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Book 41. 1896 July 1st to 1897 March 31st. Edgar R Waite Australian Museum Sydney [1]

July.1. Wed[nesday]. Bought Messiah 6d[pence] and Elijah 1[shilling]/6d[pence] second- - hand. Saw the Council clerk who said that a street lamp had been ordered for Boyle Street nearly in front of our land. Paid 2 rates 7[shilling]/6[pence] &[and] 8[shillings]/9[pence]. Rose saw Miss Sybel Dowling &[and] they arranged together to go to the "Spectre's Bride". Katie to "mind" Claude on that [2]

evening.2.Thurs[day]. Whitelegge having removed offered me his Lord Howe Palms so I went with him on leaving the Museum and found that I should have to send a cart for the plants. Bought doz[en] ¼ Imperial plates for the Rover.3. Fri[day] Saw the builder - Stephens who asked me about the posi- tion of the drains. [3]

attended rehearsal of Phil[harmonic] Society "Elijah", the principals being there. Received 2 tickets for each of the 3 concerts.4. Sat[urday]. Sent 2 tickets for "Elijah" to Paterson and reserved 2 for Spectre's Bride for Rose &[and] Miss Dowling &[and] 2 for Messiah for Katie &[and] Bessie Hopcraft to whom I wrote, sending photo[graph]s of "Katie &[and] Titan", &[and] "Katie and Dash" also [4]

a cabinet of Claude. Received 3 palms for carriage of which I paid 5[shillings]/-. Etheridge told me to stop working at Osteological cases as White Ant had been discovered beneath them.5. Sun[day]. Balmoral with Titan in the morning. I planted the 3 palms and am hopeful of the smallest living the other two I am doubtful [5]

of - The "family" went to inspect the building after dinner, the stone- work is nearly complete and the joists are laid for the sitting room. Called in at Riche's &[and] met Miss Edwards. She plays second violin at the Philharmonic Soc[iety]. Wrote to Father, illustration of the new spider (of Rainbow) on the envelope - (Actino- pus formosus). [6]

wrote a long P[ost]S[cript] to Grassham's letter which will leave on July 10 by the "Warrimoo".6. Mon[day]. Posted letters to Father &[and] Grassham. Received congratulatory from Fanny. I went to see how the building was progressing, found joists laid in the sitting- room, one or more of which I considered to be defective.7. Tues[day]. Attended practice of Phil[harmonic] Soc[iety]. Saw Shute [7]

who has been to the building & ordered replacement of joists. Wrote article on Blue-tongue Lizards for Town & Country Journal.8. Wed[nesday] Booked seats for "Sprectre's Bride" & the "Messiah". Bought Cellier's "Grays Elegy" 6d[pence]. My week on late duty, outlined drawing of the New Spider. The Board yesterday appointed Rainbow on half time to [8]

the charge of the Museum insects the remainder of his work to be at the Government printing office, (his billet!).9. Thurs[day] Received letter & unmounted photo from Dad to replace one deteriorating one previously sent. Attended Orchestral practice of Phil[harmonic] Soc[iety] Dun, who plays 2nd flute says he decides to devote his time wholly to the [9]

Orchestral Society so that in future I shall have "a show".10. Fri[day]. Rowling put in an appearance & we had an evening as of old.11. Sat[urday]. In town all day being my week on late duty. In evening I framed photo of Skuse & his brothers.12. Sun[day]. Balmoral in the morning water chilly! Colored drawing of the new [10]

Spider - Actinopus formosus - Rainbow.13. Mon[day]. Posted photos of Claude to Belle Fanny Bowling & 3 to Father including one each for Uncle Banks & Aunt Long - botham. On visiting the building found that the first load of bricks had been deposited.14. Tues[day]. Philharmonic Concert "Elijah" reached home at 12pm.15. Wed[nesday]. English Mail. letter from Nellie Beale & Receipts [11]

from Linnean Soc[iety] 2 years (6 £[pound]) Received A/c[account] from Shute:- "Professional fees "Plans, specification "tenders & c[et cetera] cottage "Mosman, T Stevens "(Stephens) Con- "tractor £[pound]462 @ [at] 2 ½% [percent] " £[pound]11.11. 0 this is half the amount that will be due to Shute. Received post card from a J.G. Brown New Market, North End P[or]t Elizabeth (5.VI.96) asking for Australian birds in ex[change] for S[outh] African. Rehearsal in the Masonic Hall. [12]

16. Thurs[day]. Visiting building I found that the fencing was being put in & that in part the brick-work was a few feet high €[reference mark] I had asked Shute to alter position of side window in Sitting room to allow room for a piano. found that on the plan he had marked a position which would bring the piano close to the fire-place if moved to the other [13]

side the window would occupy the same undesirable position. I therefore called on Shute & suggested that the brick nibs (a, a) be removed & a stone corbel inserted 7 feet [sketch] from floor to carry the arch he, con- concurred & said that it should be done without extra cost. €[reference mark]Some window-frames also in position. [14]

this will leave a clear wall-space of some length. Saw Stephens who will increase the roof & woodwork of the shed (workroom to be) by 1 foot in width for 9[shillings]/- . Gave Rainbow the plate of spider & asked him to return it to me when reproduced. Katie & Bessie Hopcraft came & remained over- night taking charge of Claude while Rose, Miss Dowling [15]

& self attended Philh[armonic] Soc[iety] Concert S[pectre's] Bride & Miscellaneous. During the latter part I left the plat- form & joined the ladies the better to hear the per- formance in which I had no part.17. Fri[day] Took a rest after 3 long nights & in view of to- morrow's concert Fine weather broken, rain to-day but not sufficient to interfere with the building operations. [16]

18. Sat[urday] partly repadded the flute & refitted the case to prevent the flute being jolted "Messiah" in the evening at the Town Hall. Katie Hopcraft returned home on account of illness of her mother. Bessie came over with me to stay till Monday. 19. Sun[day]. At Balmoral in the morning with Titan. In the afternoon we went to see the building which is running up quickly as far as outer walls are [17]

concerned. Took Rover camera & exposed 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ plates. 20. Mon[day]. Wrote letter to Father & later in the day I received a parcel from him containing a baby's cape worn by me. I had no idea that I had been so togged-out. Having received a special request from Orchestral Soc[iety] to attend practises I turned-up this evening. The flutes were dismissed early & I got 9.30 boat. [18]

21. Tues[day]. Visited the building and as the contractor was to follow the plan mentioned on 16th I decided to have the side window where originally shown. Bought a new collar for "Titan" 3[shillings]/3[pence] the old one, measures 24 inches and had become very tight the new one is 3 inches longer. At night I wrote the 3rd Reptile Article for Town & Country Journal on Geckos (Gymnodactylus). [19]

22. Wed[nesday]. Rained to- day. Paterson came to tea after we had together had an inspection of the building. We had arranged to visit the Dowlings but in consequence of the wet Rose did not go out. After Paterson left I therefore called & stayed an hour. 23. Thurs[day]. Wrote Shute re[garding] level of Verandahs & other matters. English mail in - letter from Father he mentioned that [20]

he will probably despatch 2 pictures by the 'Oroya'. 24. Fri[day]. We received a tremendous old Hydromys to day it measured 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ in[ches]. Mrs. Rohn (Tost & Rohn) having for 2 years tried to obtain a Ceratodus for an English order I gave her <e> a dried skin which Ramsay had given to me. She would not accept it out & out & would prepare a 'possum rug for Rose. [21]

25. Saturday. Received proofs of the two Reptile articles 1. Goana, 2 Blue- tongued lizard. The White Hawk does not get any tamer, when the aviary is approached it will sometimes get a fit of fright & flutter against the wires until it becomes exhausted when it falls to the ground and remains panting for some time, its head is partially denuded of feathers. [22]

26. Sun[day]. Balmoral in the morning with "Titan". In the afternoon I went to the building, some parts did not seem quite satisfactory e.g. [exempli gratia "for example"] in the dining-room the ordinary window was at the top 6 inches or so higher than the exit window. The nibs in the Hall were 14 & 16 inches respectively. My neighbour to be introduced me to a Mrs. Rudder [23]

who is building 2 doors away & who will have no rear access. She asked for permission to take her furniture through my yard. Garton having con- ceded a similar request which I also allowed as they will have removed before my fence is fi- nally closed-in. Wrote Nellie Beale in reply to her letter received on the 15th inst[ant]. [24]

[3 sketches] Decorations on the envelope sent to Nellie Beale. [25]

27. Monday. Attended practice of Orchestral Soc[iety]. Stephens called during my absence wants to see me tomorrow. 28. Tues[day]. Saw Stephens & gave him the particulars as

to placing Ventilators in rooms. Building up to roof on 3 sides. Letter from Shute to say that he would give Stephens certificate for £[pound] 100 on 31st. Wrote note on nesting of *Phascologale flavipes* at Berowera*[Berowra] Creek. [26]

29. Wed[nesday]. Attended meeting of Linnean Soc[iety]. Exhibited the female &[and] 8 young *Phascologale flavipes* &[and] handed in note on the same. The colored drawing of the Spider was shown at meeting. Gave Deane (President) Fred Reynold's card with his (Deane's) name upon it. an introduction!30. Thur[sday]. Wet, all day teamed down. Letter from Roebuck. Attended practice of Philharmonic Soc[iety] [27]

the first held since the concerts to work up "St Paul". Visited the building.31. Fri[day]. Paid the following - Stephens 100. 0. 0 Shute 11.11. 0 Gas 2.19.10 Rent 4. 0. 2 (incl A/c[account] 6[shillings]/6[pence]) ----- In sending Gas amount I asked when gas would be laid in Boyle St[reet].. (See Letter Book folio) [28]

August.1. Sat[urday]. Bank Holiday. After visiting the land I went to the city &[and] strolled up to Newtown R[oad] &[and] back again. Bought "Every Man his own Mechanic" (9th Edition 6[shillings]/-). In the afternoon with Rose &[and] family again visited the building.2. Sun[day]. At Balmoral in morning. I wrote to Father and also wrote the 4th article [29]

on the Town &[and] Country Lizards "*Amphibolurus barbatus*".3. Mon[day]. Posted letter to Father. Letter from Gas Co[mpany] to say that mains would be laid in Boyle St when Spofforth St[reet] was formed. Visited building, the walls are now all up to roof level and chimneys going up. Attended practise of Orchestral Soc[iety] the next concert is fixed for the 26th &[and] next Monday the fast practice. [30]

