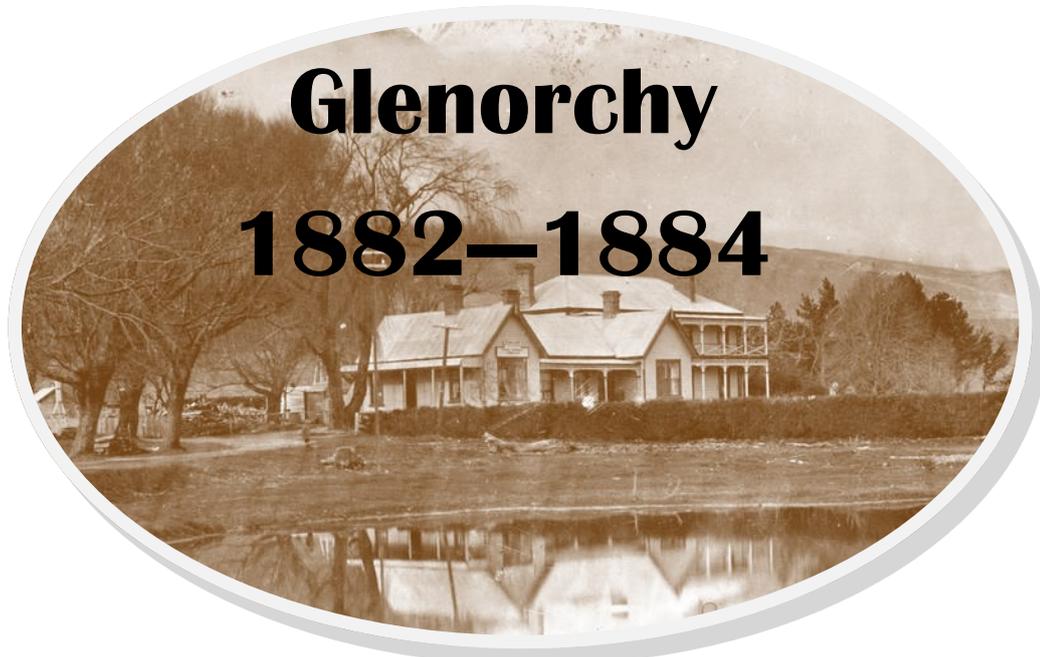


**Transcript**  
**C D Birley's Journal**  
**1882 – 1884**



**Mount Earnslaw Hotel**



**Glenorchy**  
**1882–1884**

## THE RUINED HUT

Where are the hands that built thee  
Where now the manly form  
That planned and cut and roofed thee  
And raised thy chimney strong

Where now is he who slept beneath  
That shapeless grass grown pile  
There found in dreamland shade relief  
From his hard and lonsum toil  
Many a winters snow has passed  
Yet still that chimney stands  
Defying storm and mountain blast  
The work of unknown hands

Perchance in country unexplored  
Or neath dread snowdrift deep  
As by some rivers rapid ford  
The builders dreamless sleep

Constance Dent Birley  
Feb

He pray best who loveth best all things  
He prayeth best who loveth best  
All things both great and small  
For the dear God who loveth us  
He made and loveth all - I Miranda Birley  
*In the Memory of John Watson*

### *Repeat of Verse 1 The Ruined Hut*

Little Bess has her lessons to learn and to  
.....  
Thought the wind in the west and the sun  
Little bird in the cage hopping sadly about  
Loves in the sunshine but cannot get out.

Constance Birley  
Mount Earnslaw Hotel

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Glenorchy Febury the 17 1882

THE BETTER LAND

Copy of poem by Felicia Hemans [1793 - 1835] Enclosed

Signed Constance Dent Birley

*Followed by different hand writing - suspect Isabel Miranda [ Liffey] Birley]*

Constance Birley

October 15<sup>th</sup> 1884 aged 16<sup>th</sup>

Isabel M. Birley

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1884 Aged 12 Years

Harry Birley

July 22th 1884 Aged 21 years

[Pages 5, 6, 7,8, 9,10]

### **Copies of poems**

THE CHILD'S FIRST GRIEF

Felicia Hemans

THE OLD ARMCHAIR

Eliza Cook [1818 - 1889]

\*CASABIANCA

Felicia Hemans [1793 -1835]

*Spelt Casabinca by Constance*

### **TORN PAGE**

Side 1: Glenorchy February 1884 Mr Kurkham came up from Dunedin on February 9 1884

*[ I.M Birley Hand Writing]*

Side 2: Darling Willie I had just got so far where that witch Mr Adiar and Mrs Hope came in and antensiplend ?? Me and I could not finish - Your ever loving little girl till death

Constance Birley

## The Better Land

'I HEAR thee speak of the better land,  
Thou call'st its children a happy band;  
Mother! oh, where is that radiant shore?  
Shall we not seek it, and weep no more?

Is it where the flower of the orange  
blows,

And the fire-flies glance through the  
myrtle boughs?'

– 'Not there, not there, my child!'

'Is it where the feathery palm-trees rise,  
And the date grows ripe under sunny  
skies?

Or 'midst the green islands of glittering  
seas,

Where fragrant forests perfume the  
breeze,  
And strange bright birds on their starry  
wings,

Bear the rich hues of all glorious things?

– 'Not there, not there, my child!'

'Is it far away, in some region old,  
Where the rivers wander o'er sands of  
gold?–

Where the burning rays of the ruby  
shine,

And the diamond lights up the secret  
mine,

And the pearl gleams forth from the cor-  
al strand?–

Is it there, sweet mother, that better  
land? '

– 'Not there, not there, my child!'

'Eye hath not seen it, my gentle boy!  
Ear hath not heard its deep songs of joy;  
Dreams cannot picture a world so fair–  
Sorrow and death may not enter there;  
Time doth not breathe on its fadeless  
bloom,

For beyond the clouds, and beyond the  
tomb, It is there, it is there, my child!'

"by Felicia Hemans (1793 - 1835)

## The Child's First Grief

Oh! call my brother back to me!  
I cannot play alone;  
The summer comes with flower and bee

–  
Where is my brother gone?

The butterfly is glancing bright  
Across the sunbeam's track;  
I care not now to chase its flight -  
Oh! call my brother back!

The flowers run wild - the flowers we  
sow'd

Around our garden tree;  
Our vine is drooping with its load -  
Oh! call him back to me!

He would not hear thy voice, fair child!  
He may not come to thee;  
The face that once like spring-time  
smiled,  
On earth no more thou 'lt see.

"A rose's brief, bright life of joy,  
Such unto him was given:  
Go - thou must play alone, my boy!  
Thy brother is in heaven."

And has he left his birds and flowers;  
And must I call in vain?  
And through the long, long summer  
hours,  
Will he not come again?

And by the brook and in the glade  
Are all our wandering's o'er?  
Oh! while my brother with me play'd,  
*Would I had loved him more!*

Felicia Hemans . 1793-1835

## The Old Arm-Chair

Eliza Cook (1818–1889)

I LOVE it, I love it! and who shall dare  
To chide me for loving that old arm-chair?  
I 've treasured it long as a sainted prize,  
I 've bedewed it with tears, I 've embalmed it with sighs.  
'T is bound by a thousand bands to my heart;  
Not a tie will break, not a link will start;  
Would you know the spell?—a mother sat there!  
And a sacred thing is that old arm-chair.

In childhood's hour I lingered near  
The hallowed seat with listening ear;  
And gentle words that mother would give  
To fit me to die, and teach me to live.  
She told me that shame would never betide  
With Truth for my creed, and God for my guide;  
She taught me to lisp my earliest prayer,  
As I knelt beside that old arm-chair.

I sat, and watched her many a day,  
When her eye grew dim, and her locks were gray;  
And I almost worshipped her when she smiled,  
And turned from her Bible to bless her child.  
Years rolled on, but the last one sped,—  
My idol was shattered, my earth-star fled!  
I learnt how much the heart can bear,  
When I saw her die in her old arm-chair.

