

Mr. Justice Wills has  
much pleasure in forwarding  
£ 5. 5. to the Jeffries  
fund - a slight but grateful  
acknowledgment of the  
pleasure he has so often  
been derived from Mr.  
Jeffries's works  
Judge Lodge  
Manchester  
16 Nov. 1887



As soon as the matter  
is settled I shall be glad  
to hand over the balance  
in my hands - something  
over £200. By the bye I wonder  
if you c<sup>d</sup>. obtain a copy of the  
memorial to which I have  
referred with the signatures.  
I fear I have kept none & it  
might interest Mr<sup>s</sup> Jefferies.  
George Saintsbury kindly drew  
it up. Believe me very truly  
yours  
C. P. Scott

The Guardian Office.  
Manchester.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 187

My dear Sir

It is very kind of you  
to wish that I should be  
associated with the two other  
friends of Mr<sup>s</sup> Jefferies in  
the Trusteeship. I had the  
warmest regard & admiration  
for him, though I never met  
him but once in my life,  
& would gladly be of any



The American Office  
Manchester

service to his wife & children.  
But I do not feel that I  
can properly undertake the  
Trusteeship, & I do not think  
it will be difficult for you  
to find some one more fit-able  
& better qualified. Have you  
asked Mr. C. J. Longman?  
He worked with me in raising

the fund which we got together  
shortly before poor Jefferies'  
death & of which he had a  
portion for his use, & also  
in procuring the signatures  
to a memorial which we  
circulated in a petition from  
the Civil List. I am very  
glad you are appointing trustees  
who can take charge of the  
money which has been subscribed



Your interest, please accept  
also my thanks for that, &

Believe me

Faithfully Yours

Evangeline V. Tibb

Charles Churchill Osborne Esq.

Heathfield  
Calverley Fair Mile  
Trurobridge Wells

My Dear Sir

Yesterday someone  
sent me a cutting from the  
Salisbury & Wichester Journal,  
containing the article referring to  
the Jeffries Appeal, - so I need  
not trouble you to tell me the  
date. But I thank you very  
much all the same. I think  
the paragraph excellent, & that it  
will certainly help the cause,  
and if its insertion is owing to



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am doing all the correspondence  
personally and it is now

2. a m. . . If you can  
speedily send up an independent  
petition to the Treasury for  
in front of a Pension to  
the widow it may be of  
great value. I have good  
hopes of success already

Sincerely yours

Wm. M. M.

Ch. Churchill Osborne Esq

~~Private~~



ARTS CLUB,  
HANOVER SQUARE,  
W.

22 Aug. 1884

My dear Sir.

I telegraphed to you this morning.  
On Saturday I was at Richard Jefferies  
burial. Yesterday I went into partnership  
with his widow. I have been entrusted  
by her with all necessary documents  
to show the actual state of his  
accounts. I am not in any way  
a relative, but I do not think that  
there is any one else who knows so  
much of these things, relative or  
not. You may rely upon my accuracy  
in the Public Works Gazette of last Tuesday  
being literally and in spirit absolutely  
correct and yet I found on the  
morning of Saturday that there was  
all the time a fund which existed  
for his benefit and amounted to  
over £200. I am as newly  
certain as man can be, that he knows  
nothing of this fact, and I am  
quite certain from her own



ARTS CLUB  
HANOVER SQUARE  
W.



lips that the widow did not.  
and yet it was in the hands of  
a thin hearted man. but alas!  
ignorant of the character of  
poor Jeffries - except it is  
necessary I do not wish to go  
further into this matter; but  
as you have assumed some re-  
sponsibility - it is well that you  
should be prepared to hear references  
made to this fund. I have  
to day written to the gentleman in  
whose hands this money was and  
is. hoping that he may have the  
courage to tell the truth.

I am greatly honoured by you  
in the slip you enclosed. I can  
tell you that yesterday Mrs Jeffries  
seemed more touched and pleased  
at the idea of recognition in this  
way in her and her native country  
than in any other news I had.

I shall probably see Mrs Jeffries  
again in a few days when I will  
hand her your most kind letters.  
Excuse the bad writing good



be astonished to know that until  
Saturday last, these duties took me  
until 2.30 a.m. each night.

I have just called on Mr. Louis Jennings  
Mr. P. in ref- to a question about  
the petition to be asked in the House  
to-night. The best way to influence  
the Government is through the Members  
of Parliament. I have no great faith  
in formal petitions.

Mr. Jefferies address in  
Sea View  
Goring Wotton  
Sussex.

You know the kind of harpies who  
endeavour to make a harvest out of all  
misfortune. So I was very glad circumstances  
enabled me to leave ~~to~~ it uncertain whether  
~~it was~~ Goring on the Thames or Goring  
in Sussex - was intended. any information  
or explanation you wish upon the subject  
I ~~will~~ immediately and willingly.

