

DIARY NO 79.

NOVEMBER. 1877- AUGUST 1878.

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NOVEMBER

B'ded to Basrah.

P. 1. Nothing to be seen of the Dybil - which covered her - No post  
only able to get a few things out of her - centrifugal pump belonging to  
Turkish genl - I believe now the Dybil is a total loss.

P. 3. Amira - Ashraf Pasha here as *osul-sani* - was governor of  
Basrah - 3 yrs. ago

Basrah - to B'ded.

P. 10. In B'ded Antona showed me a copy of a letter from the Under-  
Secretary to the Genl. of India to Lt. Pasha, confirming Antona's  
appointment as *Diywan* & Accountant to the Residency.

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DECEMBER

P. 20. Got my kit on shore, the young pig, Ducks, Dates, Treacle, Rice &  
Bees cases.

P. 20. About 7000 *Mhdms.* gone to Sirai to, protect, capt. forbidding of  
export of grain - Pasha did nothing - they rushed at  
& plundered the boats laden with wheat in the river.

B'ded to Basrah.

P. 24. Rain - looking of colors.

Basrah to B'ded.

P. 28. 7g. - vessel at Tuni of 41. - proposed leaving early to get to  
Azeri - Capt. Clement listens to no suggestions.

- P. 32. A Greek hotel next to our house called Parvelli to purchase looking glasses v. expensive.
- P. 33. 24th. Christians had a quiet night, no churches as fire light on account of the Turkish war & the signal defeats of Turkey by Russia.
- " 25th. 17th -  
They had a large dinner party at my father's house this evening.  
B'ded to Basra.
- P. 36. Mr. Daily an English missionary & his wife came up in the Jordan this time. Isaac Hussein the volunteer is also going to Vienna.
- P. 37. At Amara found Hadib Sheeha - the son in law of Mr. Tenelle who married Philomena was in B'ded 5 yrs. again services of S. W. W. He has lost all he had in trade.
- " At Azai Capt. Clements allowed Rev. Mr. Stottard & wife & Mr. Daily to go on shore to see the tomb.

JANUARY 1878

- P. 38. Yousuf Meani has left Lynch's Buis - too much work.
- P. 39. Quarrel with Mr. Clement about passages take money.  
Board to B'ded.
- P. 40. Increase of pay to 300 B per month.
- " Ball at the Residency - given by Col. Nicolson.
- P. 47. 9th. Gr. distress now prevails in B'ded on account of the war. The people taxed - taking young people - many robberies - Govt not able to exercise strict authority - no force in Tern

except 2 regiments of Regulares Infantería - each Regiment is supposed to muster 650 men & these do not number 300 each Regiment.

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- P. 48. The S. Mote coming down - about 150 Arabs who were taken in the Reserve Corps & had run away - to join this Regiment at Amara.
- P. 49. After to Adfard to stay in Baghdad in Yusef's place to receive cargo - to begin at 20 R.P.s. per month.
- P. 50. Amara - Mr. Lelohi went to dine with Ashraf Pasha - Muterisif Halil Shala Chou - looking for employment - with Ashraf Basha his friend.
- P. 51. Mr. Robertson returned from Basrah to Baghdad as Vice-Consul.  
" No cables - morning of Hussein 10th of October.
- P. 53. 17th. Henry got a son.
54. Called on Mrs. Holland first time since marriage - Alfred had called on me at Xmas - v. well received.
- P. 56. 22nd. Jt. distribution supposed to take place amongst people of Abdul Shakh - conscripts - Jt. bringing all sorts of people some only 14 or 16.  
" Merchants afraid to ship wheat  
" Son of Ashraf Pasha - wanted special price for horses.
- P. 57. 24th. Another no. getting up on account of the expectation of wheat. People in bazaars rushed to Sultan House - gates shut & people left outside.
- P. 58. On board large party of M. men going to Selencia to shoot pyg.