'T is past, 't is past! but I gaze on it now,  
With quivering breath and throbbing brow:  
'T was there she nursed me, 't was there she died,  
And memory flows with lava tide.  
Say it is folly, and deem me weak,  
Whilst scalding drops start down my cheek;  
But I love it, I love it, and cannot tear  
My soul from a mother's old arm-chair.

## Casabianca

The boy stood on the burning deck  
Whence all but he had fled;  
The flame that lit the battle's wreck  
Shone round him o'er the dead.

Yet beautiful and bright he stood,  
As born to rule the storm;  
A creature of heroic blood,  
A proud, though child-like form.

The flames rolled on—he would not go  
Without his Father's word;  
That father, faint in death below,  
His voice no longer heard.

He called aloud—'say, Father, say  
If yet my task is done?'  
He knew not that the chieftain lay  
Unconscious of his son.

'Speak, father!' once again he cried,  
'If I may yet be gone!'  
And but the booming shots replied,  
And fast the flames rolled on.

Upon his brow he felt their breath,  
And in his waving hair,  
And looked from that lone post of death  
In still yet brave despair.

And shouted but once more aloud,  
'My father! must I stay?'  
While o'er him fast, through sail and shroud,  
The wreathing fires made way.

They wrapt the ship in splendour wild,  
They caught the flag on high,  
And streamed above the gallant child,  
Like banners in the sky.

There came a burst of thunder sound—  
The boy—oh! where was he?  
Ask of the winds that far around  
With fragments strewed the sea!—

With mast, and helm, and pennon fair,  
That well had borne their part—  
But the noblest thing which perished there  
Was that young faithful heart.

**By Felicia Hemans 1793 - 1835**

**Notes:** Young Casabianca, a boy about thirteen years old, son of the admiral of the Orient, remained at his post (in the Battle of the Nile), after the ship had taken fire, and all the guns had been abandoned; and perished in the explosion of the vessel, when the flames had reached the powder.

## THE LOSS OF THE TARARUA

A vessel stout and brave  
Plough through stormy deep  
Pulled by the heaving wave  
Her people calmly sleep

The sky is clear -- head  
The shore is draped in gloom  
And on the rocks they dread  
They hear the breakers boom

The engines throbbing hearts  
Beats hopefully and strong  
The waves are cleft [?] apart  
As swift she speeds along

O God what means that shook  
That cry across the waves  
The ship has struck a rock  
And none but God can save

In terror and dismay  
The people rush on deck  
At dawning of the day  
They crouch upon the wreck

The sea is wild and high  
And dull the breakers roar  
A heaven must they die  
So near so near the shore

Overwhelmed with terror wild  
The husband seeks the wife  
The mother clasps her child  
Far dearer than her life

A boat is manned and lowered  
Upon the wrathful tide  
But quick is over powered  
Against the vessels side

Another seeks the shore  
But now it dare not land  
The awful breakers roar  
Like thunder on the sand

All day upon the wreck  
The shivering victims cling  
The wild waves sweep the shore  
Storms their dirges sing

The gathering --ing-th cums down  
The strong is riseing fast  
The lowering heavens frown  
The chill the wwinters blast

Above the breakers height [hight]  
So loud and fierce and roar  
A wild despairing cry  
Is borne towards the shore

C God the wreck has gone  
Beneath the hungry waves  
The hope that faintly shone  
Is silenced in the grave

Brave men and women true  
And prattling fair hared child  
All neath the water wild April  
No more yours truly    Constance Dent Birley

*In April 1881 the SS Tararua hit Otara Reef, Waipapa Bay on the Southern Coast. In furious stormy seas 131 people lost their lives, just a few metres from shore. I found other poems about the disaster - early newspapers printed some but not this particular version.*

## Little Jim (The Collier's Dying Child)

The cottage was a thatch'd one,  
The outside old and mean,  
Yet everything within that cot  
Was wondrous neat and clean.

The night was dark and stormy,  
The wind was howling wild;  
A patient mother knelt beside  
The death bed of her child.

A little worn-out creature—  
His once bright eyes grown dim,  
It was a collier's only child—  
They called him Little Jim.

And, oh! to see the briny tears  
Fast hurrying down her cheeks,  
As she offer'd up a prayer in thought—  
She was afraid to speak,

Lest she might waken one she loved  
Far better than her life,  
For there was all a mother's love  
In that poor collier's wife.

With hands uplifted, see, she kneels  
Beside the sufferer's bed;  
And prays that He will spare her boy,  
And take herself instead.

She gets her answer from the child,  
Soft fell these words from him—  
"Mother, the angels do so smile,  
And beckon Little Jim.

"I have no pain, dear mother, now,  
But oh! I am so dry;  
Just moisten poor Jim's lips again,  
And, mother, don't you cry."

With gentle, trembling haste she held  
The tea-cup to his lips;  
He smiled to thank her, as he took  
Three tiny little sips.

"Tell father when he comes from work,  
I said 'goodnight' to him,  
And, mother, now I'll go to sleep,"—  
Alas, poor Little Jim.

She saw that he was dying—  
The child she loved so dear  
Had uttered the last words that she  
Might ever hope to hear.

The cottage door was opened,  
The collier's step is heard,—  
The father and the mother meet,  
Yet neither speak a word.

He knew that all was over,  
He knew his child was dead;  
He took the candle in his hand,  
And walked towards the bed.

His quivering lips gave token  
Of the grief he'd fain conceal,  
And, see, his wife has joined him—  
The stricken couple kneel.

With hearts bowed down with sadness  
They humbly ask of Him,  
In heaven, once more to meet again,  
Their own poor Little Jim.

## The Blind Boy

O SAY what is that thing call'd Light,  
Which I must ne'er enjoy;  
What are the blessings of the sight,  
O tell your poor blind boy!

You talk of wondrous things you see,  
You say the sun shines bright;  
I feel him warm, but how can he  
Or make it day or night?

My day or night myself I make  
Whene'er I sleep or play;  
And could I ever keep awake  
With me 'twere always day.

With heavy sighs I often hear  
You mourn my hapless woe;  
But sure with patience I can bear  
A loss I ne'er can know.

Then let not what I cannot have  
My cheer of mind destroy:  
Whilst thus I sing, I am a king,  
Although a poor blind boy.

Colley Cibber

## The Orphan Boy's Tale

"Mrs. Opie" [Amelia Opie]

Stay, lady, stay, for mercy's sake,  
And hear a helpless orphan's tale!  
Ah! sure my looks must pity wake, . . .  
'Tis want that makes my cheek so pale.  
Yet I was once a mother's pride,  
And my brave father's hope and joy;  
But in the Nile's proud fight he died,  
And I am now an ORPHAN BOY.  
Poor foolish child! how pleased was I,  
When news of Nelson's victory came,  
Along the crowded streets to fly  
And see the lighted windows flame!  
To force me home my mother sought;  
She could not bear to see my joy;  
For with my father's life 'twas bought,  
And made me a poor ORPHAN BOY.  
The people's shouts were long and loud;  
My mother, shuddering, closed her ears;  
'Rejoice! Rejoice!' still cried the crowd;  
My mother answered with her tears.  
'Why are you crying thus,' said I,  
'While others laugh and shout with joy?'  
She kissed me, . . . and, with such a sigh!  
She called me her poor ORPHAN BOY.

What is an orphan boy?' I said, . . .When  
suddenly she gasped for breath,  
And her eyes closed; . . .I shrieked for aid,  
But, ah! her eyes were closed in death.  
My hardships since I will not tell:  
But, now no more a parent's joy,  
Ah! lady, . . . I have learnt too well  
What 'tis to be an ORPHAN BOY.  
Oh! were I by your bounty fed!  
Nay, gentle lady, do not chide, . . .Trust  
me, I mean to earn my bread;  
The sailor's orphan boy has pride.  
Lady, you weep! . . . Ha? . . . this to me?  
You'll give me clothing, food, employ? . . .  
Look down, dear parents! Look, and see  
Your happy happy ORPHAN BOY.