Very truly yours  
J. W. North



29 Aug 1887

ARTS CLUB,  
HANOVER SQUARE,  
W.

My Dear Sir

I am extremely glad to hear  
the good account you give of your  
fund. I presume you saw my  
letter in Saturday's "Standard"  
referring to it. Firstly to answer  
your question with respect to the  
Committee of trustees - I think  
that <sup>in consequence</sup> except with the express in-  
vitation of the gentlemen you name.

I would rather not join as a  
trustee. I would be of course  
willing and would in truth wish  
that my name should appear  
somewhere in a subordinate list -  
to show that I (as perhaps the nearest  
personal friend of ~~Mr~~ Jefferies had every  
desire for the success of your appeal).  
But my worldly position is not good  
enough to enable me to rank by <sup>the</sup> side





of those you  
have named, and  
whose names will inspire confidence in  
all ranks of Society — You have had now  
sufficient experience to know the weight  
of correspondence the sole <sup>and personal</sup> management of  
a fund of this character involves so will  
excuse the slipshod style of this note.

~~Jeff~~ John Richard Jefferies was  
born at Chiseldon in Swindon.

he died on the 14<sup>th</sup> Aug aged 38.  
his widow Jessie Jefferies ~~was~~  
maiden name, Baden — was a  
native of the same neighbourhood  
there were <sup>only</sup> two children living —

Richard Harold — aged 12

and  
Phyllis — — nearly 7.

Jefferies illness commenced  
with febrile which confined him  
to his couch for eleven months  
during which time he <sup>under</sup> went

four operations for the year succeeding  
he appeared to be regaining a small  
portion of health but the improvement  
did not last and he became the victim  
of some consumptive disease which  
affected all the lower part of the  
body, first — and then attacked  
the lungs & heart ultimately he  
died of suffocation — Severely a more  
lingering and terrible case of long  
suffering can be imagined —

— I do not fancy that Mrs Jefferies  
will care to part with her servant  
girl but will tell her of Mr Kinglake's  
offer —

In case of my accident  
to myself while the final disposition of  
the funds is in suspense, I have placed  
the money in my hands in a joint acct  
Mrs Jefferies & myself, and have  
placed on deposit at the L & W. B.  
Bristol 10/2

£500 of the amount — When  
I tell you that I have personally  
and alone, answered every separate  
letter in connection, you will see



first, I would make  
the third acting.

I had more than three

is unnecessary

Yours faithfully

Percy Wyndham

~~ISEL HALL,~~  
~~COCKERMOUTH~~  
Chowls  
Salisbury  
August 30<sup>th</sup>  
1837

Dear Sir

I should be very  
willing to be one of  
the Trustees of the  
Jeffries Fund, if required.

I think however it  
would be a mistake  
to have too many.  
There would in my



opinion, or ample.  
More than that number  
leads to unnecessary  
letter writing, gives  
unnecessary trouble,  
and tends to defeat  
the object.

If you have therefore  
already got

those named I should  
prefer not to act  
yours faithfully

Percy Wyndham

You could not find  
3 better than Mrs  
Kinglake, Mrs Macleod,  
a Mrs Bouverie.

Trilney the latter the  
Bishops.

Should two out of  
the above named be



would be likely to ruin them.

I feel that I have no right  
to be troubling you with such  
details but it is only the  
warmth & kindness of your  
own letter to me that enable  
me to do so. I fear that  
you will probably think me  
foolish for wishing to keep  
my children near me but  
even if you do you will per-  
haps understand how I feel  
about it -

With kindest regards

Believe me

Yours very sincerely

Jessie Jeffries -

Rich<sup>d</sup> Jeffries  
widow

Sea View  
Faring  
Sussex

Sep 5. 87.

My dear Madam  
I hardly know  
how to thank you for  
the very kind letter  
I received last week  
I feel so utterly unable  
to express the thanks  
I feel. I am most  
truly grateful for your  
Husband's kindness  
to me in starting the



fund. I cannot understand  
how it can have reached  
so large a sum in so short  
a time. Would you please  
convey to Mr Osborne my  
warmest thanks & kindest  
-tude for all he has done  
for me; the many proofs  
of kindness I have received  
since my dearer husband's  
death have touched me  
very deeply. I never could  
have imagined there were  
so many who would have  
taken so kind an interest  
in me for his sake.