- P. 61. Telegram to announce peace concluded betw. R. & Turkey.
- P. 62. 29th. S. Khatun fir jodda in quarantine for 24 hrs ? - at day a.
- P. 62. Syed Aziz, charged office from Basrah - taken the house of the  
Majumdar on the river next to the Brit. Consulate.
- FEBRUARY
- P. 65. Haji told me Christians afraid of Muslims 'restlessness in  
bazaar' - report of wheat - several cases of plundering -  
Bishop's Fatherhood asked Fr. consent to inform the Pasha.  
Pasha informed 17th of head throats & Jan - no need to  
fear - ordered patrols in the quarters etc.
- P. 67. 5th. S. Phrote going down to Gangeth garden to tow up the  
bridge of boats wh. got doffed down during the high rise.
- P. 71. 12th. Public news - Pope Pius IX died on 7th. &  
Jussaris has addressed a card.
- P. 71. Mr. Marchant sent me the case of tea from Basrah
- P. 73. Heard of Akif Pasha's dismissal from Secunderabad of B'dad -  
I suppose on account of all disturbances of Pop, about report of  
wheat - Kadri Pasha appointed
- P. 80. Got the Public News from Michael - prohibited of let. & news -  
City of London old. not get them last time
- " H. N. S. S. Teazer here, her Capt. Woodhouse a nephew of  
The Gov. of B. only, - sent Woodhouse & 2 officers going up with us  
fir with 2 bills to D. Enesh Mand to shed.

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P. 81. Ashraf Pasha gone up in the S. Bessah to Ali Sherki with 150  
kennel troops to quell a disturbance between Meylan & Moosa,  
Sheiks of Beni Karam.

MARCH.

P. 84. Beginning of account of dispute with Mr. Clements - accuses Yusuf  
of lack of civility - Y says he puts servants in the cells & has  
a gun key. Report to Stebbins

- P. 88. 

P. 91. 5th. Telyians arrived today to Col. Mearns that peace with Kumi is  
concluded today. He went to the Pasha, Mustafa & other high officials -  
Pasha had not yet heard it officially.

P. 91. Two large boats Ghabil & Salmyet - used of Lynd to get the  
Dybl off - intention of buying. - old & needed repairs.

P. 92. Wrote a letter to Keshal valetton at bed commencing him  
to buy about 100 mounds of used paper.

1 " 8th. They are starting the ship and cabins.

P. 93. Canot for Wash with Col. Mearns & family to spend few days.

" Marriage engagement 10th. son of Michael Mearns with d. of Mr. Thaddeus.

P. 93 Called on Antoine to make arrangement to go out shooting in  
the 10th. in the marshes at Agensod.  
Sheikh Jemad to accompany them

P. 95 Wild ducks.

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P. 98. Amara - heard that Sheykh son of Faisal has caused disturbance  
agst. the Govt. here - collected to Hamezan & now he is attacking the  
Arabs & boats at Hamezan [below Aram] & Adilif Pasha wants to  
send the Bassel with troops agst. him.

P. 100 The S. Mosheneh left for B'ded - took few soldiers to guard her in  
passing the rock of Hamezan where the Sultan's Arab of Sheykh are  
attacking Boats etc.

P. 101. Yusuf & Nasrany wld. not let us return to the ship - saying that  
road is not safe - rickias etc - At end of the bay we took a  
Belam.

P. 102 Dr. Acher's son - came from Berlin is to go up to his father in B'ded.  
Bassel to Bagdad.

P. 105 Letter from my bro Alexander arrived & Damascus mail - from Montebate  
recommends making up ground with Feller.

P. 109 Took in a carriage & 10 cases of the collect of Customs free to  
Basel - belongs to the late Governor Ahef Pasha who left  
for Const. about 15 days ago.

Bagdad to Basel

P. 111. The state of the country of the Sultan's Arab still disturbed  
as last time - telegraph wire is cut down below Faisal's  
level.

APRIL

P. 113. 2nd. To 1st. class Editor of Times of India en route to  
Const.

Basel - B'ded.

114. At B'ded heard of d. of Paderami [formerly Inspector of  
the Quarantine] & by the

- P. 117 Hedy Peska - Jew. of B'dad. arrived last Thursday 3rd. from  
land. He is well covered in 74. Archie Person & a little Ely.
- P. 117 The Neoplatonia arrived at Bessel. - Blakey is going to send  
his 2 daughters to try to school in her.
- P. 118. Mr. Gratten Jerry - called - going round the town everywhere.

## B'dad to Bessel.

- P. 123. Maxon Berks came to Bessel from Wanzel about 8 days ago -  
He has lost all his landed property wh. he bought from the Turkish  
Genl. Gov. Maxon Berks' influence - v. cheap - Now the genl. of  
Bessel has orders to find out all these lands & resell at a much  
higher price - wh. they are certainly worth.
- P. 123. Genl. Colto to his Alexander at Manchester - registered at  
Bessel. B'dad.