*The next page is a repeat of the poem 'The Ruined Hut'*

## A Riveria

Oh for the gleam from the eyes that are blind  
Just for one tone of voice that is still  
And once again to be standing together  
Near the old church on the brow of the hill

Oh for once more to be loving and dreaming  
The old passion play forever is new  
Once more to feel whether waking or sleeping  
The gentle form near one so trusting and true

For a brief season love reigned all sufficient  
Compassed my being and filled all my life;  
Shed -

What should make thee sad my darling  
Why those perly tears I see have I caused  
One thought of sorrow have I not been kind to thee

Mrs Wesley Turton

Miss S E Copley June 3 1884

My lost love Glenorchy

Ah like that flowers that bloom at ????

But fade and die with morning light

Mrs Wesley Turton, Mrs Wesley Turton

Mrs Hawkeshead

Mrs Miss Queenstown

Gerald Turton Mr Mrs Mifs Miss

Mrs Queenstown

Glenorchy

## A Lock of Hair

Only a lock of hair  
Shorn from a babys head  
Carefully laid away  
After our darling was dead  
A beautiful tress of gold  
Shimmering in the light  
Oh could our arms enfold  
The loved one has gone from light

No more will we hear the pattering  
Of our darlings feet on the stair  
No more shall we hear the sound  
Of her babys voice so near  
Her little white hands are folded  
Gently o'er her breast  
Her sweet baby lips are silent  
Her dear little heart is at rest

Gone to the brighter world  
Gone from all sorrow and care  
Grief will never cloud her brow  
But the parting is hard to bear  
We know our little one lies  
Safe in the fold of god  
So we check the riseing sigh  
And bend our heads to the rod.

Constance Birley November 5 1 882

## II. The Graves of a Household

By Felicia Dorothea Hemans (1793–1835)

THEY grew in beauty side by side,  
They fill'd one home with glee;—  
Their graves are sever'd far and wide,  
By mount, and stream, and sea.

The same fond mother bent at night 5  
O'er each fair sleeping brow:  
She had each folded flower in sight—  
Where are those dreamers now?

One, 'midst the forests of the West,  
By a dark stream is laid— 10  
The Indian knows his place of rest,  
Far in the cedar-shade.

The sea, the blue lone sea, hath one—  
He lies where pearls lie deep;  
*He* was the loved of all, yet none 15  
O'er his low bed may weep.

One sleeps where Southern vines are drest  
Above the noble slain:  
He wrapt his colours round his breast  
On a blood-red field of Spain. 20

And one—o'er *her* the myrtle showers  
Its leaves, by soft winds fann'd;  
She faded 'midst Italian flowers—  
The last of that bright band.

And parted thus they rest, who play'd 25  
Beneath the same green tree;  
Whose voices mingled as they pray'd  
Around one parent knee;

They that with smiles lit up the hall,  
And cheer'd with song the hearth!— 30  
Alas, for love! if *thou* wert all.  
And naught beyond, O Earth!

*Author: Margaret Courtney 1822 - 1862*

## **BE KIND**

Words: Margaret Courtney (1822-1862)

Tune: [arranged by] E.T. Pound, 1859, Sacred Harp, p. 413.

Be kind to thy father - for when thou wert young,  
Who loved thee so fondly as he?  
He caught the first accents that fell from thy tongue,  
And joined in thine innocent glee.

Be kind to thy father, for now he is old,  
His locks intermingled with grey,  
His footsteps are feeble, once fearless and bold;  
Thy father is passing away.

Be kind to thy mother - for lo! on her brow  
May traces of sorrow be seen,  
O, well mayest thou cherish and comfort her now,  
For loving and kind hath she been.

Remember thy mother - for thee will she pray,  
As long as God giveth her breath,  
With accents of kindness, then cheer her lone way,  
E'en to the dark valley of death.

Be kind to thy brother - his heart will have dearth,  
If the smile of thy love be withdrawn;  
The flowers of feeling will fade at their birth,  
If the dew of affection be gone.

Be kind to thy brother - wherever you are,  
The love of a brother shall be  
An ornament purer and richer by far,  
Than pearls from the depths of the sea.

Be kind to thy sister - not many may know  
The depth of true sisterly love;  
The wealth of the Ocean lies fathoms below  
The surface that sparkles above.

Thy kindness shall bring to thee many sweet hours,  
and blessing thy pathway to crown;  
Affection shall weave thee a garland of flowers,  
More precious than wealth or renown.

Pages 24,25,26,27,28,29

He never smile again

The bark [barque?] that held the p—ne[?] went down

The sweeping

I M Birley was engaged the Mr John Smith October 14 1882

*[Note: In 1882 she was 10 years old]*

Mrs Kennett was married 25 of May 1883

*Note: In pencil almost illegible]*

Got her fair [your?] rose buds

best – you may old times

are still a flying and the

same flower that blooms

---- tomorrow may be dying      March 1882

Married

Isabel Miranda Birley to Smith 84

McBride – McHenery on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1884 instant At the residence of Mr James McBride, Sawmiller

Head of the Lake – by the Rev father MacKay, Alexander McBride to Eliza McHenery both natives of Bally-  
castle, CO Antrim Ireland. IMB Glenorchy Lake Wakatipu Otago New Zealand

## **The Rose**

The rose the sweetly blooming rose

Ere from the tree tis torn

Is like the charms which –ty shows

In life's exulting form

But oh how soon its sweets are goon [gone?]

How soon it withering lies

So when the eve of life comes on

Short beauty fades and dies

Then since the fairest form that's made

Soon withering we shall find

Let us po----? What never will fade

The beauties of the mind

June 22/88

CD Birley

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Childhood      June 23 1883

The tear down childhood's cheek the flows

A--- like dew drop on the rose

When --- the summer breeze comes by

And waves the brush, the flower is dry

July 12<sup>th</sup> 1884 C D Birley

Mt Earnslaw Hotel

CD Birley 18<sup>th</sup>

August 16<sup>th</sup> 1883

Miss M. Bryant went to hospital 23y

June 1884

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Goodbye sweetheart

Goodbye

The bright stars shine and the morn it is breaking and the dew drop pearls each find

--- leaf and I from you my leave am taking

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Flower sketches.

Had a good dance August 16<sup>th</sup> 1884

Danced 14 [?] hours. It was Mrs Hopes birthday

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Sketches Cabbage Trees

Lake Wakatipu October 13<sup>th</sup> 1884

Had a dance on my birthday 14<sup>th</sup> 1884. There was a good few hear. Mr Ray came up 13<sup>th</sup> 1884

Messers Halbert and McLeod went down to Queenstown for the ball on November ? 1884. Messers Davidson and Jack went down to Queenstown in the Mountaineer for the ball on Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup> 1884. Messers Mc?yhall & T Daniel rode down to Queenstown for the Ball on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 1884. Mr and Mrs Hope went down to Queenstown on Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup> returned to Glenorchy again on November 16<sup>th</sup> 1884.

Lake Wakatipu October 12<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mr Davidson and Smith came to cut chaff 11<sup>th</sup> M E [Mr?] Brown came over 7<sup>th</sup> Mrs Hope came back from Queenstown 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs Murray came up ?th Kenny took the chest of draws up to Precipice 11<sup>th</sup> Mr Oram came up on the 10 and whent to Invincible 11<sup>th</sup> from Melbourne [?] Mr Boulton came up 11<sup>th</sup> Mrs A. McBride came up 6<sup>th</sup> and whent down the 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Grey came back ?? Mr Paulins relation came up 6<sup>th</sup> Mr Kennett came down 11<sup>th</sup> Mrs Wilson came back from Queenstown 10<sup>th</sup> M ?? Wilson went to Queenstown 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lake Wakatipu October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1884

We got the land 30 of September. Mr Birley went to Dunedin 27<sup>th</sup> September. Mr Adam came up and went down 4 Mrs Grey rode to Queenstown 6 Mr McConachy[?] went to Queenstown 2 Mr O Shay came up ? to go to Gilberts Mr Gatenby came down for a letter 5 Mrs ?? Haines had dinner

Mr Haines finished ????? Paddock ? Mrs Hope left Glenorchy for her new house 11<sup>th</sup> Oct Mrs Cambell came over from the mill 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs Birley came back from Dunedin 6<sup>th</sup> Percy Davy [Dory??] rode up from Queestown 11<sup>th</sup> Mr Dunlop came down 12<sup>th</sup> Mr Kennedy came down th 12 Sunday.

