

Journal of Reverend John Macky----- commencing 10th April 1854

10th April 1854 This day we bade farewell to numerous weeping friends and acquaintances, and in the 'William McCormick' steamer from Londonderry to Liverpool commenced our journey to New Zealand. The weather was very fine and auspicious but our hearts were sad- we were leaving our country and our home probably never to return. Those dear ones we were embracing- alas it may be for the last time- were shedding bitter tears- our own were flowing amain and the feelings of our breaking hearts could find no utterance but in short fervent ejaculations mingled with sobbings.

To the mercy of God we mutually commended each other, and with the hope that our meeting again if not in this world would be in Heaven and be boundlessly joyful and tearless. We gazed upon each other with the last intent fond look and waved a last Adieu.

Tuesday 11th April. We reached Liverpool at half past seven o'clock in the morning after a very pleasant passage of seventeen hours in which I suffered less from seasickness than ever I did on a steamer on any previous occasion. Still I was not entirely free from that malady for which though dire there is so little sympathy. I believe no one of our party suffered so much as myself- the children gave promise of being very good sailors on the long voyage which they were shortly to enter and my dear wife- though mentally dispirited and her heart over whelmed and in perplexity- yet mercifully preserved from bodily sickness and discomfort.

Our party bound for New Zealand consisted of my father, mother, and sister Dorcas, Mrs. Alexander, my sister-in-law, and her four children, Mr Joseph Cochrane, my brother-in-law and my wife, our five children and myself with two female and one male servant for the party and two young men, members of my former Congregation in the fore-cabin. We left Liverpool for London about three hours after our landing and managed with the assistance

of cold water and conversation with a few other simple appliances to pass the time in the Railway Carriage pleasantly enough. Our little Lizzie was naturally enough dissatisfied with the long ~~journey~~ confinement in so small and crowded an apartment, and contrived to make us aware of her feelings by sundry ebullitions of the genus crying. However we all were in good health and tolerable spirits when we reached London and after an hour's delay at the Terminus during which time J. Cochrane was busily engaged procuring lodgings, we were whirled off in cabs to Frederick Street Pentonville where most of us remained during our stay in London.

Wednesday 12th. April. This Day we went first after breakfast to the office of the Agents and owners of the "Cashmere" Messrs H.H. Willis & Coy and were rather startled when they informed us that they were expecting she would leave the Dock next day- however our minds were set at rest on that point ere going to see the Ship as we found she could not possibly be ready to leave before Saturday. We gave orders about the fitting up of our cabin and spent the remainder of the day in making sundry purchases necessary for the voyage. I was able to go through great London with very little concern for its sights and wonders inasmuch as business was pressing which must be attended to and there was little time to do it. The cabs of London though of bad notoriety are a necessary evil and restricted as the cabmen now are in their fares by a carefully regulated and equitable scale of charges there can be little imposition practiced by that fraternity if a moderate degree of caution be exercised by those who employ them. It struck me as a matter worthy of notice and as giving a good idea of the difficulty of becoming acquainted with all the localities in the "World of London" that scarcely one of the Cabmen could drive without enquiring the way to our lodgings in Pentonville.

Thursday 13th. April. Spent much the same as yesterday. The children altogether confined to the house as the others were all engaged

elsewhere. Letters from Ireland today- from those who love us, but whose faces we will see no more. My dear wife still much depressed and my own health and peace of mind beginning to suffer. May God strengthen and support us for all the trials we may have to encounter and Oh; that we may be fitted for our various duties so that we shall esteem it our meat and drink to be doing the will of our father in heaven. May God comfort the sorrowing friends we have left behind us.

Friday 14th April 1854 Good Friday- all business suspended in London. A fraction of the people engaged in God's worship- the millions seeking their own pleasures. On this day however I do not blame them if their consciences be not grieved- the day is of human institution and therefore wholly different from the sabbath to the careful observance of which as a day especially devoted to God's worship and service we are morally obliged. This day took the children to see St Paul's that magnificent temple of worship of the true God ostensibly but an object of admiration for the grandeur of its structure and the vastness of its dimensions- The Monument, The Horse Guards- Westminster Abbey- Houses of Parliament- The Tower.

Afterwards went to the ship likely to be our home for months to come and completed to a certain extent ~~ext~~ preparations necessary for going on board next day. Thoroughly tired of London.

Saturday 15th April 1854. In the morning bought some additional cabin requisites, got the remainder of our luggage aboard and being determined to leave with the ship went on board ourselves. The "Cashmere" left the St. Katherine Dock about one o'clock p.m. and was towed by a steamer to Graves End where we are riding at anchor. We have a great deal of confusion on board but are cheered by the information that this will give place to order in the course of two or three days. This is to be our first night aboard ship. God grant us his favour and protect us while we remain in her.

Sunday 16th. April 1854 Few of the passengers in the ship. I went ashore to Graves end. It's Easter- I was surprised and shocked to see so many shops open in every street- the Sabbathis very much desecrated here - Steamboats and Railway Trains constantly running crowds of people on the wharves and in the pleasure gardens- in the river steamers all sorts of amusement, fiddlers, harpers etc. Went to a Methodist Chapel and heard an evangelical sermon- there is an organ in the chapel- the music very good - this was the first place I ever saw the people sit down during prayer- the pews were too narrow for kneeling in and I suppose they preferred any posture to standing. Why it is not in me to say. In the evening heard two street preachers - one evangelical and the other a sermon. A more villainous looking fellow than the latter I never saw.

Monday 17th. April 1854 In London- bought some things still necessary for the voyage and returned in the evening to the ship. A large number of the passengers now on board the vessel being expected to sail tomorrow.

Tuesday 18th. April 1854 A further delay in putting to sea. The Government Inspector has required a new fire engine to be put aboard and some other alterations to be made. Satisfied by this circumstance that this inspection is not a mere matter of form and that we have reason to believe that everything for our safety and comfort has been provided. This evening J. Cochrane and Anne Alexander came aboard. We cantas yet speak very comfortably of our feelings and Rebecca is still very dispirited.

Wednesday 19th. April The ship has not yet sailed. The difficulty of getting cleared out the only explanation. Engaged today in putting some more things to right in the cabin and was to Graves End in the afternoon with Anne and Rebecca. There are very fine and extensive baths in this town - A great luxury - and certainly not less a necessity for health than for enjoyment. Still in great confusion- not auguring well for comfort- feel very much cast down myself

account of Rebecca's despondency. May God give her peace of mind and restore unto her the joy of his salvation.

