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VIII Saw a Sparrow the first here saw three beyond  
 Lamonds jully ploughing in orchard Filled in  
 drain went to France for English mail H Gell came  
 to a late dinner

25 II

Mother died last night at 5 minutes to 12

R Skeggs went to Swan 5:00 brought Leekie & son to make Coffin  
 Henry went home J S Cotton came & went home Christopher  
 Salmon came with some reins & took two Cows down to May-  
 field S Salmon & Rachel came in the evening R Skeggs  
 drove the carpenters home in the evening.

26 III

put 2 loads potatoes in orchard a little shephedy  
 I F Mather came by mail cart: C Salmon went on with <sup>only</sup>

27 IV

John & Edith came at sunrise Henry & J S Cotton  
 from France Arthur & John Cotton from Belmont  
 Joseph Cotton Thomas & his two sons Albert Lyne  
 Robert Braxall & Elizabeth Funeral at 11:30

Folks returned to their homes in district

28 V

Alice Maud landed 6 bags flour & the bran  
 bushel maize & hose for Doctor R Skeggs took  
 his plough & then went on his way for ploughing  
 match (at "Pond paddock" (Jeu pale) Chris Salmon  
 came to breakfast took reins to home S Salmon  
 drove cart after dinner John Edith & Rachel Salmon went  
 toward home Edward went as far as Raby Hill, with last force

- 29 VII various odd jobs about home Strong like Wind
- 30 VIII Making oven at R Skeffs collage R Skeffs wife & children & Margaret & Anne returned from flouring match where Robert won first prize £6 - R Skeff went for Mrs Cole nurse & Edward went for Dr Lovett Helen gave birth to a baby boy at 20 to 11 o'clock at night. Fair well shed at light (+ shadows) from Dr Lovett's window & pulled her head through wall & came home Edward found her at Barney's bridge gate

Fair-born

2.10. II Casting manure into old garden culling potatoes  
Rose a keifer calf

3 VIII Casting manure into Orchard Went to Swansea got fore shoes on Fair well brought home some cattle

4 IV planting potatoes in "old garden" went to Swansea evening

5 V Finished planting potatoes harrowed them  
Casting manure into orchard Mrs J. Fisher & daughter came - & Joseph & Isabel Cotton & 2 children Henry Castle came with an agreement & signed binding papers to support a steamer which they will have built by next fourth month names & scale of freight &c Father signed with process they take & deliver freight here at his back

Mary parsonette

6 VII Casting out manure papering front room Bought brought back bag from H Castle. Received letter receipt from W. J. MacMichael for 33.15 money paid for 100 paid up shares in Cliff Timmney Co - (60 000 shares £1 each)

Cliff

4th Nov 1900

- 6, VII Digging potatoes James Thomson went home  
 M & C both their daughter Alma came & returned
- 7 VIII Finished digging potatoes men got loads of wood each  
 When came to breakfast Joseph to tea in afternoon  
 to Swansea in the morning & R Skiff for post in the evening
- 9 III Arthur, John & J S Cotton came to see father & returned  
 Thomas Jones called to see father & Henry came from France  
 and returned cutting hay Chaff & maize straw to cattle  
 cleaned & ground some put wheat for cattle packing apples  
 put lands from Shelley point into 'fine flats' & to Fletcher Joadnik
- 10 IIII packing apples Falcon landed 150 apple boxes vacated 9m
- 11 IV packing apples Isabel Cotton & J Thomson came  
 toward evening & returned
- 12 V Cut maize, finished packing apples & commenced to pick  
 others. J Salmon came to dinner & went back to meet W R Jellie  
 & J P Brown (Mun & Works) <sup>first visit to Glamorgan</sup> who came in a table coup of coffee on their  
 way to Swansea Joseph went home Thomas Jones & Henry needed call  
 to Helen Cotton Baby & nurse got home about 9 in the morning
- Father died this afternoon at 3.45 - he has grown  
 weak and thinner for a long time consequent on failure of the stomach  
 which for the last three weeks rejected all food drink or medicine and he  
 died at last of exhaustion of starvation with heart lungs & brain strong  
 and active He bore all & went on to meet death in patience & confidence

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Never murmured or repined. Said he "could not say he felt pain" he lay for many of the last days mostly with closed eyes but the face intelligent & thoughtful in evident communion with God to whom he had been his life's practice <sup>often</sup> to wait. He must have suffered much from thirst & we could only wet his lips, <sup>if he swallowed he vomited at once</sup> he once said he was longing for "the sweet of water of life" which is crystal in cooling out of the "house of God" the Lamb. He died when there was not any force left to work the mechanism of breathing & pulsating & we could hardly tell when ~~the~~ had stopped entirely.

He landed in the East with 5 children, in 12, 1800; came to Suez port & the sea on the child was born. Burnt out of a one room, he came & built this house & called the place Helbeton after his wife's native place. Here he lived his life & worked hard for his own, & as a citizen, & as a Christian, he made several journeys in the colonies in the service of the gospel.

He held his own in bad times & prospered in better times & bought 2 other estates. There were born 8 more children (4) of whom 6 live. He landed at "Waterloo Point" one evening in 1829 with wife, nurse & 3 children, having left the vessel which had taken to Maria Island & came in many miles in search of Swanssea, in a very little dingy. 'Settled' here - harassed by expectation of the blacks who once attacked & wounded the workmen - He met many losses, & passed through hard times, in which many "Settlers" sank; but none ever lost money by him. He died worth, in land, stock & money, at least, £3000, all attained in a manner approved of God & for the benefit of mankind. It is such Colonists as this which make a strong advance. He had at time of death 10 children 3 sons in law & 7 daughters in law 5 grand children & 4 grand children. The chief of the district came to his funeral & of his own kin were five sons & one daughter, 2 sons & 4 daughters in law, & 17 grand children. He was laid beside his wife who died 7 months before him, (25, 7, 82) she was born 21, 3, 1800 & he 6, 10, 1801 they were married 63 years.