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BUXTON

COUNT WITH \_\_\_\_\_

HALSEY LIGHTLY & HEMSLEY

\_\_\_\_\_

LK PROPERTY.

\_\_\_\_\_

1942  
Oct.

By R. J, Wortley 1 year's re  
due 11

" W. E. Abbs do.  
due 11

" W. Daniels do.  
due 11

" E. A. Gray do.  
due 11

" Balance carried down

rent Land at Runton  
11th Oct.

. 12 6

Cottage, Tap Common  
11th Oct.

11 10 .

Manor Cottage  
11th Oct.

10 10 .

The Pightle Runton  
11th Oct.

14 . .

64 14 9

V. de B.

She was marked in the pattern divine  
A leader of men superfine,  
A Beatrice Webb, or at least a D. Jebb,  
But she chose just to serve Eglantine.

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I have no present  
or card. I want  
to see the girls -  
perhaps they can  
come over here  
before you?

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> & see  
B. too but tea

Here are difficult now  
so I must know  
beforehand to arrange  
Dear love. V

A. 1946

convention

in ~~the commonplace~~ she loves far to stray

And of Pa's lousy plans to make hay.

At working or playing

She's proof of the saying

That where there's a will there's  
a way!

X copied

N-B.

From sport and the brewing of porter

He turned to dissuade Turks from Slaughter;

But political life he passed <sup>on</sup> to his wife,

So now he's a fish out of water.

## LIMERICKS

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Biography Notes

Gerrard Noel about Turks. Why he liberated Crete though a  
pro-Turk.

Thankfulness versus Grouching

Debt of leisured people to do work, as they have their share of keep and produce of labour as much as those who earn, and more. People ask: "Why do you work when you need not".

Biography Notes.

Webb and Balfour.

Oliver Lodge.

13.9.47.

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Meals at A.J.B.'s. Oliver Lodge and general conversation.

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re Controlling Children, or the Modern Theory  
Mention Romans ~~XIII~~<sup>XII</sup> and afterwards broken.

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LIMERICKS (CONTINUED)

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Intellectuals love her and hug her,  
But she likes to befriend the quite gaga;  
Though her place is the forum  
She asks but a quorum,  
And her audience couldn't be smugger.

C.V.H.

Her charm might be thought merely clever,  
But in fact it lacks sympathy never.  
Now in tenement small  
She gives Wilfrid the hall  
And remains just as charming as ever.

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*Laments  
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