Glenorchy Lake Wakatipu September 28<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mr H Birley went to Mr Masons with medicean 28<sup>th</sup> Mr H? ill came down from Invincible 28<sup>th</sup> Mr Fraser got his land settled 26<sup>th</sup> Mr Wilson was survaying 28<sup>th</sup> Mrs Wilson came back from Queenstown 26<sup>th</sup> Mr Drivmy [?] came back from Queenstown 26th Mr Johnson came up 25<sup>th</sup> Mr Ahgway [?] came up to bye a horse from Mr Cockburn. 24<sup>th</sup> Messers Ferry & Crowian [?] came over 28<sup>th</sup> Mr Hope went to 25 Mile 28<sup>th</sup> Mr G Grant went to 25 Mile 28<sup>th</sup> Mr J George went out for a walk with Mrs Mr & Miss C.[G?] 26<sup>th</sup> Master Percy Wing came up 26<sup>th</sup> and went back 27<sup>th</sup>

Mt Earnslaw Hotel September 12<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mr Adair came up 14<sup>th</sup> Mr Daniel came up 14<sup>th</sup> Mrs Champion Mr and Mrs Birley went to Queenstown 18<sup>th</sup> Miss Copley & Mrs Halbert & C & M to Atkins 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Mr Haines came back from Queestown 7<sup>th</sup> Two Gents came 17<sup>th</sup> Mr Marshall & family came over 12<sup>th</sup> 1884 Mrs Hope returned from Queenstown 18<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Hope came back from Queenstown 19<sup>th</sup> Mrs Birley went to Dunedin 27<sup>th</sup> Mr Atkin went to Queenstown 27<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Gatt?den whent to Queenstown 27<sup>th</sup> Mrs Stephen came up from Dunedin 26<sup>th</sup> Mr Boulton came up from Queenstown 28<sup>th</sup>

Mount Earnslaw Hotel September 7<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mr Gibb came up 4 and went up to Ik [Jk?] 5<sup>th</sup> Mr R Johnson got a bottle 5<sup>th</sup> Mr R Johnson went to town 11<sup>th</sup> Mr Gallard of Dunedin went to The New Jerusalem to see Mr Edgar 10<sup>th</sup> Mr Haines came up 10<sup>th</sup> went up 11<sup>th</sup> Mr Horne came down to go to Queenstown 11<sup>th</sup> Mr J Anderson came down 11<sup>th</sup> Mr H Jenkins came down 11<sup>th</sup> Mr T Hop came back from town 8<sup>th</sup> Mr James McBride came back after his wife's death 8<sup>th</sup> He brought Mary Kenny & Mavis Campbell with him. Mr Fraser got his dray up 10<sup>th</sup> Mr Prior got his chaff cutter up 10<sup>th</sup> The dray from Routburn came to the point 11<sup>th</sup> Mr Gibb returned to Queenstown 9<sup>th</sup> Mr Gatenby fell into the Buckler Burn 8<sup>th</sup>

Mount Earnslaw Hotel September 1<sup>st</sup> 1884

Mrs James McBride died at the sawmill Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and was taken to town Tuesday ? Messers S G Shore came up 1<sup>st</sup> Mr Fraser came up 1<sup>st</sup> Edgar came up 1<sup>st</sup> T Hope came in 1<sup>st</sup> H Holroyde went to Haines 2<sup>st</sup> Mr Oliver came up 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs James McBride was buried 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Shank went to town 2<sup>nd</sup> & returned 5<sup>th</sup> W Prior went to town 2<sup>nd</sup> & returned 6<sup>th</sup> Mr Johnson returned from town 5<sup>th</sup> Mr W L Davis came up 4<sup>th</sup> and returned 6<sup>th</sup> E Meager went to Invincible 5<sup>th</sup> T Oliver came up 8<sup>th</sup> Mr O Meara came down 5<sup>th</sup> Mr and Mrs Hope went to town 6<sup>th</sup> Kennedy E??? went to Queenstown 5<sup>th</sup> Mr Weedlach came up 5<sup>th</sup> did not go up ?? Mr Boulton & Mr Gilbert came up 6<sup>th</sup> Mr Down came up 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Mount Earnslaw Hotel 31<sup>st</sup> August 1884

? Mavis

Mr Gilbert went to Queenstown 31<sup>st</sup> Mr Paulin upset the dray 27<sup>th</sup> Mr Boulton gave Paulin warning to leave 29 Mr Johnson came down 31<sup>st</sup> Mr Polson left Routburn Station 28<sup>th</sup> Miss Haines came down for H Holroyd the 29<sup>th</sup> J Welsh went up to Gilberts 31<sup>st</sup> Mr A Gregor [McGregor??] came down 31<sup>st</sup> Mr Hope came down 30<sup>th</sup> W Prior finished ??aking Butements Stable 29<sup>th</sup> Messers Smith & Lakman went up the Rees 30<sup>th</sup> JK took them up. One of the Detectives came to rabbit with J Halbert 31<sup>st</sup> Miss Copley was laid up with a bad throat 29<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Welsh started to break in Beauty 31<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs Carmichael came up to stay 29<sup>th</sup> Went to Diamond Lake 31<sup>st</sup>

Mount Earnslaw Hotel August 21<sup>st</sup> 1884

Mr Fraser came up to see Mr George 20<sup>th</sup> and returned 21<sup>st</sup> Mr Fra[?]m Ireland and Co came up 21<sup>st</sup> Mr McMillan came back from Town 20<sup>th</sup> The two Detectives came up 21<sup>st</sup> Mr Powell rode to Queenstown 23<sup>rd</sup> Mountaineer did not come up Mr Birley went to Invincible with dray 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr && Mrs Aitken came up to live 25<sup>th</sup> Mr Mulholland came up to Invincible 27<sup>th</sup> Mr Bell came up to Earnslaw 28<sup>th</sup> Had a dance 26<sup>th</sup> Mr Butement came up 28<sup>th</sup> Mr J K Birley was sworn into the ????? Office 28<sup>th</sup> Winkine & Daniel returned to Queenstown 26<sup>th</sup> Messers Smith came up 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr Aubrey left for Queenstown 26<sup>th</sup>

Aubrey left for good 24<sup>th</sup>

Mount Earnslaw Hotel August 18<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mrs Hope returned from Queenstown 18<sup>th</sup> Mr and Mrs Paulin and family came to live at Mt Alfred 18<sup>th</sup> Mr J Parks came back after the winter 18<sup>th</sup> Messers Ford & Shaw came back 18<sup>th</sup> The two Miss Bryants came up from town 18<sup>th</sup> Mr Butement came up 18<sup>th</sup> Mr Birley went to Invincible with a load 18<sup>th</sup> Mr Cockburn came down 18<sup>th</sup> Mr T Davidson came up 20<sup>th</sup> returned 21<sup>th</sup> Mr Daniel came up 20<sup>th</sup> Mr Powell came up 20<sup>th</sup> Mr Winkine [?] came up 20<sup>th</sup> Alf Mayne came up 20<sup>th</sup> Mr Butement Came up 20<sup>th</sup> Mr Lakeman came up 20<sup>th</sup> Mr Goudie went down 21<sup>th</sup> Harry Holroyde left Routburn Station 17<sup>th</sup> Had a dance 20<sup>th</sup> Mr Alex Smith came up today 21<sup>th</sup>