Thursday 20th. April This morning was waked up at 4 o'clock by Willis' people who were on board to have accounts of freight etc settled previous to the Ship's sailing. I managed satisfactorily my freight account and have reason to speak favourably of the liberality of the Agents who remitted a considerable amount which I suppose they might have insisted on. The steamer to tow us to a point where the wind was favourable was now alongside- the anchor was weighed- about half past four we left Grav End and in about six hours we were able to set sail and dispense with the further assistance of steam. The wind was very favourable though light and we made about seven knots. May God mercifully speed us on our way and preserve us from all dangers.

Friday 21st. April Wind still with us. The day delightfully fine. Getting down the Channel as rapidly and as pleasantly as the most sanguine could have anticipated. This day a British steam Cruiser passed us with a Russian Barque in tow which she had captured. We had no means of ascertaining any particulars. This circumstance however plainly reminded us that the peace of Europe is broken and God only knows when it shall be restored. Not many complaints of seasickness- can't complain of our ship's accommodation.

Saturday 22nd. April Getting on to the heart's content of our Captain who is a very worthy man and most anxious to promote the comfort of all his passengers- a fresh breeze - very sick and confined to my berth all

Sabbath 23rd April No religious service aboard - seasickness very general among the passengers - the wind favourable and good - I am selfish enough to wish it were not so good - my sufferings are considerable

24th. 25th., and 26th April Confined almost constantly to my berth - unmitigated seasickness accompanied by sadness and sorrow. Poor Rebecca still very poorly - cannot comfort her - may God help her. Wind uninterruptedly good and fair sailing along the Bay of Biscay and coast of Portugal - sighted no land.

Thursday 27th. April 1854

Wind not so strong. Sickness proportionately less - able to go on deck - felt very cold owing partly to the very weak state to which I have been reduced. Very great confusion has hitherto prevailed - children very disorderly - persuaded that going to sea is a very miserable thing - at least in the commencement of a voyage.

Friday 28th. April Was able to be on deck before breakfast - felt very much stronger - the day very pleasant - atmospheric warmth considerably increased. This day sighted Madera and sailed pretty near to the end of the island - the coast is very rocky bound and there is scarcely any cultivated land in view - a large white building was visible in considerable elevation in an apparently barren district - some thought it a chapel - some a Convent. The wind light - speed not more than 4 knots.

Saturday 29th April Health of all the passengers considerably improved - beginning to be better acquainted with each other - all very agreeable, at least manifesting a disposition to be so. A good many appear anxious to have religious ordinances regularly observed. The Episcopalians most so. My dear Rebecca and a Scotsman in the Steerage the only Presbyterians who appear interested in the subject. Feel disheartened on this account - God give me strength to preserve amidst discouragements - Wind still light

Sabbath 30th. April A beautiful morning - wind very light - and rather more Easterly - sighted Palmas Ferros and Teneriffe of the Canary Islands at different times throughout this day. Preached under an awning on the Quarter Deck at half past ten. The attendance good and the whole service comfortable enough. I had often been grieved at home at the careless lifeless manner in which the psalms were sung and hoped that in our services on board this would not be the case, expecting confidentially the assistance of my brother - in - Law. However in this I was disappointed and the singing was so wretched that I was heartily longing even for the music of Fahan. In the evening at the request of the majority of the crew

passengers who appear to boof the High Church Party of Episcopalians. Dr. Sealy read the evening service of The Church of England. The singing of the hymns was good- my brother- in -law leading- I preached by request I believe I am in the way of my duty in present circumstances in yeilding so far to the prejudices of this people in order to promote the spirit of Christian Union and that they may receive the Word from my lips.

1st. May 1854 The day very fine. Weare within two or three degrees of the Tropics. The heat is considerable but the Cuddy is remarkably well ventilated - the awning is over us on deck - and we now know the advantage of having a stern cabin as with one of the windows open during the night- we can sleep in comfort covered with a single blanket and sheet. We are not making much way. a whale has been seen- and numbers of porpoises. The Nautilus or "Portugese Man-of-war" occasionally glides past us- not sinking beneath the waves and anon raising his fibrous tiny sail with which he steers his course fearlessly over the waters. My reading has hitherto been very trifling since we sailed and moreover very cursory. I am reading "James' Earnest Ministry",. All are now well on board but my dear Rebecca and the nature of her malady(Whether mental or bodily) I cannot discern. Oh: how earnestly and with what tears and groanings I have prayed and do pray for her restoration to health and strength.

Tuesday 2nd. May Not yet entered the Tropics but will during the night Wind very trifling but still making a little way. Saw a steamer this day in the distance, Homeward bound. Our Captain thinks she is one of the Oriental Steamboat Company's vessels, This day reading The Memoirs of Leigh - The Missionary to New South Wales and New Zealand. Oh; that I could possess the fervent zeal which actuated him through all his course. We have all reason to feel comfortable as far as our treatment on board is concerned and our intercourse with each other. We have now regularly reading and prayer in the Cuddy immediately after Breakfast conducted by me and I have prayer with my own family in the cabin in the evening.

God hear our Prayers:

Wednesday 3rd. May 1854 We are now within The Tropics but the atmosphere is less tropical than the last few days as the wind is much fresher. Our speed last night and this day has increased considerably and we are now (9p.m.) going 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots. My thoughts have been very much today on past scenes and places and persons whom we have left behindus. A coterie of passengers meet every evening to sing on the quarter-deck- not sacred songs however- thus far this singing of such songs usually termed profane is innocent and pleasureable is a question which I feel considerable difficulty in answering to the satisfaction of my own conscience - this evening while listening for an hour I could not ~~but~~ perceive that any but right feelings had a place in my mind. There are emotions not strictly speaking religious but which are never theless conducive to the progress of religion in the soul, or at least perfectly consistent with the holiest exercise of religious principles which are oft times excited by many songs generally considered profane. Notwithstanding that this is my feeling I fear that song singing is generally abused and it must be a self evident abuse when it interferes with the performance of any command of duty. The reflection I think ought to settle the question as far as singing in this ship is concerned-- we have no Psalm singing, no joining together daily to celebrate God's Praise in the manner of his own appointment. Therefore our singing is abused and is wrong. But were there no song singing would it be better if the same time were spent in idle conversation or listless watching, would there be any improvement? I think not. Perhaps I shall soon see a fitting opportunity for introducing something better - I know from my position it would be foolish in me to attempt to dogmatise or hastily innovate. How hard it is to display on all occasions sufficient firmness and invariably to exhibit the ministerial character. May I be helped to do so. This day I endeavoured to keep the children pretty close to their books, but still further improvement in this regard is demanded.

