

# THE DIARY

1877

## JANUARY

### 1 Monday

A wet morning. I thought of working today but considered as on previous New Years Days I did not work I would not today. Busied myself by cooking and odd jobs till dinner was over. Had spell of fiddling till tea. Afterwards had a jolly practice with Harry out of *Silver Songs*. Went to Grenaby to engage a temporary gate for road gap to quarry.

### 2 Tuesday

Hard frost. Father today. Finished John Kinrade's suit, 10/6d, thread, silk, 6d [Paid] Made on Robert Callin's vest.

### 3 Wednesday

Father part of today till dusk. Fearfully stormy & cold. Snowed this day and drifted. Thawed at night. Too cold to work. Did very little. Made George Kinvig's oil trousers, cut Joe's oil jacket and part made it. Tom & I searched for hens which were nearly wearied to death in getting to roost. Did not find all. Went for water to boil pig's potatoes. Could not get to the spout by the usual way, had to go through the garden and reach down over for water owing to the heap of thawed snow.

### 4 Thursday

Father today. Finished Joe & George Kinvig's oilskins, 4/- [Paid] Made on Joe Shimmin's suit. It was arranged for an Ilvary in Chapel tonight but owing to a very wet evening was not held.

### 5 Friday

Old Christmas Day. Proposed working today but finding the rest of the family keeping Holy Day I did too. Put panes of glass in cellar window. Betty and Anne dressed six geese for market tomorrow.

### 6 Saturday

Father today. Made on Joe Shimmin's suit, John Vick's trousers.

### 8 Monday

Finished Joe Shimmin's suit, 11/-, thread, silk, (unpaid when paying suit), 9d [Paid]

9 Tuesday

Father part day. Finished Robt Callin's suit, 11/-, trimmings, 6/6d, binding, 2/3d, [Amount] 19/9d. Began John Vick's coat. At Shimmin's seeing about tea-party, could not settle on a night.

10 Wednesday

[No entry]

11 Thursday

Sent Joe Shimmin's suit home by Bob Collister. Robert Callin's vest by Tommy Quayle. At the Quarrey shifted some stones. Cut pattern of jacket for little Thomas & trousers and vest for him as well. Got the sheep from Garey-ny-Cushlin and put them in the Naire. Made a little on John Vick's coat.

12 Friday

Spent till eleven o'clock looking out tea-party tunes. Afterwards went on the Money Search. Afterwards at singing practice. Gave Tommy on acct, £1-0-0. Received from R. Kennaugh, Moaney Moor, £1-0-0.

13 Saturday

Finished John Vick's suit, 8/6d, thread, silk, twist, holland, staytape, 1/-, [Amount] 9/6d [Paid]

15 Monday

Spent a while in threshing mill this morning. Wrote music and words of tea-party tunes. Had practice in schoolhouse. Went to Ballagilbert with £1/4/0- (tithe) to Johnny Taggart. Wet.

16 Tuesday

Wrote music and words of tea-party tunes. Got *Messiah* from Ned Quayle. Wet.

17 Wednesday

Made Betty's jacket this evening. Practice in schoolhouse. Wet.

18 Thursday

Betty's jacket to buttons. Cut Tommy Comish's vest. Cut H. Curphey's hair. Wet.

19 Friday

Tommy Comish's vest 2/6d [Paid] Practice in schoolhouse. Tea-meeting put off till the 22nd February. Wet morning.

20 Saturday

Mended Johnny Watterson's patrol, 1/-. At Foxdale got Glee Book, Anthems, Christys Minstrel Album &c. Fine day.

22 Monday

Wrote music of *Behold the Great Messiah Comes*. Cut and part made Tom Cannell's coat. Practice in schoolhouse. Jane seeing us today with news of Tommy's discharge from Kentraugh through ill-health.

23 Tuesday

Cut Samuel Creer's linen trousers. At Roberts' Quarry with Father & Tommy to get lintels but failed. Came to Craig Cringle where we got 5 or 6. Very cold but kept dry till we got home though very threatening.

24 Wednesday

Father part day. Finished Sam Creer's linen trousers. With trimmings, 2/-. Made on Tom Cannell's coat & vest. The Curate visited us today.

25 Thursday

Father today. Finished Tom Cannell's coat & vest, 4/6d, canvas 4½ d, thread 1½ d, silk & twist, 4d, buttons 1½ d, holland, staytape, [Amount] 1/0½ [Total] 5/6½ d. Betty poorly. Lengthened Tom Vick's trousers, 4d.

26 Friday

Begun Robt Curphey's black trousers, 2/6d, thread, silk, 3d [Paid] Bobby Kelly's, Foxdale, russett trousers, thread, 2/5d. At the Pay. Fared very poorly. Received from R. Callin, 4/-.

27 Saturday

Willy Davis' trousers, 2/1d. Joseph Caugherty married.

29 Monday

Begun James Davis' trousers, but quit with them and made John Radcliffe's oil coat, 2/4d. Received on acct, 1/6d. [Paid]

30 Tuesday

Fearfully stormy morning. Awoke at 6 o'clock by the storm. Done the odd jobs with [ ? ] till afternoon. Made James Davis' trousers, (thread), 2/4d [Paid]

31 Wednesday

John Davis' trousers, 2/4d. Very rainy evening.

## FEBRUARY

1 Thursday

Father till dusk. Joe, George, and Johnny Kinvig, 5 pair [?drawers], 5/- [Paid]

2 Friday

Father today. Suited George & Joe Kinvig's trousers 3/- [Paid] Made Joe Kinvig's trousers, 2/3d [Paid]

3 Saturday

Father (half)day and took home to make Johnny Quayle's trousers, 2/3d, thread, holland, 2d, [Amount] 2/5d. At Castletown to meet J. Creer, Colby, for to buy suit of clothes. Was too late. Found by Ricky that he had gone home.

5 Monday

Father till 5 pm. Received from Joe Shimmin for linnen trousers, 1/6d. John Gale's Manx trousers, (thread), 2/4d [Paid] Singing practise.

6 Tuesday

Father today. Finished John Gale's trousers, 2/3d, and made sleeved vest, 3/-, thread, 3d, [Amount] 5/6d [Paid] Cut Tommy Vick's trousers & vest.

7 Wednesday

At Douglas engaging a couch for Isa.

8 Thursday

Father today. Tommy Vick's trousers & vest.

9 Friday

Father today. Tommy Vick's suit to making up collar of coat, 11/-, thread, silk, twist, 8d [Paid] Singing practise.

10 Saturday

Father today. John Watterson's, (Kentraughs), trousers. George Maddrell's russett trousers, thread, buttons, 2/6d [Paid]

12 Monday

Father part day. Robby Comish's oilskins, 3/6d, Paid 2/6. [Balance] 1/- . Practice in schoolhouse.

13 Tuesday

At Castletown seeing after coals. Empty harbour. Wrote to Dr Thomas for lotion. At the Concert of Dorcas Tea Festival, Town Hall.

14 Wednesday

Father today. Johnny Quayle's 4 pair drawers, 4/-, and pair trousers, 2/3d. Sent ½ day ticket to Capt Kitts and [?2] to William Henry Kitts.

15 Thursday

Johnny Quayle's vest, 2/2d, thread, silk, twist, holland, 4d. Cut and seamed Billy Coolil's trousers. Cut Father-in-law's trousers.