Mount Earnslaw Hotel August 17<sup>th</sup> 1884

Messers Halbut and Fitt came to poison at Glenorchy 14<sup>th</sup> 1884 I went to Mrs Masons 17<sup>th</sup> 1884 Mr Marchall went to Invincible 17<sup>th</sup> 1884 Mr Polson came over to see Johnston 17<sup>th</sup> Miss Copley went out for a ride with Mr J George 16<sup>th</sup> Mr D Aitken went to Queenstown 16<sup>th</sup> Mr W Paulin went to Queenstown 14<sup>th</sup> Mr T Daniel went to Queenstown 14<sup>th</sup> D Norland Esq came down 14<sup>th</sup> Mrs A Fraser went down to Queenstown 15<sup>th</sup> Mr Bell returned to Queenstown 15<sup>th</sup> Messers Hope Davidson Gerge came in 15<sup>th</sup> Mr J K Birley went to Invincible with the dray 15<sup>th</sup> Messers Elliot & Hall went to build a hut for Mr Butement up the Buckleburn junction 18<sup>th</sup> Mr Aubrey [?] still on the squify 17<sup>th</sup>

Mount Earnslaw Hotel August 12<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mr Birley went to Invincible with iron 12<sup>th</sup> Mr Henry Birley commenced to learn music 12<sup>th</sup> Mr Fraser came down with Mr Cockburn 12<sup>th</sup> Mr McBride came over 12<sup>th</sup> Messers Vale and McBrides case came off 11<sup>th</sup> Mr Henry Birley went to Invincible 12<sup>th</sup> Mr F McMillan left Mr Butement 13<sup>th</sup> The two Miss Wilsons came back from Queenstown 13<sup>th</sup> Mr r McBride came up 13<sup>th</sup> Mr Kenneth McCloud came up for his sheep from Mr Haines 13<sup>th</sup> and went back 14<sup>th</sup> Miss Prior returned from Queenstown 13<sup>th</sup> Mr Wm Mulholland went back to Queenstown 14<sup>th</sup> Targent Gilbert came up 13<sup>th</sup> to see Mr Aubrey Mr H Birley went to Frasers with a load for Mr Mason 14<sup>th</sup> Miss Bryant went to Queenstown 14<sup>th</sup> to Miss Gregg

Mount Earnslaw Hotel August 9<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mrs Hope went to Queenstown 9<sup>th</sup> Mr Howell came up 8<sup>th</sup> Mr Haine came down 9<sup>th</sup> Mr and Mrs McConnery came to Mr Butements 6<sup>th</sup> Mrs Kennett came down 6<sup>th</sup> Mr Masons bees came up 6<sup>th</sup> Mrs Wilson came up 8<sup>th</sup> Mr H Fitt came up 8<sup>th</sup> Mr Elliot came up Mr Aubrey got the money from Justice Holroyde 8<sup>th</sup> Mr John McBride went to Queenstown 9<sup>th</sup> Mrs Kennett went home 10<sup>th</sup> Messers McBride Ferry & Crowan[?] came over 10<sup>th</sup> Messers J & J Mayne went back to Queenstown 9<sup>th</sup> Mr C Haines and came up 9<sup>th</sup> and went up 10<sup>th</sup> Mr Haine came down with the barley 11<sup>th</sup> Mr & Miss Prior came down for Miss Prior 11<sup>th</sup> Mr Kenneth McLandeam [?] in 11<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Greagg came over 11<sup>th</sup> McBride & Co Held school meeting at sawmill

Mr Aubrey got on the squif 4<sup>th</sup> and got off 19<sup>th</sup>

Mount Earnslaw Hotel July 23<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mr Hope went to Queenstown 22<sup>nd</sup> Mr Haine went to Queenstown 22<sup>nd</sup> Mr Whitburn returned to Queenstown 22<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Calfnach[?] went to Queenstown 22<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Fraser came down 22 & went up 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr Butement came up 20<sup>th</sup> went back 22<sup>nd</sup> ??? The Reef men came down to vote 22<sup>nd</sup> Mr Fergus got in 22<sup>nd</sup> Had a dance 22<sup>nd</sup> D Noland came down 22<sup>nd</sup> and went back 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr G Grant came down 22<sup>nd</sup> and went back 23<sup>rd</sup> John Granr came down 23 Mr Prior came down 22. Mr Mason did not come down to vote 22 Mr Finn did not come down to vote ? Mr Grant did not come down to vote 22 ?? Mr Finnie of Paradise - J Kennedy did come down 22<sup>nd</sup> Mr Aubrey got his meals over at the house 22 & 23

Mt Earnslaw Hotel Glenorchy July 19<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mr Frewen and Mr Mitchell came up from Queenstown 17<sup>th</sup> and went up to Invincible 19<sup>th</sup> Mrs Birley went to Queenstown for Piano on the 14<sup>th</sup> Mr Smith came down 19<sup>th</sup> Mr Boulton came up 17<sup>th</sup> went back 18<sup>th</sup> Mr Horne came up from Queenstown 17<sup>th</sup> Mr Whitburn came up 17<sup>th</sup> Mr Frur?? Went to Kinloch Mr D Noland got a ten shilling from C Birley 22<sup>nd</sup>

Got the Piano July 14<sup>th</sup> 1884

*\*\*Received a letter from our Aunt Ellen on February 4<sup>th</sup> 1884 I M Birley [Signed]*

*\*\*Mount Earnslaw Hotel July 18<sup>th</sup> 1884*

*Went to school 15 & 17 1884 - Miss Copley commenced to make Harry's birthday present Made Issie a birthday present*

*\*\* Written by Isabel Miranda Birley*

Mr Meager came down for mutton 17<sup>th</sup> Mr Jinkens came down and staid all night 17<sup>th</sup> 1884 Messers Gilbert and Paulin went over to the "Tair?? [La??] Mile 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> There was a good many people about 17<sup>th</sup> C Smith came down for the mare Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and also flowers - but did not get any - F McMillan and Mr McCloud came in with sheep 17<sup>th</sup> Mr McCloud got wine drinks - Gilbert got a bottle of wine - Teally went up with Gilbert

Mount Earnslaw Hotel Glenorchy July 13<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mr Horne came down to go down to Queenstown 14<sup>th</sup> Mr Paulin came up from Queenstown 14<sup>th</sup> Mr Boulton went to Dunedin 10<sup>th</sup> Mr Ferry and Mr Crowan came over 13<sup>th</sup> Mr Horne got down to Q tn 17<sup>th</sup> Mrs Birley went to "Queenstown" 17<sup>th</sup> Mr Ausburn left Mr Gilberts and went to Queenstown 17<sup>th</sup> Mr Boulton returned from Dunedin 16<sup>th</sup> Got one quarter of beef from Mr Gilbert 16<sup>th</sup> Messers Gilbert & Paulin staid here one night 16<sup>th</sup> Mr D Teally came back from Queenstown 16<sup>th</sup> Messers Frewen & Mitchell last [lost??] their passage on the Mountaineer Mr Cockburn came back from Qtn 16<sup>th</sup>

Mount Earnslaw Hotel Glenorchy July 11 1884

Mr Wilson came down from the Invincible 9<sup>nd</sup> were at school 10 1884 Messers Johnson & Price came up 11<sup>th</sup> Mr Mayne went to Queenstown 12<sup>th</sup> Mr Cockburn went to Queenstown 12<sup>th</sup> Mr Butement came up 12<sup>th</sup> did not stay hear that night had dinner Mr & Mrs Birley went up to Mr Gilberts 12<sup>th</sup> r Mason sent for the snowdrops 10<sup>th</sup> Got a letter from Justice Holroyde 11<sup>th</sup> Got a letter from Miss Cruckshank 11<sup>th</sup> Mr G W Ryder of Melbourne was married to Miss Wesmacott 24 of May 1884 they were married at Sanfrancisco Did not go to school Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Mr Wilson left for J.G & returned

Mount Earnslaw July 4<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mr Lakeman came down to go to Queenstown 4<sup>nd</sup> Mr Drippes returned from Queenstown 4 Moun-taineer broke down 4 and Capt Wings boys went to Queenstown 8<sup>nd</sup> 1884 Harry Birley went to Queenstown 8<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Boucher came up 7<sup>nd</sup> July Mr Aitken man came up 4<sup>nd</sup> 1884 Mr T Bryant came up 29 June 1884 Mr T Hope came up after being married 9<sup>nd</sup> July 1884 Mr and Mrs Cattrach came up 9 July 1884 Mr J Davis came up 9<sup>nd</sup> July - The mail did not come up Wednesday 9<sup>nd</sup> Harry Birley came back from Queenstown 9<sup>nd</sup> Mr Boucher staid hear one night 9<sup>nd</sup> Jy

