

and so after supper to cards and then to bed, lying, I in one bed and my wife and girl in another in the same room; and very merry we talking together and mightily pleased both of us with the girl.

9. Up, and got ready and eat our breakfast and then took coach; and the poor, as they did yesterday, did stand at the coach to have something given them, as they do to all great persons, and I did give them something; and the town musique did also come and play; but Lord, what sad music they made – however, I was pleased with them, being all of us in very good humour; and so set forth and through the town, and observed at our College of Magdalen the posts new-painted, and understand that the Vice-Chancellor is there this year. And so away for Huntington, mightily pleased all along the road to remember old stories; and came to Brampton at about noon and there find my father and sister and brother all well; and here laid up our things, and up and down to see the garden with my father, and the house, and do altogether find it very pretty – especially the little parlour and the summer-houses in the garden. Only, the wall doth want greens upon it and the house is too low-roofed; but that is only because of my coming from a house with higher ceilings; but altogether is very pretty and I bless God that I am like to have such a pretty place to retire to. And I did walk with my father without doors and do find a very convenient way of laying out money there in building, which will make a very good seat; and the place deserves it, I think, very well. Mr. Sheply stayed with us and supped, and full of good country discourse; and when supper done, took his leave and we all to bed – my wife and I in the high bed in our chamber, and Willet in the trundle-bed, which she desired to lie in, by us.

10-11. Waked in the morning with great pain I, of the Collique, by cold taken yesterday, I believe with going up and down in my shirt; but with rubbing my belly, keeping of it warm, I did at last come to some ease, and rose; and up to walk up and down the garden with my father, to talk of all our concernments – about a husband for my sister, whereof there is at present no appearance. But we must endeavour to find her one now, for she grows old and ugly. Then for my brother; and resolve he shall stay here this winter, and then I will either send him to Cambridge for a year, till I get him some church promotion, or send him to sea as a chaplain – where he may study and earn his living. By this time it was almost