16 Friday

Father today. Billy Coole's, (Ronague), 2/3d. Dada's trousers, 2/3d. Begun Tommy Comish's trousers. Johnny Watterson and Bobby at Ballasalla. Had the cart and *Prince* to get bed-couch which did not come. Practice in schoolhouse. Cleaned my boots, for Douglas by 1st train tomorrow. But Tom went on ½ past ten and did my business.

17 Saturday

Father part day, finished Tommy Comish's trousers, 2/3d [Paid] Tommy Comish, 3 pair drawers, 2/9d [Paid] Tommy called to Ballasalla Station on his way from Castle-town for bed-couch. Found it had not come. John Kennaugh and Harry Curphey practised with one till Midnight. Cleaned up the floor and fireplace and went to bed.

19 Monday

Wrote tea-party music this morning. Went to Illiam Kinvig's with thread for web afternoon. Practice in Schoolhouse. Very stormy beginning of the night.

20 Tuesday

Cut Andrew's jacket. Decorating School house evening.

21 Wednesday

Sent Music to Caesar for tea-party. Decorating Schoolhouse this evening. Singing practise afterwards. Got sofa from Douglas. Found it would not go in through the door, put in the barn till next day.

22 Thursday

Father till evening. Made Andrew's jacket to machine stitching collar. Elly Shimmin came for me at Mid-day to finish off the decorations which were done at 4 pm. Rained wild shower between 12 & 2 or 3 pm but cleared afterwards. I lit the fires about 5. Wind shifted north and blew strong and cold. Richd Wood and I shifted

the fires from east gable to Johnny Maddrell's field, then Grenaby Tea Festival began about 7-30 pm, and continued till 10-20. The after meeting lasted till 20 minutes to 12. The speakers were the Vicar, the Curate, and Mr. T. Jones. The pieces sung: *Heavenly Seraph*, *The Wondrous Story*, *Sound the Trumpet* (with Introduction, part of Chorus *Worthy is the Lamb*), *Behold the Great Messiah Comes*, Solo by Lizzy Kennaugh and chorus by the choir, *Something Sweet to Think Of*, and as an encore gave *Army with Banners*. Glee, *Hark! the Curfew's Solemn Sound*, and as an encore, *Hark the Lark, Doxology*. H. Curphey and E. Quayle, clarionets, C. Taggart, cornet, T. Taggart, violinocello. Father this morning. Made Tom Quayle's trousers, 2/10d. Scholar's Tea this evening.

24 Saturday

Henry Curphey's trousers, 2/4d [Paid]

26 Monday

Cut Sammy Collister's suit. Made trousers to buttons. At Schoolhouse. Settled Tea Party hiring. Balance in favour £4/14/0-. Emily Kennedy confined.

27 Tuesday

Seated & buttoned J. Creer's trousers, 10d. Made on Sam Collister's coat.

28 Wednesday

Father today. Tommy Vick's trousers & vest, 4/8d, extras, 5d, drawers, 1/1d, [Amount] 6/- [Paid]

## MARCH

1 Thursday

Father today. Tommy Vick's drawers, thread, 1/1d. John Vick's, 2 pair do, 1/10d, thread, 2d, [Amount] 2/- [Paid] Went to Castletown to Thos Cain's Sale. Bought 1000 lathe, parlour grate, spouting, whiting, nails, value £2/8/6d. The pig killed today. Tom Jack lodged tonight.

2 Friday

Father today. John Vick's trousers, 1/10d, extras, 2d, [Amount] 2/- [Paid] John Corris' trousers, thread & button, 2/6d. At Castletown getting what I bought at Cain's Sale.

3 Saturday

Father today. Johnny Quayle's trousers galvanised, 1/-. John Radcliffe's trousers, thread, holland, buttons, 2/8d [Paid]

5 Monday

Father part day. Dan Kinvig's drawers, 2/-, John Kinvig's drawers, 1/10d, 4 pair [of both]. Cut Dan Kinvig's coat.

6 Tuesday

Father & myself at Aunt Quirk's funeral, German cemetery.

7 Wednesday

Father part day. Made on Tom & John Kinvig's coats.

8 Thursday

Father today. Finished Dan Kinvig's coat, 5/6d. Made a covering over a goose-net in the up-house. Hard frost.

9 Friday

Father today. Johnny Kinvig's, (Garey Mooar), coat, 3/6d. John Corris' trousers, extras, 2/6d. Cut Dan Kinvig's trousers, and John Corris' 3 pair drawers.

10 Saturday

Father part day. John Corris' 4 pair drawers (with thread), 4/4d.

12 Monday

Father today. Dan Kinvig's & Johnny Kinvig's 2 pair trousers, with thread, 4/4d. Made a little on Sammy's suit.

13 Tuesday

Finished Samuel Collister's suit, 10/-, calico, thread, twist, 1/4d, [Amount] 11/4d. At Brew's Rheest got ling for besom. Got bottle of lotion from Dr Thomas by boat and rail, carriage, 9d.

14 Wednesday

Cut J. Creer's trousers. Made on Mr Kinrade's knitted vest.

15 Thursday

Mr Kinrade's vest, 2/-, binding, 6d, selesia, 10d, buttons, 3d, thread, twist, 2d, [Together] 1/9d, [Amount] 3/9d. Got 1 gallon oil from J. Carrel, 2/4d.

16 Friday

Father part day. Robby Collister's trousers, (thread), 2/5d [Paid] Cut pattern of Jem Creer's coat, did good many odd jobs. At Jemmy Taggart's measuring drab web and taking measures. Snow fell this evening.

17 Saturday

Robby sick. At the threshing mill this morning. Whitewashed back parlour in the evening.

19 Monday

Robby still sick. Made on Jem Creer's suit.

20 Tuesday

At Colby trying on J. Creer's coat. At Castletown bought wincy for cover for sofa.

21 Wednesday

Father till dusk. Made on Jem Creer's suit. Phil Cringle measured for a suit.

22 Thursday

Father part day. Finished J. Creer's trousers.

23 Friday

Finished Jem Creer's suit to setting sleeves in coat and joining vest.

24 Saturday

Father today. Jem Creer's suit finished, 12/6d. At Port St Mary with Johnny Watterson at Castletown. Bought new knife, 1/8d. Robert Creer's wife was found dead this morning on the highroad below Bill Preston's, a victim to intemperance and it's consequent poverty.

26 Monday

Father today. Joe Shimmin's linen trousers, 1/6d [Paid] Begun Phil Cringle's suit.

27 Tuesday

Father today. Made on Phill's suit.

28 Wednesday

Father today. Finished Phillip Cringle's suit, 12/6d, extras, 6d, [Amount] 13/- [Paid] Sent them per Tommy Cain to Phil. Begun W. Creers, Colby, suit.

29 Thursday

Father today. William Creer's trousers & coat finished. Vest on 5th May, (trimmings complete for suit), 8/-, 5/-, [Amount] 13/-.

30 Friday

Father today. Robby Collister's suit.

31 Saturday

Father today. Finished Robby Collister's suit, 13/-, extras, 1/9d, [Amount] 14/9 [Paid]

APRIL

2 Monday

Father part day. Caesar Taggart's patrol, 2/6d, lining, thread, 1/-, [Amount] 3/6d. Begun John Watterson's, (Kentraugh), coat.

3 Tuesday

Father today. Made on Charlie Comish's suit. Robby's patrol.

