

## OCTOBER

**1 Saturday** Got some more ferns for Blanche in morn. In aft. played back for the town against St Michael's. We were beaten. Minnie Rush came to stay till Monday.

**2 Sunday** Harvest thanksgiving at St Michael's.

**3 Monday** Finished making a frame for the photo of our play last Easter for Minnie Rush. It was an oak Oxford frame & she was very pleased with it. Tricycled out to Hannington & got some nuts. Walked up the Sherbourne Road, part of the way with Minnie.

**4 Tuesday** Went out on the tricycle to find a place for the children to go blackberrying tomorrow. Got some plantain for Willie Allen's birds. Went up to School to football practice. Our furniture van was first used to move Mr .....(*name unclear*) to Liverpool.

**5 Wednesday** In aft drove the children & Blanche out blackberrying to Kempshott, met the Allens out there getting some, there were a tremendous lot. In St Stephen's Review" this week there was a photo of Major May & an account of his "wonderful works".

**6 Thursday** In the morning I well cleaned the tricycle. In the aft. at 1.30 I & Bayley tricycle to Reading. We had a very jolly ride, through the Duke of Wellington's Park; got there at 4 o'clock. I paid a bill 7/6 for pigeons' food at Gammons for 1 ½ bushels & took back 4 sacks. Had tea at the cafe. Got home at 9 o'clock.

**7 Friday** I was rather queer when I got up. Last Saturday someone's nail at football cut my finger & poisoned it & this morning it was very much swollen & festered & came on the back of my hand. The Doctor said my blood was out of order & sent me some medicine.

**8 Saturday** I was unable to play football, had to poultice my hand & stay indoors all day. Basingstoke played Andover. 0 goals got on either side. Arthur played instead of me & I minded the shop.

**9 Sunday** Dr Hayes came to see Pa & looked at my hand.

**10 Monday** Had to poultice my hand & stay in all day. Began dyeing a football jersey light & dark blue for Frank. Had to keep my arm in a big sling & could not use it. Uncle William came home from Jersey but did not stop here.

**11 Tuesday** Went down to the fair with Will Allen in the afternoon but had to shoot with my left hand. Michelmas Fair today & tomorrow. I do a lot of decimal sums in the evening as I shall have to use them in brewing.

**13 Thursday** Hand still bad.

**14 Friday** Minnie Rush's birthday. In the aft. I walked over to Sherbourne with a present from Blanche & Ma. I stayed to tea & got back home at eight. Wrote to Uncle William to know if he could go next week with me to Colchester.

**16 Sunday** Went to church in evening.

**17 Monday** Minnie Rush came in & stayed the night. In the morning they began treading the boundaries of Basingstoke. I went with them till one o'clock. It was rather a stupid affair. I did not go again.

**18 Tuesday** In aft. Ma, Blanche & I walked part of the way to Sherbourne with Minnie. Went to Mr Knowles on Sherbourne Road about some ferrets which Uncle William wanted me to get for Mrs Tanqueray, 5/6 the pair & I gave the man 6d extra.

**19 Wednesday** Ada Allen's birthday. Arthur & I went to supper. Blanche to tea & supper. Very jolly evening. Had 3 new vests & 3 new night-shirts this week from Hewett's & a new hat.

**20 Thursday** In aft went for a walk & took "Dennis" Aunt Jane's dog with me. Stopped to tea with Grandma at Aunt Jane's & to supper. Wrote a letter to George Dunn.

**21 Friday** Went up the Sherbourne Rd for the ferrets & sent them off by the 9.52 train. Had a letter from Mr Daniell to ask me which day I was coming down. I went for walk in aft, took Venus. I take "The Vicar of Wakefield" in my pocket & read out in the country.

**22 Saturday** Had a postcard to say ferrets arrived safely. I sent Mr Daniell's letter to Uncle W. In the aft. went to Sanger's circus with Blanche & the children. Fairly good.

**23 Sunday** Went to Church in the evening.

**24 Monday** Hand a good deal better, left off poulticing it. In aft. I went for a long walk over Carpenters down to Sherbourne & back across country thro' Chineham. After tea went down to spend the evening at Uncle Richard's, played wist (*sic*) & drafts (*sic*). Had a letter from George Dunn.

