

**Reverend Edward Mansel Townsend [630]**



**Edward with his wife Jesse**



## Transcript of letters from John Townsend [622] to Edward concerning funding at university

E.M.Townshend Esq., Clare College, Cambridge.

3rd January 1882.

Langdon House, St. Anne's Hill, Wandsworth,  
London.

My dearest Ned,

I asked yesterday in Hanley Place and got the address of cousin Elise (*wife of Samuel Thomas Townsend [443]*), in Paris. She has been in England, quite recently, and is expected again, in a few weeks time. I will write to her at once about the £15, yearly for 3 years. I cannot conjecture the way in which she will look on the application. The line that Mr. Heywood has taken, that rich relations are bound to support, will really practically not hold good. It would be the most unwise thing possible, to try to get anything out of a rich relative to tell him of his obligation. If by soft words you can induce anyone to support, well and good. But it would deter relations from supporting to say anything, or to suggest anything, about obligations. When you return home I will speak more fully on this head. At present, all I can do is to be as humble and soft as you can in making any application. One has to consider what is meant by rich relatives. Uncle B. is not rich, except by comparison. I believe he has an Indian Pension. He has however a lot of relatives, whom he more or less supports. So your Aunt Susie told me some time ago. Grandmother, is not rich, but if she could, she would support. She has the claims of a large family, and is suffering with others about Irish rents. However she would support if she could. Uncle H. Payne T. (*[5D12]*) is tolerably rich. He has I believe some thousands a year. But a great deal of his income is I believe his wife's. But no doubt he has a large income of his own, and can perfectly well afford to do a kind & liberal thing. He always has considerable yen for your Mother, and that is all in your favour just now. .... Now I must conclude, to save post. So adieu - your affec't. father, **J.M.Townshend.**

16th. January 1882.

Langdon House, St. Anne's Hill, Wandsworth,  
London.

My dearest Ned,

I enclose with this the reply of your Uncle Horace (*[5D12]*). He most kindly gives you £25, for the next three years, each year, supposing you go to Cambridge.....The offer to assist with the gift of £25 yearly for 3 years, you will of course thank your Uncle for cordially. Mr. Few has sent the cheque for your money, and returned the receipt to be signed by you. I forward it to you therefore for that purpose. The cheque I have taken charge of till your return. I have received no reply yet from Cousin Elise (*wife of Samuel Thomas Townsend [443]*) to my request about money. Her Uncle is very ill, the (Count de Morel), and that may account for her delay.....I saw Dr. Bown today in London, and he gives a favourable report about J. (*Edward's brother John Townsend [629]*). He sleeps better and he attends each Morning at family prayers. Now I must conclude....Always your truly affec'te father **J.M.Townshend.**

## Transcript of a letter to Edward from his Mother concerning his over-zealous approach

February 12th 1892.

15A, The Beacon,  
Exmouth,

My dearest Eddie,

I say this most truly out of love to you dearest Eddie. I think your zeal outruns your discretion, and for the sake of dear Jessie - of the little Daisy, and another little one to come, you really ought not to get yourself into a row which would certainly be prejudicial to your own clerical interests generally. - I am extremely glad of what you have told me privately, as to the terms you are on with various leading men, and the readiness they have shown to avail themselves of your suggestions in matters of importance. I have always given you credit for very good powers of

organisation, and am glad to find they are coming into play. But dearest Eddie, remember as to other points, that a wise tolerance in little things is the surest way to gaining influence in important ones, & therefore I beg of you, for all our sakes, do not let your name be made a by-word for everything fanatical & unreasonable, - and for better want of both common sense & judgement as is certain to be the case..... May God give you His grace to use your powers of mind in every respect wisely & well. And dear son, try & bear in mind that our duty - your duty is, most clearly, The Will of God in your life. But there is great danger of doing one's own will, & persuading yourself that it is the Will of God - than which there is no greater danger for any man of a strongly self-opinionative nature. Again I say - I speak in love only these words of warning, & I beg you to pardon all imperfection as to how I may have given them expression. Believe me as ever, your truly loving Mother, **M.O.Townshend.**

**Transcript of a letter from Rev John Hume Townsend [635] concerning Edward's possible appointment as Rector at Llanvapley**

4th August. 1898.