4. Tues[day]. Wrote Council Clerk quoting Gas Co[mpany]'s letter. (see letter book) Took Titan's new collar to be engraved &[and] left Clock (which J.A. Reid had given us) to be repaired.5. Wed[nesday]. Letter from Spencer saying that he had more mice from C[entral].A[ustralia].. and that he was going again this summer &[and] asked if I would undertake to work them out - if possible without the necessity of the material being "collared" by the Australian Museum. [31]

visited the building the rafters are now being placed. The chimneys are built6. Thurs[day]. English mail. Letter from Father &[and] a mass of reprints from Boulenger. I attended Phil[harmonic] Soc[iety]'s practice - "St Paul", the 2nd consecutive practise on which I had the flute to myself.7. Fri[day]. Bought a pair of Budgerigars for 2[shillings]/- *Melopsittacus undulatus*. Since being indoors the mice have bred freely, I have had 3 [32]

1 of 4 running about 1 of 2 just left nest &[and] 1 of 6 recently born. Since being in an outhouse the mice of Whitelegge's have ceased breeding when mine were out of doors they did not breed, so that warmth is necessary for their reproduction.8. Sat[urday]. Being my week on late duty I had to day at the Museum &[and] put it in on the S[outh] A[ustralian] Typhlopidae! Mrs. Rohn gave me a [33]

'possum rug &[and] a Native Bear tippet for Rose as an ack[nowledgement] for *Ceratodus* I had given her.9. Sun[day]. Having a cold I did not go to Balmoral, visited the building, the tiles are now in place &[and] the flooring boards nailed down while many of the ceiling laths have been fixed. Wrote to Roebuck and in the afternoon we all went to the Hellawell's, had a [34]

stroll & returned to tea after which we had music Violin and flute. Hellowell gave me a wonga pigeon (..... pictus)10..Mon[day]. Wrote Spencer in reply - to Fletcher re[garding] teats in Phascolo -gale & Spencer's observations, to G^A¼nther to whom I sent reprints of C[entral] Aust[ralian] Muridae & Sharks' Eggs papers Posted letter to Roebuck. Visited the land, arranged [35]

with Stephens for gas to be laid on to each of the fireplaces @ [at] 17 [shillings]/6 [pence] each also arranged about gas and water con- nections. The wonga pigeon which I placed with the Magpies was at once attacked by them but striking out vigorously with its wing it soon repelled them & even advanced to meet them when they approached. The Magpies found [36]

the pigeon to be possessed of more valour than they had imagined & very soon left if alone. Attended practice of Orchestral Soc[iety].11. Tues[day]. As Stephens wants a further sum on Friday I gave notice at the G[eneral].P[ost].O[ffice]. Savings Bank for the withdrawal of £ [pound] 100 . I wrote article on Water Lizard - Physignathus lesueurii & commenced one on Chlamydosaurus [37]

kingi for which I shall largely draw on Saville - Kent's recent article in "Nature" These <f> are No.[number] 6 & 7 for the Town & Country Journal completing 6 con- tributions, which should be as many Guineas.12. Wed[nesday]. Received a "Leeds Mercury" from Father containing the announcement of the death of Uncle Banks on July 7th. as follows:- [38]

[newspaper clipping] OBITUARY. Many of our readers will hear with regret of the death of Mr. Thomas Joseph Banks, artist, which occurred at Goathland, near Whitby, on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased gentleman was born at Boston Spa some sixty-seven years ago, and, except on sketching excursions and during his student life, never lived, we believe, out of the county, where he found his deepest inspiration. His artistic bent early showed itself, and became so pro-nounced while living with his grandfather at Tadcaster, as to leave no doubt as to his future career. He first studied in the School of Design at York, where he met Harry Moore and other members of that distinguished family of artists, with whom he enjoyed a life-long friendship. At the once famous Leigh's Academy, in London, where he subsequently studied, he had for contemporaries Stacy Marks, Long, and others who later achieved world-wide distinction. At the outset Mr. Banks determined to be a painter of portraits, and for a time his studies had this end in view. We have seen examples of his skill in this line. They support strongly the opinion that had he adhered to his original design, success and fame would have followed his practice. From some cause, however, of which we are ignorant, he finally abandoned portraiture for landscape. About thirty-five years ago he came to Goathland; and whoever has had more than a glimpse of the shady, sparkling streams and purple moorlands to be found there on all sides, will feel no surprise in learning that he never left the spot until he finally passed away. Within Mr. Banks's own county his works were quite familiar, having been hung in all local exhibitions of any importance; and in other greater collections they had a place and share of public admiration. His rich, strong, harmonious colouring he probably owed in large measure to his studies in portraiture. No artist ever excelled him in the painting of a brook overshadowed by trees. The sparkle of water, the touches of sunlight on the mossy stones, the cool spaces below, and the brilliant pencils of light from above; all are shown or suggested with masterly ease. In wider scenes, too, the mellow-ness and hush of twilight, the varied forms and colours of mountain scenery € equal

success was attained. In his sketching tours he found much to delight him at the Farne Islands, off the Northumberland coast, and on Deeside; and on these spots he collected material for many fine works. The deceased gentleman was married to a daughter of the late Mr. Henry Baines, assistant-curator at the York Museum. There was, we believe, only one son of the marriage, and he died at the age of fourteen, while at Bramham College. [right margin note] Died July 7. [39]

To him I owe a good deal for my drawing faculties, and the series I did under him Nov[ember] 4th. to Dec[ember] 21st. 1882, trained me well in pencil work. I also had many lessons from him in color the latest being in August 1892. I expect that Wilfrid will inherit his belongings & the £[pound] 200 owing on the house at Goathland. Wrote article on Chamydosaurus kingii [40]

Jackson called in the evening. The wonga pigeon is a ground loving bird, I have not yet seen it in the tree in the aviary it sleeps on one of the wooden cross bars 6 inches from the ground. 13. Thurs[day]. Received notice from Shute that the second certificate would be issued tomorrow for £[pound] 120 in respect <to> the building - The gas pipes are [41]

now being laid in I agree to have gas conveyed to each of the three fireplaces for 17[shillings]/6[pence] each. Attended practice of Phil[harmonic] Soc[iety]. Dunn has definitely left & Wane (at Palings) attended to take my place while I was promoted to 2nd Flute playing 1st in the absence of Johnson. 14. Fri[day]. Paid Stephens £[pound] 120 being £[pound] 220 paid to date. "Nature" of June [42]

contains my letter on "Cestacion" & Heterodontus & a reply by Howes. 15. Sat[urday] Received letter from Mosman Council to say that the matter of Gas in Boyle St[reet] had "been referred to the Works Committee." The rooms have now received the first coat of plaster. bought a Budgerigar to replace the one just dead. Wrote to Father [43]

16. Sun[day]. Wet in the morning, & there having been heavy rains I put on Mackintosh & Leggings & went down into the gully where a large amount of water was rushing down, the waterfalls 20 feet & 12 feet were swollen into respectable cataracts. Clearing in the afternoon we went to inspect the building. 17. Mon[day]. Forgot to post letter to Father & therefore addressed [44]

it per G.M.S. Darmstadt which leaves on the 19th. (Adelaide). Attended rehearsal of Orchestral Soc[iety]. I gave tickets for the concert (26th) to Whitelegge. 18. Tues[day]. My week on late duty in lieu of Hedley. I have mentioned the action of the White Hawk when alarmed, the loss of power is not due to exhaustion as I thought for occasionally it will be suddenly seized, swing on [45]

its perch head downwards & then in a few seconds the claws relax & down the bird drops head first the fit may last 1 or 2 minutes & uttering a shriek the hawk will stagger on its feet & reel along like a drunken man. 19. Wed[nesday]. English Mail Letter from Father inclosing B/L [Bill of Lading] for the pictures £[pound] 1- 9- 5 & also giving me particulars of Uncles [46]

Bank's will. £[pound] 100 left each to Aunt Longbotham & Fanny Baines, the house to Wilfrid. The goods to be sold & after defraying ex[pense]s what may remain to be divided among his 11 nephews & nieces in <of> which Wilfrid & myself are

included. When the expenses are defrayed but little or nothing will be left. What a shame that the things [47]

have to be sold, If anything is left for me I would rather have been able to take it out in some of his lovely possessions! Received proof of Articles 3 & 4 of Aust[r]alian Reptiles (Town & C[oun]try Journal). The bird seed in the aviary has been disappearing rapidly, so I set a "Delusion" mouse trap & caught 2. Received at my request from De Vis [48]

the type of *Nephrurus Ivis* for comparison. The following is from the "Whitby Gazette". [newspaper clipping] DEATH OF MR. T.J. BANKS. "We regret to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Joseph Banks, artist, Goathland, the sad event occurring late on Tuesday afternoon. Deceased was 68 years of age, and was born at Tadcaster. His father dying when he was young, he was brought up by his grandfather, a Mr. Fairbairn, painter and decorator, to whom he was apprenticed. Being of an industrious and aspiring nature, his ambition led him into the pictorial art, and in 1859 he made his first visit to Goathland, which ever afterwards remained his most dearly loved home. On his first arrival at Goathland, he stayed with Mr. John Hill, now of The Hotel, but then living at Whitfield House. For a short time subsequently he took a lease of a house at Sleights, but did not stay out the full term, returning in 1870, to the place of his old love, where he built himself a house, and in which he spent his brightest and best days. Deceased married prior to his first arrival at Goathland, Annie, a daughter of the late Mr. Henry Baines, The Museum, York, which lady, of beloved memory, predeceased him by a few years. There was only one son of the marriage, and he died at the age of fourteen while at Branham College. Mr. Banks had a wide and deservedly high reputation as a landscape painter. His pictures evidenced a deep study of, and sympathy with, nature at its most pleasing and paintable moods. There was never any undue striving after effect. All was peaceful and reposeful, a true sign that it was natural. He delighted to paint the moorland streams and heather-clad hills around his home, and his best works are depictive of such. Mr. Banks was not a disciple of that class of painters who consider that the rougher the treatment a picture is, the more like nature it is. He was neat in finish without sacrificing breath in effect, and his pictures will be treasured by those who possess them, as being genuinely expressed interpretations of a clever and observant artist., and as mementos of a high-souled, and kind-hearted gentleman. [49]

