

1907 [*diary predates SBS2008.1.37*]

Youngs ___ Balfour of CB of Newton Dow.

Balfour of ___ Rickety(?) side is Mr Youngs farm. Let at 9.35 AM changed at Thomson junction.

Thursday

Left for Edinburgh went at 6.30. Left for Kingston at 7.35.

Friday went to Dunfermline at 10 AM. Retd at 2.30 Robert the Bruce.

Sat. Stirling with George Duncan. Bannockburn. Lunch home at 4.30.

Sunday church Park ___

___ Island(?) and home Dinner at 4.00. Met Mr young there.

Monday up at 7.00. ___ two miles(?) to Lang Toun of Kirkaldy saw Park and Ferguson of Raith then Mr Youngs farm – Dinner and high tea home at 7.30.

Tuesday up at 7 – Left for(?) St Andrews at 9.35 Changed at Thornton, Cupar 10.50 Capital of Fyfehire Leuchars – 11.05 an old place a centre for agriculture. Scone is pronounced Skoon. St Andrews 11.35 United College

Wednesday

Left for Edinburg by morning train.

Wednesday

Morning train accompanied by Arthur Duncan, went to Holyrood palace first. A sentry of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders ___ on the gate walked in and saw the banqueting hall with the bogus kings of Scotland ___ by van Wille ___ or de Wille, all mere daubs. ___ by the [*top of next page: Wednesday*] yard, Saw the room in which Mary Queen of Scotts slept and her bed also the brassplate on the floor where Rizzio was has finally done to death. Saw the dressing room of Mary Queen of Scotts and her private supper room. The men went into the great ___ chapel saw the monks walk and the tombs of the great personages interned. The chapel [*top of next page: Wednesday*] cannot be restored on account of the halls not being able to stand the weight 400000 pounds were left by the [*blank*] of [*blank*] for the purpose. We then went up through the canon gate to John Knox house and there we saw a lot a miniature(?) of Mary Queen of Scots and a painting of her. We saw her study the instruments of torture. The [*top of next page: Wednesday*] pulpit from which Knox preached and the window out of which he preached to the multitude in the street. Got post cards of all and then went to the law courts and saw the great hall of the Scottish parliament which is fifty paces in length. 125 feet (about). The courts would be a disgrace to a justices court in Canada – only [*top of next page: Wednesday*] only three small seats like pews for the public the might hold in all 30 people. We then went to the St Giles Cathedral a fair edifice with many colour of regiments and brases to men who fell in the S A war and other wars.

Walked up to the Castle of Edinburgh and [top of next page: Wednesday] got a guide. A lot of very weedy boys recruits for the highlanders were being drilled on the parade in front of the gates. In the castle we saw the splendid armoury with weapons of all sorts. Kept in splendid order. Saw the place where Mary of Loraine died and the room in which James the first was born [top of next page: Wednesday] a very small one. After Mary of Loraine died she was refused burial and her remains lay for months in that room finally were taken to France where she was interred. We then saw Mons or Munch Meg said to have been founded(?) in Flanders which is no doubt incorrect. The [top of next page: Wednesday] bore is about twenty two inches in diameter and the guns(?) was burst when a celebration to the Prince Regent was given. We saw the huge iron cape(?) for the bale fires where last lighted in 1803.

The castle is occupied by Highland Soldiers and is on a very high [top of next page: Wednesday] crag.

Kirkcaldy of Grange defended it for Mary Q of Scots, but was forced eventually to surrender and [caret: was] beheaded. We saw Calton hill and the monument which was to have been created to the Scottish heroes who fell in the Peninsular but was [top of next page: Wednesday] not completed — on account of some sycophant wishing to make it instead a monument in honour of the visit of George the 4th of ___ memory(?). We then walked up to Princess [sic – Princes(?)] Street and took a train ride to the south end of the city retrnd and walked along Princess Street and then the train home, I

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Thursday

Took train with Duncan (Arthur) at 7.20 and arrd at Glasgow at 9.40. Met by the Misses Duncan who showed us the City hall the monuments the picture gallery and museums as well as the monument to the Highland Light Infantry for Boar War.

