Bill", with information, discussion and prayer, then the two Drs. Hawes brought the Conference to a close.

Tuesday, 28th November

We invited the two Drs. Hawes, that is Bill and Valerie, for lunch and they turned up promptly at 1. Ian was to take Jeremy to see Dr. Simpson at 3.15. He had been the previous Tuesday, but in the course of the previous evening had fallen and strained his neck, so that he would not look up. Since Dr. Simpson (now promoted to Professor) wished to have a full discussion and to look at Jeremy closely, the appointment was postponed until today. Ian and Jeremy were there until nearly five o'clock, seeing a film of what Dr. Simpson's artificial arms could do, and discussing how best to find points for the working of Jeremy's artificial arm. Ian had to go back to the Office at night to tidy up as he had been out most of the day.

Wednesday, 29th November

Ian had the dentist at 11.45, and in fact, the dentist was an hour behind schedule through some earlier emergency and Ian did not get away until one. In the evening, Ian was speaking at the Charlotte Chapel Young Peoples' Meeting on "Stewardship" and spent the greater part of the afternoon preparing for this, and running off a duplicated sheet to hand out at the Meeting.

Thursday, 30th November

Martin Higgenbottom arrived at the back of 3, to speak at the Meeting in our house in the evening, on "Spree". We had sent out about forty invitations, and had no idea would come, so we borrowed an urn from Lorna Hunt. In fact, just on twenty came, which was a manageable size and Martin showed a slide/soundtrack of the American version, then we had tea and he gave details of the British project. Morris Gun-Russell was particularly interested and stayed until the back of 11 to discuss it. Martin Higgenbottom stayed overnight and went off first thing the next morning to Carlisle.

Friday, 1st December

A Special Meeting of the Elders' Court at 7.30, to complete the business which was not finished on the first of November. Bronwen Allen came to stay for the weekend, as Mother was still in hospital. The result was that we had children around the house until all hours of the night, under the promise of a long lie the following morning.

Saturday, 2nd December/

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Ian got up to take the dog out, since Robin was supposed to be resting after his late night. Lesley and Bronwen eventually appeared, then Ian went shopping, then took Mr. Grant down to the "Tor" to collect the window-box which he had made for the porch over Jeremy's bedroom. We also brought up various of his bulbs which he had been forcing on, and admired the central heating which had been installed that week in the greenhouse at the "Tor". Ian then set off with Sandy and Jeremy to see how Mr. Balfour was at Moray Place. Ian had been looking in each morning during the week, on his way to the Office, to help heave Mr. Balfour into an upright position, but this morning he was already sitting up in an armchair and in fact, spent the whole day in the chair. We had lunch early, at 12.30, since Robin was playing rugby against Cliftonhall and the bus left Newfield at 1.30. Ian ran him down then took Sandy, who was the only one who wanted to go for a run on the train, with the dog, up to the Waverley Station. Jeremy had decided he would rather go to visit Aunt Joanna in the Astley Ainslie Hospital, Lesley went shopping with Bronwen and Joyce decided to have a quiet afternoon at home. Ian took Sandy on the train to Dalmenny, then for a walk and back again in time to go to Moray Place. Lesley and Bronwen had made their way there, and we had a cup of tea and then came out. Robert and Norma Riddell had arrived in the course of the afternoon, with their baby, to speak at a Meeting that night, then Norma was to speak at Bellevue on Monday, and they were to stay until Tuesday. Ian collected Robin and a friend from Kinnear Road, where they had lost to Cliftonhall by scores which were estimated at between 50 and 70 to 3. Robin had kicked the 3, a penalty goal from about 40 yards out, so was slightly pleased with himself for that. The guests for the showing of Kathleen Veitch's film of the Riddell wedding began to arrive at about 8, and we had about 25 in all. John Veitch showed the film, partly the Wedding and partly of wild-life in Tanzania, then we had supper and folk were in no hurry to go. Ian ended up walking the dog again - so much for the family pet that they were all going to look after.