Bought "St Paul". 1 [shilling]/- & also some second-hand flute music part in a very delapidated condition there are 5 books in all. (viz [videlicet] = that is] 2 of Flute & Piano & 1 the piano part alone). They are mostly arrangements of popular airs but cost me only 3 [shillings]/- for the lot. Book 1. which is perhaps the best selections contains the following selected by E.W. Woodgate Paramatta* [Parramatta]. [50]

Zampa. [51]

Souvenir de Naples [52]

Book 2 contains 2 series. First "The beauties of DrouÃ«t" (for particulars see title page of any of the pieces). Second. "Souvenirs d'un voyageur" by Berbiguier (see also title pages). Book 3. for piano has however the flute line printed & contains six popular airs (see "Index"). This book is inscribed "E. M Sep 20. 1853". C[laude].R[aymond].W[ait]e. weighed 15 ¾ „s [pounds]. [53]

20. Thurs[day]. Rose went to Paterson profes- sionally &[and] then to the Josephs where I joined her to tea &[and] left for Phil[harmonic] Soc[iety] practice.21. Fri[day]. Attended the semi final rehearsal of Orchestral Soc[iety]. Mrs. Hellowell spent the afternoon with Rose &[and] H[ellowell] called for her on our way home.22. Sat[urday]. On duty at the Museum. In the afternoon Hedley called having just returned from the [54]

Coral-boring Exped[itio]n which was a decided failure. So far as the objects were concerned but he made a good collection for the Museum.23. Sun[day]. Had a look at the building which appears to be in a state of Statu quo in order to allow the plaster to dry. Jackson called in the afternoon &[and] we had a walk to Pearl Bay. Called on Dr. Pilkington on the way home [55]

24 Mon[day]. Paid £[pound] 1. 9. 5 to Orient Co[mpany] for carriage of pictures attended rehearsal (final) of Orchestral Society.25 Tues[day]. Letter from Paterson respecting motion for recovery of his child on his attaining age of 7 years. - Wrote reply to letter by Howes which appeared in Nature of July 7.26. Wed[nesday] wrote to Paterson in reply. English mail in Letter from Scharff [56]

re[garding] Monotremes egg. Oldfield Thomas sent me some reprints. Concert of <Phil> Orches- tral Society, played flute.27. Thurs[day]. Was so busily engaged in the construction of a small water motor I am making that I quite forgot the Phil[harmonic] Soc[iety] practise.28. Fri[day]. The Raven is such a nuisance Squawk! Squawk!! Squawk all day long that I gave him his liberty today. Rainbow gave me papers. [57]

29 Sat[urday] Passed the pictures through the Customs, duty free and paid wharfinger's charges 9d[pence]. Feeling ill.30. Sun[day] Visited the building, the windows are in place also the plaster cornices Wrote to Father. I'll with cold to- day.31. Mon[day]. Posted letter to Father and also rejoinder re[garding] Zoological publication for "Nature" Fuller gave me [58]

some of his writing &[and] also Agricultural Gazette for 1896 with promise of back numbers. I left at 3.0 feeling ill. Called at Orient Wharf on my way &[and] obtained possession of the pictures which I took home. On opening the case I found 3 oil paintings not 2 as I had antici- pated- they were "The tombs in Rokeby Park". "On the Antrim Coast" and [59]

"View at Lindley on the Wharfe" they are on 30 x 20 stretchers &[and] show a great improvement on Father's previous work. Did not attend Orchestral Soc[iety]. [60]

September.1. Tues[day] In one of the mouse (waltzing) cages containing 5 mice, the cover of glass was short so I supplied it with a piece of wood. [sketch] shown at B. - A is the wooden lid and C. the glass. I left off the lid (which covers both food &[and] sleeping compartments) overnight, but none of the mice left the cage. They dragged [61]

the bedding out of A &[and] placed it at X so as to be under cover in the shade of B.2. Wed[nesday] At the Board Meeting yesterday W.J. Rainbow was appointed Entomologist in place of Skuse. (dec[ease]d). Saw Paterson re[garding] the custody of his child case. He arranged to go with me to Mosmans on Friday. Cold still very bad.3. Thur[sday]. Somewhat better to day went to practise of Philharm[onic] Soc[iety]. Hazon away [62]

with cold. Sykes conducted. Selected Centre pieces for the ceilings.4. Fri[day] Saw Shute &[and] arranged to visit the building with him on Tuesday &[and] also purchase the mantels

for which I will take a day's holiday (in lieu). Paterson with us to tea visited cottage together. Mail in brought draft from Father for £[pound] 30 thus making £[pound] 380 in all borrowed to date. [63]

5. Sat[urday]. Paid Stephens 3rd certificate £[pound] 100 gave him specimens of color for paint work &[and] selected the iron-work for the verandahs.6. Sun[day]. Katie &[and] Bessie Hopcraft to tea . We inspected the building in a body.7. Mon[day]. Attended the practice of Orchestral Society.8. Tues[day] Took a day's holiday, met Shute &[and] we visited the building. Then to Holdsworth Macpherson &[and] Co[mpany] [64]

&[and] spent an hour choosing mantels +c[et cetera] and gas-fittings for about £[pound] 23.10. 0 or 15[shillings]/- more than the contractor's al- lowance. Bought Art Muslin, 2 doz[en] yards for curtains 15[shillings]/- . At night I wrote article on Moloch for "Town +[and] Country Journal" No.8.9. Wed[nesday] Registered Titan under Dog Act - 3[shillings]/- The Misses Joseph &[and] Lazarus spent the day here. [65]

10. Thurs[day]. Rose went to Woolwich for the day &[and] I went to tea with Paterson, afterwards attended the practice of Phil[harmonic] Soc[iety].11. Fri[day]. The Mantels and hearths are in place &[and] the painters have commenced work. Received letter from Kemp to say that he had sent some more birds by 'Burrawong' I called for &[and] took them home. Rowling looked in at night telling us that he was engaged to be [66]

married &[and] he thought of settling down at Mosmans. Commenced article on Pygopus for "Town &[and] Country" In the 'Naturalist' for August I find two notices of my work, "The Muridae of Cent[ral] Aust[r]alia (p[age] 240) and the paper on "Dust" (p[age] 243) Bought a go-cart for Rose to wheel the youngster in as he is getting to*[too] heavy to carry far in this hilly place. [67]

12. Sat[urday]. I found the birds received from Kemp to be:- 2. Wonga Wonga Pigeons [Leucosarcia] picata 2. Green Winged Dove Chalcophaps chrysochlora 1. Bl[ack] Shouldered Hawk Elanus axillaris They are all in good condition. The Hawk is a young bird &[and] has not attained the white plumage of the adult, it is tame &[and] fed from the first out of my fingers like the [68]

Owl (Boobook) did &[and] does. The Hawk was ravenously hungry. I divided the central portion of the aviary wh[ich] has been construc- ted with that idea. Mag[pie] objected to have her<e> place reduced to half &[and] repeatedly tried to get through to where the pigeons now are. The Wongas appear to be entirely ground birds &[and] do not (in the aviary [69]

perch even at night. In the evening a nautical youth brought me a card "Septimus Bland" he had been to the Museum &[and] thence came to Mosman's. He is a nephew of my Scarb[o]ro[ugh] friend &[and] cousin to Walter &[and] Bertie Bland &[and] is himself from Scarb[o]ro[ugh] he stayed tea &[and] promised to spend tomorrow week with us. He is "apprentice" on [70]

board the Orient &[and] this is his 1st voyage in her. He had been twice to the Cape &[and] had cruised in the Mediterranean &[and] visited Palestine &c[et cetera] his name is Edgar.13. Sun[day]. After a very long fast (all the winter) the Physignathus has recommenced feeding. The water in which it lives has not been changed since I first put it in last February &[and] [71]

is quite sweet. Went to Balmoral in the morning after a few weeks spell, where the Master is, there will his dog be also. In afternoon we all visited the cottage & measured for blinds & [et cetera] Wrote to father enclosing promissory note for £ 30. Wrote to Scharff (Dublin) in reply to his regarding Monotreme's Egg. I placed the new Hawk [72]

with the Boobook whereupon the latter became somewhat aggressive* [aggressive] advancing upon the Hawk elevating its eye-brows & puffing itself out probably to overawe the smaller bird. The latter however faced the owl & uttered its sharp cra-cra, & after a few of such receptions the Boobook sulked in a corner and was a long time [73]

before it got over its offended dignity it continued to blow itself out & move its eyebrows in quite an affecting manner and at the same time stood higher on its legs than I had previously observed it. We had a great wind storm today the velocity reached 75 miles per hour. 14. Mon[day]. Found at the Museum some small glazed sashes & [74]

I approached the Secretary with a view to purchasing some of them as they may do for the new workroom. Called at Liverpool London & Globe Insurance Co[mpany] & proposed to insure the house for £ 500 and the furniture for £ 200 Attended practice of Orchestral Society. 15. Tues[day] Wrote to Kemp thanking him for birds & mentioning Harry Bedford whom J[ames].E.B[edford]. tells [75]

me lives near Kempsey & married a Miss Cochrane of that town. Finished article on Pygopus for "Town & Country Journal". 16 Wed[nesday], Visited the building & found that Sunday's wind had removed some of the tiles on the gable wrote to Shute, & also mentioned the laying of the hearth in the sitting-room Received insurance proposal (see 14th) & wrote asking why 2 [shillings]/- % was charged [76]

instead of the lower rate of 1 [shilling]/6 [pence] % the figure fixed for some properties. My neighbour to be (Davidson) brought a petition for the Gas Co[mpany] which I signed. Received reprints of North's "Insectivorous Birds" from Fuller (of Agricultural Department) and sent one to Kemp. 17. Thurs[day]. Applied for some light Museum, frames 21 x 41 from old cases at 1 [shilling]/- each, to be [77]

brought before the Board on Oct[ober] 5th. Bought the following books, second-hand "Zoological Notes" by Nichols 1 [shilling]/6 [pence] "Old Bones" by Symonds 6d [pence] 18. Fri[day]. Wrote to Mrs Caird giving notice to cease tenancy on the 30th. Stephens having told me, he would hand over the building on the 26th although we should not remove until Oct[ober] 3, which would give me 3 [78]

clear days, Sat[urday], Sun[day], & Mon[day], (Public holiday). Arranged for Stephens to supply me with some wood for the workshop. 19. Sat[urday]. On duty at the Museum until 5.0 (late week). Letter from L[iverpool]. L[ondon]. & Globe Insurance Co[mpany] - to say that the higher rate of premium was charged on account of the weatherboard cottage "only 8 feet away". 20. Sun[day]. Our young friend Edgar Bland [79]

