

begun to compose songs, and begin with *Gaze not on Swans*. So to bed.

13. After Musique comes my Cosen Tom. Pepys the Executor; and he did stay with me above two houres, discoursing about the difference between my uncle Thomas and me,¹ and what way there may be to make it up, and I have hopes we may do good of it for all this.

14. *Valentine's day*. I did this day purposely shun to be seen at Sir W. Battens – because I would not have his daughter to be my Valentine,² as she was the last year, there being no great friendship between us now as formerly. This morning in comes W. Bowyer, who was my wife's Valentine, she having (at which I made good sport to myself) held her hands all the morning, that she might not see the paynters that were at work in gilding my chimny-piece and pictures in my dining-room.

15. With the two Sir Wms to the Trinity house; and there in their society had the business debated of Sir Nicholas Crisps Sasse at Deptford. Then to dinner; and after dinner I was sworne a younger Brother, Sir W. Rider being Deputy-Maister for my Lord of Sandwich; and after I was sworn, all the elder Brothers shake me by the hand; it is their Custome it seems. Thence to the office, and so to Sir Wm. Battens all three; and there we stayed till late, talking together in complaint of the Treasurers instruments – above all, Mr. Waith – at whose child's christening our wifes and we should have been today, but none of them went and I am glad of it – for he is a very rogue. So home and drew up our report for Sir N. Crisp's Sasse, and so to bed.

17. This morning, both Sir Wms, myself, and Capt. Cock and Capt. Tinker (of the *Converteine*, which we are going to look upon, being entended [to go] with these ships fitting for the East Indys) down to Deptford; and thence, after being on ship-board, to Woolwich – and there eat something. The Sir Wms being unwilling to eat flesh, Capt. Cock and I had a breast of veale roasted. And here I drank wine upon necessity, being ill for want of it. And I find reason to fear that by my too sudden leaving off wine, I do contract

1. Over the Brampton inheritance: see above, pp. 144–5 (8–13 July).
 2. Custom required her to choose the first person she saw.