Sunday, 3rd December

Ian was feeling tired so since Joyce was feeling particularly well organised, she suggested he had the morning in bed. She walked the dog, got the younger two up, sent Bronwen and Lesley on the bus, then Robert Riddell took Mrs. Pryde to Bellevue. The Riddell's had lunch with Mrs. Pryde, so we had only Bronwen. Last Sunday, by the way, we had Aunt Joanna on a day-release from the Hospital, and she stayed for the afternoon. There were three Academy boys who came to Crusaders and on to tea. After Crusaders, Ian took Bronwen and Lesley, together with Jeremy and Sandy to Aunt Margaret, Bronwen having been to the Charlotte Chapel Sunday school. The boys all watched television as it was a cold and rather dark evening, then Ian took them back, picking up Aunt Margaret on the way to Bellevue and bringing home the younger two children on the way. Since Ian was on duty for communion at the Evening Service at Charlotte Chapel, he just dropped off the younger two and went in for the Evening Service, which was being taken by the young people. There was a large Communion Service, then we collected Bronwen's belongings and ran her home. The family were absorbed in a television film about a jury in a murder trial which started off at 11-1 for guilty and ended up with acquittal.

Monday, 4th December/



Dear Ian,

A million thanks for all you did for my meetings and please thank Mrs. Balfour for all her kindness. It was really lovely to renew fellowship with you.

I have written to Maurice and Helen Gun-Russell and I am sure that any help you can give them would certainly be appreciated by them and most certainly by myself. Anything I can do to help, please just sing out.

I am hoping the brochure will be ready next week and will see that a quantity is sent to Maurice, and I have despatched to him the record cards today.

Billy was in London on Thursday and it is all systems "go". I am sure we are in for a great time of blessing.

Yours sincerely,

Monday, 4th December

One of these days which never seemed to stop. There was a Partners' Lunch at the Office, then Ian was at James Torrance's Lecture, had a special Meeting of the Elders' Court at 7 o'clock (to discuss the Constitution for the Hailes/Longstone Church), then the Missionary Prayer Meeting at 8 o'clock. There was no Speaker scheduled, but a Jean Campbell, who had associated with the Y.P.M. when she was in Edinburgh, turned up with her fiance and gave a brief word. It was, however, quite a good spirited Meeting. We had coffee with Alex Cameron in MacVitties afterwards, then came home to find all the family running around the house.

Tuesday, 5th December

Robin had the day in bed as he had a touch of 'flu. Ian called to see David Wright at New College to discuss the first of his essays and to be commissioned for the second. In the evening we were at Norman and Lorna Hunt's for supper, with the Camerons. We were introduced to the fondu, then after some general conversation saw Norman's slides of his visit to Malaya, leaving only when we took the hint about the heating going off at the back of eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, 6th December

David Alexander's funeral was at 1.30 at the Church on Mayfield Road. Ian had a taxation of an account all morning, and so when Joyce 'phoned to say that the Cordiners from Aberdeen were not in fact taking us out for lunch, we had a quick snack at the Drumsheugh, with Mr. McGregor and Hope McLean. We then drove to the Service, which was packed to the doors, but did not go on to the interment in Oxton. Joyce had Jeremy at the dentist at 3.30/

3.30 and the day was further complicated because Mr. Fenton arrived home with Robin, just after school started, to say that Robin had been ill and wanted to come home. He did, however, seem to be genuinely ill and was not up again ten minutes later. Mrs. Pudie kept Sandy while we were at the funeral. Ian had the round of collecting the boys from Rugby, even although Robin was not there. At 8 o'clock we had the last in the present series of Bible Studies in Davidson's Mains Church, when Ian gave the last of the six series on Matthew, Chap.5. The first snow of the winter was falling, but we managed a decent walk with the dog (who had disgraced himself by making a mess in the morning-room this morning) around the district.

Thursday, 7th December

Sandy had no school as their Christmas Party was in the afternoon at Davidson's Mains Playgroup. Joyce therefore had him at her book-stall at Charlotte Chapel in the morning, then Ian took Sandy to his party and went on to the Office. In the evening there was a special meeting of the "Tor" Committee to discuss an extension to the building, which proved to be a marathon from 7.30 until about 11 o'clock.

Friday, 8th December

Ian spoke at the Watsons Boys' School Scripture Union, at the invitation of Ian Gordon, from 3.30 until 4.30. We had been invited to a party given by Alex Quinn, and swithered about going, but decided that we were all too tired so we had a quiet evening in the house, with Robin and Lesley going to and from Guides and Scouts on the bus. This was to have been the weekend for the Houseparty at Gean House at Alloa for the dental students, but fortunately, it had been postponed as we seem to be building up to a non-stop run to Christmas. Looking at the diary, there is scarcely a free night left for the whole of this year.