(see 12th) spent the day with us. In the morning we had a dip at Balmoral & in the afternoon had a stroll calling at "Headingley" as Rose wishes our new place to be named. 21. Mon[day]. Received letter from Father. Saw Garton who says that his cottage is 10 feet from the fence, ours is another 4, which makes it 14 instead of 8 as stated by [80]

the Insurance Co[mpany]. Attended practise of Orchestral Soc[iety]. I was sorry to find that the new Hawk Elanus axillaris (see 11th inst.) had died today.22. Tues[day]. Received an estimate from Sanders for removal; 35[shillings]/- which I accepted for Sat[urday] Oct[ober] 3. As we shall not have gas in the new house for some months, I bought a "primus" Kerosene stove 12[shillings]/6[pence]. Miss Dowling came [81]

in the evening.23. Wed[nesday] Arranged to take holiday on Friday in lieu of May 24th. I commenced examination of Fishes brought by Hedley from Ellice Island (Funafuti). Mrs. Down here to tea.24. Thurs[day] Attended practise of Phil[harmonic] Soc[iety]. Arranged with Stephens for wood for workroom.25 Fri[day] Took a holiday & put in all day at the workroom [82]

completing 2 Rows of 4 ½ x 2 ½ "plates" for Window Sashes.26. Sat[urday]. Received from Spencer "Narrative & Summary" of the Horn Expedition. Wrote to Insurance Co[mpany] pointing out that the distance they stated Gartons wood house to be from ours was incorrectly put in the after- noon at workroom commenced the "tongeing & grooving" work. In the evening I disman- tled the bookcases. [83]

27. Sun[day]. Wrote Father & commenced to refit bookcases in the new house.28. Mon[day]. Attended practise of Orchest[ral] Soc[iety]. Received letter from Kemp. Froggatt appointed succession to Olliff as Government Entomologist.29. Tues[day]. Received letter from Ins[urance] Co[mpany] admitting the error & accepting the risk @ [at] 14[shillings]/- namely 1[shilling]/6[pence] % [percent]. Spencer at the Museum, he [84]

brought some of his C[entral] Australian Marsupials, also a lot of Muridae for my investigation.30 Wed[nesday]. Purchased blind material new rollers & c[et]cetera. Wrote a note on the range of the platypus for tonight's Linnean meeting which I did not attend but spent the evening packing our goods. Arranged to take holidays as below [85]

Oct[ober] 2nd, 3rd & 6th to 9th. [86]

October.1. Thurs[day]. Attended the Phil[harmonic] Soc[iety] Practice.2. Fri[day] took holiday? & spent the day packing up.3. Sat[urday]. Removed! Stephens wrote to the Museum for me re[garding] the cask & frames. Received Kerosene oven which I had bought & for which together with the stove I paid 45[shillings]/- .4. Sun[day] to 7th Wed[nesday] Settling-down for which I took a week's holiday. [87]

8 Thurs[day]. Attended rehearsal of the Phil[harmonic] Soc[iety]. Received letter from Museum (through Stevens) accepting offer of 6[shillings]/- for a cask & 1[shilling]/- each for 20 frames. Paid water A/c[account] 6[shillings]/2[pence] . Gave the 2 Philharmonic Soc[iety] tickets to Cooksey.9. Fri[day]. Refixed the aviary which had to be cut in two (each 10 f[ee]t long) for transport and got shaken about in carriage over the rough road. [88]

10. Sat[urday] At Museum. Received a letter from Dr. Booth at Gladesville a fellow passenger in the "Ormuz". Paid Stephens £[pound] 20 on account of 4th certificate £[pound] 90 of which I had not received notice from Shute.[left margin] semi-final rehearsal "St Paul"11. Sun[day]. Wrote Father for which I could scarcely find time.12. Mon[day]. Did not attend Orchestral Soc[iety] practice. I wrote article on Black Snake for T[own] & C[ountry] Journal [89]

Being pressed to state where we would take our holidays I put down the balance of mine for Oct[ober] 19 to 31. Paid Stephens a second £[pound] 20, balance to be paid tomorrow¹³. Tues[day] Paid gas Bill (£[pound] 3. 4. 7.) from which I deducted £[pound] 1. for amount deposited Received invitation from Haswell to dredging excursion on Saturday. Received cask &[and] [90]

sashes from Museum £[pound] 1. 6. 0 &[and] cartage 4[shillings]. 0 . Took the Neutral Bay 4.45 boat &[and] waled home (10 minutes in advance of the 5.0 Mosman Boat). Attended the final rehearsal of "St. Paul" when I reached home (ie.[id est "that is"] from the Museum) I found that one of the water-taps at the Back had gone wrong &[and] all in a fine mess but the damage was not serious. [91]

I had mentioned to Whitelegge that I was in want of £[pound] 20 he spoke to friend Frank Middleton who said he would be pleased to let me have it. He wanted no security &[and] as to interest, he said as soon as I received benefit, it ceases to be a friendly action &[and] becomes business - on no condition would he accept remuneration. He arranged to let[margin note] Paid Stephens £[pound] 50 balance of 4th certificate. [92]

me have the money when I asked for it. "a friend in- deed".¹⁴. Wed[nesday] Our son is 6 months old today &[and] flourishing. Played 2nd flute (Johnstone 1st and Wane 3rd) in "St Paul" before the Governor &[and] suite!!! <[?] [?]> <[?] [?]>¹⁵. Thurs[day]. Letters from Father &[and] Aunt Longbotham. Bought a pick in order to cut rock to divert the water [93]

into other channels than through our grounds - the rains following the heat (94.2 ° on Tuesday) were copious. Wrote article on Brown Snake, T[own] &[and] C[ountry] Journal.¹⁶. Fri[day]. Haswell's dredging excursion postponed to the 24th.¹⁷. Sat[urday]. [94]

18. Sun[day] We had unexpected visitors today. Bessie Hopcraft &[and] her younger sister, &[and] Mr. &[and] Mrs. Hellawell. I took Titan down to the beach in the morning.¹⁹. Mon[day]. Wrote to Insurance Co[mpany] re[garding] mention of Workroom on the policy. I attended practice of Orchestral Soc[iety]. Commenced the remainder of my holidays which I shall largely devote to the building [95]

of the workroom &[and] have concluded the exterior woodwork.²⁰. Tues[day]. The Insurance Inspector called in response to my letter and noted workroom &c[et cetera] taking away the policy. I paid Stephens £2.10.0 [2 pounds 10 shillings] on A/c[account] of sum incurred for gas pipes to fireplaces wood for workroom &c[et cetera]. Received proofs of Black &[and] Brown Snake for T[own] &[and] C[ountry] Journal. Also [96]

the original &[and] proof of Rainbow's Spider plate. I retained the former &[and] sent the latter corrected to Fletcher. put glass sashes in up workroom.²¹. Wed[nesday]. Letter from Farrer Queanbeyan re[garding] Birds. Got some turf &[and] put it in the Aviary. Rose went to the City &[and] bought me sundry things in- cluding a pair of 6 in[ch] iron wheels I want for cart 2[shillings]/- the pair. [97]

22 Thur[sday] Received Holdsworth Macpherson's A/c [account] from Shute for mantles &c[et cetera] &[and] gas fittings £[pound] 23. 9[shillings]/6[pence]. I had seen 2 pairs of cedar cupboards lying about in Stephen's shop which he let me have for 16[shillings]/- I also ordered joists &[and] flooring boards for workroom.²³ Fri[day] Made a strong trolley out 1 ½ in[ch]. board 36 x 18 inches [98]

fitted up the Cedar cupboard as far as I had material.24 Sat[urday]. Wrote to Father (Physignathus) Received joists & flooring board for workroom (34[shillings]/- ?) Received policy amended the work- room is not insured Had a day off dredging in the harbour with a University crowd.25. Rose self family & Titan had a stroll on the [99]

beach below called on Ritchie & on reaching home Jackson called upon us. Wrote to Aunt Long- botham.26. Mon[day]. Went to Sydney & bought many things including Rip-saw 7[shillings]/- paint 5[shillings]/- Cot. 19[shillings]/6[pence] Oilcloth & Carpets £[pound] 3.13. 0 & so forth. I paid £[pound] 22. 9. 6 to Shute for mantles & gas fittings still leaving £[pound] 1. [100]

under this heading called at Museum, I excavated about 2 cart - loads of good soil preparatory to flooring the workshop. Attended practice of Orchestral Soc[iety] in the evening concert fixed for Nov[ember] 4th.27 Tues[day]. Cut and laid joists for the workshop. One of the hardest days work I have ever done. Tired out. Mrs. & Dr. [101]

Ritchie called on the evening and Paterson also looked in but too late to see anything of the place.28 Wed[nesday]. Laid floor in the workshop which being 16 x 10 feet takes some covering.29.Thur[sday] Laid oil- cloth & carpets Attended practice of Philharmonic Soc[iety]. Hazon has frequently complained about [102]

my flute being out of tune & has asked me if I would not get another. To- night he again referred to it & said that Johnson did not intend to continue his attendance & that I was to continue to play 2nd flute & he would try Wane as 1st as his instrument was a good one "You play well [103]

& read perfectly but your flute is not in tune" said Hazon. He will be rather astonished when next Thursday comes (see Nov[ember] 3rd). Returning home at 11pm I notice luminance near our house & found it to proceed from a piece of stick which had been broken & exposed the interior which was highly [104]

luminous. It may be due to a fungus which has developed during the late rain.30. Fri[day]. I worried out & wrote clean a Funafuti Song which Hedley had constantly heard on the island & had had some notes given to him, the rest I supplied from Hedley humming the air over. Did not attend [105]

Orchestral rehearsal this evening. Shute made a final inspection in view of giving the last certificate. Heavy rains & thunder storms.31. Sat[urday]. Commenced to make a garden path but found the soil so sodden with the water from the large areas drained at the back that I had to utilise the path as a drain digging it [106]