Thursday 4th. May Wind fair, increasing towards evening. Making 7 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Saw two sails today. One crossed our stern, coastward, probably bound for some part of Africa - the other ahead of us on the same course as ourselves. How pleasant it is to have the sense of utter loneliness relieved by even the sight of a sail at a distance and how vast must be the ocean on whose bosom so many ships are constantly traversing and yet so seldom falling in with one another. We have not yet felt any inconvenience from the heat of the Tropics but I believe we could safely do without any covering in our berths even with an open window. The moon is now on the increase and the nights are beautiful. On either side the quarter-deck are trusses of hay for the sheep and when the heavy dews are falling it sends forth such a delightful perfume, that sitting in the balmy evening I could almost fancy myself in some sweet meadow far away from this restless ocean. But this day dream soon passes and I am alive to the reality of our situation. We have many things to be thankful for but some regrets intrude.

Friday 5th. May Last night and this morning the wind blow pretty fresh and we are getting along at nearly 9 knots. There are some renewed indications of seasickness with some of the passengers - sister Dorcas and myself included. However I feel convinced that an increase in motion does not affect me nearly as much as formerly and that in time I might become a good sailor. No sails in sight today. We are passing between Cape Verdi Islands and the coast. Land is not visible. The nearest of the islands is 150 miles distant and the coast still more. I had this day prayer in the steerage in which about 12 passengers united. Every morning after prayer in the cuddy I intend God willing to visit the Steerage for the same purpose. This evening very warm on deck even when everything was quite wet with the heavy dew. The moon is much more directly overhead in these latitudes (as the sun is) than we ever before saw her. Great numbers of porpoises gamboling round the ship today. As yet no fish of any kind have been taken.

Saturday 6th. May This day wind not so good but still very favourable. We have not had one hour's contrary wind since we left Graves End. Let God be praised for his great goodness. Saw a whale this morning about two miles on the ~~port~~ starboard - I believe it is by the man

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I believe it is by the man on the masthead who is constantly on the lookout that a whale is first recognised as such. Whaling is a game made up of minding, expectation and excitement and I should think the two former generally constitute nine tenths of it. In this however I may be mistaken - one only seeing two whales on our course cannot be regarded as a criterion - I believe they are pretty numerous within the Tropics at this season. Attendance at prayer in the stowage rather better today. Not more than a few minutes on deck till after tea, engaged in the cabin preparing for preaching tomorrow. May God give me the preparation of the heart, and Oh that some may derive comfort and edification, and others awakening from the word of my lips. May my dear wife be

Sabbath 7th. May All the more favourable for preaching on the ^{comforted}

Quarter Deck. Preached from Hebrews 6.19 "Which hope we have is an anchor of the soul etc. - attendance pretty good - preached from the same text in the Evening. The service of The Church of England read as formerly by Dr. Sealy. The Psalms and Amens chanted - the latter especially made me feel very uncomfortable as if I was where I should not be - However in matters indifferent the Golden Rule of Moderation must be observed - and he that chanteth not must not despise him that chanteth. My fellow worshippers on this occasion hold Christ the head and are at one with me in all the great essential doctrines of Christianity, and I trust that in those things in which we differ I shall be able to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

Wind improved towards evening. Sabbath dinners quite sumptuous in the way - this day our Captain treated us all to Champagne - drank of it and felt better for it.

Monday 8th. May Getting to the end of The Trade Wind after which we will be some days in what are called the "The Variables" until we get into another trade. Saw a sail this morning astern of us steering more East than us either bound for some part of Africa or else taking a diff

Monday 8th. May (continued)

a different course which is sometimes the case as seamen differ in their opinion as to ~~the~~ choice of direction in order to catch The Trade. A porpoise taken this morning - harpooned by Sedgewick the first mate - who seems to pride himself a good deal on his activity - but if in command I fear it would be a pity for the sailors serving under him. Walker the second mate is a nice mild agreeable fellow and I do hope he may have a prosperous career. The porpoise is very much relished by the sailors who are glad to have anything fresh. I believe part of it when well cooked might easily be taken for pork. They are seen in great numbers - a good many "Black Fish" seen today which yield an oil equal to that of the whale

Tuesday 9th. May 1854

Thermometer at 81 degrees - all feeling the heat very oppressive except the seamen - wind light but favourable as it has invariably been since we left. Met a ship today homeward bound. Great excitement on board preparing letters for home and great disappointment when it was ascertained that she was not a British Ship and that no letters would be sent by her. She was a French Barque but had no flag for signalling so that no information was given or received on either side, except the display of the National flag. Making pretty good way notwithstanding the lightness of the winds - I believe much better than usual in these latitudes. being now in "The Variables". We are now about the eighth degree north latitude.

Attendance at prayers in the Steerage improving

This day Chris's hat was lost out of the cabin window and our valuable servant nearly went after it - The Captain has promised to have the cabin windows nailed to prevent accidents.

Wednesday 10th. May A heavy shower of rain this morning about 6 o'clock

It had been preceded by a short squall of wind. They collected off the Quarter Deck nearly a barrel of water. The wind fell away afterwards near to a calm but after two or three hours perceptibly increased so that we made nearly 4 knots. Passed a vessel about 6 miles distant going in the same course - signalled her but they either could not make out the signal or were too uncivil to reply further than by displaying something like

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something like a Black ball. They recognised her from this and the colour (yellow) of her painting to be one of the Blackball line of Packets generally sailing to the Mauritius. This day was sultry and the evening warmer than usual. Feel it very difficult to read much on account of the heat - the days are passing without much interest and I regret to add unprofitably besides. I trust if this warm weather were past I will be able to do more myself and make the children do more. We are in about 6 degrees 30 minutes North Latitude.

Thursday 11th May The wind was tolerably good during the last night very light this morning. heat still very great - all complaining of its exhausting influence - a baby born on board this morning - the mother wife of a man called Shaw in the Steerage - one of Mr. Hammerlin's servants. The husband is a civil quiet man and appears very thankful for his wife's safe delivery. Sam's hat went overboard this morning - I believe he could not help it as a sudden gust of wind lifted it off his head. This trifling accident led to some remarks I deemed rather severe on Sam's demerit by Joe, Cochrane and I permitted myself to lose my temper - a man in whose heart the feelings of the father never kindled is unfit to speak to a father about his children - and he is influenced either by ignorance or ill nature who speaks of a child to his father as a blackguard and a scoundrel. I am aware of Sam's stirring nature and the natural forwardness of his disposition and his proneness to be opinionated but he is very affectionate and warm hearted and possessed of very quick natural talent and considering that he is not yet ten years of age, I trust by the grace of God I need not despair as others seem to do that he may yet possess and manifest more wisdom and steadiness. I have learned however the necessity of exercising greater control over my temper.

Friday 12th May wind light - very sultry - Three vessels all outward bound in sight - some of them sufficiently near to speak with.