4 Wednesday

Father (half)day Finished Robby's patrol, 2/6d. At Castletown for the doctor.

5 Thursday

Father today. Charlie Comish's suit, 8/- [Paid] Made on Robby Taggart's trousers and John Watterson's coat, (Kentraugh). The Doctor examined Isa and thought the infamation had gone from her hip and pronounced her past danger. Played a while on the violincello. Father's sheep had 3 lambs at a birth, 2 of which were dead, and a sheep in the galey had 3, one dead in the morning and another at night.

6 Friday

Father today. Robby Taggart's, (Raggy), trousers & vest, 4/6d [Paid]

7 Saturday

Father today. Finished John [ ? ] coat & vest, 5/- [Paid] William F.K. Maddrell's trousers, 1/6d, thread, 2d. Jane Cubbon died in Ballaconnell.

9 Monday

John Sayle's trousers with thread, 1/5d [Paid] Cut Johnny Wattersons' trousers.

10 Tuesday

At Jane Cubbin's funeral. Jane & Tommy, &. Thos & Caesar visits us today. Willy got Johnny's hay. Made 3 pillows for Betty, & bolster for the sofa.

11 Wednesday

Johny Watterson's trousers, 2/6d.

12 Thursday

Father today. Tommy Comish's trousers, 2/6d [Paid] Part bound J. Comish's coat. [c.o. Johny Maddrell's trousers, 2/1d, calico, 3d]

13 Friday

Father today. Johny Maddrell's trousers & vest, thread &c, 4/6d. Tommy Comish's coat repaired, 3/-, buttons, silk &c, 6d, trousers on the 12th, 6/- [Paid]

14 Saturday

Father today. Willy Gale's suit with thread & twist, 7/-.

16 Monday

Father today till 5 pm. Jemmy Taggart's & Tommy Taggart's trousers, 4/6d. Feafully stormy & cold. Trimmings, blue jean, 9d, calico 9d, buttons & thread 2d, twist 2d, Jemmy's vest, total, 1/10d. Owes Mrs Taggart 2/8d.

17 Tuesday

Father till dark. Willy Taggart's trousers & Jemmy Taggart's vest, 4/6d. Cut W.T's vest. Trimmings, trousers & vest, 2/2d. Willy Corrin's wife came to see about John being taken on. Resolved to take him on following Monday. Cut pattern of John Cubbon's frock coat by *Prize Essayists* lesson.

18 Wednesday

Father today, but could not work well being in trouble. Begun John Cubbon's coat. At Ballaconnell trying it on. Dry.

19 Thursday

Father today but worse in trouble. Made on Bramwell's trousers and Wm Cubbon's coat. Dry.

20 Friday

Father still in trouble. Finished Bramwell's trousers, 3/3d. Made on John Cubbon's coat. Cut J. C's vest.

21 Saturday

Father till six. Finished J. Cubbon's coat & vest, 10/6d, staytape, padding, 3d, wadding 2d, extra silk, 2d, [Together] 8d [Amount] 11/2d, Bramwell's trousers, 3/3d, [Amount in total] 14/5d. By cash on acct., 13/- . Balance to one penny, 1/5d [Paid]

23 Monday

Began with Robt Kelly's suit. John Corrin began his trade with me again today, after being disabled since March 28-76. Father this evening is much better than the past fortnight though still cast down. Made bed for John Corrin & George on sofa.

24 Tuesday

Father from ten o'clock. Robt Kelly's coat & trousers. Tom Vick's trousers & vest well on.

25 Wednesday

Father today. Rob Kelly's vest. Suit complete, 10/6d, thread &c, trimmings for vest, 4/2d, [Together] 14/8d [Paid] Tom Vick's trousers & vest, thread &, 4/8d. Began Lewis Shimmin's suit. Twelve ridges of potatoes set, 1st of the crop.

26 Thursday

Father today. Lewis Shimmin's suit, 8/-, extra trimmings, 2/8d [Paid] Made on John Kennaugh's trousers & vest, (Foxdale).

27 Friday

Father today. Finished John Kennaugh's trousers & vest, 5/6d, thread &, 7d, [Together] 6/1d [Paid] At Foxdale Pay.

28 Saturday

Father today. W. Taggart's vest, (trousers on 17th, full trimmings), 4/6d, 2/3d, [Amount] 6/9d. Tommy Taggart's vest, (trousers on 16th), 4/6d [Paid] James Kinvig's trousers, (full trimmings) 15th, 3/4d [Paid]

30 Monday

Begun Richd Kermod's coat & vest. Felt rather indisposed. Wind north-east. Bright & dry but very cold.

## MAY

1 Tuesday

Father today. Richard Kennaugh's coat & vest 6/-. John makes Thomas Cain's trousers 1/9d. Father makes on T. Corlett's coat. Today I wet a piece of cloth and spread it on the hay in the Stack Yard and at night it was as stiff as a board with frost. *Brownie* was killed today.

2 Wednesday

Father today. George Maddrell's trousers & vest, trimmings, 1/2d, total 5/8. Tom Corlett's coat.

3 Thursday

Father ½ day. Tom Corlett's vest. Joe Shimmin's Band trousers, (thread), 2/4d [Paid] Made on John Clague's trousers & vest.

4 Friday

Father today. John Clague's trousers & vest 4/6d, canvas, 6d [Paid] Ed Kennah's trousers 2/6d [Paid] Tom Corlett's suit 6/6d. Enlarged the armholes of Jem Kinvig's coat, which gave him satisfaction.

5 Saturday

Father today. Billy Watterson's coat & Caesar's vest. William Creer's vest. John maked on Robt Corkish's trousers, cut Sam Creer's linen jacket.

7 Monday

Father today. Began Bill Caugherty's suit.

8 Tuesday

James Creer, Colby, married. Father today. W. Caugherty's suit 10/6d, calico, holland thread, silk, staytape [Amount ?]. Robert Corkish's trousers & vest 3/-, thread, 2d, vest buttons, 2d, [Amount] 4d. Spread dung in Magher-yn-olly. Set the last of the potatoes today.

9 Wednesday

Father today. Dick Keneddy's trousers to buttons & dressing with calico thread (c.o. buttons), 2/4d. Begun Willy Taggart's suit.

10 Thursday

Kept a Holy Day. Father at the Church. John getting coals for his father and I went to Douglas myself. Got slippers for Isa which were too little. Got my boots mended for 9d, Isa's slippers 3/9d.

11 Friday

Father ½ day. Made on Willy Taggart's suit. George Watterson's trousers, (thread), 1/6d.

12 Saturday

Father today. Finished Willy Taggart's suit, 11/-, thread &c, 3d [Paid] Stephen Leece's coat, 3/6d.

14 Monday

Begun with Tommy Quayle's suit. The last of the barley sowed today Magher-fo-yn-aoie.

15 Tuesday

Father half day. Tommy Quayle's trousers finished, the coat nearly. Made on Caesar Creer's trousers and Johnny Quayle's coat. Tom & the boys at St Mark's Fair with 2 bullocks. Could not sell them.

16 Wednesday

Father today. Tommy Quayle's coat & trousers finished, 8/-. Johnny Quayle's & d, & d, 5/6d, thread, silk &c, trouser buttons, 10d. Caesar Creer's trousers, 2/-. Samuel Creer's linen jacket, 2/-. Part made Jack Keggin's trousers.

17 Thursday

Father today. Jack Keggin's trousers, 2/6d [Paid] Made on Wm Watterson's (Cleg-ny-Mona) suit.