With regard to the children  
my little girl who is only  
six I teach myself & I  
hardly feel that I could  
part with her, my boy,  
I have always hoped I may  
be able to send him to a  
good school not too far  
from wherever I may reside.  
I have hardly had time  
as yet to think of any  
particular locality; as my  
children are neither very  
strong I must endeavour  
to choose a place that



SR Jones was the second  
son of William Jones of New  
Ross, a magistrate, & Sarah  
daughter of Samuel Elly  
of the Walks Co Wexford.  
He was born at Blackwell  
Lodge, Co. Kilkenny

1818; & married in 1848  
Elizabeth daughter of  
Samuel Houghton of  
Carlow. Educated at a  
private school in New Ross.  
~~He~~ became a merchant &  
ship owner at Liverpool.

Clovelly  
Dulwich Place  
London S.E.

Oct 3.

Dear Mr Ashburn

I should esteem it  
a very great favour if you  
would be good enough to  
insert the enclosed adver-  
tisement in your paper  
for me - that is if you  
have the space -



I have had a gentleman - a  
student - in my rooms since  
July, who is now gone to  
Barbados & I am very  
desirous of finding some  
one to take his place -

or I would much like to  
hear of some Indian children  
but these I fancy are more  
difficult to find -

Please give my kindest regards  
to Mrs. Osborne & believe me  
Yours very sincerely  
Jessie Jeffries -

To Students & others.

The Widow of a well known  
Author has two or three  
- furnished rooms unoccupied  
in her house at Dulwich  
Place, close to Park, fifteen  
minutes from station, frequent  
trains to City & West End,  
ten minutes rail from London  
Bridge - Bath hot & cold,  
healthy situation - Highest  
references - Address J.

Salisbury Journal



card so that I may be at home  
East Dulwich or Lordship Lane  
are our nearest stations;

it would give me pleasure to  
see you if you could spare  
the time -

With kindest regards

Believe me  
Yours very sincerely  
Jessie Jeffries.

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Clovelly  
Dulwich Rise S.E.

Oct 14.

Dear Mr Osborne

Thank you so much for  
your kind letter, it is very  
good if you not to forget me

I think I had a dim  
idea that a few people who  
had been so good to me & done  
so much for me would  
not care to hear any more  
of me - It would I think  
be a great advantage if



you could get my advertisement inserted in any of the London Dailies; if replies might be addressed to the office & forwarded home I should be very glad, it is so good of you to offer to do so much for me I am so very much obliged to you.

Harold has been at Dulwich College since last February & that was my reason for removing from Dunster, I am thankful to say he is doing very well, the school has an

excellent reputation so I hope I acted wisely in placing him there; Phyllis attends a High School near; they are quite well & happy.

It is rather important home that I should if possible let my rooms for I am anxious that my children should have the best education & training it is in my power to give them.

I should be so pleased if you could run down & see me one afternoon & send me a



Mountain Ash  
Addlestone  
Turing-

Dec. 28.

Dear Mr Ashome

Thank you so much  
for your kindness in  
remembering my children -  
they were both very pleased  
& Harold is going to write  
& thank you for the book.  
I am glad you are coming  
to Lardlow, for it would



give me pleasure to see you  
& Mrs Osborne again -

Will you please give my love

to her & your little boy -

I have not yet heard of  
any one to take my rooms.

but hope I may - it was  
so kind of you to advertise

for me - I am down here  
in the country for a few days

but I hope when the New Year  
comes in I may hear of

some one - Have you seen  
a copy of Saturday Review

for Nov. 9. I believe my husband's  
name is mentioned, but have  
not yet seen it -

With kindest regards

Believe me

Yours very sincerely

Jessie Jeffries -



to be applied for their benefit  
of course on the understanding  
that this is supplemented  
by a civil list <sup>to Mrs Jefferies</sup> ~~known~~ upon  
which I hope we may  
confidently reckon. I

must greatly congratulate you  
upon the success of your  
appeal: I know from  
my own experience that you  
must be overwhelmed with  
correspondence. but still I  
trust you will find a moment  
to give me your ideas on  
this subject. I have many  
names of gentlemen of influence  
(as also you must have) willing  
to join as a general committee  
but the primary point is the acting  
and responsible body - between us  
S.C Osborne & T  
sincerely yours  
Dr. North

Arts club  
London W

My dear Sir. 7 Sept-  
1874.

I have obtained the  
consent of Mr W @ Alexander  
banker of 24 Lombard Street  
to act as treasurer for the  
Jefferies fund now in my  
hands. - and the sum at  
my disposal will be placed  
in his hands as soon as  
it can be arranged. I  
shall be glad to hear if this  
seems satisfactory to you  
- I am desirous of course  
speaking in the interest of Mrs  
Jefferies and the children  
that you should name a



gentleman in whom you have  
 perfect confidence to act  
 as joint trustee with  
 Mr Alexander - and myself  
 providing you see no obstacle  
 to our arrangement of this  
 kind - I imagine that  
 the amount now in my hands  
 is about £630 or £40 - I anticipate  
 the inauguration of another fund  
 of £200 or thereabout - and  
 I have already placed to Mrs Jeffery's  
 private account at Brighton about  
 £130 - I hope that we  
 may eventually reach £3000  
 which I think should be aimed  
 at - the interest to be paid  
 to Mrs Jeffery until the  
 children ~~are~~ reach the age of  
 21 - and then the capital.