Saturday, 9th December

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Another pleasant morning, continuing the remarkable run which Mr. Grant has had in the garden on Saturdays. He has not had to call off work through rain for a single Saturday this year. It looked threatening at one stage

in the morning, but cleared away. Robin was not well, still suffering from the nervous and general sickness which had brought him home from school on Wednesday, so he had the day in. After lunch, Ian took Sandy and Robin to look at the Castle, which we explored until it was dark, and had tea in the tea-room for the first time. Since it was dark at about 4 o'clock and they were not anxious to go home yet, we took the train from Waverley to Haymarket, watched the trains there for a bit, then came back in again and home for tea.

Sunday, 10th December/

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We were all out in the morning, with both cars, Ian going for Mrs. Pryde and Aunt Margaret to Bellevue, as usual. There were two boys for tea from the Academy. Ian took the Crusader Class, both the Introductory part and also the Senior section. In the evening, Lesley was being Baptised at Charlotte Chapel, so we had Francis Bennett, who was to act as her sponsor, for lunch, and again for tea. After the Service, which went off very smoothly,

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00 a.m.

Introit
The Word: 1 Corinthians 15:51ff
Hymn No. 193
Prayer
Scripture Reading: Genesis 46:28 - 47:12
Children's Address: First Questions about God and Ourselves. Question Two: What does the Bible teach that God is?
Answer: An eternal, infinite, and holy Spirit.
Hymn No. 15
Young children (2½-5 years) leave for Nursery Department, Top Hall.
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message from the Choir
Prayer
Hymn No. 462
MESSAGE: The Pastor.
Subject: Joseph: Supporter of his father. (Genesis 47:12)
Hymn No. 475
Benediction.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE at 6.30 p.m.

6.15 p.m. Community Hymn-singing.

The Word
Prayer
Hymn No. 354
Scripture Reading: Philemon 1 - 25
Hymn No. 358
Intimations and Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Message from the Choir
Prayer
Hymn No. 349
MESSAGE: The Pastor.
Subject: A 'write-off' turned into an asset. (Philemon 11)
Hymn No. 474
Baptisms
Hymn No. 287
Benediction.

we invited various folk in for supper, among them Miss Pringle, Graham and Margo Ross together with their children, and Ian Rosses children, and various others. We thought of asking Mr. Balfour, for the service, but he had not been at all well, and he felt that the sitting would have been too long for him.

Monday, 11th December

The last of the Partners' Lunches for the year, and the last one in the meantime, to be held in the Albyn

Rooms. We have been increasingly dissatisfied with the time taken for the service, and since the price has also been rising, we have decided to experiment elsewhere in the New Year. It was a wild and blustery day, and got worse as the night went on. We were both at the Prayer Meeting, which was the Visitation Prayer Meeting, and those who went out got a pretty rough time from the weather.

Tuesday, 12th December

We had what we called the "Spree" Committee at the house at 8 o'clock, which in fact consisted of Helen and Maurice Gunn-Russell, and their friend Geoff. They were prepared to take up the local secretarial work for the Conference in London, so we discussed various plans for interesting local people and had coffee with them.

Wednesday, 13th December/

Dear Friend,

November, 1972.

Have you heard about SPRE-E '73 (SPiritual RE-Emphasis)? It certainly is something which inspired and challenged me to such an extent that, when approached to become Regional Director, I accepted the appointment immediately. (I am on loan from Outreach to Industry for roughly the next 12 months).

1. Arrange for me to meet with ministers, youth leaders, evangelistic committees, etc.
2. Plan for me to address youth groups and fellowships.
3. Plan a youth rally in some central location.
4. Arrange opportunities for church youth services for either morning or evening worship.
5. Plan a central afternoon or evening after-church rally.
6. Act as liaison secretary for me in your area.
7. Pass on this letter to God's key people in your area and urge them to help.



Wednesday, 13th December

Another of these days when there did not seem to be sufficient time to cram in all there was to be done. Ian was at the dentist at 11.45, and while this did not mean in effect 12.30, as on the last occasion, it was still enough to fill in the morning until lunch time. Ian then had a consultation at Kemp Davidson's Chambers, at 5.30, which lasted until he ran Roy Manson and others to the train at 7 o'clock. At 8 o'clock there was the Annual Carol Service in the Y.W.C.A. Hostel, which Ian was to chair. It was one of the best laid on programmes they have had, with participation from the Hostel girls in a Choir and Readings, together with Alex Hardy's sister-in-law, Polly, giving two solos, and then John Moore to give an Epilogue. There was a supper at the end which was, unlike the programme, not as good as usual. However, normally feel that Christmas is coming when we have had this Annual Carol Service.

