

in a truckle-bed Betty Turner and Willet. But good beds, and the master of the house a sober, understanding man, and I had pl[?easant] discourse with him about this country matters, as Wool and Corne and other things. And he also merry, and made us mighty merry at supper, about manning the new ship, at Bristol, with none but men whose wives do master them; and it seems it is become in reproach to some men of estate that are such hereabouts, that this is become common talk. By and by to bed, glad of this mistake, because, it seems, had we gone on as we pretended, we could not have passed with our coach, and must have lain on the plain all night. This day from Salsb. I wrote by the post my excuse for not coming home, which I hope will do, for I am resolved to see the Bath, and, it may be, Bristol.

12. *Friday*. Up, finding our beds good, but we lousy; which made us merry. We set out, the reckoning and servants coming to 9s. 6d.; my guide thither, 2s.; coachman, advanced, 10s. So rode a very good way, led to my great content by our landlord to Phillip's Norton, with great pleasure, being now come into Somersetshire; where my wife and Deb mightily joyed thereat, I commending the country, as ended it deserves. And the first town we came to was Brekington where, we stopping for something for the horses, we called two or three little boys to us, and pleased ourselves with their manner of speech, and did make one of them kiss Deb, and another say the Lord's Prayer (hallowed be thy Kingdom come). At Ph. Norton I walked to the church, and there saw a very ancient tomb of some Kt. Templar, I think;<sup>1</sup> and here saw the tombstone whereon there were only two heads cut, which, the story goes, and credibly, were two sisters, called the Fair Maids of Foscott, that had two bodies upward and one below, and there lie buried. Here is also a very fine ring of six bells, and chimes mighty tuneable. Having dined very well, 10s., we come before night to the Bath; where I presently stepped out with my landlord, and saw the baths, with people in them. They are not so large as I expected, but yet pleasant; and the town most of stone, and clean, though the streets generally narrow. I home, and being weary, went to bed without supper; the rest supping.

13. *Sat*. Up at 4 a'clock, being by appointment called up to the

1. In fact an unidentified lawyer, c. 1460.