18 Friday

Father ½ day. John Kennaugh's (Foxdale) fustian (lined) trousers, 2/6d [Paid] Wm Watterson's coat finished, trousers & vest on.

19 Saturday

Father ¾ day. Wm Watterson's suit finished, 11/- [Paid] Albert Maddrell's trousers, Wm Maddrell's coat with canvas, thread, [Both together] 4/6d.

21 Monday

Joe Shimmin's trousers & vest, (thread), 6/- [Paid] Set a dahlia in the garden.

22 Tuesday

Father today. Charlie Quane's coat & vest on.

23 Wednesday

Father today. Charlie Quane's coat & vest, 7/6d, sleeve lining, 5d, thread & 3, 8d, [Together] 8/2d, [Amount] 16/4d, [Less payment] 10/-, [Balance owing] 6/4d. Made on Joe Little's coat & vest.

24 Thursday

Father till six. Finished Joe Little's coat & vest, 8/6d, vest lining, 9d, thread, 3d, [Amount] 1/-, 9/6d [Paid] Sowed two beds of leeks and a bed of parsley. Cleaned out pig-sty but shifted little pigs into it.

25 Friday

John makes John Gale's trousers, 2/2d. Paid for groceries, 4/-.

26 Saturday

Father part day. Tom Kelly's coat, canvas, thread, buttons, 2/6d. At Port St Mary, thence to Douglas by train, bought rocking chair, 12/6d, shirt, 2/6d, per yd 3 yds red flannell. Neddy Crellin brought the chair to Cringle [?farm] Ballasalla. I went to Cringle afterwards for it.

28 Monday

Father today. Made on John Kennaugh's suit and John Quayle's vest. I went to Ballamoda this morning. Two vessels lost on the south coast, one off the College laden with barley the crew saved, one at Scarlett the crew lost. At Gale's with his trousers. At Rob Bridson's with my shoe to mend it.

29 Tuesday

Father today. John Quayle's (Ballasalla) vest, (thread, straps), 2/8d. John Kennaugh's trousers made. Coat & vest on.

30 Wednesday

Father today. Kennaugh's vest made. Coat well on. Willy Quilliam's trousers & vest being made. I got my shoe from Rob's. Paid for [?new] [?] 3/3d. John Kennaugh's suit finished, 11/-.

## JUNE

1 Friday

Father today. Willy Quilliam's trousers & vest, 6/-, strap, thread, silk, twist, 9d [Paid]

2 Saturday

Father today. Rec 5/-. Harry Quayle's trousers & vest, 5/6, thread, silk, twist, 7d [Paid] Johnny Quayle's (Quallag) vest, thread &c, 1/8d.

4 Monday

Ed Taggart's trousers & vest, 5/-, thread &c, 6d. Made on Johnny Corris' trousers. Emptied three sacks of meal.

5 Tuesday

Father today. Johnny Corris' trousers, thread, buttons, 2/6d. Samuel Creer's trousers, 2/6d. At Castletown getting coals, telling the Doctor to see Robby.

6 Wednesday

Father today. Ed Kinnah's fustian trousers 2/3d [Paid] Begin Bill Taggart's suit. John makes on his own coat.

7 Thursday

Father [today]. The Dr. Clague came this morning and examined Robby & Isa. I went to Castletown this evening to get medicine for Rob. Went into the *Castletown Coffee Palace* had a cup of tea there and spent a while in the Reading Room.

8 Friday

Father today. Made on Bill Taggart's suit but did not get it finished. *Very rainy day.* Tom Watteron's wife, Ballarobin, confined. Isabella Areneth Watterson born.

9 Saturday

Father today. Bill Taggart's suit, 11/6d [Paid] John Corrin's coat, 3/- [Paid] Bobby Kennaugh's trousers, 2/3d.

11 Monday

Father today. James Kelly's coat & vest, 4/6d. Made on Tommy Maddrell's trousers. Afterwards trying on Louisa's jacket.

12 Tuesday

Father today. Made on Tommy Maddrell's suit. I went to Castletown today to get the doctor to Robby.

13 Wednesday

Father today. Tommy Maddrell's coat & trousers, 10/6d, canvas, 5d, holland, 2d, thread, silk, twist, 6d, buttons 2½, 12/9d [Paid]

14 Thursday

Father today. Henry Taggart's coat & vest, 4/3d [c.o. Paid?].

15 Friday

John James Taggart's suit 7/6d [Paid] To setting on collar, 2/- [Paid]

16 Saturday

Father today. Archie's trousers, 2/-. I intended to have Louisa's jacket made but failed through odd jobs.

18 Monday

John absent today. Father as usual. Made on Jemmy Harvey's trousers & vest. At Jemmy Taggart's and New Road Houses and Dick Kenneddys. John & Willy Bridson came tonight and so missed me.

19 Tuesday

Father today. Jemmy Harvey's trousers & vest, 5/6d, vest, canvas, 6d, thread, 2d, trouser buttons, 3d, [Amount] 11d, 6/7d [Paid] Made on Tommy Taggart's suit.

20 Wednesday

Father today. Finished Tommy Taggart's suit 10/6d, lining 2/3d; calico, 2½ yds, 1/-; canvas, 1 yd, 8d; holland 4d; selesia 6d; padding, [?]d; derry, 2d; thread, 3d; silk 4d; twist, 4d; buttons, 8d; [Amount] 6/8d; binding, 9 yds [?] 3d, [Amount] 2/3d; [Total] 19/8d. By Cash on acct, 6/-. [Balance] 13/8d [Paid]

21 Thursday

Father today. Made on Bridson's (Ballabrooie) suits.

22 Friday

John & W. Bridson's trousers & vests. Tommy Maddrell's vest. Made on altering a coat for Robert Bridson.

23 Saturday

Father today. Robt Bridson's coat altered, 4/-. Archie's coat & Louisa's jacket on the way but neither of them finished.

25 Monday

Father today. Finished Archie's jacket. Begun Rob Kivill's suit. Lanced the calf which had been castrated, found a large quantity of matter.

26 Tuesday

Father today. Made Rob Kivill's trousers & vest. Archie's vest. Made on William Bridson's coat.

27 Wednesday

Father today. Made on John & W. Bridson's coats but neither of them finished. Cut & seamed Robt Bridson's trousers. Tried the coat on Rob Kivell. Found it too long & too crooked in the shoulder. Archie's first Club-Day.

28 Thursday

Father today. Finished John & William Bridson's suits, £1 3 0, padding & extra silk, 9d, Robt Bridson's trousers with trimmings, 2/3d, do coat on 23rd, 4/-, [Total] £1 9 0. Begun till midnight on Clucas Fargher's trousers.

29 Friday

Father today. Clucas Fargher's trousers, 3/-, extras, 6d [Paid] Robt Kivill's suit, 11/6d, binding, 9 yds @ 3½, 2/7d, thread, silk, strap, 1/1d, [Total] 15/3d, By Cash, 2/6d [Paid]

30 Saturday

Father today. Jem Taggart's coat & trousers, 9/6d, canvas, 11/-, holland, 4d, [Amount] 1/4d [Paid] Louisa Kermode's jacket, 3/6d [Paid], binding, 1/9d, thread &c, 4d, [Amount] 2/1d [Paid]

## JULY

2 Monday

Father today. William Kennah's suit, 5/-, holland, staytape, thread, 6d, [Paid]

3 Tuesday

Father today. Jem Taggart's suit finished to vest button hole, 12/-, canvas, 10d, silk, 4d, holland, 3d, [Amount] 1/5d, keel lhea trousers, 2/-, [Total] 15/5d. At the Ghrenney with my shirt for Jane to make. Went from thence to *Ballakilley Tea Festival*.