Tuesday, 14th December

It was Joyce's turn to run around in circles today. It was the Hyacinth Morning at the Women's Meeting in Charlotte Chapel, with John Moore as the Speaker. She then rushed off to Jeremy's School Concert, but was refused admission because she had Sandy with her and Miss Taylor felt that any young children would distract the boys taking part in the concert. Lesley was presented with her Queen's Guide Badge in the evening - see letter and photograph from the News.

Friday, 15th December/

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30th November, 1972.

The Hostel Committee and members
of the Staff request the pleasure of
Mr. & Mrs. Ian Balfour's company at their
Carol Service which will be held in the
above hostel on Wednesday, 13th December,
1972, at 8 p.m.

I have been asked by Mrs. Copeland,
the Warden, to write and thank you for
chairing the Carol Service on Wednesday,
13th December.

It does help to make things go
well when one has a good chairman, and we
are very grateful to you for sparing the
time to come along that evening. It was
a very happy occasion and everyone present
seemed to enjoy the singing and message.

Yours sincerely,

Mamie



Dear *Lesley*,

Lady Primrose has kindly agreed to present Queen's Guide and Duke of Edinburgh Award Certificates on Thursday, 14th December at 7.30 p.m. in Guide Headquarters, 33 Melville Street. We do hope that you will be able to come, and that you will bring along your parents and Guiders with you.

It would be helpful if you could let me know by 11th December if you can come, and for catering purposes how many parents and Guiders will be with you.

Please come yourself to Headquarters at 7 p.m. sharp, so that photographs may be taken before the presentation.

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET TURNBULL,
County Secretary.



A PROUD NIGHT FOR THE GUIDES

Certificates for 58 Queen's Guides were presented at this ceremony at Edinburgh Girl Guides' HQ in Melville Street. As well as the Queen's Guides, two girls received Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award certificates from Lady Primrose, the county president, and Lady Ford, the Scottish chief commissioner (right, centre), also presented a cup won in a national competition by handicapped guides from Westerlea. The girls won the trophy for their portable exhibition illustrating the Guide Promise and Law. County commissioner Mrs Katherine Wilkie is also seen with the girls.

Jeremy
Sandy

December 17th is the last Sunday of term and we will be pleased to accept a gift of tinned food for distribution to needy old ladies.

Next term begins on January 14th.

Friday, 15th December

Joyce got to Jeremy's concert at the second attempt. Lesley went off with her friends to the Gillespie School Concert in the evening. Ian went into town at 9.30, to pick up Robin from the Scouts, but he was in MacVitties and Ian could not find him. Lesley had said she might be at the West End at 9.30, but in fact was not, so she phoned much later and Ian went to collect her there.

Saturday, 16th December

Mr. Grant came and made a start on tidying up the leaves, which were now finally off the trees, and which occupied most of the corners of the garden. When piled up they made an enormous bonfire. We did some shopping in the morning, and in the afternoon, Ian went to buy a Christmas Tree at Easter Road, where Hazel Cuthbertson (Purdie) had found some cheap trees. In Stockbridge, they were 15 pence per foot up to five feet, and then the six foot trees were £1.50 or £2. In Easter Road the six foot trees were 60 pence! Ian selected one from the basement of the fruiterers shop and brought it home in the car. Meantime, Joyce was watching the All Blacks playing Scotland at Murrayfield, that is, watching on television. Robin was at the match with his friends. Lesley, Sandy and Jeremy had a Crusader Party in Bristo, Ian had dropped them in on the way to buy the Christmas Tree, and went back for them at 5.30. Immediately the Rugby Match ended, we walked the dog up onto the Murrayfield Golf Course and then fought our way back down Murrayfield Road in the face of the very large crowd which was pouring up the road. For once we had a quiet evening in the house.

Sunday, 17th December

Joyce had the morning in bad. The rest of the family "celebrated" by sitting in the gallery for the morning service. There were no Academy boys, but there was a Crusader Class. The boys class took the form of a special Christmas Service. Jeremy was dressed up as an Inn-keeper for a playlet being put on in the Junior Crusader Class. Ian took the evening service at the Longstone Church, as Alex Hardy was still indisposed with 'flu.

