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### SAMPLER

**SAMPLER** - The Revd. John Harman Samler studied at Pembroke College, Oxford. He first appears in the diaries during 1834 as the stipendary curate at Ashmore and, in her diary entry dated 10<sup>th</sup> May of that year, Charlotte Grove describes him as “a very gentlemanlike young Man”. Indeed, she repeats this sentiment in a later entry dated 14<sup>th</sup> July – “M<sup>f</sup> Samler called - a very gentlemanly young Man”.

In August 1846 Mr Samler married Catherine GOODLAKE, at Cheltenham. On the 1851 census he is entered as perpetual curate at Swallowcliffe, where the couple's four known children are baptized, namely John Harman (1850-1884), William Surman Hadley (1854-), Mary Goodlake (1856-) and Hayward Arthur (1857-).

Charlotte Grove mentions Mr Samler in her later diaries, when he regularly stands in for various colleagues. At Berwick St John on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1846 he performs the duty for Mr HAMILTON, described by Charlotte as “in a superior style”. On 15<sup>th</sup> August of that year Charlotte and her husband pay their “Wedding Visit” to the newly married Samlers. From thence-on the couple are regularly included within Charlotte's social circle.

John Harman Samler was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1809, at Blackfriars, London, the son of Richard Samler (described in the parish register as “Gentleman of Bridge Street, St Ann's, Blackfriars”) and Sarah SHAW (of Leeds, Yorkshire). John was probably the ninth of ten children, of which four were girls (Ann, Eliza Maria and Catherine), one of whom appears in the diaries as “Miss Samler”, whilst staying with her curate brother at Ashmore in 1836.

