

Selected entries in E.M. Forster's 'Locked Diary' concerning *Maurice*

Entry in Forster's 'Locked Diary', dated 31 December 1913, describing the birth of Maurice (EMF/Vol 4/4, f.34)

'Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Summarise this year by day light...

Maurice born on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. He tells the world that created him. But will he ever be happy. He has become an independent existence – Greenwood feels the same... I think this is all. Forward rather than back.

Edward Carpenter! Edward Carpenter! Edward Carpenter!'

Meredith's reaction to the novel, as described in Forster's 'Locked Diary' entry dated 4 April 1914 (EMF/Vol 4/4, f.35)

'April 4<sup>th</sup>. ...

Didn't much like my fortnight at Bangor. M. despised my novel, wh. I can bear, but did not seem to think it mattered he should despise it. Reluctant to read, dismissed it at once from his mind. My interests are all very remote from him – never speaks of Masood or India, though he knows. His goodness in some ways great...'

Forster's thoughts on his friendship with Dickinson, 'Locked Diary' entry dated 31 December 1914 (EMF/Vol 4/4, f.38)

'Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Mood – ordinary + rather hard. In its light will review the year. Positives...

(iii) Dickinson. I have drawn him to me; it is odd to exercise power upon one whom one respects, and tiresomely enough, doesn't increase the respect. The war has shattered him and inspired little more than a whimper. He feels himself old. – All the same, we are on a basis of comradeship at last. Maurice has done it.'