Glenorchy July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1884

Mr T Hope was married to Miss Murray July 1<sup>st</sup> 1884 Mr C Cattnach was married to Miss Henderson July 1<sup>st</sup> 1884 they had a fine turn out - Mr Lunnous[?] was married to Miss Robertson June 29 1884 Mr Omeara came up from Queenstown 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1884 Mr Horne came up from Queenstown 2 July 1884 Took Mr Butements house 28 July 1884 James Georg came up from the wedding July 4<sup>th</sup> Messer McDougall & McGregor came up from the wedding 4<sup>nd</sup> Miss Prior came up from Queenstown 4<sup>nd</sup> Mr Halbert came up from the wedding 4<sup>nd</sup>

Glenorchy Lake Wakatipu 27<sup>nd</sup> June 1884

Mr Horne went to Queenstown 28<sup>nd</sup> Mr Hope went to Queenstown to be married 27<sup>nd</sup> Mr Wilson re- turned from Queenstown 27<sup>nd</sup> Mr Giesons brother & law came up 27 and went back 28<sup>nd</sup> Capt Wings boys came up 27 of June Mr Cattnach went to Queenstown to be married on 28<sup>th</sup> Messers Georg & Smith went to the wedding and Agnes Meiklejohn D Noland came down 29<sup>th</sup> Mr Murray went to Sawmill 8 June

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David Betts A ?? 8 July 1884

Aubrey Tobaco 4 sticks

Meager DR? 1 4??

Glenorchy Lake Wakatipu 26<sup>th</sup> June 1884

Mr Horne went to Queenstown 19<sup>th</sup> Mr Butement came up from Queenstown 18<sup>th</sup> Took a load up for Mr Mason 19<sup>th</sup> A lot of men here 18<sup>th</sup> Mr N M Mulholland left the Invincible 20<sup>th</sup> Messers Ford & Shore went to Queenstown 22<sup>th</sup> The Invincible men all went down to Queenstown on June 24<sup>th</sup> 1884 Mrs Birley went to Queenstown June 24<sup>th</sup> 1884 Mr Butement came up June 24 1884 Mr Horne came up from Queenstown 25<sup>th</sup> 1884 J Kennedy went to Queenstown 26 June 1884 Paddy from Ireland came up 23 of June and returned 26<sup>th</sup> 1884 Peter Wilson went down 26<sup>th</sup>

Glenorchy Lake Wakatipu 19<sup>th</sup> June 1884

Miss Copley went for her first ride 14<sup>th</sup> Mr McGregor went to Mr John Morrison left Miss Haines 14 Mr Joseph Kennedy went to Queenstown 14 = Saturday 14 was a holiday Agnes Meiklejohn came up 16<sup>th</sup> 1884 John Morrison left Glenorchy 19 for Queenstown Mr Mason returned from Queenstown 18<sup>th</sup> Mr Winkine came up 18 Mr Howeth came up 18 Mr Anderson came up to work on the Diamond Lake road 18<sup>th</sup> Messers Jinkens & Co came up to work in Earnslaw 18<sup>th</sup> Mr Pr?ke came up 18<sup>th</sup> and returned 19<sup>th</sup> Mr O Mara went to Queenstown 19<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mount Earnslaw Hotel June 13<sup>rd</sup> 1884

Mr & Mrs Mason went to Dunedin 12 Mr Joseph Kennedy came up 11 1884 Miss Copley started school 9 of June 1884 Mr Good body & Mr Austin came up 13 1884 Miss Haines came up 13 Mr Cattanach came up 13 - Mr Hope came up from Queenstown Mr W Davidson came up 11 June 1884 Mr Mayne came up from Queenstown 11 Mr Gilbert came back from town 12 Messers Daniel & Paulin came up 12 Mr Aubrey sent the picture to Justice Holroyde 12 of June 1884 Mr W L Davis came up from Queenstown 10 June Mountaineer did not run to Head of the Lake 13 June 13 1884 Good weather

Mount Earnslaw Hotel June 6<sup>nd</sup> 1884

Douglas Forscyth died 6 of June Miss Copley came up to Glenorchy 6 of June Annie Prior returned to Queenstown 7 of June - The cow died 5 of June Mr Butement came up 6 of June Mr Boyde came up to work at the Earnslaw Reef 6 of June Mr Jack came up to Earnslaw 6 of June Mr Kennedy went to Queenstown 6 of June Mrs Campbell went to Queenstown 6 June Mrs Wilson & the Miss Wilsons went to Queenstown 6 of June - Mr Richards went to Queenstown 7 of June - Messers Gilbert & Paulin went down Mr John Grant returned from Castle Rock 7 of June Mr Bryant came over 7 of June - went to Earnslaw with the dray 7 of June

### **Mount Earnslaw Hotel June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1884**

Mr T Davidson left North Station June 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday road down to Queenstown with McGregor W L Davies & A Johnston it was a lovely day - Mr Wilmot left Glenorchy 3<sup>rd</sup> of June George Cockburn returned from Queenstown 2 of June Robert Haines came up from Queenstown 2 of June Mc Henry came over 1 of June Eliot & Halbert came down 2 of June Mr Boulton came up Saturday 31 of May and returned to Queenstown 2 of June Mr a& Mrs Kennett came down and returned on 3 of June - Gilbert & Paulin came down with chaff on 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr Butement went to Dunedin 2 of June - Mrs Prior finished making Mrs Birleys dress 31 Of May 1884

### **Mount Earnslaw Hotel May 31<sup>st</sup> 1884**

Mr Harryston [?] returned to Queenstown 31<sup>st</sup> Miss Haines went to Queenstown 31<sup>st</sup> Mr Monerghan & Company went to Qt 31<sup>st</sup> Miss Copley went to Dunedin 24 184 Mountaineer did not come up here 30<sup>th</sup> The Countess Declod Mouth [?] went up to Mr Frasers 31 - Mr Wilmot went up to Mr Masons 31<sup>st</sup> Miss Wilson sold gold 31<sup>st</sup> 184 James Evans was married 8<sup>th</sup> May 184 Harry Birley got in the cattle on 3 of June 1884

Miss Copley came to live at Mrs Birleys 6<sup>th</sup> June 1884

### **May Mount Earnslaw Hotel**

Married by Father O Neil May 28 1884 at Sawmill Mr A Mc Bride was married to Eliza McHenry May 1<sup>st</sup> 1884 Mr Parker married was to Clara Hatton 24 of April 1884 Mr Geison went to Invincible Reef May 21<sup>nd</sup> 1884 Mr Hampton came up May 26 1884 Mr Geison came to Glenorchy 27 May 1884 Mr Wilmot returned to Glenorchy May 27 1884 Mr Mason came up for horses on the 27 of May 1884 Harry Birley took Mr Shanks timber up May 27 & 28 1884 The shepherds finished mustering Mount Juda May 26 1884 - Mrs Prior returned to her home 25 of May 1884 Mr B Prior came up May 25 1884 - Mr Butement wrote 29 1884 Thursday 28 1884

### **Mount Earnslaw Hotel May 13 1884**

Miss Copley Glenorchy Mrs Birley had her first trip to the Invincible Reef May 12 1884 - John Parks went to Dunedin 12 of May 1884 Robert Finnie came down Sunday 11 of May 1884 - Mr Butements horse died 11 of May 1884 Tom Hope returned from Queenstown 11 of May 1884 William Mulholland went to work at the Invincible Reef 10 of May 1884 - Mr Wilmot & Party came up 7 of May 1884 - Mr Aubrey got on the squiffy & until the 16 May 1884 - John Grant went to the Elbow on the 23 of May 1884 - Mr & Mrs Horne went to Queenstown May 28 1884 Kenneth McCloud returned to Elbow May 26 1884 - James Evans was married 8<sup>nd</sup> of May 1884