J. C. Osborne Esq.

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Salisbury

W. H. Long



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12.2.0  
received



97 Eaton Place  
London S.W.

Dear Sir

I send you a small  
contribution to the fund  
you are kindly raising  
for the benefit of the  
family of the late Mr.  
Richard Jefferies

Yours faithfully,

Walter H. Long

7. Sep. 1889.





marked: Sept. 7 1887



has obtained the permission  
of the several publishers to the  
 republication of her husband's letter  
 papers in a book form and Mr  
 Walter Besant has kindly  
 promised to write a memoir  
 & preface to the volume.

I trust that you will explain  
 to Dr Bourne the reasons which  
 prevented myself or Mrs Jefferies writing  
 directly to him. and leave not any  
 doubt in his mind with regard to her  
 sincerely grateful feeling.

Believe me  
 dear Mr Osborne  
 most faithfully yours.

W. M. M.

25 Sept 1887  
Beggearnhuish House,  
Washford,  
Taunton.

My Dear Mr Osborne.

You will be glad to hear that  
 Mrs Jefferies had a letter from the  
 Treasury this morning announcing  
 the grant to her of £100 per ann. from  
 the Civil List ~~which~~. I am extremely  
 sorry that Mr W. J. M. has declined to  
 act as trustee, and sincerely hope that  
 Mr Morrison will be able to do so - for  
 I am unable to apply for many promised  
 subscriptions until some definite scheme  
 has been formed. and you know how  
 it is in these cases. as time goes  
 on the interest wanes and the man  
 who would a week back have willingly  
 given £10. now thinks twice over £1.

Although I think it advisable until  
 affairs are in working order, that I  
 should be a trustee "pro tem" I do  
 not desire to remain one if another  
 person can be found willing to take the



position. This being clearly understood  
possibly it  
might ~~be~~ render your own work  
easier. For instance Mr Lyndham  
might be willing to act as trustee in  
conjunction with a personal friend, or  
the same thing might be the case  
with Mr Morrison. Should this  
be so, you will perfectly understand  
that I would willingly and unhesitatingly  
withdraw. — My idea of publishing  
a full list of subscriptions in the "Times"  
was not intended to be more than a suggestion  
— merely as a way of severing any  
connection in the minds of people between  
"The Jefferies fund" and the Pall Mall.  
— certainly I would not do it without  
your concurrence.

with respect to Dr Bourne.  
You must not suppose that Mrs Jefferies.

is not very grateful for his kindness.  
— But I rather think I may have  
been a little to blame in this matter.  
As I understood your mention of the  
subject it seemed to me that it would  
be rather premature or perhaps even  
presumptuous to write to Dr Bourne  
direct, until he had had an op-  
portunity of seeing Jefferies' son and  
judging for himself. I was desirous  
that nothing should be done which might  
embarrass Dr Bourne. Should he feel  
inclined to withdraw — I hope you  
will kindly explain this to Dr Bourne.  
— I have now had an opportunity of  
seeing the lad more closely and I have  
every confidence in his future progress —  
But for the last few years he has  
necessarily been without much personal  
supervision from his poor father and  
it would perhaps be better that he  
should have a month or two at a  
fairly good school before we ask  
Dr Bourne to come to a decision  
on the subject. Mrs Jefferies



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that I may answer for Mrs Jefferies' most willing  
consent. She has promised to pay us a  
visit and I expect her and her two children  
on Saturday - there are a great many papers  
left by her late husband which should be carefully  
looked over, and if in all probability she will  
stay some time here for that purpose -

Mr Arthur Kiplake of Taunton who has  
much interested himself in this matter is  
desirous to make Mrs Jefferies' acquaintance  
- perhaps in a week or two we might all  
be able to meet at Taunton? if you could  
come as far: I do not want to be in London  
again for a long while - if I can avoid it -

I had a long talk with Mrs Jefferies  
and her boy about his education and I was  
rather agreeably surprised at his readiness

to go from home and try a public school  
- he is only about 12 years old so it is  
too early to form a definite opinion as  
to his ability. but he has certainly  
no mental (or so far as I see ~~the~~ bodily)  
defect. and appears to be fond of reading &  
is able to write fairly well - I did not in any  
way examine him but I should think that  
he is up to the ordinary standard of  
boys of his age. I must beg you on  
behalf of Mrs Jefferies' to accept the portrait  
I send with this - I have been

I have offered  
an autograph to the  
portrait  
14 Sept 1887  
Beggearnhuish House,  
Washford,  
Taunton.