- P. 127 The Comet - going down anchored just below B'dadit 7th -  
Col. Maxon accompanying his wife & daughter Nellie - going to Ely  
in the Neoplatonia. - Took his rail -  
Mr. Elements came back with the news that the Ely Troops  
have left Andai & Ely. is to declare war agt. Russia

## B'dad to Bessel

- P. 132 Washcof pushing off - near America - threes
- P. 135 The Turkish steamer will not have in future the  
frequently sh. cargo from the Ind. India Co. They have  
given it all to us.

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P. 135. Accident with the *Suzanne* - expected her at any moment to be crushed & sink down to the bottom with her heavy cargo.

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P. 143. S.S. *Arct* & the British Indian out from by - one of the monthly line of decisions.

P. 149. Money with Yuseef Shad Shala - made the sum up to 3000 R. 1's for 4 mos. at 10% per annum.

Went to Adana in the *Rosabing* - they were busy writing out invitations for the Queen's birthday on 24th. - Ed. is inviting the Pasha & all the official employees - also all Europeans & some native merchants - Assyrian bishops & some priests - no ladies are invited.

P. 150. Confession with P. Joseph - advice to reconcile with his father.

P. 151. Theft, robbery & murder are getting frequent in the town - attempts in Adana Bay - Afghan watchmen.

B'ded to Barrak.

P. 156. S. *Meshuk* coming down river - fired at by the *Arct* - in *mapas* - went on board, saw ship's cabins pierced by bullets.

P. 160. Capt. Clements to shift to command of Coy of  
London - Capt. Lowry temporary command of  
Blouse trench.

JUNE.

P. 164. Ashraf Pasa Joseph to take letter to his father.

P. 165. Mr. Darby our chief mate gone on shore last night - news  
come back - went to the town of Sarietta next to my house.  
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P. 167. Ashraf Pasha is gone to Azur & Jonia to settle some  
disputes among the Sheikhs.

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P. 183. Walk with Antone towards the N.W. gate & round into  
town thro. the Jews quarters. But the dirt & stench & the  
stagnant water in town & in the quarters of the Jews is  
something enough to kill a man. The ditches around the  
deserted suburbs are full with stagnant water &  
no one is thinking of carrying of having them drained out  
in to the river.

JULY.

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P. 186. 17hd. Bey Abu el Kubeysa is going down with us as  
Governor of Hed.

P. 188. Thick dust round Syon's tomb - as usual this time of yr.

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7th. SUNDAY. - ELIZA DELIVERED. A SON. at 11<sup>1/2</sup> a.m.

P. 192. Boy healthy getting thin from the heat. on board he was v. fat & they scraped some fat from his body.

P. 193 14th. Sunday - child christened Alceste & Rescald after Richard Rogers - the late husband of my sister Emily who taught me F. in 1859 till his death at Basel in 1862.

P. 194 Dr. Colville going down with us on one year's leave to try.

P. 196. All the wheat boats stopped at Amara at the desire of the Gov. - fearing a famine.

P. 197 S.S. Glendale of David Sasson line of steamers arrived about 4 p.m. She had an officer just died on board on the river coming up from the effect of the heat.

P. 198. Yleeroy Afar - now officiating as French Vice Consul in place of Mars. de Sargée who left last month.

AUGUST

1 B'dad to Basrah.

P. 206 Passed Azeri - dust not settled - still v. thick - We are smothered with it & the ship is covered everywhere and in the cabins.

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Bassah - B'dad.

P. 213. 154. 17<sup>th</sup> August. Mrs. Hollands' death at Bassah - bringing her body up in the steamer Laurel.

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P. 215. 17<sup>th</sup> August. Feet - a strong squall, thick dust from the E. - lightning struck clouds, - became a total darkness all over - began to rain - about an hour - extraordinary weather - my father's recollections having seen it rain in mid-August about 25 years ago.

P. 217. Capt. of the steamer Commercial in Bassah - Capt. Wilson died this afternoon [19<sup>th</sup>] of sun heat apoplexy, the heat is intense, more than ever, for the last 4 days so cloudy sultry & hot with no wind - some more people have died at Bassah.

Bassah - B'dad.

P. 218 Impossible to resist one minute in the cabin -

P. 219. 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Baharia wh. ought to be finished today.

P. 222 Blakely does not know what to do with the 2 officers DARBY and PERRY on the Blaise Lynd - so useless I wd. not learn & now both are ill - going to send Mr. Darby away in the 14<sup>th</sup> expedition.

B'dad - Bassah.

P. 226 Quavel with one of Shater's men at Amara - case brought to Ashraf Pascha. Pay increased from 1st January 1878 - 300 Besh instead of 250.