4 Wednesday

Johnny Maddrell's boy's 3 pairs trousers, 4/-.

5 Thursday

Father today. Johnny Maddrell's boy's 3 coats, 6/3d.

6 Friday

Father today. Ben Kinvig's trousers & vest, 5/6d [Paid], Derry, 2d, twist, 2d, thread, 2d, [Amount] 6d [Paid] Potatoe weeding on.

7 Saturday

Father today. John Kennaugh's trousers (Money), 2/6d. Joe Kinvig's oil trousers, 1/6d [Paid] Thos Watterson's (Cooyl) trousers.

9 Monday

Began Robby Comish's suit. Made on Davis white jacket. Would have finished it but for going to Castletown to have the Doctor's opinion on Robby who had passed some unusual substance while making water.

10 Tuesday

Father today. James Davis' patrol with thread, 3/- [Paid] Robby Comish's trousers.

11 Wednesday

Father today. Robby Comish's suit, 11/-.

12 Thursday

Father today. Harry Curphey's trousers with trimmings, 3/2d. Begun with George Watterson's suit and John Radcliffe's trousers.

13 Friday

Father today. George Watterson's suit, 4/6d, with trimmings, 2/4d. Went to Peel to the herring fishing on the *Charlotte & Agnes*. Had 16 mease. Got 23/- per mease. It was a fine night but I was awfully sick.

14 Saturday

John Radcliffe's trousers, 2/8d [2/- Paid] [Balance 8d] due. Got some herrings & a hake from the crew to carry home.

16 Monday

Began Jemmy Kennah's suit.

17 Tuesday

Made on Jemmy Kennah's suit very easy. Cut Tommy Watterson's trousers for Father to make. Jane Kennah (alias) Taggart died.

18 Wednesday

James Kennah's suit, 10/6d [Paid]

19 Thursday

Made on rebuilding Stephen Corlett's coat & vest. Done some machining for Mrs Mylechreest at Bob Kennah's with the coffin.

20 Friday

John makes Saml Creer's linen trousers, 1/6d. At Mrs (Bob) Kennah's funeral. From thence to the Ghrenney.

21 Saturday

Finished the repairing of Stephen Corlett's coat & vest. Buttons.... 3/6d. Caesar Watterson's vest, 6d.

23 Monday

Begun Johnny Quayle's suit. Wet morning, dry afternoon. Went to Castletown in the evening.

24 Tuesday

Cut Johnny's coat. At the Croy[?]t. Cut 2 pair trousers & vest for John & James Radcliffe Corrady. Singing practice in the schoolhouse.

25 Wednesday

Finished Johnny's vest. Made on coat. I began altering my own frock coat.

26 Thursday

Sewed a little (morning). In the hay afternoon & evening.

27 Friday

Made on Jem Kinvig's trousers. Myself at the Pay Foxdale. Mrs Shimmin, Peel, died.

28 Saturday

Johnny Quayle's suit finished, 10/6d, thread, 3d, silk, 3d, twist, 4d, [Amount] 1/-, [Total] 11/6d. Bound & altered own frock coat.

30 Monday

Jem Kinvig's trousers with trimmings, 2/7d [Paid] Practice in schoolhouse. Thos Qualthrough Tea Dealer, died.

31 Tuesday

Robby Cubbon's (Ballagilse) trousers, hollands, 2/2d [Paid] due 2d. Begun J Davis coat.

## AUGUST

1 Wednesday

Tried Davis' coat on but had to take it in on side-body seam behind. Made on Jem Hughes' trousers. Practice in schoolhouse.

2 Thursday

Made on Jem Fagher's suit and Davis coat.

3 Friday

Father today. Finished Davis coat, 6/- [Paid]

4 Saturday

Father today. Jemmy Fagher's suit, 12/8d, Old balance, 11/-, [Together] 23/8d, By Cash, 10/6d, Balance, 13/2d. John Vick's trousers, 2/-. Vest part made.

6 Monday

John Vick's vest, 1/9d, trouser, 2/-, thread, 2d, [Total] 3/11d [Paid] Begun Wm Mylechreest's suit. Attempted to save the hay, but was wet first two loads. Singing practice in schoolhouse.

7 Tuesday

Rainy day. Wm Mylechreest's suit, 10/6d, thread, 3d, silk, 4d, twist, 4d, binding, 6d, holland, 3d, [Amount] 1/8d, [Total] 12/2d.

8 Wednesday

Father today. Albert & William Maddrell's suits, 11/6d, thread, silk, twist, holland &, 1/-.

9 Thursday

Father today. Made on Mr Kinrade's coat.

10 Friday

Father today. Mr Kinrade's coat, (thread), 6 1½ . Made on Harry Curphey's coat.

11 Saturday

Father today. Henry Curphey, coat & vest, 8/6d. Caesar Watterson's trousers. Setting the stage for Anniversary in the ninjag (Johnny Wattersons).

13 Monday

Henry Taggart's trousers, 11/9d [Paid] The hay saved this evening.

14 Tuesday

Tom Watterson's blue jacket nearly made.

15 Wednesday

Ben Kinvig's trousers, trimmings, 2/7d [Paid] Went to the Flower Show, got a ride in trap with Wm Mylechreest and wife and two daughters.

16 Thursday

Enlarged armholes of Mylechreest's coat. Begun with Mrses Kinvig's trousers.

17 Friday

Father today. Mrses Kinvig's trousers, trimmings, 2/7d. Begun Robby Taggart's coat.

18 Saturday

Father till 3 o'clock. Robby Taggart's coat finished, 5/6d, thread, 2d [Paid – Oct 20 1877]. Clucas Fagher's trousers, thread, linen, [?], 2/6d [Paid] Bobby Fagher's, d[itt]o, d[itt]o, 2/3d [Paid]

20 Monday

Spent this day studying *Tailor & Cutter* patterns &c. Very wet day. *John Corrin at home.*

21 Tuesday

Tom Crellin's fustian trousers, 2/3d [Paid] At the Mountain with Tom and Arthur shifting sheep. Got 12 sheep & 8 lambs. Cut George's trousers.

22 Wednesday

George Watterson's trousers. Mrs Moore, John Cubbon & wife visits us today from Manchester. Got gorse from the garey to light the fire.

23 Thursday

George's coat nearly finished. Cut Dick (Foxdale) Kelly's trousers. At Scholar's Tea, Kerrowkiel Chapel. At service afterwards. Two soilders at service. Watched the eclipse till 12 o'clock.

24 Friday

Richd Kelly's trousers. Cut & part made d[itt]o's vest. Washed 2 fleeces of wool for Betty. Got bart of gorse from the garey. John Corrin cut George's hair.

25 Saturday

Finished George's coat & Richd Kelly's trousers & vest, 5/9d, twist, trouser buttons, 3d [Paid] Got our stock of herring. 3 mease 2 hnd at 12/- per mease.

27 Monday

Cut John Corrin's vest. Took a long cruise for the lost sheep about the Stony Mountain and Windy. Cut George's vest.