Monday, 18th December

Jeremy's last day at school, although Robin had one more day to go. Ian was in for lunch. In the evening we were at the Prayer Meeting, which was again very small in number, but none the worse for being compact. We had coffee with the Camerons afterwards in MacVitties, where they expounded their plans for looking after Alan Redpath and his various followers over the New Year week-end.

Tuesday, 19th December

Jeremy and Sandy were at Julie's party from 3 to 5, and in the evening we had invited Beatrice and Iain Clayre, together with Roger and Lynn Wales for supper. In accepting, Beatrice said that they would not have another opportunity of seeing their friends, the Griffiths, and could the Griffiths come as well. Since this created too many for our diningroom table, we had a meal in the lounge, and then said farewell to the Clayers who were setting off for their new home/

home near Winchester.

Wednesday, 20th December

Robin was on holiday for the first time, so went shopping with Aunt Margaret and had lunch in town with her. Ian devoted the evening to the first installment of visiting the "Pastoral Group" with communion cards and envelopes for next year. Owing partly to the hospitality of those who he did visit and a high number who were out, he managed to cover only Mr. and Mrs. Drever, the Fishers, the Oliphants, and (interminably) the Roses. He learned from experience to call there last, knowing it would be the final call of the evening, and disentangled himself with some difficulty about quarter past ten.

Thursday, 21st December

Robin was on the second day of his holidays, and he was not quite sure what to do with himself. Mr. Grant called up with some flowers for Christmas, which he had grown in the "Tor". Ian went to "Aunt Nellie" in 1 Annandale Street, to deliver the correct plant, having taken the wrong one to her the night before! Since all the children had gone to the Senior Club Party in the Kinnaird Club, and were likely to be occupied there until 9 o'clock, Joyce and Ian booked at the Cramond Hotel for an evening meal. They need not have bothered, as there was only one other couple dining. However, it was very pleasant, neither rushed nor too slow and very reasonably priced.

Friday, 22nd December

Jeremy had a visit to Mr. Lamb at the Princess Margaret Rose Hospital, so after Ian had distributed Christmas presents to the various folk in the Coffee Group and the Typing Staff (no less than twelve presents in all), he collected Joyce and we went to the Princess Margaret Rose Hospital. The appointment system was as chaotic as ever, and when eventually we did see Mr. Lamb, he wanted an X-ray taken of Jeremy's spine, and then, when that was developed, two further X-rays, so we were there until after 1 o'clock. We dashed home, Ian had a quick cup of soup, and then got back in to tidy up the office before it closed down for the long Christmas Holiday week-end. As if that were not bad enough, Joyce's car had again refused to start, when she had gone to collect Mrs. Purdie at 9.15. Ian therefore had to come out from the Office with a spanner, to start Joyce's car, and this cut into the little time that was available to arrange the Office work before leaving for the Hospital. Ian therefore suggested that Joyce went straight to the garage and had a new starter put in, as we have had three or four occasions of it jamming recently, usually at the most inconvenient times and places. There were no Scouts or Guides, so that the family was in for the evening, but not very inclined to go to bed early.

Saturday, 23rd December

Mr. Grant completed the clearing up of the leaves, then dug over the beds at the foot of the garden. Ian and the children completed their Christmas shopping and went into town to get some books for Joyce to read over the week-end. In the afternoon, it was a windy and overcast day, so Jeremy and Sandy opted for one of their favourite outings, that is to make a bonfire on the beach at Seafield, with the driftwood and cook marshmallows in it. Unfortunately, we miscalculated that the tide was going out, but in fact it was coming in, so, having built the bonfire near the edge of the water, it was soon being/

being engulfed by the waves. This was easily cured by building a barrier of stones round about, but in the building, the water got into the children's wellington boots and soon they were rather cold. We therefore came home to hot baths at the back of four o'clock, and a quiet evening. Joyce and Ian went to Fay Binnie's to play bridge with Alastair Durie and were there until nearly midnight. In the meantime, George arrived home from Luxemburg for a week's Christmas holiday. The bridge session followed its normal pattern, with the talented players doing everything except winning. Again Ian found himself on the winning side on each occasion, due chiefly to ignorance and the frustration of his partners.