My Dear Mr Osborne

I am much pleased with your letter.

You seem to be about the only man willing  
to give time and trouble to these business  
ungrudgingly if there is such a word -

In the first place you are wrong in supposing  
that I have any connection whatever with  
the Pall Mall Gazette - except on account  
of this business - I thought I explained  
this to you in my first letter. The fact  
was that the Editors of the Standard  
and St James's were both out of town  
- they were both personal friends of Jefferies  
and I had relied upon them. I, having  
no acquaintance at all with any newspaper  
office previously / ~~but~~ time was all precious  
and the Pall Mall the only ready means.  
- I must confess that in this matter  
the P.M.G. has behaved well - they have done  
a great deal and of course gratis - I have



Had two letters in the "Standard" with my initials wrongly given - I greatly regret that Mr Mudford has not responded to your request - but I am not sure that he could have given much time to the work.

In strict confidence I must tell you that Mr W P Alexander is the gentleman who <sup>then personally unknown to me</sup> at the commencement of the fund sent me his cheque for £100 - <sup>insisting on agency</sup> he is a partner in the banking firm of Alexander & Co. 24 Lombard St. - I wish you would ask Mr E P Bouverie or any established authority such as the head of your bank as to Mr Alexander's standing in the business world - I had some difficulty in getting his consent and it was given on the distinct understanding that he would have no transaction in this matter with the Pall Mall Gazette or any other newspaper - I had no trouble in giving this assurance because in spite of the heading to the list which appears in the P.M.S. the fact is that the money is actually in the joint power of myself and Mrs Jefferies. The P.M.S. brings in to the account as they receive sums -

I forget whether I sent you a rough balance sheet made up to Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 82 if not just send me a line and I will forward it to you. - Of late years I have not been much in London, and in consequence do not know many people of great commercial standing - so I had it not been for Mr Alexander's <sup>consent</sup> offer, I might have found myself obliged to rely on a publisher such as George Smith, or Longman or Macmillan - for very many reasons - this was undesirable - for it is not possible that some future prober in some of the copy rights may exist - and in that case the interest of publisher and that of the widow and children would be opposed. There are also other reasons which may commend themselves to you - the prominence of publishers and even literary men should not I think be too great - for Jefferies undoubtedly had the great power of converting his readers into his personal friends - and shops should not be <sup>too</sup> promanured - For all these reasons I ~~shall~~ <sup>should</sup> be sincerely glad ~~that~~ <sup>if</sup> you are able to obtain the promise of Mr Wigham to be a trustee jointly with Mr Alexander if he will and myself. I think Mr Alexander will do it - but he has only so far promised to act as treasurer - I have arranged to transfer the main body of the fund to Mr Alexander on Monday next so that if you can make your enquiries and let me have a short note - on Sunday posted Saturday, I shall be most ~~grateful~~ - grateful - I believe



Beggearnhuish House,  
Washford,  
Taunton.

trying to get the London Stereoscopic Co  
to pay something for the right of re-  
-production and public sale. so if  
to so of course to the fund  
any of your friends will write to the  
Co. independently of course not  
mentioning my name - it might  
induce them to make an offer.

I think with you that it will not be  
well to have more than 3 trustees. with  
actual power. as soon as this is  
decided I wish to issue a circular with  
names &c - because I have many  
promises of subscriptions which I have re-  
-quested may remain in abeyance until this  
is done - previously the A.M.S. list can  
be finally closed and perhaps it would  
be well to publish in the Times an  
unabridged list of all the funds. and  
statements of accounts & intentions -



I have set down in my mind  
 £3000 as the sum to be reached  
 and I think it can be done -

I will certainly tell Mrs. Jefferies  
 the contents of your letter and will write  
 again on the subject of Harold - I  
 feel sure that you will be favourably  
 impressed when you meet Mrs. Jefferies  
 and if she has been (which is possible)  
 labouring under some mistake I can  
 assure you I shall have no difficulty in  
 correcting it. ~~set up the right~~ be assured that  
 I will do my best to bring Harold into  
 contact with Mr. Bourne and also that  
 I esteem you one of the sincerest  
 friends of Mrs. Jefferies and her children  
 after trying many days to obtain help from  
 pretended friends upon whom widow and children  
 had far more claim than upon myself. It comes  
 as a scarcely credited thing that help should  
 come ~~from you~~ ~~to~~ ~~one~~ upon whom they had  
 much less

Sincerely yours  
 W. NORTH.