**25 Tuesday** In the morning Uncle George, Dr Pearce & Edith came down from Hammersmith to spend the day. They had dinner at Uncle Richard's & tea at our house. Blanche, Edith, Pearce & I went for a walk. All very pleased with him. Uncle George tried to persuade me not to go in for brewing. Said I could not get a birth (*sic*) without capital & influence.

**26 Wednesday** Arthur & I went down to Uncle Richard's & decided it was much the best for me to go in for brewing & that it was very silly for Uncle George to have said nothing before if he thought it wrong. In the aft. I and Ma walked part of the way to Sherbourne with Blanche & called in at Mr Soper's coming home. Walter Cooksey was staying there.

*In the Moody family archive (A099) is a letter dated 19 October 1944 from Walter Cooksey (by then a Catholic priest in Caterham) to JBM's mother congratulating her on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

**27 Thursday** Had a letter from Mr Daniell to say Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> would suit him best for me & Uncle to go down for the day, & any day after Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> for me to go for good. Went to Aunt Jane's to tea. Grandma came to stay at our house in evening. New suit came from Evans's.

**28 Friday** Went down to Mr Evans to alter my jacket & to Wyeth's to be measured for new boots. Came up to Uncle William's by the 11.10. Walked down to the city in the afternoon. I bought an oak walking stick 2/-. In the evening Charles Paice & I went the Brewers' Exhibition at Islington. It was a splendid exhibition.

**29 Saturday** Wrote to Mr Daniell to say Uncle & I would go on Thursday. In the morning I bought a tie at Hope Bros & Charles & I went down to H'smith to dinner & went to Richmond to see a football match. Richmond beat Liverpool 4 goals to nil. Played cards in eve. & got back to Bloomsbury at 11 o'clock.

**30 Sunday** Went to St Andrew's, Wells St in morn.

**31 Monday** In morning I went up to Parkins & Gotto's to get a birthday book for the children to give Blanche, 3/6. Charles went with me & we went into Trafalgar Square & saw a crowd of unemployed. In aft. we went down to Hammersmith. I stopped till Wednesday.

*A serious disturbance in Trafalgar Square a few days later on 13<sup>th</sup> November ("Bloody Sunday") led to 400 arrests and 75 seriously injured, police and demonstrators. Fabian playwright George Bernard Shaw was present.*

## NOVEMBER

**1 Tuesday** A wet day. Went for a walk in the aft. Miss Pauline Sergel came to tea.

**2 Wednesday** Charles & I went for a long walk to Barnes in morning. In aft we went to the Hippodrome at Olympia. It was very good, better than last year. I came back to Bloomsbury St after supper.

**3 Thursday** Uncle William & I went down to Wyvenhoe (*sic*) at 10 o'clock from Liverpool St. & got there about ½ past eleven. It rained in the morning but cleared off (*sic*) afterwards, Mr Daniell showed us over the Brewery & then drove us to his house to lunch. Then we were driven to Colchester where we stayed about 2 hours & got back here at 9 o'clock. I arranged about my lodgings at £1 per week.

**4 Friday** In the morning I went up to the City with Aunt Polly to choose a dressing case at Southgate's (Watling St.) for Arthur & me to give Blanche. In the aft. Aunt & I went through Trafalgar Sq. To the Temple to see a Chrysanthemum show. In the eve Uncle W. & I went to "The Old Guard" at the Avenue Theatre. It was very good, I enjoyed it immensely.

*Comic opera starring Miss Henrietta Polak, actress and singer.*

**5 Saturday** In morn. I went down to Trafalgar Sq. & saw a great row with the "unemployed". Bought a tobacco pouch in the shape of a skull, 1/6. In the aft I came home to Basingstoke. Uncle William walked to Waterloo with me. New pair of boots from Wyeth's £1.1.6, clump soles.

**7 Monday** Ordered 3 Oxford shirts from Mr Hewett's, 6/6 each. In the evening Arthur, Blanche, Minnie Rush & I went to a concert at the Drill Hall given by Major May. Mr Winterbottom's military band performed, it was very good.

**8 Tuesday** Busy getting ready for next Monday. Received my £4.1.2 interest due Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**9 Wednesday** Began clearing up my 3 cornered room. Mended my cigarette case.

**10 Thursday** Blanche's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday. She had a lot of presents, brooches, bracelets etc. Arthur & I gave her a dressing case, 36/6 cost price. Pa & Ma gave her a 2 guinea muff. In the evening we had the Allens, Loes & Powells in to tea. Champagne for supper & a small dance in the drawing room after.