St. MARK'S HOUSE,  
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

My dear Edward,

The Marquess of Abergavenny has asked me to name a man that would be suitable for a Living that is vacant & is in his gift, & I mentioned you. His Lordship asks me to tell you something about it, so that he may know if it is the sort of thing that you would like to have, or be able to take. The parish is called Llanvapley, & is in Monmouthshire, it is 4 miles from the town of Abergavenny, & is a pleasant parish in many ways. There is a beautiful house with very nice grounds, the house is I believe in very good condition, there are 52 acres of Glebe, very good land; it is I am told a very pretty place & situated in charming country not at all isolated but with many County families round about it. The value is small, made up thus - tithes commuted at £160, Glebe can be let at from 30/- to £2.5/ per acre, thus being worth at the very lowest estimate £60, so that you may call it - still putting it low - £230 & a house & good garden. Living is cheap there I believe. Abergavenny is a good railway station with good trains. The question is can you afford to take it? That is a matter for you to decide. There is a good deal to be said for it & the Marquess does not forget his men. If you think this worth considering, I wish you would run down here as soon as possible & I will get his Lordship's agent to come & have a chat with you. I cannot offer you a bed as I have a relative ill in the house, but you are so near that you can probably run down for an hour or two. If you come tomorrow so much the better, only in that case send me a telegram to say so ("Dr Townsend, Tunbridge-Wells") & I will arrange with the agent. The population is about 200, which is to my mind a draw back, but we cannot have everything! With love to Jessie, the chicks & yourself, your affectionate cousin, **J.H.Townsend.**

**Announcement of Edward's death**

**TOWNSHEND.**—On Jan. 19, 1947, suddenly, and very peacefully, EDWARD MANSEL TOWNSHEND, M.A., Rector of Llanvapley since 1898, aged 86. Funeral, to-morrow (Wednesday), 3 p.m.



"AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD"

# The Family Register of

Edward Mansel Townshend and Jessie Frances Townshend



Father

Mother

Name Edward Mansel Townshend

Name Jessie Frances Træ Young

Born 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1860

Born 15<sup>th</sup> October 1869 Miskiton Village

Baptised Walcot Church North

Baptised Miskiton Parish Church

Confirmed November 1899

Confirmed Shipton-on-Stour 1884

Married Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1890 at St. Martin's Parish Church by Rev<sup>d</sup> Charles J. Young, Vicar of St. Martin's, Blandford, Dorset. Brides Father Rector & Rev. John Hume Townsend, Vicar of St. Marks, Blandford, Dorset.

	Name	Born	Baptised	Confirmed	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion
1	Lavinia Jessie Marion	13 <sup>th</sup> April 1891	St. Matthias Poplar 1891	June 16 1906	Sunday 8 AM
2	Reol Edward Primani	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> 1892	Waltham Abbey		
3	Violet Frances Victoria	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 1894	St. Martin's 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 1894		
4	Charles Archibald Victor Sinclair	11 <sup>th</sup> May 1897	Holy Trinity, Blandford 1897		
5	Grace Elizabeth Fitz Gerald	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 1899	19 <sup>th</sup> March 1899		
6	Sybil Gertrude Elton	10 <sup>th</sup> June 1901	12 <sup>th</sup> July 1901		
7	Gertrude Hildegunde Rosengut	7 <sup>th</sup> August 1903	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1903		
8	Ernest Frederic Ayden	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 1905	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 1905		
9	Samuel Richard Teddaway	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 1908	10 <sup>th</sup> Apr. 1908		