28 Tuesday

John makes his own vest. Killed *Jet* tonight.

29 Wednesday

Makes on Richd Creer's garments.

30 Thursday

Father today. Richd Creer's trousers finished. Began turning my own grey coat. Anne Kinnish & Jane Brew visits us tonight.

31 Friday

Father today. Finished turning my own coat. Made on James Hampton's trousers & vest. At Foxdale Pay Day.

## SEPTEMBER

1 Saturday

Father today. James Hampton's trousers [?& vest], 14/6d [Paid] Johnny Corris' trousers, 2/4d, extras, 2d. Richd Creer's trousers & vest, 6/-.

3 Monday

Robt Cain's trousers being made. Mrs Kennaugh's brothers' trousers, trimmings, 2/10d. Got nets from father and covered up the apertures of the old barn and shut the hens in it. At Robby Kennaugh's with Moore's trousers.

4 Tuesday

Finished Robt Cain's trousers, trimmings, 1/10d. At the Mountain helping home a load of ling.

5 Wednesday

Charlie Comish's trousers, Paid. Grenaby Sunday Scholar's Tea. Singers & Teachers.

6 Thursday

Makes on John Corrin's trousers. At Castletown driving cart for Annie. Got coals out of yard. 2 brls.

7 Friday

Finished John Corrin's trousers, Paid. Made on the altering of Richd Kelly's coat. Two loads of ling got from mountains. Isa went in the cart to John Kelly's. Rode back on load of ling.

8 Saturday

Mended Robt Preston's trousers, 6d. Finished the alterations of R. Kelly's coat, 2/6d [Paid] Mended Tom Watterson's drawers. Wrote to Annie Wallace.

10 Monday

Richd Kelly's trousers, 2/6d [Paid]

11 Tuesday

Made on Joe Kinvig's cotton canvas slop and Mrs Kermodé's jacket.

12 Wednesday

Joe Kinvig's slop, 2/- [Paid] John makes on Robby's trousers, while I went to Colby, thence to the Grenea, Tommy still poorly and on Club Benifit, thence to Castletown got medicine for Robby. The first of the reaping commenced this day in the Naire.

13 Thursday

Very wet day. Mamma and Archie at the dyers with wool. Mother at Foxdale. During the time, I went to Kegg's to meet dyer at night with 15 yds of koltey for blankets and 4 yds for drab. John makes Robbie's trousers. Begun Bobby Kelly's underground vest.

14 Friday

John was taken home to harvest this evening. Cut Bill Brew's trousers and seaming them for father while tied in my stead. I afterwards tied till the Naire was finished. The others went in Mylechreests field

15 Saturday

Too wet for reaping early. The cart at town. Mamma & Archie in the Nol-veg the evening. Emma Creer and her husband visits us today.

17 Monday

Cut the Noll-veg today. Andrew very poorly, the cart carried him home.

18 Tuesday

Cut Mylechreest's meadow at 5 o'clock. The nut of the crank lost. Johnny Quayle went to Thos Bell's for a new one. Tom cut in Bwooilee mooar heesh till night.

19 Wednesday

Cut the Bwooilee mooar hoes for ½ past 5. Cut in Bwooilee mooar heesht till ¼ past 6 when north west showers sent us home. Tom at Mullyn-y-Clioie got 2 cwt meal.

20 Thursday

Father finished Bobby Kelly's underground vest, 2/6d [Paid] Finished the Bwooilee mooar heesh this morning. The bolt of the shoe of the machine broke at 11 o'clock. Got a new one from the smithy. Cut half of Close Will this evening. Willy & Martha up from Douglas helped us.

21 Friday

Finished Close Will this morning. Put the Naoie in this evening. Archie with Mylechreests putting in. Willy took the trap to Castletown tonight. Isa, Betty, and Annie with him and [?].

22 Saturday

Willy and I cut roads for machine in Cooyl-Thie in the morning. Threshed in the barn for rope straw with Willy. Tom putting Kennah's corn in. Got rushes from the

garey with Willy in the evening. Willy went home, took George home with him for a drive.

24 Monday

Cut in Mylechreest's Naioe.

25 Tuesday

Cut in Mylechreest's Naioe, but prevented getting finished through rain. Cut Jemmy Crellin's coat for father. Cut Betty Curphey's jacket.

26 Wednesday

Finished Mylechreest's Naioe at 9 o'clock. Cut the Noll woar hoese which was the Mhellah.

27 Thursday

Cut the Coyle Thie for five o'clock. Seamed seams of Jemmy Crellin's [? c.o. coat] for father and seams of Lizzy Taggart's jacket after Etty had sewed them. Tom Jack lodged here tonight.

28 Friday

Put in the Bwoolee Mooar. At Foxdale Pay, bought of Newton a pen and pencil holder, set of studs, and sleeve links. Part of Close Will. Jemmy Crellin's coat made by Father. Paid, with extras, 6/-.

29 Saturday

Finished the Close Will, oats, all in. Let rope. Threshed some flooring of rope straw. Got rakings from Close Will. Made pills of hiera-picra for Mamma. Cleaned boots, swept parlour, and went to bed.

## OCTOBER

1 Monday

At Ballamoda this morning. Tom & Archie with Mylechreest putting in. At Castle-town with Johnny to get his lip cut. The doctor had not a lance suitable therefore did not. Got 1 barrell coal.

2 Tuesday

Cut Ed Kennah's blue jacket for Father to make. Let rope till dinner hour. Stacked barley till tea time. Roped a stack with Tom. Dada appeared rather strange this evening in his manner as if pyralised which alarmed us greatly. Shoes pegged, 9/6d.

### 3 Wednesday

Dada is worse today so I got Mylechreest's trap and went to Ballakilly for Mr Kinrade to sign his will, which has settled his mind for earthly things. Willy and William came over for Ballamoda where they had been to fetch some sheep which had been bought the previous day at Ballasalla Fair. I went to Douglas and bought a pair of shoes (pegs) from Willy Kermode, 9/6d, shirt front, 1/-, and collar, 6d, some necessaries for the machine. The Magher-foin-aioe partly cut this evening. The crank of machine broke which hindered the reaping two hours. Sat with Isa wachthing Dada who was very restless till after 4 o'clock. Lay on the sofa till seven.

### 4 Thursday

The corn cut today at 3 o'clock. With Johnny at the doctor witnessing the cutting out of the cancer from his lip. Dada no better. Got a 2/- bottle of wine from Mylechreest's for him. I was up all night watching Dada.

### 5 Friday

Dada getting weaker. Uncle Johnny & Auntie Bet seeing him. Kate Kelly (B.Q[?]) over. Cut Ed Corris coat for father to make. Made on Betty Curphey's jacket. At Foxdale with Uncle Johnny & wife. In bed [?from] 12 midnight to 7 morning following.

### 6 Saturday

I made a little on Betty Curphey's jacket. Put 3 loads of Coayl Thie barley in threshing mill. Made a stack of the rest. Dada is no better. John Gele up this morning. Kermode twice over. Willy up tonight. Dada weaker, Johnny and wife stayed all night with me. Caesar over and prayed with him.

### 8 Monday

Cut [?] Vick's jacket. At Vick's trying it on. Dada still getting weaker.