**11 Friday** Bought a cap 2/-, 2 ties 2/6, & 1 pair of gloves 3/6 at Hewett's yesterday. Went down & said good bye to Mr Longley & gave him some cigars. Grandma gave me 5/-. In the evening I went over to Powell's to supper.

**12 Saturday** Met Morton Lear & went up to School to say goodbye to Chadwick. Went up to station to meet Uncle William who came down to spend Sunday with us. Arthur gave me £5.17 to come away with for 1 month. £1 per week for board & lodging, 1/- (*not clear*) for washing, 5/- (*not clear*) for jacket, 2/- (*not clear*) for P. money.

**13 Sunday** Said goodbye to the Allens, Loes, Cannons & Caldecotts. Went to Youngman's to supper.

**14 Monday** Went down & said goodbye to Uncle & Aunt Jane. Started from Basingstoke by the 9.52. All the house was in tears. I felt rather uncomfortable. However it went off, as I went up to Waterloo with John Portsmouth. Had a cab from Waterloo to Liverpool St, 2/-. Arrived at Wivenhoe at 2.35. Purkis came up to the station to meet me. Had tea, went up to the brewery, unpacked my things & slept well.

**15 Tuesday** Started my pupilship at Mr Daniell's Brewery, East Donyland, for a month on trial. Wrote home to Ma to say I had arrived all right. Went to the Brewery at ½ past 9 o'clock. It was snowing hard. Had boiled rabbit & pork for dinner. In the aft. walked over to the stores at Wivenhoe with Purkis, the brewer. Stayed in & read in the evening.

**16 Wednesday** Got up to mash at ½ past six. It was freezing hard. Had a good many glasses of beer during the day. In evening I stayed in & read. The steamer which takes beer up to Chelsea ran into the bank & could not get off.

*Mashing: combining a mix of milled grain with supplementary grains and water and heating.*

**17 Thursday** Got up to mash at ½ past six. After breakfast went out for a walk with Purkis & Mr Bartlett shooting. The steamer got off the bank & was loaded with 120 barrels of beer for Chelsea. In evening went down to the "Crown" with Purkis, Mr Bartlett & Nunn.

**18 Friday** Got up at 7 o'clock, rather late. Added up some accounts for Mr Daniell. Brewed 50 barrels of P.A., beginning to see how the machine works. Blyth takes the brewing this week after 9 am. In eve wrote to Mr Angelsmith to tell him what I was doing.

**19 Saturday** Got up to mash at 6.45. In the aft. at 3 o'clock Blyth & I walked over to Colchester. Had a look over the town. I bought a bell for the table 1/- & a tin of Cocoatina (*price unclear*). We drove back to Heath House with Mr & Mrs Daniell & Miss F Blyth & I stopped there to dinner, had a jolly evening & got home about ten & went to bed. Purkis & some fellows played cards till 4 o'clock.

**20 Sunday** Went for a walk in morn & aft. In evening went to Wivenhoe church with Purkis & Bartlett. Wrote to Blanche.

**21 Monday** Not brewing today. Got down at the Brewery at ½ past 7 to weigh the gyles etc. Did chemistry all day with Blyth, analysed some malt & went through the maltings. In eve went up to Heath House with Blyth & had a little dinner as I had had sprats for tea. Got home at ½ past 9.

**22 Tuesday** Got up to mash at 6.45. Blyth is mashing this week. Paid Mrs Tye £1 for the week. After breakfast I distilled a lot of water for chemistry & did some more malt analysis. Began reading Loftus' work on brewing. Went to see about some fresh lodgings. Wrote to Uncle William in the evening.

**23 Wednesday** I got up at ½ past six every morn. this week. I wrote to Mr Milne & Mrs Hamilton.

**24 Thursday** Mr Daniell asked me to take the part of “Mr Walk ‘em fast” in some waxworks in the schoolroom Rowhedge on Friday which I decided to do. We had a rehearsal of the waxworks at 5 o’clock. At 8 o’clock Purkis & I went to Mr Bartlett’s to a small card party. Burton & Nunn were there. We played Loo, 1/- a doz till 10.30. Very jolly eve.

**25 Friday** In aft. I helped get the room ready & in the eve there was a concert & waxworks. I took the part of “Mr Walking Fast”, Mr Daniell was “Artemus Ward” the showman, Miss F Blyth was “Mrs Pear’s Soap”, Oct. Blyth was “Knave of Hearts”, Miss Coar was “Jubilee” & many others. It went off splendidly. The room was crammed & we had to turn away a lot from the doors.