Saturday 13th May Making pretty fair progress - heat very uncomfortable Engaged till the evening in making preparation for preaching tomorrow

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Carried back in thought very much to the quiet room in which I used to study at home and made to feel how much I would value its comfort did I now possess it. God enable me to trust to his mercy that all things are ordered for the best and that the Lord will graciously provide all things needfull to us.

Sabbath 14th. May. About the warmest day we have had yet. Preached in morning and evening from Hebrew 11.33. My spirit was greatly overwhelmed on account of my dear Rebecca and I prayed with great earnestness that she might be enabled to receive the promises through faith and be comforted by them. A few minutes after evening service a Swedish Barque ("The Adelaide") from India laden with rice bound for Cowes for orders passed so close to us as to give us this information of her by signals and to learn our destination through the speaking trumpet. It was very interesting to witness the whole procedure and to hear the kind interchange of civilities between the Captains. It spoke to my heart what brotherly kindness universally exercised throughout the world would accomplish. Oh, for the time when all men shall be brothers.

Monday 15th. May Wind fair but light - crossed the Equator about 11 o'clock tonight at about 23 degrees West Longitude. The event celebrated in no way except some drinking among the sailors which is certainly a great improvement on the barbarous practices of former times which I believe are nearly universally exploded. Our voyage has thus far been satisfactory and yet at no time of my life do I remember passing a time of greater mental suffering - my dear Rebecca's illness continues.

Tuesday 16th. May Making good way for these latitudes - nothing occurred worth recording - still warm - sleep without any covering - windows and doors open.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 17th, 18th., & 19th. May Miserable miserable days. Rebecca very poorly. God relieve her and pity us both. I can remember nothing of these days but their misery. May we be strengthened for trials.

Saturday 20th. May 1854 On 20th. of last month we sailed from Graves End and we are now in the 13th. degree of South Latitude. We have great reason to be thankful that our way has been prospered and that we have had so few bodily discomforts. Preparing today for tomorrow's services - never did so at any former time with so sorrowful a mind - may I see God's hand and be submissive.

Sabbath 21st. May A very good breeze yesterday and today $\frac{1}{2}$ wind S.S.E. Preached morning and Evening from Luke 13. 33. My dear Rebecca heard me both times - I trust she is somewhat better - the Doctor has given her a draught every evening for some days. After preaching this morning I baptized Snaw's child which he named after the Ship - "George Cashmore". I believe the Episcopalians were rather pleased with the simple impressiveness of the service - one man of them would have liked the Lord's Prayer to have been used - I didn't know how far I should conform to this very general prejudice among them in wishing this prayer to be used more frequently in our devotional exercises. I have no objection to it myself except the fact of using it to please men - but after all this may be scripturally right $\frac{1}{2}$ "All things to all men."

Monday 22nd. May Wind Good and fair SE by E half a point. Some expectation of seeing Trinidad tomorrow. It is an island belonging to Portugal almost utterly barren and now uninhabited. Some convicts used to be sent there but it proved too expensive a prison as they were not able to raise sufficient food in the Island for their support.

Tuesday 23rd. May Wind still good S.E. making very good way. Passed Trinidad late in the evening - not visible - probably would have been had it been daylight. The motion of the ship has been considerable the last two or three days but notwithstanding I have scarcely felt even an uncomfortable so that I can not likely be such a martyr to sea-sickness in the Southern Seas as I feared I would be. Rebecca seems rather better today and I would fondly hope by God's blessing she may gradually be relieved from the mental depression

Wednesday 24th May 1854 Wind light towards evening - making little way the temperature sensibly falling - nights rather cooler - not wearing any covering in our berth yet - the boys lie ~~quite~~ quite in a state of nudity.

Thursday 25th. May Morning delightfully cool - wind fell away towards evening - getting out of the tropics tonight. Thank God no cause for complaint.

Friday 26th. May Wind still very light. a pretty heavy shower of rain before sunrise - sun warmer today. This day spoke with two vessels - with one by signals - the other with the speaking trumpet. The first was the "Sea Kelpie" from London to Mauritius out 45 days- she promised to report us as having 104 passengers all well out 35 days. This vessel was very slow in signalling - and our officers were nearly out of temper with them. we had been waiting for them all morning. In about two hours after we met and spoke the "Fides" of New York from Calleo to London with Guano - a large and good looking ship. She had been out 75 days. Also promised to report us. These short meetings tend very much to vary the monotony of a dull lazy day at sea, but we regret that they are so very short - a mere 'How do you do' and 'Good bye' ' Feel very languid this evening and fear that dear Rebecca's spirits have been rather unfavourably affected by some cause. I do pray God she may soon be herself again. What a dull voyage this has been to me. Except ours ourselves none dull - all are contriving ways of enjoyment and in some of them I have participated. Reading, Dress, Conversation etc. I am sorry that cards have been introduced in the evenings. I do not see my way in interfering in any way to prevent it - I must not appear a meddler - the they play only for amusement - no gambling - could not be persuaded they are doing wrong. I think myself 'the appearance of evil' and association are here the strongest argument against cards - I bear a silent testimony against them in never being in the Cuddy while they are on the table. Rebecca still taking a composing draught each night.

Saturday 27th. May 1854. Wind light and contrary. Preparing for tomorrow. Thoughts reverting to- whether or not to pass scenes and oppressing me, with regret. Memory involuntarily starting before my mind in quick succession places of meeting - kind nuble faces of men and women who ~~love-me~~ loved me and gladly waited on my ~~signals~~ ministrations- my days of visiting - my light heart when the day was past and I returned to my home. All this is too much for me. But Oh. My God art thou the strength of my heart? and will not I put my trust in thee? Even if it be not thy will that I shall ever again have as kind a people and such a pleasant home- Oh do Thou cause the light of Thy countenance to arise upon me and this will put gladness in my heart more than all earthly comforts. My God give me a strong persevering enduring faith and fit me for my trials, and my duties. If it be Thy holy Will fit my dear partner to bear with me the burden and heat of the day and may she be strengthened in body, mind and spirit to endure whatever of inconvenience vexation and hardship hardship may be mingled in our lot. and do Thou mercifully Heavenly Father be the guide of our dear children's youth and their portion
forever

Sabbath 28th. May Wind very light and still contrary. Preached morning and Evening from 2nd. Kings -- "Is the heart right". The sea Kelpie had again come up with us - and some signalling passed between us. There was considerable differences between the longitude ~~ascertaining~~ according to their reckoning and ours. Theirs was 35 degrees west and ours 32 degrees 30 minutes west. Our Captain has two chronometers and at the islands we sighted he had very little alterations to make so that they were going well. There must be some great inaccuracy on the part of one or the other.