Sunday, 24th December

Christmas Sunday.
We were all out in the morning, but George went for Mrs. Pryde and Aunt Margaret so we managed in one car. We all went to Moray Place at 3.30, to play with the train on the floor and for tea. Joyce went with Lesley to the Choirs' Christmas Cantata in the Chapel, and, when they came in, we hung up our stockings. Sandy appeared about 11 o'clock, to enquire whether Santa Claus had been, and, on being told that he had not, asked what the various parcels in the lounge were for. Ian went to collect the swing at the "Tor", where Mr. Grant had been painting it and renovating it. We brought it up in the back of the car and erected it beside the back-door, without waking any of the children. Sandy was slightly mystified by Santa Claus, because he knew that the swing was at the "Tor", and that there were various parcels on top of the linen cupboard, so he wondered just what Santa Claus had to do with it!

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Saturday 23rd Dec

11-30

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00 a.m.

Introit

The Word

Psalm 96: 1-6 'O sing a new song to the Lord.'

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 1-20

Children's Address: First Questions about God and Ourselves. Question Four: What else does the Bible tell us about God that we ought to know?

Answer: His character, His will and His works.

Hymn No. 156 'Once, in royal David's city'

Young children (2½-5 years) leave for Nursery Department, Top Hall.

Intimations and Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Message from the Choir

Prayer

Hymn No. 140 'Angels, from the realms of glory'

MESSAGE: The Pastor

Subject: The Uniqueness of Christ.

(Luke 1:35)

Hymn No. 164 'Let earth and heaven combine'
Benediction.

Monday, 25th December

The family all slept until about 8, then we got up and had a quick breakfast and began to open the parcels in the lounge. George had brought the most magnificent electrical goods from Germany, an electric carving knife for the meat, a bread and meat slicer, and two remotely-controlled toys for the younger two. Later in the morning, George took the children to Aunt Margaret's, then brought her back for lunch. Ian went for Aunt Vera. We also had Faye and her two children, and the Harknesses, that making sixteen in all for lunch. Then/

GUEST AND CAROL SERVICE at 6.30 p.m.

Intimations
Hymn No. 152 'O little town of Bethlehem'
Prayer
Christmas Cantata - THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS
Part 1

MESSAGE: The Pastor.

Subject: Visited!

(Luke 1: 73, 79)

Hymn No. 155 'Hark! the herald angels sing'
Christmas Cantata - THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS
Part 2

Hymn No. 141 'Thou didst leave Thy throne'
and Offering
Benediction.

then the Duries arrived for tea, together with Mr. and Mrs. Balfour, making about twenty-four. The picture went on our television, so we set up the small monochrome set and watched television quietly in the evening.

Tuesday, 26th December

Although the diary says that this is a United Kingdom holiday "except Scotland", it seemed to be generally observed as a holiday, except for some of the shops. Ian took Joyce's book into town to change it at the library in Douglas and Foulis, but, apart from a few shops open for sales, there was not much else open. In the afternoon, Joyce and Ian took Sandy and the dog up Corstorphine Hill, round by the back of the Zoo, and home over the Golf Course. In the evening, there was a party at the "Tor", given by the Management Committee for the residents. The chief item came from the Granton Choir, who not only sang, but provided various entertainment, then there was tea. The younger two children had had a sleep in the afternoon, in anticipation, and stayed awake until we came home about ten.

Wednesday, 27th December

Back to normal. Mrs. Purdie was back, and Ian was back to the Office. Joyce came into town and we looked for suits in the sale at Aitken & Niven, without success. In the evening, we had the Gillies from next door, together with Mr. and Mrs. Harkness and George.

Thursday, 28th December

Ian had visits to the police at 11.30 and at 2.30, as Alastair Doorwood who has taken over the road traffic work, had double appointments for these times. Joyce had the children at the dentist in the morning, and after that, picked up Ian and we went to Patrick Thomsons to look for suits. We tried various places, but eventually found a counter with reasonable sale goods, off the peg, and bought two new suits, although this took us until well after 1 o'clock. In the evening we were all at the Pantomime, as the Greenwoods had 'flu and were not able to use their tickets. It was extremely well produced, one of the best we had seen, and again the children lasted remarkably well until 10 o'clock at night. Ian then put the car into the garage for servicing, and George came over in his Citroen to run Ian back.