2 feet or more in depth. Post card from Father who will write "next week" in reply to mine which missed the English mail & was sent by the German one. Very heavy rains fell which made my drains into lakes for the time being. My holidays for 1896 terminate today. [107]

November1. Sun[day]. Rain the greater part of the day, clearing up later. We kept an appointment & spent the evening with the Hellawell's & returned between showers, dry.2. Mon[day]. Returned to the Museum after completing my holidays and "late

week" to commence with. The White Hawk which I have previously mentioned as subject [108]

to fits (of which it might have half-a-dozen in a day) died in one of them, it had previously killed the Boobook to my regret for the owl became very tame indeed a condition to which the Hawk would never have attained.3. Tues[day]. Paterson went home with me to tea and spent the evening at "Headingley". [109]

4th. Wed[nesday]. Concert of the Orchestral Soc[iety] &[and] my last at- tendance at either Society for I wrote the following:-Dear Signor Hazon, After tomorrow's concert I propose to discontinue my practices with the Amateur Orchestral &[and] Philharmonic Soc[ieties]. The necessity for this I much regret, but as my instrument, being of a fixed- pitch, causes some inconvenience, I [110]

beg to ask you to kindly excuse me from further attendances." Bought linoleum for Hall &[and] passage £[pound] 1.11.10.5 Thursday. Wrote a short article to illustrate Le Bihan's copy of Fayrer's "how to hold a snake" for the T[own] &[and] C[ountry] Journal. I also commenced the article on Hoploceph[alus] superbus for the same -6. } Finished the Fri[day] forementioned &[and] [111]

also article on Hoplocephalus curtus. Etheridge asked me to draw a plate for him of a fossil for the "Records". Put down seeds of Passion Vine to be transplanted for covering the fences &c[et cetera].7. Sat[urday]. on duty 'till 5 being my late week at the Museum. Wrote Father.8. Sun[day]. Had a day in the garden. Jackson called in the afternoon. [112]

9. Mon[day]. Holiday. put in a full day excavating &c[et cetera] at the front.10. Tues[day] Letter from Father, drew plate for Etheridge. Whitelegge went home with me to tea. found that Titan had left the Mag[pie]s out of the Aviary &[and] had possessed himself of the tortoise (Chelodina) &[and] had commenced to gnaw it when I released it although past [113]

of the shell had been broken the animal was not much hurt.11. Wed[nesday]. Had tea &[and] spent evening at Woolloomooloo (the Josephs). Discovered that Titan had forced his way through the wire of the compartment into which I had isolated the tortoise &[and] carried off the tenant &[and] I could find neither it nor its remains. [114]

The dog had evidently become interested in the Chelonian &[and] desired to investigate further.12. Thurs[day]. Received "Die lachse des Kaukasus" from Kawraisky In consequence of the inability of the down pipes to carry off the late rains. Stephens put in an extra pipe to-day. Rose had met Charlie Bar- bour at our [115]

late neighbours (The Davidsons) &[and] he called in the evening. I fixed Electric Bell with pushes on both front and back doors. 11[shillings]- . Letters from Father &[and] Roebuck.13. Fri[day]. I had at the ironmongers (Maclean Bro[ther]s &[and] Rigg). been continually reminded of some one, by seeing one of the assistants some time ago. I decided it was Tom Anderson of [116]

Leeds &[and] as he has a brother here to whom he gave me a letter of intro[duction] I decided it must be he. Today I asked another assistant if they had a Mr. Anderson there &[and] on being referred to my suspect I made myself known.14. Sat[urday]. Before going to the Museum I gave the work- shop a priming of Alabastine &[and] [117]

in the afternoon & evening I gave it a first coat of paint in & between the rain showers. Commenced article on Death Adders.15. Sun[day]. Finished the Acanthrophis article and as rain fell all day I completed the cupboards under the bookcases. My day's work.16. Mon[day]. Received from T[own] & C[ountry] Journal 13 guineas for Articles written to date. [118]

17. Tues[day]. I paid to Stephens £[pound] 29. 7. 6 on the 5th & final certificate also £[pound] 1.14. 0 for cost of flooring of the workshop.18. Wed[nesday]. Bought some trellis ready made for fixing 8[shillings]/6[pence] mainly to keep the dog from the front but also to keep the back apart from the front of the house.19. Thur[sday]. Saw Dr Vause in Pitt St[reet] & although he did not see me I [119]

accosted him & we had some coffee together, he looks older & has a cicatrice on the right side of the face the result of the madman's attack. he invited me to Tempe.20. Fri[day]. Woodhead the Horn player spent the evening with us, Corrected proofs on Snake article.21. Sat[urday] Fixing the trellis for which I had to excavate holes in the rock to receive the up- [120]

rights which I bought from Stephens.22. Sun[day]. Ritchie called. I wrote to Tom Anderson & Father.23. Mon[day] Made and fixed gate in the trellis work.24. Tues[day]. Called to see the Gray's dog which was "down" with tick bite. I next visited "the nest" but Jackson was out. Mrs Badham however would see Titan of whom she had heard & contrary to my advice [121]

seeing that "Sam" another St Bernard was in the vicinity as soon as Titan entered by one door Sam did so at another & at once made for Ti[tan] the settlement took place beneath the large drawing room table which heaved in labour. Flower vases & books &c[et cetera] found the floor but strange to say nothing was broken. [122]

25. Attended the last Linnean Meeting of the year & exhibited Nephurus Iñvis from Bathurst. I also got a first sight of Boulenger's Catalogue Snakes Vol[ume] III. There will be much reading for Sunday after- noons! All the genera seem to be changed & the "Hoplocephalus" all but eradicated.26. Thur[sday] Received from Father £[pound] 15 being my share [123]

as far as realised under Uncle Bank's will. Wrote an article on Crocodilus porosus.27. Fri[day]. Wrote article on Crocodilus johnstoni & handed in this & the one written yesterday to T[own] & C[ountry] Journal. Stephens fixed the gas taps for the fires in the 3 front rooms.28. Sat[urday]. Painted the <gate I had made for the> trellis, a long afternoon's work. Made rustic box [124]

for Birds' Nest fern for pedestal in the front.29. Sun[day]. Selected & gave to Ritchie a series of British Butterflies as he had admired them the other evening. Our neighbours the Murrells came in in the afternoon we had music &c[et cetera] he singing well. Miss Davidson brought me a Tiliqua scincoides. Wrote to Roebuck [125]

30. Mon[day]. Paid Stephens £[pound] 2.12. 6 for gas fires and 2[shillings]/- for wood and nails which settles all his claims to date. [126]

December.1. Tues[day]. Paid Shute £[pound] 12.19. 6 viz[videlicet = that is] Final fee @ [at] 2 ½% [percent] on contract amount (£[pound] 462) £[pound]11.11. 0 Due on Holdsworth Macpherson's A/c [account] £[pound] 1 Expenses - 8 [shillings]/6 [pence]. Thus is all my indebtedness so far as Australia is concerned (with the exception of £[pound] 20 to Middleton) discharged. Ritchie volunteered the loan of his barrow to assist [127]

me with the Rockery I am now making.2. Wed[nesday]. Whitelegge & [and] party took over my pick for work at Maroubra and I bought a much heavier one. 4 [shillings]/6 [pence]. Commenced article on Diamond Snake gave Middleton 2 [shillings]/6 [pence] for a hammock trade price. M[es]d[ame]s Lazarus & [and] Joseph here to tea.3. Thurs[day]. Spent evening with the Murrell's returning their call. Concluded [128]

article on Diamond Snake for "T[own] & [and] C[ountry] J[ournal]".4. Fri[day]. Received letter from Grassham & [and] one from Father enclosing dup[licate] draft & [and] Globe Parcel express ticket for the pictures which were sent by the 'Orizaba'. Received pamphlet from Harold Wager. Wrote article on Carpet Snake.5. Sat[urday]. After having dinner in town I went to Tempe & [and] spent afternoon with Dr. Vause. [129]

returning home to tea.6. Sun[day]. Wrote Father & [and] also to Fanny Bowling.7. Mon[day]. Palmer 1st Clarionette at the Orchest[ral] & [and] Philh[armonic] Soc[ieties] sent to me W. Farrell 13 Coleridge Street Leichardt who had a Boehm - Carte Flute for sale, it cost him £[pound] 28 & [and] being hard-up & [and] having another flute he would accept £[pound]12. [130]

8. Tues[day]. When I got home I found that Titan had forced the aviary wire & [and] abstracted the Tiliqua of which there was no trace, he had as previously re- corded treated the Chelodina in the same manner, the birds he does not trouble about. I wrote article on Frogs for T[own] & [and] C[ountry] Journal, or rather commenced it. Concluded report on the Funafuti [131]

fishes.9. Wed[nesday]. Exposed plates on Claude. They unfortunately turned out to be somewhat fogged. The seeds of the Passion Vine planted direct from the fruit on Nov[ember] 6th are just coming through the soil.10. Thurs[day]. Finished article on Frogs. Wrote to Farrell (see 7th) and Dr Trindale (Newtown) re[garding] flute.11. Fri[day]. Letter from Father and one from G[er]t[ie], the [132]

latter asking me to withdraw my last letter to the Linnean Soc[iety].12. Sat[urday] Being my week on late duty did not leave the Museum until 5. Worked at the S[outh] Aust[ralian] Typhlopidae! the one I previously thought to be new is so and is a remarkably stout form, 22 times in total length. The following ap- pears in today's "Daily Telegraph". [133]

[newspaper clipping] The Giorgi flute is said to be a really marvel-lous invention. There absolutely no keys,all the holes are the same size, and it is played after the fashion of a flute-a-bec. Themouth-hole is like that of the ordinary flauto-traverso, but it is placed at the head of the tube. The tone is brilliant and sympathetic;everything can be done a £[pound]40 Boehm flute can accomplish, and a good deal more; the chromatic scales are exceedingly simple in execution; there is no cross fingering, every joint of the hand has its one duty, and one only. The instruments are already being made in Milan, and will shortly be on the English market at a price of one guinea! 13. Sun[day]. The disused! quarry within a stone's-throw of

our back fence contains a nice pond which I inspected today. The vertebrates are represented by tadpoles of which there seem to be several species [134]