Monday 29th. May Wind scarcely any better. Towards evening became more favourable but still very light - making about 4 knots S. E. E. While there was an undesirable calm without, this morning there was rather a sudden and violent storm within the Cuddy. A lady and gentleman being the Dramatis Personae. I would greatly have preferred an hour's

Monday 29th May (continued) preferred an hour's violent rocking in a snorting breeze. What a sad exhibition of our Irish propensity for quarrelling and Billingsgate before our English Acquaintances. This little fracas made me very miserable and was a great loss indeed to my dear Rebecca whose nerves were much shook and her depression greatly increased.

Tuesday 30th. May Scarcely any wind. A dull stupid day. Commenced to rain before breakfast and continued drizzling and thick till this evening. Then however the atmosphere became clearer and there was promise of an increasing wind. A ship in full sail was seen after us but was steering much to the Eastward. We have been doing very little for some dayspast so that our voyage is likely to be longer than was at first expected. A dolphin was taken by the Boatswain today.

Wednesday 31st. May The wind was good and favourable during the past night and continued so today. Going 9 knots. For some days a good many birds have been flying about - those most numerous are called parsons - a black bird with stripes oneither side its throat - thought to resemble a clergyman's bands - hence the name. This day one or two Cape Pigeons were seen - a very pretty bird of mixed colours which flies without any apparent motion of the wings which are extended to their full length but making an angle with the back. The latitude today is 25 deg. 30 m.

Thursday 1st. June 1854 Wind not so good sailing East and one point by North Expecting to pass the Island of Tristan de Acuna to the North of it. Our progress has not been so good as formerly for a week and more. We have great reason to be thankful that the health of all passen passengers is very good and that no accident of any kind has occurred since we sailed. General harmony prevails but there is a trifling undercurrent of scandal which I do hope will not increase so as to mar our comfort.

Friday 2nd. June Still sailing East by North. A pretty strong wind blowing. Going nearly due east part of the day. Sighted a large vessel

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a large vessel astern of us in full sail. We reduced sail that she might come up with us before evening. The Captain being anxious to be confirmed as to the correctness or otherwise of his longitude, the "Water Kelpie" and "Fides" having differed considerably. The vessel which was a very large one proved to be the "Terra Nova" from Greenwich to Melbourne with passengers - out 46 days. Her Longitude and ours were exactly the same, which was very satisfactory to the Captain.

Saturday 3rd. June Wind strong and still contrary. Tacking so as to make about 25 miles Eastward out of 200 miles sailing. Unable to sit at our Cabin table to write today on account of the great layover of the vessel to one side. Studied the text Isaiah 30.10. with the assistance of Chalmer's Sermon for the Scottish Pulpit. Thank God my dear Rebecca is a good deal better and I am now fondly ~~hoping~~ hoping she will gradually but surely recover from the depression under which she has been suffering.

Sunday 4th June Wind strong and favourable sailing S.E. Too boisterous boisterous to have preaching either on the Poop or Main Deck. Preached in the Cuddy - attendance not so good as on former occasions. I regret to observe the great carelessness of all the ship's officers and can't but think it is mainly owing to this that none of the seamen attend the Sabbath Services, Our passengers are all formalists - and there do not appear to be any who have a scriptural view of the sacredness of the Sabbath except the Presbyterians. The views of our Cuddy Episcopalians on this subject are very hazy and the English Steerage and second Cabin passengers are all either Unitarian or ?.

Monday 5th. June Wind still good and blowing in the same direction as yesterday. Seasickness returned to me this morning with mitigated horrors. I was considerably better after breakfast. Not easy to maintain the Centre of Gravity these days as the ship heaves tremendously. My dear mother got two falls in her cabin yesterday but

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fortunately she was not much hurt. I am reading Macaulay's "History of England -- a masterly performance.

Tuesday 6th. June 1854 The pitching of the ship very great during last night and our berths very uncomfortable but our progress was very good- going for some time at 11 knots. Wind continued good during the day. I regret that I have not marked the Longitude and Latitude of each day as my journal proceeded but I expect to be able to append this to it when completed if God will that we shall reach the end of this voyage in safety. From the direction we have been sailing the last three days there is still some likelihood of our seeing "Tristan de Acuna". We have seen albatrosses during the last few days flying near to the ship. They are said to measure sometimes from 15 ft to 20 ft between the tips of their wings - the largest we have yet seen might measure about 6ft. They are occasionally taken with a hook and line. There is now a very great change in the temperature. The children wear their coats on deck and we can bear a blanket over us at night. I believe we need not expect to have much less motion than we have at present to the end of the voyage. The stern cabins on this account are very ineligible.

Wednesday 7th. June The wind strong and fair. Made 240 miles yesterday. Latitude 37 degrees South - very cold. This is the anniversary of my ordination in ~~Fahan~~ Fahan 12 years ago. Oh God how little have I done throughout those years to promote Thy Glory and the Welfare of immortal souls in comparison of what I might have done- how unworthy and guilty in Thy sight - how little penitent for sin - and how little thankful for many many mercies. Oh God vouchsafe to me Thy Grace that I may henceforth walk worthy of the lord to all well pleasing and that I may constantly glorify thee with my body and spirit which are thine.

THURSDAY

Thursday 8th. June Weather similar to yesterday. The reckoning shows a progress of 243 miles during the last 24 hours. Tomorrow the Captain expects our longitude will be East. Children can't be on deck so much

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so much on account of the cold - and until they retired to their berths in the evening the Cuddy is all noise and confusion. I regret to say the Card playing continues and that no good is being done on board in the way of mental, moral or religious improvement by the majority of the passengers.

Friday 9th May A gloomy miserable day, cold wet and gusty and on this day the cold relentless hand of death was among us. A sailor lad William James fell overboard and was drowned. There was a heavy sea running at the time and although the life buoy was thrown to him and the lifeboat lowered with 7 adventurous fellows headed by Walker 3rd, mate the effort was unsuccessful. Poor James had sunk to rise no more till the last trumpet shall sound. His father, a seaman had been drowned about 5 months previous and his four brothers are sailors. He, it is said, left his widowed mother in opposition to her wish and was alas like the majority of sailors a careless thoughtless lad. This accident overwhelmed many of the sailors and passengers with violent emotions of grief - myself among the rest. The two or three minutes of suspense before ascertaining who was overboard and after hearing that someone was ~~overboard~~ struggling in the waves were the most agonising I ever experienced. I was sitting in the stern cabin and the children were on deck and I knew them to be so stirring and venturesome (especially Sam). Most earnestly did I pray for the poor boys soul and I think many prayers were offered for him at that moment and most sincerely did I feel what I knew would be the poor mother's grief when the said intelligence will reach her and I wept burning tears at the sad fate of the unfortunate sailor boy. It is likely that a subscription will be raised among the passengers for the bereaved parent.