I do not think I have more  
to say except that I trust you  
will succeed in obtaining trustees  
and that Mrs Jefferies desires  
me to give you her grateful  
thanks . . . and that I am

Yours very faithfully  
C Churchill

C Churchill Osborne Esq<sup>r</sup>

6 De Vaux Place  
Salisbury

P.S. Some of my friends having  
desired that I should let them have  
the enclosed free from the  
contaminations of the P.M.S. I have  
had them reprinted . . .

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1887  
Beggearnhuish House,  
Washford,  
Taunton.

Dear Mr Churchill. Osborne =

I have shown Mrs Jefferies  
your kind note of the 30<sup>th</sup> = and  
she will write to Dr Bourne  
but as she has no letter from  
him, and does not know his  
address . . . encloses it with this,  
- I may be to blame in the  
matter but I do not remember  
any definite invitation from  
Dr Bourne. ~~It~~ It has probably  
been overlooked by me - Richard  
Harold, has been placed for 3 months  
at the Wash Somerset County  
School at Wellington. He  
enters it tomorrow 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.



it is, as you know - difficult  
to make the journey to Salisbury  
and back here in one day. and  
the little Phyllis could not well  
be left for longer. so Mrs Jeffries  
would have made the journey to  
you from this - before now with  
her <sup>son</sup> I do not wish to interfere  
or suggest anything in this matter  
but I consider it is probably  
~~of~~ of great moment to the  
boy - and also, it may be to  
Dr Bourne that Dr Bourne should  
have a perfectly good opportunity  
of forming a free judgment - as  
to the lad - before raising any  
expectation of advantage either in  
his or his mother's mind.

I have had no experience  
in these matters - but I should  
fancy that after the boy has  
been for a short time - even

<sup>to be</sup>  
if only counted by weeks - at  
a school - it will be more easy  
to form a reliable judgment of  
his character and abilities - by  
conversation with his master - and  
observation - than could now be  
done. The boy is a handsome  
lad - very tall for his age - with  
exceedingly fair hair and with  
plenty of vivacity - and fairly  
well up in the three Rs -

- With Mrs Jeffries I have  
answered the letter from Mr Mark  
Willshire Esq - saying that any  
grant which could be applied to the  
~~purpose~~ purpose of education would  
be valuable and acceptable - but  
that the children were too young  
for any definite pursuit -

• Thank you much for the information  
~~with~~ respecting the photographs. It  
will be of value to know if any  
are actually forwarded.



Oct 30 1887  
Beggearnhuish House,  
Washford,  
Taunton.

Dear Mr Osborne.

I trust that neither  
ill health or other misfortune  
has prevented me from having  
had lately a note from you:

- Mrs Jeffries not having  
yet found a suitable house  
is still visiting here -

Mr Walter Beant has been  
down with a view to the  
revision of Jeffries which will  
be a separate work, and  
not as originally intended a  
mere post prefix to a



Oct 30 1867  
Beggarrish House  
Washington  
Trenton

When the volume  
of the papers  
has been  
sent to  
you  
I shall  
be  
glad  
to  
hear  
of  
it  
and  
to  
see  
it  
in  
your  
hands  
I  
am  
very  
truly  
yours  
M260

last volume of Jeffries' collected papers - this will appear later on with regard to the trusteeship things remains so far as I am concerned in exactly the same position.

believe me  
my dear Sir  
Sincerely yours  
J. M. Smith



wrote thinking they may be  
useful - - Mrs Jeffries is  
with here today or I am sure  
she would desire to be kindly  
remembered by you.

I am  
Sincerely yours  
J. M. M.

8 Nov 1854

Beggearnhuish House,  
Washford,  
Taunton.

Dear Mr Osborne

Thanks for your note - I  
am sorry that you were not  
successful either with Dr Bourne  
or Mr Morrison - Mrs Jeffries  
will probably call on you in  
Dulwich on her way back  
here from doing her tenancy  
there expiring <sup>of</sup> on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
she has to see to the removing  
of the furniture - probably she  
will take a small house in  
this neighbourhood for a year at



3 Nov 1871

Beggarly House,  
Washford,  
Tainton.

Dear Mr. [unclear]

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M260

all events. There are so many of her husband's business to arrange that she will require all the help in this way that I can give her - I think you are right as to closing the fund - I imagine that the P. M. G. list too will be closed about that time - as soon as these things are done an arrangement for investment can be come to.

- Perhaps it would be best to decide in conference with the holders of the other separate funds as to a scheme - as soon as possible, after the accounts are closed in the meantime no loss is being incurred as the same bear interest equal & oppose to consols - I send you a few printed lists of Jefferies'



4 Jun 1888

Beggearnhuish House,  
Washford,  
Taunton.