*Octavius Blyth*

**26 Saturday** In the aft. I went over to Colchester with Blyth & took my football things; but did not play as they had the team made up. I went in to Allen’s & saw Pearl Allen, she walked down to St Botolph’s station with me. We had a concert again in the eve. I acted in the waxworks. The room was full again. Had a letter from Arthur.

**27 Sunday** Went to Rowhedge Church in morn, for walk in aft.

**28 Monday** Not brewing today, got down to the brewing at ½ past seven. We took £10.0.1. at the concerts on Friday & Saturday, which was very good for the small room. In aft. picked out a lot of barrels of beer to go up to London by the steamer. Paid Mrs Tye £1 for board & lodging for the week.

**29 Tuesday** I make cocoa now every morn when I get up to mash, which is 4 times a week now.

## DECEMBER

**30 Wednesday** In eve had a game of cards at the “Rose & Crown” & won 2/6.

**1 Thursday** In aft. I went over to Colchester with Blyth for a football practice, had a very jolly game, got home about six. In eve I wrote home to Arthur & Aunt Jane.

**2 Friday** In evening Purkis & I had Mr Nunn, Bartlett, Burton & Blyth in to spend the evening. We played cards from 8 till 2 o’clock. I lost 6/- at Loo.

**3 Saturday** I wrote to Will Allen in morning. Purkis & I went over to Wivenhoe in aft. In eve I went out with very pretty girl. Very jolly.

**4 Sunday** Went for a long walk in morning.

**5 Monday** Had a jolly letter from Milne. Went & saw Miss Shave & arranged to go there for 12/- a week for 3 rooms & attendance. In aft. Mr Daniell senior asked me over to his house to dinner. He drove me over & we went to some waxworks at the Drill Hall with his sons & daughters. Drove back with Mr & Mrs Daniell & Blyth.

**6 Tuesday** Paid Mrs Tye £1 for week's lodging. Mrs Daniells sent us an awfully jolly rabbit pie. Had a letter from Aunt Jane. Finished reading "Myths" by Ovid. Did not think much of it.

**7 Wednesday** In evening Purkis & I went up to the Heath to dinner & had a lolly game of cards afterwards. I won 2/6.

**8 Thursday** I drove to Clacton-on-Sea with Mr Robert Daniell. It rained a little but I very much enjoyed it. 15 miles from here. We had dinner at the Osbourne Hotel, at the governor's expense & went for a stroll along the esplanade. Got back to Heath House at 7. Stopped there to dinner & played billiards with Blyth after.

**9 Friday** I got up to mash, but there was no water in the boiler & could not mash till 9 o'clock. In evening we went in to Bartlett's to have a game of cards, played cards till one o'clock. I won 2/-.

**10 Saturday** Went into Colchester, went to the market to the governor's stall. Went to an art exhibition with Pearl Allen & Miss Scott & stopped to Pearl's to tea (*sic*) then went to the "Cups" & met Blyth & his brother & came home by the 7 o'clock & went for a walk "avec une petite".

**11 Sunday** Went to church in morning. For walk in aft & eve.

**12 Monday** Not brewing today. Boiled some chestnuts. In the eve. went for stroll *avec (then follows a tiny drawing of a woman's head)*. Walked up to the Heath in aft., introduced to Mr Lufkin.

*Rev H E Lufkin was Rector of East Donyland 1863-1898*

**13 Tuesday** Got up to mash with Purkis this week. In aft. I went in to Colchester to get our grocery (*sic*) etc. for Thursday. Bought about 16/- worth.

**14 Wednesday** Ordered ¼ ton coal 5/6 & 4 1/2 gals of beer to be sent to Miss Shave's. Went up to Heath House & played billiards with Oc. Blyth & Mr Daniell. Ordered ½ sack (1 ½ bush) of potatoes from Havens, 3/-. Pa sent Mr Daniell £105 premium for my 1<sup>st</sup> year pupilship. £100 of which was paid by the legacy which Mr J Bristow left me.

**15 Thursday** Moved lodgings from Mrs Tye's to Miss Shave. Paid Mrs Tye 30/- for the 1 ½ weeks & gave her 5/- extra. Miss Shave got our bread and anything we did not think of. Bought a ledger 6d to keep our accounts in & put down a £1 for the common purse each.

