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| **Saturday** | 27 |  |
| A wet morning. Wind NW to SW. Cleared  up before 12 o’clock & turned out a pleasant day.  Booked outside place by the Rocket coach from  tomorrow morning. Received a letter from William of the  sale of the Hope at 32/3 | |  |
| **Sunday** | 28 |  |
| A good deal of rain in the night.  Wind SW. Left Ryde at 9 o’clock am. Steam for  Portsmouth. Took an outside place in the Rocket coach  & arrived in London at ½ past 7 o’clock pm having  had a few showers of rain on the road. Got a bed  in Nottingham Place. William out of town at his friend  Oliphants. Found a note from him that Stephenson  had been obliged to leave the Hope & return to  the North in consequence of the aliment of his uncle.  Spent a very pleasant month with my friends,  the Lees at Ryde& sorry to leave there. | |  |
| **Monday** | 29 |  |
| A fine day. Wind SW. Went into  the city by a Paddington Stage. Saw William. Attended  the market & afterwards went down the river and  dined on board the Hope. Walked home in the evening  on our way drinking tea with blephant at  Cocksham street. | |  |
| **Tuesday** | 30 |  |
| A dull morning during the day  showers of rain. Wind SW. Walked into the  city. Brought a new hat of olephant. Paid £3  for the Hopes ballast & took a Greenwich boat  into the pool to her. Gave the mate charge for  the passage to Shields. Returned to the city &  had a basic of Larthe soup at Bleadens. Afterwards  took a Paddington Stage & went with William  to see the Zoological Society garden in the Regent  park. Well worth the walk. In the evening went  to the Argyle rooms & was much amused with  Fumtas chin | |  |

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| **Wednesday** | 1 |  |
| A fine day. Wind SW. Walked  into the city. The Hope not to be seen, the country craft  having been sunk. Met Mr Carr who went out of the  city with us, dined at the Blue Ports & in the evening  went to Covent Garden Theater & saw at ½ price  the latter part of Hamlet & Peter Welkins | |  |

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