14. Mon[day]. There has been a newspaper controversy about the Grey Nurse Shark &[and] I was visited last week <a> by Procter the Shark catcher, the following is the result cut from Saturday Herald. Le Bihan who is drawing the Birds &[and] Reptiles &c[et cetera] for the T[own] &[and] C[ountry] Journal seized upon the idea &[and] illustrated the Grey Nurse which he submitted to his chief, being accepted I have to supply the letterpress. [135]

[newspaper clipping] THE GREY NURSE TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD Sir, "The letter of your correspondent, "C.M.," which appeared in your issue of the 9th instant, gave me reason to think I had been under a misapprehension as regards the names of the sharks I have been dealing with, and about which I gave some information to your representative, inspiring his article of the 3rd instant, more especially as he, "C.M.," appears to be somewhat of an authority on the subject. With this idea in view I paid a visit to the Australian Museum, and from my observations of the specimens shown there, and courtesy of Mr. Edgar Ravenswood Waite, Fellow of the Society of London, who kindly gave me a lot of information on the subject, I arrived at the conclusion that "C.M.," is right in his main point, and that I am wrong, i.e., that the shark I have always called the "grey nurse" is really quite another fish. "C.M.," however, is in error in supposing the confusion in names is between the "grey nurse" and the "grey pointer". The fish that I have hitherto styled "grey nurse" is the "tiger shark", Galeocerdo rayneri. There can be no confusion between this and the "grey pointer" as they present many striking points of dissimilarity. The "tiger" has a heavy, thick body, and a bull head, and its teeth (which I think are the most reliable distinguishing marks) are sub-equal in both jaws, oblique, serrated on both margins, with a deep notch in the outer margin. The "grey pointer" has a long and rather slim body, and a somewhat pointed head, and is a very graceful-looking fish; its teeth are widely different from the "tiger's", being large, flat, erect, regularly triangular, and serrated on both margins. As regards the "grey nurse", I am of the opinion that there are very few of the species in the harbour, and that they are not regular habits of these waters, as I have only caught one, and that quite recently. In conclusion, I would say to those who are in doubt as to whether the "grey nurse" (?) is a man-eater or not, don't try him. I am &c[et cetera]., December 11. W. PROCTER Received £[pound] 6. 6. 0 from T[own] &[and] C[ountry] Journal making £[pound] 19. 19. 0 to date. [136]

15. Tues[day]. Drawing plate of Funafuti crustacea for Whitelegge. 16. Wed[nesday]. Wrote article on "Grey Nurse" for T[own] &[and] C[ountry] Journal. The pictures sent by Father of my late Uncle arrived, (18[shillings]/8[pence] carriage). They were:- a 20 x 30 Oil painting, beach scene, for which I do not much care. 2 oil sketches nice bits, one of which (hut<s>) was marked "saw-pit at Greystones" and a small rough water-color sketch of [137]

<Tantallon> Barnbrough. 17. Thurs[day]. Mrs Thorpe our taxidermist's wife who had been an invalid for 10 years died today. Cut &[and] planed red-wood for flats for the two oil sketches. 18. Fri[day]. Farrell called &[and] exhibited a flute, duplicate of the one he had for sale which he has at present lent out. It is the 1867 patent of Rudal Carte &[and] Co[mpany] listed at £[pound] 29. 8. 0 Cocoa wood &[and] silver keys. I wrote asking [138]

him to let me see the one he had for sale at £[pound] 12. 19. Sat[urday]. Attended the funeral of Mrs Thorpe at Waverley the Curator &[and] all the "scientific" staff &[and] many of

the workmen were present.20. Sun[day]. Mr. and Mrs. Hellowell came by invitation, he and I had a stroll to Shell Cove & on returning found De Groen & (Frances) Miss Joseph had called, a family [139]

tea party, music & cetera in the evening. In the morning I put together flats for the two smaller oil-paintings.21. Mon[day]. Wrote Father asking him for duplicate "John Park" music also any of my Uncles at Auction price (to satisfy the trust). Drew plate of Pacific Rat (Mus exulans, Peale).22. Tues[day]. Deciding to erect a bush-house near the side verandah I commenced excavating the rock for posts [140]

Dr. Booth our Ormuz passenger called on me under charge of an attendant from Gladesville, who gave me to understand that drink was the main trouble. The Misses Joseph & Lazarus to tea.23. Wed[nesday]. Farrell called to say he would leave the flute tomorrow. Wrote article on White Shark for T[own] & C[ountry] Journal No[umber] II.24. Thurs[day]. Going down the steps to the ferry, I [141]

picked up a half-grown Tiliqua scincoides. Farrell brought the flute but could not give me a deposit receipt for £10.10.0 for a week's trial as he said the money would be spent. Finally he reduced his price by £1 gave me a receipt for £11. He lent me Carte's tutor for the Flute, the particulars of which are as follows:- [142]

Carte & Boehm Flute 1867 patent No[umber] 1039. Poor oil having been used some of the keys were stiff so I spent the evening in taking it to pieces, a complicated action. Bought picture moulding which however was not delivered as promised. Richie sent to me a man to help me with the garden at 4[sillings]/- a day, he also left a little Xmas[Christmas] card - his own work. [143]

Received letter from Father wherein he mentioned having seen Jessie Walker at Headingley.25. Xmas[Christmas] Day. At home spent mainly with my new toy. Put together a 20 x 30 picture frame that had previously come to grief twice. The T[own] & C[ountry] Journal of tomorrow's date contains a ridiculous letter from a D[octo]r in W[estern] Aust[ralia] regarding my articles on Snakes ~ [144]

26. Sat[urday]. Spent the whole day at the front, assisted by a man whom I paid 4[sillings]/-. We got out some large stones & generally made some progress.27. Sun[day]. Drew some New Years' cards (comic). Miss Vialaux & Bessie came to tea.28. Mon[day]. Received 5 lengths of Picture moulding 3 @ 2 in[ches] & 2 @ 1 in[ch]. 8[sillings]/- Fitting the new flute case, the whole lining being [145]

greasy & moth-eaten Museum, holiday working in the garden-to-be.29. Tues[day]. Dr Vause returned reprints of my papers I had lent him. Paterson came to tea, we found that Titan had again broken into the aviary and abstracted the second blue-tongue.30. Wed[nesday]. Bought a Spirit level 2[sillings]/6[pence] originally, sold @ 5[sillings]/-. Photo[graphed] the fingering Sheet for [146]

the Carte & Boehm Flute.31. Thur[sday]. I paid Middleton the £20 he had lent me. Obtained M[oney] orders for £13.6.0 being interest on £380. Received letter from Nellie Beale and reprints from Bou-lenger. Kemp sent me 2 young Jack-asses, fine birds. I wrote to him. Fixed up barbed wire for fear Titan should take a fancy to them - hitherto he has [147]

only gone for the reptiles. Mrs. & Dr. Ritchie called in the evening. [148]

1897. Jan[uary] 1. Holiday. Ritchie being away for the day we took charge of his dog "Pat". I made 6 oak frames for pictures as follows - Museum photo[graph]. Sir Joseph Banks. Hoopoe & Hawfinch (reframed). Xmas card from Ritchie & Ducks by Mrs Forde. 2. Sat[urday] Holiday. Working at the rockery to my cost as I found [149]

afterwards. 3. Sun[day]. last night I awoke with sickness & vomited several times. To day nothing would stay on my stomach & it was evident that I had got a touch of the sun. I felt very seedy all day & was continually retching. Our neighbours were very kind. Ritchie gave me his counsel & several good things. A Mrs Griffiths sent me some beef [150]

tea, late at night & a little of which I was able to assimilate, the Murrells also sent me things. Jackson called in the afternoon but I was too ill to entertain him. 4. Mon[day]. Did not go to work to-day. I had no further sickness & feel better, not being able to exert myself I painted (w[ater]-color) Magpie & next for Ritchie, we [151]

having arranged to exchange examples of our handiwork Wrote Etheridge explaining absent & to Father enclosing Money Order. £[pound] 10 (No. 75789) £[pound] 3. 6. 0 (No. 75790) also photo of Titan. Murrell posted them for me. The day culminated in a violent storm, the wind was stronger than I think I ever experienced it. We saw it coming up from the S[outh] W[est] and [152]

had all windows & doors closed. A storm of sand from the city obscured not only the harbour but the bay & even the foreground, it commenced about 7 & raged for twenty minutes or so. At times I really thought the windows would be blown in. After all was over I went out to ascertain the damage. About a dozen tiles had been loosened & four broken. I went for Stephens who was [153]

busy on another roof. There was scarcely a house within view that had not some tiles off & one had been severely handled. Stephens came and replaced any tiles which allowed water to come through. Our ceilings had suffered somewhat at the front of the house. 5. Tues[day]. At Museum again, being improved. By the newspapers the storm had done a great deal of damage. Etheridge [154]

accepted my offer of slides of coal measure plants, value £[pound] 2.10. 0 in exchange for "Reptiles of Japan" value £[pound] 1.10. 0 6. Wed[nesday]. Got some wood from Stephens as rafters for bush- house, at which I worked. 7. Thur[sday]. Excavating rock for further uprights. Riches mounted my oil sketches of birds for me. Visited Public Library looking up literature on pacific rat & almost finished [155]

my Funafuti work. 8 Fri[day] Sent in my M[anu]S[cript] for publication Committee's approval. Received letter from Father also one from Chadwick. 9. Sat[urday]. Working at the bush house & varnished frames I previously made. 10. Sun[day] Cutting mounts & mounting pictures. 11. Mon[day]. Wrote G^A¼nther in reply to his re[garding] my rejoinder to Howe's reply in "Nature". Bought<12> glass for pictures 9[shillings]/5[pence]. [156]

12. Tues[day]. Drew plate of Typhlops pinguis my new species first written up this date last month. 13. Wed[nesday]. Bought gilt moulding 4[shillings]/- for oil sketches of my late Uncle.