### 9 Tuesday

Ed Corris coat & B.Cain, 6/-, thread, 2d, 1 [?qr] canvas, 2½ d, twist, 2d, holland, 1½ , [Amount] 8d, Sept 1st, trousers, [?with] extras, 2/6d, [Total] 9/2d [Paid] Dada no better. Kate up from Douglas tonight. Maggie Vick's jacket finished. Worked all night till 5 o'clock to finish it, 5/1d [Paid]

### 10 Wednesday

Dada appeared brighter this morning. John Corrin today first after harvest. Made on Caesar Creer's fustian trousers. Cut John Watterson's (Grenea) trousers for father. The first threshing of the season commenced today (barley), Bill Brew's Mill.

11 Thursday

Caesar Creer's trousers & vest, 3/3d, thread, vest buttons, 4d. Begun Dick Kennedy's trousers & vest. Finished Magher-foin-Aire. Corn all stacked. Dada no better but has eaten part of a [?] with some milk

12 Friday

Betty Curphey's jacket finished, 3/6d [Paid] Dick Kennedy's trousers & vest, thread &c, 5/2d. Dada gradually weakening.

13 Saturday

John Kennaugh's (Money) patrol, 3/-.

15 Monday

Makes on Harry Collister's trousers. I started this morning on tramp. Called at Jem Taggart's, Dick Kennedy's, Jemmy Fargher with my shoe to get mended. At Kegg's, to engage him to repair roof of dwelling house. Found him at Ballacharry. Thence by Ballasalla to Castletown. Dined with the curate and rode with him as far as schoolhouse.

16 Tuesday

Received from Robt Curphey, 1/-, 3d more than due, last night. Harry Collister trousers, 2/3d. Made on Willy Kennaugh's trousers. At Jefferson's Kilns fetched 1 bol lime for painting the house. At Ballaconnell taking John Cubbon's measure for trousers & vest. Sat up with Katty Quayle all night. Dada had two attacks of vomiting during the night and morning.

17 Wednesday

Willy Kennaugh's trousers, thread, 2/7d.

18 Thursday

Made on Robert Curphey's coat. Robert Kegg stripped and covered a piece of the roof. Was hindered from doing any more by rain. At the New Road got 2 quarts parifin oil.

19 Friday

Robert Curphey's coat, 2/6d, twist, 3d [Paid] Dr Clague in the schoolhouse vacinating 48 done to.

20 Saturday

John Kennaugh's vest, thread, twist, 2/6d. Tom Watterson's trousers, 2/- . Henry Curphey married Catherine Kermode today. Robby Taggart's trouser for 2/4d.

22 Monday

Got a letter from Annie Wallace. Willy Gale's trousers, 2/-. At Castletown got Lint and Fullers' Earth for Dada. By the Curates advice, got a tincture of oxide of line and carbolic acid, which we applied to the sores. Johnny's wife and Betty and Isa and myself changed his shirts. But it was a dreadful struggle for he was very sore and consequently resistive. We then turned him on the left side, but he was very uneasy all the time he was on that side. We shifted him today on the right side and he appears to sleep soundly but is not anxious for milk as usual nor does he talk as before and is gradually weakening.

23 Tuesday

Tom and I tied the bullocks in the cowhouse. Made Robby Kennaugh's oil leggings. Cut Billy Watterson's coat. The cowpox begins to work a little on my arm.

24 Wednesday

John Gale's vest, 2/-, thread, twist, 3d. John makes on Billy's coat. The masons today. Waited on them all morning putting lathe under the slates of the meal loft roof. Service in schoolhouse tonight.

25 Thursday

Billy's coat finished, 3/-. Made a little on Mrs Kermod's jacket.

26 Friday

Mrs Kermod's jacket finished, 3/6, binding, 10d, thread silk twist, 6d, pelicin, 2d, [Amount] 1/6D, (TOTAL) 5/-.

27 Saturday

John went home this day to drive his father's cart to Peel, his father being helpless through a sore leg twisted at the mines. Jem Creer's trousers, 2/6d.

29 Monday

Robby Taggart's white fustian trousers, 2/4d [Paid] At Jemmy Fargher's found my shoe just begun being repaired. Got the *Reliable System for Ladies Garments*.

30 Tuesday

Made on Jemmy Cannell's coat. Dada has fallen through considerably to-day. Is hardly expected to survive till morning light.

31 Wednesday

Father today. Jemmy Cannell's coat, thread, holland, 4/- [Paid] Made on John Watterson's coat. Two barley stacks which had not been thatched have taken the water

nearly to their bottoms and have grown white. One stack is made out of the dry parts of both. The wet parts sent to threshing mill which has broken by threshing it. Dada has survived till the present but is very low.

## NOVEMBER

1 Thursday

*Father Watterson* died this afternoon at quarter to four. I went to Castletown, got 9 yds calico for shroud, yard muslin, yard ribbon, sundry groceries &c. My mother made the shroud but was seriously ill after midnight. Ordered the coffin from James Cooper. The threshing which was commenced the day before finished today.

2 Friday

Did sundry odd jobs including the winnowing which was no small job owing to the bad winnowing machine.

3 Saturday

Finished the collar and vests of John Watterson's (Grenea) coat, which Father finished off. Drove the cart to Castletown. Martha and Robby with me. Robby at the Doctor. Got tapped. Got Dada's coffin from Cooper. Hatbands from Wood, B[*o*]ws. 20lbs meat from Clarke's, 4 four lb loaves and 1 stone biscuits from Clarke's, 1 stone flour from Radcliffe's, 1 doz four lb loaves from Mrs Gill's.

5 Monday

Dada was buried today in Arbory Churchyard. Aged 84 years. George and I slept in his bed this night.

6 Tuesday

John came this evening. Begun John Clague's suit. Andrew and I got first load of turnips out of Magher-yn-olly.

7 Wednesday

Father today. Made on J. Clague's suit. Service in schoolhouse tonight. Proposed having the Harvest Home on the 22nd. Jack Sam's son Willy; put in prison tonight. Tom & Andrew at Cronk-yn-iree-laa carting stones for the Government hedges.

8 Thursday

Father ½ day. I and Tom & Andrew & Archie walked the mountain as far as Glen-rushen looking for the strayed lambs but was quite unsuccessful. I went to Mrs Shimmins to consult about the tea-meeting. We determined upon having it the 22nd inst.

9 Friday

Father part day. John Clague's suit to collar of coat, 11/-. Tom & Andrew in Government service today.

10 Saturday

John Sayle's trousers, 1/6d [Paid] At Douglas got 2 [?] strings, 1/-. Isa & Betty & Anne at Castletown getting mourning.

12 Monday

John makes on John Cubbing (B.Connells) trousers. I and Tom at Grenaby helping Johnny to shift some things to change of residence.

13 Tuesday

John finished J. C's trousers No 1 and made on trousers No 2. I went to Castletown and changed the cloth which Isa and Betty got for their jackets the previous Saturday. Johnny shifted to Billy's house.

14 Wednesday

Begun John Watterson's coat and Isa's jacket. Threshed a stack of oats in Kerrow[?mooar] Mill. I intended having a practice tonight but it rained fearfully.

15 Thursday

Finished John D. Watterson's coat, 3/6d, thread &c, 6d. Had practise in schoolhouse for tea-party. Made on Isa's jacket. Mamma and Isa at Foxdale seeing Aunty Bet. Got white cloth from dyer.

16 Friday

Isa's jacket near done.

17 Saturday

Betty's and Isa's jacket finished. Got the bonnets from Douglas. Margaret Clague, Ballabeg, makes the dresses. Practise in the schoolhouse tonight.