Friday, 29th December

Since the car was being serviced all day, Ian took the bus into the Office in the morning, and out for lunch. Mr. McLennan had arranged a "gathering" in the Office, timed for 3 o'clock, with Juices and shortbread and chocolates served in his room. The time this/

name *Masters. Balfour.*

appointments have been arranged for:

day	time	
<i>Thursday 28th</i>	<i>11.00</i>	a.m./p.m.
<i>December,</i>		a.m./p.m.
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Macleans toothpaste
-for whiter teeth



Cinderella Pantomime

CAST: In order of appearance

CINDERELLA	HELEN McARTHUR
BUTTONS (the Baron's servant)	JIMMY LOGAN
BARON HARDUP	GRAHAM SQUIRE
THE BARONESS (his wife)	KALMAN GLASS
SOPHIE	RUSSELL HUNTER
NATALIE	BILL SIMPSON
PRINCE CHARMING	JOYCE BLAIR
DANDINI (his Adjutant)	HILARY PATERSON
THE FAIRY GODMOTHER	*CLARE RICHARDS
ROVER, BUTTONS'S DOG	NIKKI HEARD
VILLAGERS, COURTIERS, FAIRIES AND ANIMALS	

TOMMY ANDERSON
ERIC LINDSAY
RAMSEY SYME

SUE BARLOW
LINDA COCKS
CARYL GRIFFITH
BEVERLY HEWIT
PAMELA HUTTON
PAULINE LEWIS

Singers

LYNNE BLY
DONNA MANN
ELEANOR PURDIE

Dancers

PENNY PARKS
DEBORAH SMITH
ALEXANDRA SPYRA
DOROTHY STEWART
BRIDGET WARREN
VICTORIA WYNN

* JAN WILSON from Jan. 15 until Jan. 27



this terminated with a speech about 4 o'clock, everyone was ready to go home, so the Office virtually closed itself for the day. Joyce called at the back of five for Ian, and we went round by the garage and got the Cortina out after its service, and had the evening at home.

Saturday, 30th December

Mr. Grant continued his digging in the back garden, and is now methodically working round the digging of the beds for the winter. The children were playing happily around the garden so Ian went on his own to Moray Place to say hello to the folks there. After lunch, Sandy and Jeremy decided that they would each like to go to the Childrens' Museum, which was the only suggestion acceptable to both of them. Ian therefore took them to the Childrens' Museum until it closed at four o'clock, then for a visit to the Station until about 5. A young couple had arrived from Kendal, Alan and Irene Matthews. They were part of a group singing with Alan Redpath at Carrubers Close Mission that night, and were to stay until Sunday afternoon with us. We had tea with them, and then they left with friends for the meeting, and we had a quiet evening in the house.

Sunday, 31st December

George left about 10 a.m., and all of the rest of us were out at Church, when Alan Redpath was making his first visit to the Chapel since he left as Pastor. He was obviously rather excited about it, but spoke very forcefully. He really only has one Sermon, with all the others being variations on it, and this was no exception, but none the worse for all that. Lesley had gone on with the Matthews, to take Mrs. Pryde to Bellevue, and to ensure that they got a comfortable seat as Irene was about seven months pregnant. We had two cars, which was just as well because the Service lasted until 12.30. Ian went for Mrs. Pryde and Aunt Margaret, while Joyce came home to get the lunch organised. The couple were singing at the Bible Class in Charlotte Chapel, so Lesley conducted them in, then came home with Bronwen Allen. Ian took Sandy and Jeremy up to the top of Arthurs Seat, which they each managed unaided, and each insisted on scrabbling up the rocks. We then fed the ducks on the pond for a short while, and came back for tea about five. Lesley set off on the bus, for the Evening Service, and also the After-Church Fellowship. Ian went to collect her, then we were invited to the Cameron's for the evening. They had a variety of guests passing through their hands, John Moore and Derek Prime and a number of others being there for the earlier part of the evening, then they disappeared to Watchnight Services. Others came drifting in, Audrey and Douglas Laurence, chiefly to meet Dr. and Mrs. Redpath. About eleven o'clock most of the people had gone so we felt that we should leave as well. A new batch were expected after the Watchnight Services, but we did not wish to stay for that. We had been invited to No.32 Murrayfield Road, by our neighbours, the Douglasses, to meet them and their neighbours. Mr. Hope and his son, from directly underneath them, were there, together with the occupant of the gardener's lodge in Kinnellen House, and various others. We arrived about quarter-past-twelve, having brought in the new year with Mrs. Pryde and the older two of our children, watching the television in her room. May Backup was also there. We stayed for about half-an-hour at the Douglasses, then came home and took the dog out for a walk. As we were walking the dog, we met Douglas and Margaret Moodie, and walked round with them to the Cameron's house. What follows is really part of 1973, so is continued in the 1973 Diary. That's all for 1972.