Wrote to Zielz - Adelaide re[garding] publication of my paper on the Typhlopid. Bought Tape measure, 1[shilling]/3[pence] Also set bevel. 1[shilling]/- Visited Roy[al] Soc[iety]'s library re[garding] references to Maori rats.14. Thurs[day]. received 2 guineas from Town [157]

&[and] Country Journal being £[pound] 21 to date.15. Fri[day]. Sent to Pater- son a suggestion for an adv[ertisemen]t for Mark Foy. Wrote note on Typhlops australis &[and] bicolor for in- clusion in my short paper on the Typhlopid. Fixed up wire to form extra support for laths forming roof of bush-house.16. Wrote to Mrs Caird re[garding] purchase of tank from our old house "Ashville". [158]

17. Sun[day]. Framed my Uncles sketches (see 13th) &[and] rearranged pictures consequent on recent acquisitions.18. Mon[day]. Posted letters to Father &[and] Nellie Beale. Received letter from Chadwick. The bush house building is occupying all my spare daylight at home.19. Tues[day]. My week on late Museum duty. Wrote T[own] &[and] C[ountry] Journal article on Chelodina longicollis.20. Wed[nesday]. Ogilby asked me if I would draw [159]

him plates of herring for his monograph. Although no price was fixed 15[shillings]/- for each drawing was mentioned or the lot not to exceed £[pound] 10.21. Thur[sday]. Finally handed in article on Funafuti. Bought Gipsy table bamboo (for Rose). Received letter from Zietz (Adelaide) re[garding] Typhlops from which it appears that the article might not be published for a year. In replying I asked for more rapid publication [160]

22. Fri[day]. Letter from Father - Rose had one from Fanny. Withdrew 1896 interest (2.13. 4) amount required for income tax return. Posted Rose's parcel to Belle. Katie here.23. Sat[urday]. Sent in Income tax return. Being on late duty I was at Museum in the afternoon &[and] commenced pen &[and] ink drawing of Hyperlophus sprat- elides for Ogilby.24. Sun[day]. The pair of Jackasses have like the magpies [161]

soon learned when food is about. When they hear me cutting up the meat, without seeing me, they call out &[and] frequently indulge in an initial fight per- haps to decide which of them is to have the first or largest piece - the[y] feed from our hands. Went down to the beach &[and] called in at Riches on our way up. Met Mrs. Cherry an Artist in flower painting. [162]

25. Mon[day]. Wrote to Fanny Bowling. I handed to Rainbow my unbound Royal Nat[ural] Hist[ory] at cost price 36[shillings]/- as I want a bound copy.26. Tues[day] Public holiday 8- hour day . I spent my time in painting a Splasher for Rose. British birds.27. Wed. Wrote article on Chelone imbricata for T[own] &[and] C[ountry] Journal. Met Hellawell who asked us for Sunday week. [163]

28. Thurs[day]. Letter from Zietz re[garding] Typhlops. I replied allowing publication in Roy[al] Soc[iety] of S[outh] Aust[r]alia &[and] wrote to Secretary. Ordered more wood laths &c[et cetera] for Bush- house.29. Fri[day]. Sent T[own] &[and] C[ountry] Journal "How to hold a Snake" to Father. The padding of the new flute not being perfect I had a "go" at it &[and] after an hours' work left in worse than at first. Such is the difficulty [164]

with "dependant valves".30. Sat[urday] Commenced to redraw Hyperlophus sprattellides. Partly painted roof of the bush-house. Miss Florrie Davidson to tea.31. Sun[day]. Took Titan out for a swim. Wrote to Father &[and] Chadwick. Katie here to day. [165]

Feb[ruary].1. Mon[day]. Finished the drawing of the Hyperlophus sprattellides in pen for Ogilby. Bought 50 yards wire netting. 7[shillings]/9[pence] to Titan off the aviary & garden beds & cetera. Titan served the lady S[ain]t. Bernard next door, "Gabo" winner of several prizes. Wrote article on Carcharodon for T[own] & C[ountry] Journal.2. Tues[day]. Wrote on Dendrophis punctulatus for T[own] & C[ountry] J[ournal]. [166]

Board meeting, my exchange of Fossil Slides for Schlegel's "Reptiles of Japan" passed.3. Wed[nesday]. Rose took Claude to Crown Studios & also sat before the camera herself. Wrote article on Hydrus platurus for T[own] & C[ountry] Journal. Received proofs of plates Crustacea for Whitelegge & Rat & fish for self - Coarse lithography. [167]

4, Thur[sday]. Visited artist who copied my drawings and made alterations. Wrote article for T[own] & C[ountry] J[ournal]. Platurus colubrinus.5. Fri[day]. Peterson came to tea. Bought a large table lamp for which I paid 20[shillings]/- Riches came bringing 2 tree-boles for bush house one of which however I designed for table flower-stand.6. Sat[urday]. Mr Cherry a friend of Riches' [168]

spent the afternoon with us. Received proofs of Rose and Claude from Crown Studios, the former respectable but apparently wanting in contrast, the latter far from satisfactory.7. Sun[day]. In morning a second painting at Rose's splasher & we all went to Hellawell's to tea.8. Mon[day]. Received & passed proofs of 3 plates 2 for Whitelegge & one [169]

for self. Returned photo proofs, those of Rose only to be printed off. Sent my three Snake papers (viz Typhlops (2) and Aspidites) to Bottger Frankfurt he having written on Australian Typhlops.9. Tues[day]. Made frame for Rose's splasher. Sinclair is going to have covers of "Reptiles of Japan". Changed the plates of the duplicate (ie. the inferior) copy being [170]

unstamped but bound in Museum binding whereas the Museum copy has the original binding.10. Wed[nesday]. Paid Stephens £1.3.0 for wood for bush-house, the sum including 4[shillings]/- for repairs to roof after the storm.11. Thur[sday]. Received water rate 13[shillings]/5[pence] for half year. Sold Mrs. Murrell case of 5 o'clock tea spoons for De Groen 12[shillings]/9[pence].12. Fri[day]. Sinclair has decided to issue Whitelegge's Crustacea [171]

& Rainbow's Insects as Part II of the Funafuti Memoir he says that any contribution will form Part III but it's more likely that it will have to wait for the Ethnology by Hedley. Cherry came to the Museum & I trotted him round.13. Sat[urday]. Finished the Splasher for Rose it contains British Birds.14. Sun[day]. Wrote to Father. Commenced to draw Hyperlophus [172]

glycys for Ogilby.15. Mon[day]. Walking through the Rangers we saw an animal scudding along the ground in the moonlight. I thought it might be a rabbit. Going in the direction in which it disappeared I heard a noise above & in a tree two feet above my head was a half-grown Native Cat. After dodging round the tree it sprung straight over my head to the ground. [173]

beyond & disappeared.16. Tues[day]. Received the "Reptiles of Japan" from the Museum in exchange for slides of Carboniferous plants.17. Wed[nesday]. Called upon Rowling who has neglected us for some time past. Promised to lend Cherry my "Rover" camera.18. Thurs[day]. At home ill having contracted a bilious attack from a "bad smell" at the Museum. Letter [174]

from Roebuck he enclosed me a first consignment of Zoological postage stamps. Feeling better in afternoon commenced to paint panel of butterflies in oil.19. Fri[day]. Letter from Father. Wrote to Roebuck, enclosing franked & envelopes as usual.20. Sat[urday]. Cherry took the 'Rover' Camera. Wrote to Dr Vause quoting portion of father's letter re[garding] own meeting and [175]

his mother's obser- vations thereon.21. Sun[day]. In morning I took Titan & had myself a swim in the new baths at Balmoral having now no fear of Sharks & the ground being free from rocks a dip is doubly delightful & will be a weekly in- stitution as of yore. We had tea & spent the evening with Dr. & Mrs. Riches. [176]

22. Mon[day]. Wrote to Rudell Carte & Co[mpany] re[garding] particulars of my new flute & Posted letter to Roebuck. Dr & Mrs Riches here in the evening.23. Tues[day]. Met Dandliker & asked him to tune the piano next month. I finished drawing of Hyperlophus glycy for Ogilbys.24. Wed[nesday]. Had tea & spent evening with the Josephs arranging for a picnic to Balmoral on Sunday [177]

The following appears in the "Evening News" by Ernest Favenc, I suspect.[newspaper clipping] The lace-lizard of Australia, long and favorably known to young and old as the goanner, and to more fastidious folk as an iguana, has now received his full and proper title. He is the Goana, Naturalists have, of course, always known that he was not an iguana, and had no remote acquaintance with the South American gentleman. The wonder is how the name came to be applied to him, for even to the unlearned the difference is striking. Beyond the fact of their being both lizards there is no resemblance. It has become necessary, therefore to give him a name, as the public do not take kindly to lace-lizard; and Goana has been decided on. So now the very nicest people can use the term that has hitherto been considered a mark of the vulgar. Mr. Waite, of the Australian Museum, has acted as godfather, and the lizard now makes his bow to the public labelled Goana. There is nothing strange in this; scores of provincialisms have been adopted into the English language already, and why should not an Australian follow suit. The lace-lizard had sailed too long under false colors as an iguana, an Australian lizard should have an Australian name, and what better name could be found than the ever popular one Goana. It may be likely to create misunderstandings at first. Man will look suspiciously at his fellow man who says Goana, as a vulgarian; it will require strength of mind. Already Mr. Waite has been twitted by the omniscient newspaper correspondent as "not knowing how to spell", but all changes require courage to imitate, and Goana will soon be lisped by the best bred lips, and iguana forgotten as an imposter. [178]

25. Thurs[day]. Received letter from Sec[retary] Royal Soc[iety] S[outh] Aust[ralia] accepting my paper on Typhlops pinguis for the April meeting. Received proofs of Funafuti Memoir "Mammals" and added something on Geographical distribution & P[ar]t 2 of the memoir published today containing articles by Rainbow and Whitelegge.26. Fri[day] On returning Mammal proof I [179]

received that of the Reptiles which I corrected & sent in. Le Bihan will probably draw for the Sydney Mail when I may have the writing of some more articles. 27. Sat[urday]. Finished & sent in following articles for T[own] & C[ountry] J[ournal] 13 Chelodina longicollis 14 Chelone imbricata & of Snake IX. Dendrophis punctulatus X. Hydrus platurus XI. Platurus colubrinus Sphyrna zygaena (half article) [180]

Charlie Rowling & Miss Neill came in the evening. first visit to "Headingley" 28. Sun[day]. We met the Josephs & party by 10.15 boat & proceeded to Balmoral for our picnic. The "gents" & afterwards the ladies had a swim in the new baths. We did not return until 6 o'clock. I then wrote to Father. [181]