**16 Friday** Much more comfortable than Mrs Tye's: the bedrooms are very good & the sitting room. Had a letter from Uncle William. Wrote to Fred Paice.

**17 Saturday** Had a letter from Arthur to say that Pa had signed the agreement & sent 100 guineas – premium for the 1<sup>st</sup> year, on Wednesday - & sent me a cheque for £2. Went into Colchester with Purkis & went to an awful lot of hotels & pubs, got back to tea at 7.15. Stayed in the rest of evening.

**18 Sunday** Went to the Brewery in morn. In aft went up to Mr Daniell's to tea & spent evening.

**19 Monday** Helped Purkis analyse some malt. In aft. went over to Wyvenhoe (*sic*) with Purkis. I bought some scent 2s/9d "pour une petite". In eve went in to Mr Bartlett's & had a jolly game of whist with Nunn & Purkis. I & Purkis won 1s/6d each. Finished reading "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage" by Byron; enjoyed it immensely.

**20 Tuesday** Got up to mash with Blyth at 7 o'clock. The governor told me yesterday not to pay for any beer I have at the Brewery. Hard frost last night; stayed in this evening.

**22 Thursday** Settled up our accounts for the 1<sup>st</sup> week. Paid Miss Shave 12/- for the three rooms. It came to £1.1. each altogether. Drove to Heath House with Blyth & had aft. tea there. Blyth came in to tea with us after we had finished brewing at six.

**23 Friday** Came home today. Started at 9 o'clock from Wivenhoe, got to Liverpool St at 10.30. Went to Waterloo & left my bag. Walked up to Uncle William's, had dinner there & walked back to Waterloo. Got home at 4.30. Papa about the same, all the others very well.

*This entry confirms my suspicion that James Moody was an invalid and rarely went out. JBM's uncles in Basingstoke and London seem to have acted as surrogate fathers to him. JBM's records his father's death (at the age of 62) in the following year's diary.*

**24 Saturday** Jamie & Grandma staying at home. Grandma gave me a beautiful dressing case, fitted with razors, brushes etc.

**25 Sunday** Went to Church in morn & eve. Had a jolly day.

**26 Monday** In the morning Arthur & I walked to Mr Clift's in Sherbourne. Minnie drove in in the aft. & went with us to Loe's in the evening, we had a jolly dance to the Mechanics' band & got home at 12 o'clock. Minnie sent me a pair of silk socks & her photograph for a Christmas present.

**27 Tuesday** In the morning we went skating on the fishpond. I went in half way up my legs as usual, & sat in (*sic*), in the aft, while my things were drying. In eve. we went to Allen's to tea & supper and had a jolly dance. Got home at 12.

**28 Wednesday** In morn went down to see Mr Val Adams at the brewery & had a chat with him. Bought his dress suit & had it altered at Mr Evans's. Minnie went home in evening.

**29 Thursday** In aft Blanche & I went down to the Basin with Ada Allen skating. The ice was splendid & Ada Allen came back to tea with us. I went down to Uncle Richard's to supper. Purkis settled up for our 2<sup>nd</sup> week & there was 10s/- each balance out of the £1 each.

**30 Friday** Arthur gave me £16.6s to take with me. Railway fare £1. Board & lodging for last week ending 29<sup>th</sup> £1. And £1.6 for 13 weeks p. money & £13 for 13 weeks or 1<sup>st</sup> quarter's board & lodging. I am to pay my washing out of this if possible. I also received £1.3.4 Int due on £100 up to Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. Invested in this business.

**31 Saturday** Came back to Rowhedge. Started from B'stoke at 10 o'clock, went from Waterloo to Liverpool St by 'bus. Bought an alarum clock at the Great Eastern Bazaar, Liverpool St. for 6/6. I bought a wooden box beside my bag with some mince pies etc. Got down here at 2.30. Went to the Brewery, had dinner & did not go out again, as I was rather tired. Went to bed at 11 o'clock

At the end of the diary on Memoranda sheets JBM has written:

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Swanley Junction  
Kent

Rev R. A. Hamilton  
Holmesdale Villa  
Sunningdale  
Ascot.

R. Povey  
17 Montpelier St.  
Knightsbridge  
London

Where I got my celluloid collar & cuffs

W.J. Bull  
12 New Inn  
Strand  
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S Gammon (corn merchant)  
22 London St  
Reading

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