1973

Monday, 1st January

Last year's diary ended with us walking the dog around the block and, by chance, meeting Douglas and Margaret Moodie. We walked with them, then discovered that they were going into Douglas and Elspeth Cameron for the New Year celebration. We left them and were walking up the road when Elspeth came tearing after us, insisting that we joined them for a short while. They had some new neighbours, Helen and Jim, who had recently moved in from Leeds. They made us very welcome, and served innumerable cups of coffee. Before we knew where we were, it was 3 a.m. Joyce had telephoned to Mrs. Pryde, to say not to wait up for us, so we had a very pleasant introduction to the New Year. The only one who suffered was Jolly, the dog, who did not get much of a walk. We got to bed at the back of three, then Ian had a long lie in the morning. Mrs. Pryde departed for the Ministry Meetings and was away for the day. The younger two had so much enjoyed their expedition up Arthur's Seat on the previous day, that they insisted on going again, this time in old clothes so that they could roll down the hill. Lesley and Robin were persuaded to come as well, so after lunch all four children and the dog went to Arthur's Seat. There was quite a strong wind blowing from the west, but all reached the top unaided, after having fed the ducks in the pond on the way up this time. It was a clear day, although there was cloud about, and the view from the top was extremely good. We came back to have tea around the fire in the lounge, then all settled down to watch the Generation Game on television. After that, the children went to bed, and we watched television quietly until 11 o'clock. The colour set was still unrepaired, having been broken down over the weekend, but the mechanic came the next morning.

Tuesday, 2nd January

I am sorry not to have made personal contact, but I called one evening last week, then again this afternoon, and now to-night. So obviously we are not intended to meet at present! You will no doubt be anxious to have the Envelopes and also the Communion Cards before Sunday, so I shall just leave them with this note. If there is anything you would like me to call to discuss, please just let me know at any time.

Excuse scrawl!

Jan C.S. Balfour

Joyce had the morning in bed, feeling it was her turn for a long lie. There was bright sunshine, but no snow. The younger two settled down to watch the film of Heidi, after having had a romp/

romp around the garden in anoraks for about an hour. The older two, following their usual holiday practice, were not seen until lunch time, and then Barry Greenwood arranged to play football with Robin, Lesley departed to town to look for shops, while Joyce and Ian set off to deliver the remainder of the Communion Cards around our Pastoral zone. We got very little response in the afternoon, so, after tea, Ian set out again to catch up the missing people in the evening. This was much more successful, and he had long stays with the Walkers, and with various others on the round, and did not get back until ten o'clock. The others were all having a quiet evening in the house.

Wednesday, 3rd January

Back to work at the Office, but with the nightstore heaters having been on over the weekend, it was not cold and we soon got back into our routine. Ian called at Moray Place at 12.45, to bring Stephen Short out for lunch. Robin was playing football at a Crusader Tournament at Inverleith Park at 2 o'clock, and Jeremy wished to go to Aunt Margaret's for the afternoon. Ian therefore ran them to their destinations between the dessert and the coffee, then came back to have a talk with Stephen Short until about 3 o'clock. Sandy then went to Paula's party, and when Joyce left with him, Ian took Stephen Short back into town. The Office followed its normal day, and the older two children appeared in time for lunch. They had lunch with us in the diningroom with Stephen Short, while Mrs. Purdie had the younger two in with Mrs. Pryde. There was an Elders' Court at 7 o'clock, which lasted until 9 (on the dot, very commendably). In the meantime, Becky-Ann had arrived for an evening of Canasta. When Ian got back just after nine, the older two went off to bed and Ian played Canasta with Mrs. Pryde, Joyce and Becky-Ann, in place of Robin. With supper, this lasted until 12.30, with Mrs. Pryde being the eventual winner. Ian then ran Becky-Ann home to Morningside Road, and we got to bed at the back of one o'clock on the next morning.