Took a train drive and lastly the train up to the [top of next page: Thursday] Maxwell park and were met by Mrs and Miss Duncan. Had tea Mr Duncan gave me Sir John Moores Tea cup to drink out of and asked us to stay a few days. We then took the train the young ladies saw us off. We had a desperate rush when we got back to the town to get [top of next page: Thursday] to the station and get the train for home. Got home.

Richard Cameron head of the contracting sect of Camerons com in the Falkland saw the house. Strath a valley with a stream Helhoughton(?) it is \$.25.

Friday

Falkland Palace.

Pillar with name Maria mother of Mary Queen of Scots. Statue of John Bruce in square. Built by Earls of Fife.

Duke of Rothesay started(?) the son David. James 1st Jane(?) of ___ James II of S Mary of Gelder(?) land. Killed by the explosion of a wooden canon at ___ James Third Margaret of Denmark. James IV Margaret of England James 5th Mary of ___ James 6th Anne of Denmark Tapestry of 17th century bought in Holla made in Holland. Royal ___ buried(?) 1652(?). James the 1st of Scot died in room. James 5th escaped from palace 1528. Sir W Nicholson Knighted here by Chas 2nd. Found about ___ McDuffs castle Thane of Fife.

French ___ Tennis Court James 1st. Rob Roy stopped here once and had his books mended here by a shoemaker ___ ___.

Saturday

Lindores loch ___ house of ___ of Lindore. Newburg at 10.35 AM. We had a long halt at Thornton trains crowded as it is excursion. Abernethy at 10.40 where I saw the round Pictish towers There is an ancient British camp(?) near here and in good preservation. [*top of next page: Saturday*] Bridge of Earn a spa with well not far off. June(?). 10.50 AM country billy(?) farm houses of roughstone(?)

[*Writing changes*] Sunday went to church with Arthur + George Duncan. Mr Geringer(?) came with us. After the service he went to the battery along the sands and returned home. Wrote letter to Mays Flora(?) and Gerty also to Capt Mac(?) and enclosed the letter returned from the dead letter office addressed to Mr Morris. Immediate care of the Allans. Gave them my address.

[*Steele's Writing Again*]

Monday 1st April

Up at 4.20 rung up the girl as arranged last night had breakfast at 5.45. Left with Arthur and George for Aberdeen 6.30 passed through ___ Dundee. Montrose scenery en route fine arrived at 10.30 and proceeded up to the fish market an enormous place with large heaps of fish just sold and well kept. We then went up to the infirmary and saw Miss Younger. She could not come with us as she was on duty last night. We then went to the university and went up into the town of Marishal

College(?).

Monday 1st April

We then went and saw Machar old Machar built in 1300 and has ___ ___ ___ was destroyed at reformation. We then went to the King's College and walked half an hour and ___ open(?) went through that fine chapel and ___. We then walked to to Balgownie(?) Brig(?) ___ ___ and thence to Brig of Don the former is ___ of before 1300 and is as good as ever. We took the car for ___ in Scotland had a good lunch in a restaurant. We then bought post cards and went to the Brig of Dee.

Dee and back to town thence to the trains and got there at 5.50 P.M.

Aberdeen is a fine city built of granite which is celebrated. It is one of the finest cities in Scotland. Pop 170 Thousand. Lord Strathcona is Lord Rector and we saw a beautiful cup in Kings College given by him to ___.

The poet John Barbour is buried in the Machar eath cathedral arrd 1394 and is the most noted(?) thinking(?) man of Aberdeen.

The tomb of the last bishop of C of ___ in the cathedral.

Left Aberdeen at 4.00 and found fewer people on than in the morning. They I think missed their train. We did not get the home until 11.10 P.M. being delayed at several points to wait for through flyers to pass. Up at 4.30 and rung the girl up.

2nd April

Up at 5.00 AM and dressed. Packed up to go to London after breakfast left for the train with

Arthur and George Duncan. Miss Duncan asked for my photo and Mayes(?) also one of Floras. All said that they were pleased with my visit and I certainly enjoyed it, very much indeed. Bernick(?) 11.30 Doncaster at 3.25 ___ got on.

2nd April 07

Grantham(?) at(?) 4.30 going south from Edinburgh. G.A Ry was given Locomotive(?) with black ___. Peterboro 5 PM

78 m from London + got ___ going one ___ red jackets ___ ___.

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