### **Mount Earnslaw Hotel April 29 1884**

Mr Joseph went to Reef 28 1884 - Mr A McBride got married to Miss McHenry on the first of May 1884 - Constance Birley went to the Sawmill on the first of May 1884 - Mr F.W.F Geison went to the Invincible Reef on May the 21 1884 - Mr Graham left Routburn May 1884 Mr Birley

Messers Esther & Lowe Merchants

Princes Street

Dunedin

Messr Robertson & Co

Merchants

Queenstown

Mrs M J Malaghan

Merchant Queenstown

Mount Earnslaw Hotel April 19<sup>th</sup> 1884

Took second load of rice to the chinaman 19<sup>th</sup> 1884 Mr Mulholland returned to Queenstown April 19 1884 - Took third load to chinaman April 20 - James George & McDougall came 20 Mr Malaghan was buried 20 of April 1884 - Mr Aubrey had first pull in the little boat 20 1884 Mr & Mrs Mason came down on 23 1884 - Miss Haines came down on the 29<sup>th</sup> 1884 Cut the barley 28 of April 1884 Alice Malaghan came up 23 1884 Mrs Kennett came back from Mill 23 -184 Charles Cattnach left Mr Butement 17 April 1884 - Mary & Maggie Wilson went to Mrs Frasers 29 of April 1884 Harry Hoorayed & Harry Birley went shooting rabbits 29 of April 1884 Sunday April 29 1884 C D Birley

Glenorchy April 15 1884

For Get Me Not

Thou art come a gift from a sincere friend

Whose dwelling is fixed in a heavenly sphere

But whose spirit is with us in every spot

And the voice of whose work is forget me not C D Birley

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Mr Butement came up on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 184 Mr Kennett went over to the Sawmill 13<sup>th</sup> 184 T Davidson & Hope went to Queenstown with cattle on the 18 April 1884 - Harry Birley went to Invincible with the dray April 18 1884 - No visitors 17 & 18 of April 1884 Mr Shephard came April 18 1884 - Mr Malaghan died April 18 1884 and was buried on the 20 184 - 4 death in district ??[by] 1884

Mrs Prior came to live at Mount Alfred on the 5 of April 1884 - Mr Mulholland returned to Queenstown on the 5 of April 1884 - forth of April 184 was a very wet day - Mr Mason found Moura [?] Mats 29 of April 1884 Mr Sabine died on the 10 of April 1884 Mr McKerrow came up on the 11 of April 1884 ?? Finly [Tinely??] McMullan came up on the 9 April Finished cutting oats on 11 of April 1884 Mr & Mrs Mason came down on the 11 of April 84 Thibys came up on the 11 of April 1884 and returned on the 15 of April 1884 - Mr Sabine was buried on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 1884 Watsons man went down on the 15 of April 1884 Mr Wilson went to Queenstown on the 15 of April 1884 - Mr Hicks returned to Queenstown on the 15 of Ap 1884 Mr Thompson went to Paradise on 15 of April 1884 Tom Hope came ? 14 184

Birley family were all alone on the first of April 1884 - Constance Birley went up to see Mrs Kennett on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 1884 - Consyamce Smith left Mrs Mason on the 3 of April 1884 - Mr Monson [Morson?] went down to Queenstown on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1884 Mr Prior went to Queenstown on 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 1884 - Harry Birley went to the Invincible Reef with a letter on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 1884 - Got two Parrots from the Chinaman on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 1884 - Mr Mulholland came up with Campbell on the 31 of March 1884 - T Hope got the cattle in to Brand on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 1884 - Mr Boucher went to Queenstown on the 3 of April 1884 - Mr Mason returned from Dunedin to Glenorchy 4<sup>th</sup> April 84 - 4 tourists stayed here on 4 of April 184

Mr and Mrs Wing returned to Queenstown on the 8 of March 1884 - Mr Gilbert went to Queenstown on the 8 of March 1884 W Paulin went to Queenstown with sheep on the 8 of March 1884 - Henry Birley came back from Queenstown on the 1 of March 1884 - Ned Meagers mare came up on the 7 of March 1884 - Mr & Mrs Field came to Head of the Lake on the 7 of March 1884 - Miss Evans and Miss Haynes came up to Glenorchy on the 3th of March 184 Mr Mason went to Dunedin on the 3 of March 1884 - Louie Boulton left Paradise on the 1 of April 1884 George Grant left Diamond Lake on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 1884 - Mrs Kennett was very ill on the 1 April 184 Mr Adair came up to go to Invincible on the 31 of March 1884 - E Manson & Mr Boucher came up on the 31 of March 184

#### Mount Earnslaw Hotel March 3th 1884

Mr Kennedy went to Queenstown on the first of March 1884 Mr Johnson came down from Invincible on the 3 of March 1884 Robert Haines came up on the 3 of March 184 Andrew Horne came back from Queenstown on the 3 of March 1884 Miss McHenry came up on the 3 of March 1884 - Mr & Mrs Wing and family went up to Mr Masons on the 9 of March 1884 - Henry Birley went to Queenstown on the 6 of March 1884.. Mr W Paulin came to live at Mount Alfred on the 6 of March 184 Mr Edward Meager went to work at the Invincible Reef on the 3 of March 1884 - William Prior went down to Queenstown on the 6 of March 1884 - Mr Ryder wrote to Mrs Birley from Dunedin on the 5 of March 1884 - Mr Aubrey got a little squiffy on the 5&6 of March 184

First of February was a fine day 1884 Mr G Cockburn went down on the first of Feb 1884 - Mr G Cockburn returned for good to the Head of the Lake on the 24 of Feb 1884 Mr & Mrs Cacham came up on the 24 of Feb 1884 - Mrs E D Wing came to stay on the 26 of Feb 1884 - W Paulin left Mr Gilbert on the 25 of Feb 1884 - Mr Boulton came up on the 24 of Feb 1884 - Mr P ??fs [p?] went down on the 12 of February 1884 - Mr Crookshank came up on the 22 of February 1884 - John Meiklejohn went to Dunedin on the 25 of Feb 1884 Agnes Meiklejohn came up on the 25 of Feb 1884 - Mountaineer had a break down on the 22 of Feb 184 Sam Cowan left Invincible Reef on the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1884 - Mr Haines went down to Queenstown on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1884 Very bad weather the first of March 1884 - the boy Wings went over to Bryants on the first of March 1884 - James Davis came down from Invincible on 29<sup>th</sup> of Feb 184

#### Mount Earnslaw Hotel Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1884

Mr Haines came up on the 30 of Jan 184 Mr Morrison went up to Miss Haines on the 29 of January 1884 - All the preasts [?] came up on the 28 of January 1884 Mr Wilson went to confetion - Mr Wing came up on the first of February 1884 - Mr Mackan came up to see Henry Holroyde on the first of February 1884 Mr Butement went down on the first 1884 - David Smith was buried on the first of February 1884 Mr Birley wrote to Mr Hampton on the 2st February 1884 Mr Kennedy returned to Queenstown on the first of February 1884 Mr Polson and Mr Johnson went to Queenstown on the 31 of January 1884 - Henry took a load of flour up to Mr Kennetts on the first of February 1884 - Mr Birley went up to Mr Masons on the 2 Feb 184

Mr Mackan went to Invincible on the 14 of January 1884 Mr Murray came from Queenstown on the 14 of Jan 1884 - Mr McBride Ferry & Co came back from Queenstown on the 14 Of Jany 1884 - Henry Birley started to plough for turnips on the 20 of Jan 1884 The first summer like day in 1884 on the 20 of January 1884 - W Campbell came up on the 19 of January 1884 - The Govener came to Glenorchy on the 22 of January 184 Miss Haines came up from Queenstown on the 22 of January 1884 - Mr James Wilson went to the Woolshed on the 19 of January 1883 - David Smith died on 29 of January 1884 - George Cockburn came up on the 30 of January 1884 - Mr & Miss Nightengale went up to the Masons on the 30 of January 1884