Dear Mr. Osborne -

I am pleased to hear from  
you - I do not quite  
understand about Mr C. P. Scott  
declining, because he positively  
promised Mrs Jefferies a short  
time back - I must get  
her to write to him -

Mr Alexander, if you look  
again at the P.M.G. - joined  
as treasurer - but he would  
not take the after work as  
trustee - <sup>(trustee in last paragraph)</sup> <sub>refer to you</sub> Have you  
any objections to lodge with  
him the sum that you have  
free after paying the arrears?



you refer to - which I certainly think you should not saddle yourself with: - The reason I wish this is: that your lodging the fund with Mr Alexander would probably induce Mr Scott to do the same and then there would be tangibly in hand of the Treasurer a definite sum to invest - of course it would remain to your order until a final decision was arrived at with your consent - ~~come to us~~ to investment.

Have you given a thought to the lately formed  
Executor & Trustee  
association

I think that might relieve us of future responsibility but I have not enquired into it as yet

M260

I shall pay at the end of this week an additional sum to Mr Alexander making the amount in his hands £1705. odd - there will I suppose be some legal fees for that deed so the odd sums I retain at the L.W.B. will be arranged for - Miss Jagger's is away in Surrey and I do not expect her back for a week or two - so there may be some delay in Mr Scott's case - with the comptroller's letter, we are very truly yours  
A. Mansel's solemn regard  
Sallying -



NEW HALL,  
Bodenham  
SALISBURY.

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1890.

Dear Mr. Osborne,

You took so much  
interest in raising the Funds,  
which were contributed towards the  
benefit of the Children of Mr.  
Richard Jefferies, that now it is  
proposed to place a Memorial

Stone



Trust of him in Salisbury  
Cathedral I have no hesitation  
in writing to you on the subject.

Mr. Kinglake has invited me to  
act on a Committee to carry this  
out with Mr. Walter Besant and  
Mr. Longman, and I should be  
greatly obliged to you if you  
could tell me how I could obtain

a list of those, who subscribed  
to the original fund, from this  
neighbourhood, and to whom we  
might probably with success appeal  
again. About £120 will be, I  
understand, required. Do you  
think you can otherwise help in  
the matter?

I hope you are well, and remain  
Yours very truly

Alfred Buckley  
C. C. Osborne Esq.



Account showing the manner in which the Trustees (Messrs Besant, Buckley and Longman) have applied the money contributed for the benefit of the Widow and two Children of the late Mr. Richard Jefferies.

Receipts			Payments		
Amount Collected by the Manchester Guardian, the Salisbury & Winchester Journal, Pall Mall Gazette together with interest thereon to June 22. 1888 at Messrs. Mander's 24 Lombard St	15	12	Purchase of British & American Mortgage Company Debentures	50	
Additional interest &c at the Wills & Dorset Bank, Salisbury June 30. 1888	2	2	Purchase of Land Mortgage Bank of Victoria Debentures	50	
			Law costs, to Messrs. Walters & Co for drawing trust Deed	3	3
			Bill for printing on account of fund raised by the Salisbury & Winchester Journal	1	14
			Remitted to Mrs. Richard Jefferies		
	15	14		15	14
	15	11		15	14



The Guardian Office.  
Manchester.

May 21<sup>st</sup> 1888.

My dear Sir

I regret long since to  
have acknowledged your  
letter. Like yourself I have  
handed over the sum I  
had collected for W. Jefferies  
to W. Alexander, & I am  
only waiting to learn that  
trustees have been appointed  
to discharge myself of my  
responsibility. I have to  
thank you for your offer

of the copy of testimonials,  
but we have not at present  
a vacancy on our staff.

Believe me  
yours very truly  
C. P. Scott



during his recent illness, how  
very, very poor they are, and how  
welcome this further help will  
be to them.

May I ask you very kindly to tell  
me in what issue of the Salisbury  
& ~~Wiltshire~~ <sup>Winchester</sup> Journal the paragraph  
relating to Mr. Greenwood's appeal  
appears? I shall be much interested  
in reading it - especially as your  
letter encourages me to hope that  
through it there may be more  
sympathy evinced on behalf of  
my old people.

I think perhaps I ought to mention  
lest you should wonder who has  
written the accompanying receipts,  
that Mr. Greenwood was mistaken

Heathfield  
Calverley Fair Mill  
Trurobridge Wells

29.10.90.

My dear Sir,

I received your  
letter safely this morning, and  
the cheque for nine guineas.  
Please allow me to thank you  
most heartily, - from myself as  
well as on behalf of old Mr. &  
Mrs. Jeffries: for your generous  
donation & friendly interest in  
their cause, and for your great  
kindness in making their need



known to the Barones & Mr Brindlett.  
Certs. - for whom I will enclose  
receipts.

