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Extract from the diary of Margaret wife of Sir Thomas Posthumous Hoby.

Saturday, the 22 [Sept. 1599]

After a private prayer I brake my fast and then talked with Mr Lister:<sup>1</sup> then I took my coach and went to Bishopthorpe to the bishop: there I dined, and talked with Mrs Hutton of religion till I came from thence: then I came to York to Mr Skidmore's house, where, after I had prayed, I went to supper to my cousin Bowser's house where I had conference with a religious gentlewoman, and thence returning went to bed.

The Lord's day, 23 [Sept.]

After private prayer I walked and did eat my breakfast: then I read a chapter of the Bible to my mother, and repeated the doctrines which from thence I had heard Mr Rhodes<sup>2</sup> collect: then I went to

<sup>1</sup> Lady Hoby's doctor.

<sup>2</sup> Richard Rhodes, Lady Hoby's chaplain. He acted as preacher at Hackness, and eventually received the benefice.

the church where I heard Mr Palmer speak, but to small profit to any: thence I returned and privately prayed, lamenting the misery of God's visible church, and praising his goodness to myself above others: then, soon after, I went to dinner: after that I talked with Mr Hoby, and so went to my cousin Bowser's child[']s christening, and heard a sermon, something better than that in the morning: which ended, with all ceremonies, I returned to my lodging, and examined myself and prayed: then I went to supper to Mr Nevil's, and after I went to my lodging, and so went to bed.

Thursday, the 27 [Sept.]

After I had prayed privately I went to breakfast: I took my coach and came home to Hackness safe, I thank God, and, after I had prayed privately and supped I heard Mr Rhodes catechize and soon after went to bed.

Friday, the 28 [Sept.]

In the morning after private prayer I took order for things about the house and at 8 I did eat my breakfast: then I heard Mr Rhodes read till almost dinner time: after dinner I talked with Thomas Addeson about the purchasing his own farm: then I wrought till almost supper time, and, after I had privately prayed, I went to supper: after that I walked till lector<sup>1</sup> time, and after that I heard one of the men read of the Book of Martyrs, and so went to bed.

Saturday, the 29 [Sept.]

After private prayer I did take order for things in the house, then I brake my fast and went to church. Then I came home and privately prayed. After I had dined I wrote to my mother and Mr Hoby, and dispatched one away to him, then I saw some things done in the house. After I wrote notes in my Bible, then I prayed with Mr Rhodes, and then walked till almost supper time, and then examined myself and prayed.

The Lord's day, 30 [Sept.]

After private prayer I went to church where I heard the word preached and received the sacraments to my comfort. After I had given thanks and dined I walked a while and then went to church, whence, after I had heard catechizing and sermon I returned home and wrote notes in my Bible, and talked of the sermon and good things with Mrs Ormston: then I went to prayer, after to supper, then to repetition of the whole day's exercise and prayers, heard one of the men read of the Book of Martyrs, and so went to bed.

<sup>1</sup> A devotional reading or exhortation.