Saturday 10th. June Had a relentless sleepless night. Weather improved this morning. Wind still favourable. Engaged in preparation for tomorrow's services - hoping to be able to improve the sailor's death so as to lead us to reflect on the shortness and uncertainty of human life.

Sabbath 11th. June 1854 Very fine winter's day. Great flight of birds about the ship. Pigeons, Malmawks, (?) Undertakers, Petrels, etc. Several of the passengers showed their disregard of Sabbath observance by spending the day catching or making vain attempts to catch some of the large birds. The attendance at the divina worship was better than on last sabbath - preached from 2nd James 20.3. - "There is but a step between me and Death.

Monday 12th. June Wind still light but favourable. Slight showers but a fine grey day. Not making more than 6 knots. The moonlight is not very clear - the moon looking larger than she ever appeared at home - the atmosphere very transparent.

Tuesday 13th. June Still sailing South East by East - wind not strong making 7 and 8 knots. Not able to see the sun today - by dead reckoning expect to be in 18 degrees E.L. which is the longitude of the Cape. This weather considered very unusual in this latitude. We have been all along led to expect coarse weather at The Cape and it is by far the most agreeable we have had. The most experienced may err in their calculations. Warm though pleasant enough we would be getting on better if we had a breeze sufficient to make the motion unpleasant. This evening I was rendered very unhappy by hearing unpleasant reports of McL. - no one can be trusted. I have never doubted that person.

Wednesday 14th. June The wind more easterly and consequently not so favourable. The weather is still very pleasant. The time is hanging heavy enough on my hands and there are many things which often make me wish the voyage was over, or that I had never left home. God knows how far my fears may be realised or removed - as for pleasant or hopeful anticipations I have none. I will not certainly be able to look back on my traversing the Ocean as a time of pleasure. I would rather it were blotted altogether from the page of memory. I believe God has desired it as a time of special trial. I have found none to associate with among the passengers - my relatives, or of affinity to whose society I have looked forward with pleasure are so

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are so estranged from me that we ~~do~~ seldom do more than speak and my wife in whose ~~company~~ society I could have found ample compensation for all this had she been ~~able~~ as she was wont to be, but she is so hopeless and desponding that she hasnot a word for my ear but what is calculated to increase my misery. May God be merciful and enlighten my darkness.

Thursday 15th. June 1854 Very delightful day - much like a fine April day at home- a good deal on deck today. Any pleasure I might have enjoyed however was marred by a most unpleasant investigation I was called on to make of a malicious story raised on our servant by one of the steerage passengers. She was evidently maligned but nothing could be made of the unmannerly ruffians who wantonly injured her though the Captain tried as well as myself. I pity her very much - but am of the opinion we would have been better wanting a servant altogether as so little dependence can be placed on them and the additional exertion which the want of one would have rendered necessary on the part of Rebecca would have been good for her now and would have been an excellent preparation for the hardships of Colonial life.

Sister Dorcas has commenced reading Macaulay's History of England. I am getting on with the 2nd. volume but though much interested can somehow or other get on but very slowly. Day now very short. *) o'clock this night wind improving - going 10 knots.

Friday 16th. June Wind rose pretty high and we had a good deal of rocking. Sails shortened at 4 o'clock A.M. - continued to blow half a gale till towards the afternoon when the rain came on. Rained very heavily in the evening. The night pitch dark. Averaging 8 knots. Some of us very seasick this morning. I had a narrow escape from being severely hurt by my foot slipping off the ladder of the poop deck. May we be thankful to the God of Providence who is continually preserving us. It was on this day week the poor sailor boy was drowned. How helpless we are without the help of God -- may we wait continually on him

Saturday 17th. June 1854 A very dark damp ~~day~~ cold miserable day. I could scarcely see at table today and even in our cabin to read and write was very straining on the eyes. I was employed in preparation for tomorrow's services as I would have been at Carnahanagh, but many acquaintances and friends are this day in Derry and some of them will likely be thinking of us and talking of my successor who is perhaps chosen by this time. God enable me to think with equanimity on this subject.

Sabbath 18th. June Wind contrary today. Fortunately not much of it. A clear and dry ~~sky~~ day. Reading in the morning from "Let no man deceive himself" and in the evening expounded from Romans 3. 21 to end. The attendance was pretty good - for the first time some of the second cabin passengers here present who are said to be Unitarians. I believe I do not preach to please my hearers but with a desire to profit them. My thoughts were frequently in Fahan today. May God bless all the people there and order all things for their good.

Monday 19th. June Wind still contrary - unable to make anything of it. a dark and gloomy day - the most disagreeable we have had since we came aboard. The passengers generally seem affected by the weather - spirits dull - little chess playing and little conversation. Wind rose considerably towards evening and sail was shortened in anticipation of a gale - blowing very fresh towards 9 o'clock P.M. - we have reason to fear a night of rocking and general disquiet.

Tuesday 20th. June Last night we had the first real gale of wind which we encountered since leaving. My dear wife was sleeping calmly by my side and suddenly stirred during the night. I felt very uneasy but not positively afraid. The roaring of the wind was certainly terrific but the waves did not rise what is termed 'mountain high'. The children slept as usual very well and none of them awoke at all except Sam who asked me if I thought there was any fear of our being wrecked tonight and if this was a hurricane. I reassured him and he fell asleep almost

Tuesday 20th. June (continued) asleep almost immediately after.

Notwithstanding Sam's stirring disposition he feels and thinks. This morning winds still high and the air piercing cold. Moderated a little towards the evening. Making no way tacking in order to hold our own - some- times to the South West and again to the North East. Considerably calmer towards 10 o'clock and a general expectation is therefore entertained of a good night's repose. My dear Mother very much requires it - She was very much shaken last night.

Wednesday 21st. June 1854 Wind light but rather more favourable - sailing nearly East but not exceeding 4 knots. A dry but cold raw day. Everything is sadly monotonous - and it is certainly a great trial of patience this hope deferred and especially as we all along supposed that after passing the Cape we would be assured of good winds. It is bad to expect too much - when we do so we are almost always disappointed. Goldsmith is interesting me these heavy days - what a chaste style attained apparently without effort and how very pleasing because very natural. Strange that so few follow nature - whether created by authors or morbidly bred in readers and demanding gratification the present taste appears to me vitiated because unnatural to be easily understood by the unlearned seems to be dreaded as a damning quality by the writers of the present day and words etymologically the most difficult, and abstruse are eagerly seized and made to do service where simpler words would be very much more suitable and expressive.