19 Monday

John Corrin makes on John Cubbin's trousers, No. 3, 2/- [Paid] Practise in the schoolhouse.

20 Tuesday

Begun J. Cubbon's vest. John St Mark's with a notice of Harvest Home Tea. I at Eary Stain with d[itt]o and stuck one on Dick Cubbon's smithy door.

21 Wednesday

John makes on John Cubbons vest, 2/- [Paid] Fearfully rainy day till 5 o'clock. Decorating the schoolhouse till singing practise. Robt Preston's trousers, 2/3d, trimmings, 4d, [Total] 2/7d.

22 Thursday

Wrote music of tea-party tunes for Caesar in morning. Decorated and finished the Schoolhouse for Grenaby Harvest Home Tea Festival. Dreadful windy. Small attendance in consequence. Pieces sung — 1st, Monkland 4-7th; 2nd, Anthem, *The Lord is King*; 3rd, Anthem; *Behold the Great Messiah Comes*; 4th, *Girl with a Calico Dress*; 5th by Miss E. Kennaugh, *The Men are so Stupid*; 6th by Robert Curphey, *But in the Starlight*; 7th, *Hail! Smiling Morning*; 8th, National Anthem.

23 Friday

John Cubbon's (Ballaconnell) overcoat, 5/6d [Paid] Children's Tea Festival.

24 Saturday

Bobby Kennaugh's trousers, thread & buttons, 2/6d. Robby Collister's cap, trimmings, 1/3d.

26 Monday

John Cubbin's trousers, No 4, trimmings, 2/6d [Paid] Made on d[itt]o's coat. Took a severe pain in my side from 6 to nine which threw me off work for the while.

27 Tuesday

Father & John makes on J. Cubbon's coat. I went to Castletown. Got 1/- worth trimmings from Maddrells. At Fred J. Gill's office for business. Found he was off the Island till next Monday.

28 Wednesday

Father today. John Cubbon's coat, 5/6d, holland three eights, 5d, thread &c, 11d, [Amount] 1/4d vest buttons, 2d, trousers d[itt]o, 3d, [Amount] 5½ d, 1 yd calico, 4d, [Paid]

29 Thursday

Father today. John Corrin got my drab cloth from the dyer this morning. Made Bobby Kelly's trousers. Made on d[itt]o's coat. At Ballaconnell tonight with John Cubbon's coat & trousers.

30 Friday

John & Father both away today. I went to Foxdale to try the coat on Bobby Kelly.

## DECEMBER

1 Saturday

Was ill today of a cold and could not consequently get Bobby Kelly's suit finished.

3 Monday

John makes on Ed Shimmin's trousers while I went to Castletown to transmit business with J. Fred Gill.

4 Tuesday

Ed Shimmin's trousers, trimmings, 2/9d [Paid]

5 Wednesday

Makes on Robby Kennaugh sleeved vest. Service in schoolhouse. Willy got a load of hay, 8 cwt, 2 qrs, 14 lbs.

6 Thursday

Robby Kelly's suit, 11/6d, thread silk twist &c, 1/- [Paid] At Castletown to sell barley. Was offered only 24/- per boll for it, by Goldsmith, and Radcliffe.

7 Friday

Willy Kinvig's (Garey Moor) trousers, thread, 1/5d. Got *Tailor & Cutter Reliable Coat & Vest System, Juvenile Garments, Shirt-System, Part II of Reliable System for Ladies Garments*. John Kissack, Ballaboogie, Died.

8 Saturday

Robby Kennaugh's sleeved vest, d[itt]o thread, 1½ d, 3/1d, d[itt]o's trousers, 2/1d.

10 Monday

Mr Kinrade's trousers.

11 Tuesday

Father today. John Kinrade's trousers & vest, 4/6d, canvas, thread, &, 6d. Begun Tommys Vick's suit.

12 Wednesday

Father today. Made on Tommy Vick's suit. At Foxdale for the entertainment but found it postponed till next week.

13 Thursday

Father today. Tommy Vick's suit, 11/- [Paid]

14 Friday

Father today. Made on John Radcliffe's coat. Castletown, Vicar-General's Court. Dad's Will proved by petition.

15 Saturday

Father today. Intended finishing Maria's Curphey's jacket but failed to do.

17 Monday

Father today. Made on John Radcliffe's coat & Maria's jacket. Bella died very suddenly.

18 Tuesday

John Radcliffe's coat, 6/-. Maria Curphey's jacket, 4/-, 1/3d, [Total] 5/3d, April 29th 1878 [Paid]

19 Wednesday

Begun John Kinvig's suit.

20 Thursday

Finished John Kinvig's suit, 7/-. Made on Juan Kinvig's trousers and Thos Caugherty's trousers. Wrote a letter to Annie Wallace. Isa wrote to Mary.

21 Friday

Thos Caugherty's trousers, 2/- [Paid] Robert Callin's linen trousers, 1/6d.

22 Saturday

Juan Kinvig's trousers, 2/-. Done on the farm-jobs, got turnips from Lheinie-Noa and Mar-yn-olly. Betty & Isa at Douglas. Sold the geese, bought two plain turkey hens home.

24 Monday

Lined Bobby Kelly's trousers, 6d. Got potatoes home from Mar-yn-olly. Snow fell this evening and froze in the night.

25 Tuesday

Went out to the quarry with Tommy & John Kelly to consult as to the best road &c. At Foxdale Tea Festival. Frost.

26 Wednesday

John makes Wm Lace's trousers. At Lhienie Noa, got load of turnips home. Dreadfully cold. Willy Kennaugh's wife confined. B.gilbert Frost.

27 Thursday

William Lace's vest finished, 26th, trousers, 4/3d [Paid] Did nothing myself in the [?], but helped with the threshing of a stack of oats. Winnowed twice through, but must be winnowed tomorrow. Frosty.

28 Friday

Began turning Bobby Kennaugh's overcoat. Made pillars in Mar-yn-olly gap for a gate to lean on. Came on to rain this afternoon.

29 Saturday

R. Kennaugh (Money Mooar) overcoat turned, 6/-, binding 1/0½, thread linen, 6d, [Amount] 1/6½ d.

31 Monday

Begun Tom Corlett's suit. Tom began ploughing the Naioe. First furrow by possession.

## JANUARY

January 1st Went Douglas to engage Willy's horse for carting material for building. Went to see the trotting match on the sands. Spent a while with Aunt Anne, found her still poorly with rheumatism. Got paid from Mrs Wm Corkish for the coats & vest to be made for next Saturday.

Jan 2nd Worked on T. Corlett's suit till I went to Foxdale for Band of Hope entertainment *which was a success.*

Jan 3rd Did not get T. Corlett's suit finished. Tom Jack lodgded here tonight.

4th Tom Corlett's suit, 12/-, thread, 4d.

5th William Corkish's boy's coats and vest, 5/9d [Paid], due for canvas and thread, 6d.

7th Stephen Leece's trousers, 1/9d. Got 3 cwt hay from G. Maddrell's by Willy's *Prince.*

8th Richd Crellin's (Foxdale) trousers, 2/1d. Got sack of Indian meal for *Prince* 18/- from Whiteside's.

9th The cart at Johnny getting [?] [?]. Drawing stones from the quarry this evening but *Prince* was taken by Mamma to go to Peel and Ballabrooie, Tommy driving.