Mr Holroyde came to sleep on the 4 of Jany 1884 and left on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 1884 - Liffie Birley was very much pleased when she heard that the Mountaineer was coming up so she new that her loved would often come to see her -9 1884 John Parks came up on the 14 of January 184 Mr Blomefeild came up on the 12 of Jany 1884 - Jamie Davis came down for coals on the 16 of January 1884 - Miss Hamilton left on the 16 of January 1884 - Miss Kruell [?] left on the 16 of January 1884 - Ser mountain lillys on the 16 of January 1884 - Mr Brole [?] left G Cenachy on the 14 of January 1884 The weather was very bad until the 17 of January 1884 - Mr W Campbell went to Invincible in the your 1884 - John Watson died Febuary the 26 1881 - Wrote home to England on the 30 of October 1883 - Thomas Wilson went to Mr Grahams on the 11<sup>th</sup> Jany 1884

Mr Andrew Johnson came up on the 8 of January 1884 Mr Frewen came up 8<sup>th</sup> Jany 1884 Mr Scally came up on the 8 of January 184 Mr Cowan came up to Invincible on the 9 of January 1883 - Stewart Duke came up on the 9 of January 1884 - Mountaineer started to run to the Head of the Lake again on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1884 Tommy Butement went to Queenstown on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1884 - Arthur Bo-l? left Mr Frasers on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 184 - Mr & Mrs Kennett came down on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 1883 Mr Horne came down on the 8<sup>th</sup> 1884 - Mr Aubrey left for Rouburn Station on the 8 of January 1884 - Mr Butement sleep at Cat Cottage on the 9 of January 1884 It rained very hard on the 9 of January 1884 Tom Shearers came up for Mr Butement on the 9 of January 1884

Mr James Davis came up from Queenstown on the 3 of January 1884. Mr Alfred Gilbert came back from Queenstown on the 4 of January 1884 Mr W Paulin came up on the 4 of January 1884 - Mr Powell came up on the 4 of January 1884 Mr Daniel came up on the 4 of January 1884 - Jane Williams came to Kinloch Sunday the 6 of January 1884 - Henry Birley went up the Rees on the 4 of January 1884 - Mr Butement started shearing on the 5 of January 1884 - Mr Birley took the first load up to Invincible Reef in the new year January the 4 1884 the farmers boy went with him - Tommy Butement went to Sky Castle on the 6 of January 1884 Mountaineer left off running to the Head of the Lake Wakatipu on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1884 - Constance Smith went to Mrs Masons on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 1884

Mr Holroyde went to Dunedin on the 25 of Dec 1883 - Mr Watson came on the 25 of Dec 1883 and left on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1884 - Mountaineer did not come up on the 1 of Jan 1883 - Mr Mason came down on the first of Jan 1884 - Mr Prior came from Queenstown on the 31 of Dec 183 Mrs Kennett came down on the 31 st of Dec 183 It was not a very nice day the first of Jan 184 Sir Joseph C [G?] Kennedy went to Queenstown on the first of Jan 1884 - B[?] Debuy came on the 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec 1884 Antrim came to Greenston on the first of Jan 1884 - Birley family all at home on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan 184 Mr Butement shearers came up on the 4 of Jan 1884 - H Holroyde returned from Dunedin on the 4 of January 1884 - Joseph Kennedy came from Queenstown on the 3th of January 183 Arthur Ford came back from Queenstown on the 3 of January and went up on the 4 183

Be my heart thy home forever

Let all tears forgotten be

W--- or -- estrang us never

What should make thee sad my darling

Constance Birley Dec 1883



Mr & Mrs Wales came up to Mr Masons on the 29 of Dec 1883 - Mr Helphide left on the 29 of Dec 1883 - Henry Fitt came up on the 29 of Dec 1883 - Acksle for dray came up on the 29 of Dec 183 Mr Aubrey came down on the 27 of Dec 1883 Mr Polson came back from Queenstown on the 27 of Dec 1883 - Peter Wilson came back on the 27 of Dec 1883 Mr Prior went to Queenstown on the 24 of Dec 1883 - Sargent Gilbert came up on the 29 of Dec 1883 - The Wanderer got 4q of Beef on the 29 of Dec 1883 Liffie Birley expects Jack

**Still I Love thee**

What should make thee sad my darling

Why those perly tears I see have I caused

one though of sorrow Love In ? been kind to thee

By the stars that shine above us

By there wonderous mu--try

By this hart that beats with in me

Still I love thee love but thee

Ore the busam of the Ocen

Shall the sea bird cease to come

Sun and stars shall cease there motion

Winds and clouds forget to move

ere my love for thee shall falter

Or faith forgotten be

All thing else on earth may alter

Shal I love thee love but thee

Joyful when first I found the

That bowed my hart at loves b---y

Now when sorrows gathers round me thine -

Alon can make me bl---

Agnes Campbell left the Saw Mill on the 14 of Dec - Frank McBride left Glenorchy on the 12 of Dec - Mr Butement came up on the 13 Dec - F-- Wilson came up on the 12 of Dec - Mr Hhicks came up on the 13 of Dec - David Smith left Glenorchy for Queenstown on the 12 of Dec 1883 - Constance Birley whent to Mrs Masons on the 22 of Dec 1883 - Maggie Wilson whent to Queenstown on the 24 of Dec 183 - Hope started mustering up the Rees on the 25 of Dec 1883 Mr Birley left Diamond Creek on the 24 of Dec 1883 - Reef men whent to Queenstown on the 24 1883 - Mr B Rane came up on the 24 of Dec 1883 - Henry Holroyde left for Dunedin on the 25 of Dec 1883 - Henry Birley a & Meager came down the Rees on the 23 of Dec 1883 and whent back on the 27 of Dec 1883 - Miss Haines left for Queenstown on the 27 of Dec 1883 Mr Kennett whent to Paradise on the 28 Dec 1883

Mrs Campbell left the Saw Mill on the 29 Nov 1883 - The last day of November was a very wet day - Mr Butement came up on the 29 of November John Grant got his leg hurt on the 28 of November 1883 E Prior whent to Queenstown on the 27 of November 183 Charles Cattnach whent to Fern Hill on the 30 November 1883 - That lovely bud so fare and young cut off in early bloom Mrs Campbell whent to Queenstown on the 5 of Dec - Frankey McBride got hurt on the 7 of December 1883 - Messers Meager and Birley left for Rees Valley on the 7 of Dec 1883 - George Cockburn whent to Queenstown on the 7 of Dec 1883 - Mr Birleys dray got broke on the 6 of Dec 1883 - John Smith came to see his ever beloved sweethart Isabel Birley on the 7 of Dec but was much disapointed on his return - Mr Horn came down for a load with the dray on the 8 of Dec 1883

Mr Meager first fell in love with Miss Haines on the 3th of December 1883 -

Ned my darling I love you as dearly as my life and oft times I have told you that - I will make you my husband your ever loving Eliza Haines

Reply My ever dearest Eliza The letter you sent me gives me much pleasure - and I would have much pleasure if I could see you so to have a little conversation with you so as to arrange matters before Christmas Now my darling Eliza we will spend the honey moon in Dunedin and on our return we will stay at Mrs Birleys Hotel for a short time In which Miss Birley and David Smith will show us round the country Believe me your ever loving young man Ned Meager xxx

David Smith came up on the 27 of Nov John Smith came in to see Liffey Birley on the 27 of November - Mr Birley when up to Earnslaw Creek on the 26 of Nov - Birthdays Henry Birley 20 July - J K Birleys 1<sup>st</sup> of July Isabel Birleys July 15<sup>TH</sup> - Constance Birleys October 14<sup>th</sup> & H 20 C.15 I.11 - J.63 Mrs Kennetts birthday on the 12 of March Mina Campbell Birthday August 30 1884 Agnes Campbell Set 15 1883 Miss Kerr left Paradise on the 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 184 Mrs Masons Birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July - Shepherds came in to see Mr K[R?]op on the 13 of Nov 1883 Mr James McBride returned from Invercargill on the 29 of Nov 1883 Mr Frank McBride came up to cut chaff at Earnslaw on the 29 Nov 183 David Smith returned to Queenstown on the 30 November 1883 - Henry Birley came down for Fluffy on 29 1883

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