Thursday 22nd. June Wind still very light. This is the sixth day since we have made anything of it. Our voyage is likely to be ~~tedious~~ a tedious one after all - however we ought not to complain - we have had very little interruption and comparatively little sickness and our treatment on board is everything we could expect. I would write much more had I a better way of doing so but I find this to be one of the unpracticable things on shipboard and study is not less so. Except towards midnight there is an unnecessary din, confused noises and heterogeneous sounds sufficient to render impossible the collection of two successive and related

Thursday 22nd, June (continued) and related ideas except such as the mind has long habituated to and which come without effort. There are indeed reasons of abstraction when noises are harmless and the mental ear is deaf to them but on such occasions my thoughts are invariably detected making a survey of past scenes, places and persons with such vivid impressions that when the reverie is passed I feel a kind of surprise that I cannot by a volition realize the while. But alas; I cannot by a former volition I rendered this impossible - my former home and people Oh; how distant they are and will I ever possess another home - will I ever be loved, by another people? None but God could answer these questions and may He enable me to wait patiently till it is his will to resolve them in the revolving events of his good providence. For myself I fear not - I could conform to any circumstance and preach the Gospel wherever I could find people willing to hear me - but my dear wife and my dear children - this often proves rather much for my faith - may God increase it and make me feel assured that he will provide.

Friday 23rd, June Sick and confined to my berth all day. Very little wind and not in the right direction. The quiet favourable for me in my time of suffering but notwithstanding I would have preferred a measure of suffering had we only been making good way. Rather better towards evening and have reason to be thankful it is not worse with me.

Saturday 24th, June My health rather improved thank God: The weather still very fine and the wind against us. Making absolutely no progress. Our Capt. Captain seems rather disheartened by this delay. It teaches us how much we are dependent on the will of providence and how little we can accomplish by our own foresight, caution or prudence unless aided by a higher power endeavoured to make some preparation hoping to be able to preach tomorrow forenoon. May we be kept mindful of the uncertainty of all things more below and especially of that which hangs over the life of man,

Sabbath 25th. June 1854 The morning delightfully fine. We are sailing South West today - it is rather discouraging but we must be submissive to the Divine Will and wait the accomplishment of his gracious purposes. I preached this morning on the parable of the ten virgins - the attendance was tolerable - Distributed tracts among the passengers and sailors as I have done on previous occasions. Having expressed regret to the sailors at not seeing them at divine service although it came out unwillingly - still it did come out with some of them that not being invited by their officers was the only reason for their non-attendance, This I was sorry to hear plainly answered though I had previously suspected as much and it fully convinced me that were it not for the presence of the passengers there would be no acknowledgement of this ship of the obligations of Religion. I was glad to find that an old sailor - a Prussian - had a New Testament in his native tongue. language. May the tracts distributed be blessed to some of them. In the evening I had determined not to preach and had made no preparation but after Dr. Sealy had read the evening service the people sat expecting and rather than announce myself that I would not address them I opened my bible and thinking at the moment of the suitability of the 14th. Chapter of Hosea I lectured from it acceptably and I trust usefully.

Monday 26th June Another fine day with unfavourable wind. Thermometer indicating a considerable rise in temperature. If we can judge of the winter in New Zealand from this weather it must be very pleasant but it will require to possess many advantages to equal our own dear home that we have left. My health is not yet everything I could desire. I am a good deal enfeebled and a very thing affects me injuriously. The gossip of our fellow passengers is unceasingly and the appetite for scandal insatiable. I have no sympathy with the lovers of such commodities but they seem to amuse those who deal in them as well as the

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as if they were of less questionable value. Walked on Deck a good deal with sister Dorcas today and felt the better of it. Played a game of chess with Sam for the first time.

Tuesday 27th. June Beautiful as on a Summers ~~day~~ morn the sun rose today. We are heading East but the wind is so light we are scarcely making any way. The birds are so tame today that they are swimming in flocks alongside the ship and diving for anything thrown to them - a fine albatross was among them for a little but all efforts to induce him to take a bait were unsuccessful. Our officers think there are indications of a sturdy increase of wind. I may here transcribe a few verses I hurriedly wrote on the Death of the sailor who was drowned on Friday 9th June as formerly referred to.

~~300-300~~ Drowned

It was a day of wind and rain,
And waves were running high,
And we were sailing on the main
Beneath a Southern Sky.

All hearts were light for hope's bright star
Had shone upon our way,

And pointed to a land afar
Glad with her own bright ray.

Full half our voyage we have passed,
Nor cause for grief we had
and now the full sail bent to the mast,
who could then well be sad?

Chief of our ship a man of heart,
In duty firm yet bland

Did well perform the Master's part
And well our comfort planned.

His mates were favourites with us all

His mates were favourites with us all
 True British sailors both
 Ever alert at duty's call
 To kindness never loth.

The hardy crew with cheerful song
 Performed the mild command
 Boldly the slippery decks along
 Or while aloft they stand.

That day in various past times we
 Clothed time in lightest dress
 Some gazed upon the troubled sea
 Some read Some played chess.

While thus engaged the cry arose
 A man is overboard
 And still the vessel onward goes
 And still the billows roared.

But 'to' the gallant ship soon^S'lies'
 Owing the helmsman's power
 The revolving lifebuoy swiftly flies
 Brave hearts the lifeboat lower^s.

But all in vain - the struggle's past
 The charm of life is o'er.
 He looks that awful look, the last
 He sinks to rise no more

And who has perished from our sight?
 Ah whose sad fate was this
 Whose day has thus dissolved in night?
 For misery or bliss.

When first the alarming cry was raised
 This was a fearful thought
 And wives and mothers Jesus blest
 They found the ones they sought.

Ah he was friendless the lost one,
 A lonely sailor boy.

Few tears were shed when he was gone
 Little it marred our joy
 But the widowed Mother of the lost
 Of him oft speaks and prays
 Thinking her darling still is tossed-
 Upon the stormy waves.
 But when to Merry England's Shore

But when to Merrie England's shore
 Our ship again is borne
 She learns her son returns no more
 Then bitterly she'll moan

And often, often she will tell
 Even till she finds her grave
 Of her son who from the 'Cashmere' fell
 And sank beneath the wave.

~~But while the sailor's fate~~
 but while of the sailor's fate we think
 And of his mother's woe
 Let us not forget how near the brink
 Of the abyss below.

There's but a step 'tween us and death
 That hand will seize us all
 And mayhap sudden take our breath
 Be ready for the call.

Wednesday 28th. June

Wind more favourable but little of it. Expected to increase during the night - this expectation has begun, to be realised towards bedtime, naturally tending to elevate one's spirits, when a scene ensues between our Captain and Mr. Motherell which no one present will never forget. Mr. Motherell certainly gave offence but a more terrible castigation could not have been inflicted by the "little member" had it been of never so much more grievous a nature. With my whole heart I pitied him, for I well knew it was because of the depreciatory whispering about his previous conduct which had emboldened the Captain to go far for so trifling a matter. A slight interference of mine on the occasion was likely to bring down on me the indignation not only of the Chief in the affair but of some unconditional admirers of his.