In response to my appeal, & that  
of Mr. Brock Greenwood in the Scots  
Observer, I have received, up to the  
present date, contributions to the  
amount of £ 18. 8. 6.

I cannot but be very pleased with  
this, as the result of only one letter,  
but I so sincerely desire to do some-  
thing more permanently helpful  
& provident for the old people than  
just hand them over a few pounds,  
(which in a year or two, when  
the public has forgotten its sympathy  
for them, would naturally be ex-  
hausted,) - that I mean to go on

working for them until their fund  
is large enough to be invested in  
some way - to buy them perhaps  
a small annuity, which, since  
they are both so old, certainly  
could not cost very much. Of  
course in dealing with their money  
I would get the best advice that  
I could on the subject, & should  
like to consult the wishes of those  
by whose generosity it has been  
contributed.

Before I wrote to the Scots Observer  
I collected three pounds for the  
Teffers among my own friends, &  
I know, from their grateful acceptance  
of that little gift, which provided  
the old man with some comforts



in referring to me as Mrs. Tabb  
in his letter. I think I should  
have prefixed Miss to my name,  
but being quite inexperienced in  
writing for the press, I did not know,  
I have not thought it worth while  
since to correct the error, as the  
letters come safely to my mother.

I am anxious to get this posted  
tonight, but I should have much  
liked to find that earnest & intelligent  
more than a mere acknowledgment  
of her gift. I think she would  
feel interested in the progress of the  
collection, & if I can tomorrow, I will  
write sketch her all about it.

I remain, Dear Sir

Very faithfully yours  
E. Churchill (to be exp.) Erangeline V. Tabb.



The Public for  
additional subscribers  
The sum required is  
of £170 & but  
£150 as Mr. Beesant  
suggested as Miss  
The Mar. <sup>the Secretary</sup> has asked  
in a generous spirit  
Do you think there  
will be any blunder  
of I were to write to

James Hill  
Secretary  
Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1890

My dear Sir  
Thank you very much  
I enclose a list of  
subscribers to the  
Jeffrey Memorial  
I am very distasteful  
to the £ fund here



W. Hall is the sum  
collected off the  
W. M. Bennett  
has subscribed  
a lot of newspapers  
the sum of \$100  
you subscribe  
the sum of \$100  
the sum of \$100  
"Buckley" has

It should have been  
in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~sum~~ <sup>sum</sup> ~~for~~  
the sum of \$100  
I think there was  
an intention of you  
part to add another  
10 of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~sum~~ <sup>sum</sup> -  
The book is finished  
a new paper by Mr  
Mr Walter Besant  
that draw up a  
great memoir



and Clerk & ask his  
permission to establish  
it first at his House.  
If that could be done  
the subscribers I think  
would come in. I do  
think as you will see  
by the enclosure expresses  
himself interested  
in your success.

Have written to you



h. v. Gesant für  
h. v. Substantiv. h.  
Lynx hat kein  
h. v. Substantiv.

g. v. Kinstel

Arthur Kinstel

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Heathside. Weybridge

Oct: 2<sup>nd</sup> 1918

Dear Mr. Osborne

I am now sending  
the Memorial to Montague  
at the India Office & have  
then asked him to return  
it to you. I have got  
Lillias, Thorburn - Mr. Motters

& George Clausen R.A

for you - Johnnie

Lillias suggests that  
you might try

His Grace

Col. The Duke of Bedford  
Woburn Abbey

Bedfordshire

He is president of the



Zoological Soc. & if you  
would return it to Millais  
he would ask him.

His address is

J. G. Millais  
Compton's Brow  
Horsham.

I am sure Mr. Fagan  
could also help a good  
deal & please let me  
know if I can do any  
more in the matter

Yours truly  
Gladys Selous

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(Mrs.)



STATION - BROOKWOOD.  
TELEPHONE 37 WORPLESDON.

HEATHERSIDE,  
H. WORPLESDON,  
SURREY.

Nov: 8

Dear Mr. Osborne

Thank you very much  
for sending me the list  
of signatures for the  
Memorial. I shall be  
most interested to know  
the result

Yours sincerely  
Gladys Selous

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Cole  
Near Swindon  
Wills

September 1st. 1871

Sir. I have sent an article headed  
"The Great Civil War: or a Chapter of  
Future History." It is supposed to  
be written by a future English  
historian, something in the manner of  
Lautens. I have no copy, and much  
request the return of the MS. if  
rejected, for which purpose I have  
enclosed stamps.

Yours faithfully  
Richard Jefferies  
The Editor of Blackwood's Magazine.

1848-87

Richard  
Jefferies