March. 1. Mon[day] Posted letter & 2nd part of the Funafuti Memoir to Father. Letter from Dr. Vause saying he would visit us at Mosmans before long. Wrote article on Ringed Snake and Typhlops for Le Bihan to submit to the "Sydney Mail" for approval (see Feb[ruary] 26th) adopting "Herr Schlange" as a nom de plume - or rather Namenszug. (Lue) [182]

2. Tues[day]. Commenced drawing of Potaln- alosa novae-hollandiae No[.number] 3 of Herring Series for Ogilby. My week on late duty. 3. Wed[nesday]. Commenced No[.number] 4 of Herrings viz[videlicet = that is] Spratelloides robustus this & No 3 being in line & wash Nos[.numbers] 1 & 2 in line only. Lent Cherry the Rover camera. 4. Thur[sday]. Public holiday Federal Convention Polling-day. On duty at the Museum, I finished [183]

the 2 drawings of the herrings. Letter from Father & also the old copy of John Parks' Songs. 5. Fri[day]. Le Bihan told me that his application re[.garding] the Sydney Mail (see Feb[ruary] 26) had not for the present, been accepted. On receiving proof of Funafuti papers I added still more to the Pacific Rat. Sent article and plate of Typhlops pinguis, N[ew]. Sp[ecies]. to [184]

Royal Society South Australia. 6. Sat[urday]. On late duty at Museum this week. Wrote to Grassham and to Dr. Vause in reply. Cherry returned the "Rover" having secured 11 pictures out of 12 plates. 7. Sun[day]. Had a dip at Balmoral and had tea with the Ritches. The Dr. did me a little w[ater] color drawing of the "Steeple Rock" I took some Rover photographs in their [185]

premises. 8. Mon[day]. Planed up 4" x 4" post for back verandah. Got Floor-dogs to relay the workroom floor which being of "green" wood had only been put down temporarily. 9. Tues[day]. Fixing trellis to back verandah. Drawing plates of Sponge spicules for Whitelegge's paper in the Funafuti memoir. Shine the publisher of the sheets of Venomous Snakes of [186]

Australia is now proceeding with the remaining sheets. The attempts were so bad that he had them polished off the litho stone. Having previously refused to draw snakes for the trade he again approached me & in view of the failures I agreed to draw six for guineas. 10. Wed[nesday] This evening I did the pen work of Denisonia Superba the copper-headed Snake. [187]

11. Thurs[day]. In the morning I colored the above - named snake & handed it in to Shine. In the evening I similarly did the pen work of Notechis scutatus the Tiger Snake. In crossing the bridge, a new straw hat was blown off into the water & I had to expend 7[shillings]/6[pence] on reaching the City. 12. Fri[day]. I repeated yesterday's work [188]

Rising early I finished the Tiger Snake & delivered it & in the evening drew Hoplocephalus bungaroides, the Broad-headed Snake.13. Saturday Whitelegge & Middleton were to have come but the visit was put off in consequence of illness - Wrote to Father, sending Dr. Vause's letter & photograph of Rose taken February 3rd. Made two small frames - for Birds I painted in oil [189]

at Goathland. Starling & Pipity.14. Sunday Walked to Balmoral calling on Cherry we had our dip together. In the afternoon Mr. & Miss Vialaux & Katie came, the two latter only staying to tea.15. Monday. Posted 4 of Rose's photos just received, respectively to: Father, Belle, Fanny and Nellie. Drew Diamond Snake Python spilotes for Shine.16. Tuesday Put up post & commenced to lattice [190]

a portion of the back verandah. North feeling aggrieved over a trifling matter came up to my room fuming & I ordered him out with which he complied with alacrity. He seems to have no command over a lovely temper & on one occasion went over to Summer Hill & stormed at Etheridge in the latter's own garden. It will be a case judging from analogy of "We never speak as we pass by". [191]

I have previously mentioned that we had heard rats overhead in our house & that I had set a 6-way trap one was caught today a bush rat Mus arboricola. Macleay, I think. I therefore changed the bait from bacon to fruit.17. Wednesday. Drew in ink the Carpet Snake having handed in the drawing of the Diamond Snake. A Tree Snake which I drew a year or [192]

so ago will come in as one of the series.18. Thursday. The fruit bait for the bush rats had worked well, 3 were in the trap and were placed in spirits for future examination. Colored drawing of Carpet Snake. In connection with the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the Linn[ean] Soc[iety] (New South Wales.) Hedley will be proposed for the Council by Etheridge & in order to overcome the [193]

present clique I allowed myself also to be nominated I understand that Mitchell of Narellan is wishful to do so. Returned final revise of the "Pacific Rat" having had to add a postscript on account of obtaining further references.19. Friday. Finished and handed in drawing of Carpet Snake. One of our fellow-passengers, Miss Swainson saw me at the Museum [194]

& I asked her for Sunday, she has disembarked at Albany.20. Saturday. 3 more rats in the trap, two of these I kept alive. Engaged in relaying the floor of the work room, notwithstanding that the boards had been forced together with a "dog" the joints had parted widely hence the wisdom of having merely laid them down. [195]

21. Sunday. Went to Balmoral, calling on Cherry as before. Mrs Swainson came in the afternoon & unexpectedly Paterson & his precious boy who is far worst behaved than before, a condition which I scarcely thought possible. Thank goodness they left early when we had Music, & Cherry dropped in about 8 o'clock.22. Monday. Continued laying floor boards in the workroom [196]

leaving two traps <doors> a small one through which to sweep<ing> shavings & cetera into a box or sack & a larger one to form a well in which to store tools. No English mail last week in consequence of the stranding of the Oratava. While working in the workroom I heard all the birds making a great row, the Jackasses especially. A small hawk was [197]

hovering around & explained the commotion, although none of the birds had had seen a hawk previously excepting the tame ones of which they took no notice. do the birds scent danger by the hawk in flight? I notice that the Jackasses have a peculiar way of securing their food. Supposing I drop a piece of meat on the ground one of the birds will [198]

immediately "dive" for it & grab it before reaching the ground. All other birds, as far as I know would first alight & then pick the food but this is not so with my Jackasses. A circumstance which probably enables these birds to secure snakes with a minimum of risk.23. Tues[day]. Finished the relaying of floor in the workroom and found that [199]

a board & a half had to be added owing to shrinkage.24. Wed[nesday]. Stayed at the Museum until 5.0 in order that Whitelegge might attend the Council of the Linnean Soc[iety]. Bought glass & fitted up more windows for the workroom.25. Thurs[day]. Whitelegge told us that I had not be nomin- ated by the re- tiring Council as Fletcher had with- held my name [200]

until the list was filled. Turner & myself were both nominated by out- siders, thus there will be 16 candi- dates for 14 places a condition never before occurring - there will be some fun on Wednesday at Annual Meeting. Hamlet asked me to write article on Mammals for the Aust[ralian] Ass[ociation] Hand- book.26. Fri[day]. Ordered 600 feet of 4 x 1 Kauri & some posts for [201]

dark-room and cupboards in the workroom. Wrote to father and also to Art Gallery for form of exhibit. [202]

March28. Sun[day]. Had my weekly swim at Balmoral. We had tea & spent the evening at the Riches.29. Mon[day]. English mail letter from Father enclosing 2 receipts for interest paid on amount bor- -rowed. Two mails in today & three in a week, con- sequent on the stranding of the Orotava off Perim. Received wood from Eaton @[at] superficial instead of running [203]

feet, therefore 3 times the amount ordered. Made door for lattice work enclosing laundry. Wrote Art Gallery re[garding] "loan" collection.30. Tues[day]. Received A/c[account] from Eaton for £[pound] 6. 13[shillings]/1[pence] based on treble quantities. Fitted latch to laundry door. Cherry came in the evening. Asked Whitelegge & Middleton for Saturday next.31. Wed[nesday]. English Mail in, the third this week (see 29th) [204]

LINNEAN SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES PROPOSED OFFICE BEARERS and COUNCIL FOR 1897. Annual General Meeting, March 31st, 1897. Proposed as Members of the Council for 1897 President Professor J.T. WILSON, M.B., Ch.M. Vice-Presidents J.C. COX, M.D., F.L.S. (3) HENRY DEANE, M.A. Inst. C.E. Professor T.W.E. DAVID, B.A. F.G.S Hon. Treasurer Hon. JAMES NORTON, L.L.D., M.L.C. Council b. RICHARD T. BAKER F.L.S. (12) a. CECIL W. DARLEY, C.E. a. THOMAS DIXSON, M.B. Ch.M. a. JAMES R. GARLAND, M.A. a. Professor W.A. HASWELL, MA., D.Sc. b. CHARLES HEDLEY, F.L.S. a. A.H.S LUCAS M.A. B.Sc. <-----[margin note] 17 votes, elected by a. J.H. MAIDEN, F.L.S., &c. the Chairman's casting-vote a. PERCEVAL R. PEDLEY b. THOMAS STEEL F.C.S b. FRANK TIDSWELL M.B. Ch.M. <-----[margin note] 13 votes. defeated a. PROSPER N. TREBECK, J.P. c. FRED. TURNER, F.L.S. d. EDGAR R. WAITE, F.L.S. <-----[margin note] 17 votes, defeated Auditors HUGH DIXSON, J.P. (2) EDWARD G. PALMER a. Member of the present Council; nominated by the Coucil b. Not previously a

Member of Council; nominated by the Council c. Not previously a Member of Council; nominated, with the approval of the Council, by Hon. Dr. Norton. d. Not previously a Member of the Council; nominated, with the approval of the Council, by Mr. J. Mitchell. A Member who wishes to substitute any other name in place of the one proposed, may erase the printed name, and write opposite to it, in the right hand column, that of the person for whom he chooses to vote.

Letter from Father & also some songs and piano music of Claude's. Attended the annual meeting of Linnean Society. Lucas & I tied at 17 votes & the Chairman gave his casting vote to the Council's nominee. Paid my subscription. £1. 1. 0 I finished 3 pen & ink plates for Whitelegge's Soft Sponges. Received forms from the Art Gallery. [205]

<feet, therefore 3 times the amount ordered. Made door for the lattice work enclosing the laundry. Wrote Art Gallery regarding "loan" collection of pictures having an idea of submitting those by Banks.> Shine having received the last of his Snake Sheets, goes to Adelaide tomorrow to meet members of the Federal Convention [206]AMS 587/38