Thursday 29th. June A fair wind and plenty of it. We are going nearly 9 knots., this evening. Thank God the distance between us and New Zealand is fast decreasing. We commenced a game of chess this evening of three a side - on the one side The Captain, Mrs Nixon and Joe Cochrane and on the other Dr. Sealy, Miss Hinde and myself. It is likely to be interesting. There are no incidents occurring worth recording and were it not for books this monotony would be terrible but with the variety of books and good health there need not be much ennui felt even on board a ship by

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on board a ship by any who are at all fond of reading. I recorded as a fact often observed by us of late that time is passing with as much apparent rapidity as ever it did in our lives. We almost wonder to think that ten weeks have passed away since we left Graves End.

Friday 30th June 1854 Wind still fresh and fair. Getting on very satisfactorily. There seems to be no approach to the media of usual civilities between the belligerent parties of the other evening. It is passing strange that even in society so small that a ship's Cuddy can contain it there would not be uninterrupted harmony even for a few weeks. Alas: for poor fallen human nature. How much that is hard unkind and malignant is it constantly exhibiting - some members of our little company breathe only to their own satisfaction in this polluted atmosphere.

Saturday 1st July 1854 Finished our game of chess after breakfast this morning - our side successful - we played with great caution - perhaps the other side possessed really more skill but as in the game of life one false move may turn the balance either way. By the way in this respect the playing of a game of chess is a very good emblem of what should be the regulation of our conduct at all times. How many ruined men can trace all their misfortunes to one false step taken hastily and without due consideration. Indeed there are very few who have walked so wisely all their lives but as not to have been guilty of some indiscretions which though the evil consequences of them may have been in a great measure retrieved by their after conduct have nevertheless so far proved injurious as to render them outrun and distanced in the race of life by those competitors who acted with greater foresight and produced throughout but more especially at the start.

This day wind increased very much towards evening and a storm is apprehended. I have been preparing for tomorrow for a good part of the day.

Sabbath 2nd July A memorable day. Last night towards morning the gale increased to a frightful extent and about ~~6~~ 1 o'clock the storm was raging with great violence. All were in bed in our cabin but of course sweet sleep did not visit us. There were great apprehensions entertained for the safety of the ship from the violence and long continuance

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long continuance of the storm. The huge billows were terrific and when one of them would strike the ship it was like the shock a cannon shot would produce. At dawn this morning there was no abatement of the tempest and very few sat down at the breakfast table. We had prayer but to have preached would have been quite impracticable. I was surprised to see the insensibility of some and ~~if~~ I was glad to see some touched when I scarcely hoped anything would influence. I am told some of the sailors were reading the Bible and praying and I do hope my informant was correct. One wave was so immense that the Captain felt assured it would sweep the decks from stem to stern. Fortunately only the tail of it struck us and we escaped with very little damage. The top bulwark of the bulwark on one side was broken off with a huge crash which made all who heard it think the ship was greatly damaged. For my own part I thought the ship could not survive long in such a sea and my mind was filled with a multitude of thoughts many of them distressing. I prayed almost incessantly and felt that as far as myself was concerned I could cast myself on God's mercy through Christ Jesus but I greatly desired to live and wondered that we had all been brought by many apparently strange coincidences to perish in this distant ocean. Not ~~until~~ till after six ~~at~~ 6 O'clock this evening was there any great abatement either of wind or sea but after that time both decreased rapidly and we have the prospect of getting at least a tolerably good night's rest. I trust we are all truly thankful that God has ~~preserved us~~ preserved us and that very trifling injury of any kind has been done and I do hope that it may have been a storm bringing to some souls the influences of the spirit like mighty winds and torrents fierce - breaking down the strong holds of sin and driving them to Jesus.

The Cashmer^e appears to be a good tight ship- she made very little additional water during the storm though it would not at all surprising if she had. It was to me a matter of surprise that after so much strain she did not leak at every joining and many waves struck her with so much force that I thought them quite sufficient to stove her in. As to the grandeur etc of the storm I cannot speak as I did not see it. I neither felt inclined nor deemed it prudent to go out during its continuance

its continuance and if it be God's will I would never wish to see the sea raging so awfully as it did during those hours and I am sure I will never be able to look on a troubled Ocean without feelings of painful sympathy for those who may be in distress in the midst of it .

Monday 3rd. July 1854

Thank God the storm is altogether past and we have this day a good and fair wind. There is a considerable swell and the ship is rocking a great deal. A motion the most unpleasant to be experienced at sea. Among the Steerage passengers and Sailors I found many truly grateful for our merciful deliverance. May the great goodness of God not be soon forgotten by any of us . May our vows made in the time of our trouble never be forgotten and may our spared lives be devoted to his service.

How heartily I wish this voyage over.

Tuesday 4th. July. Good strong favourable breeze today. Going 9 knots

- dark weather- very much like December in Ireland. I find I can do very little in the way of reading or writing. Before breakfast there is no time or space. Breakfast is scarcely over when the confusion of preparation for the childrens' dinner commences and when that is over a very short time intervenes before the Cuddy is again occupied by the Steward in laying the table for our own dinner and when that is over and dinner past it is almost night and absolutely nothing can be done till after tea and then the noise of the children playing, general conversation and card play playing is so great and so incessant that anything requiring much thought is not to be undertaken except to prove a bitter failure. Yesterday some of our children were loud in their complaints that at dinner they had not got a share of some roast pork - but this morning several children were confined with sickness owing to their having eaten plentifully of pork which was under-done - so that the children found it was good for them to not to have been permitted to get what they thought it was an injustice to be deprived of. Let me learn patience and contentment from this circumstance

Wednesday 5th July Wind still continues favourable. We are getting on

very satisfactorily and have reasons to hop that in three weeks at further-

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We had another game of Chess today Mr Cochran and Mrs Nixon being winners. It seems rather inclined to blow hard tonight but I think it will not increase to a storm.

Thursday 6th. July 1854 This morning about half past four I was awoken with the noise of a very heavy sea breaking on our Quarter and washing the poop deck. There was very little wind after this but I was surprised to hear after I got up that there had been a great deal of wind during the night and that many of the passengers scarcely slept at all including my Father and my Mother. It appears there was a good deal of alarm among the steerage passengers and for the first time I heard a whisper of something not well calculated to increase our confidence in an individual on whom very much depends and who is said to have been in a condition last night disqualifying him for the performance of his duty and at a time when the consequences might have been serious. Thank God my dear Rebecca, the children, and myself slept well as usual and were undisturbed by any fear of danger.

Beginning to think this day that I must endeavour to find leisure to arrange some serious addresses etc for my first public appearances in Auckland should God in his good providence bring us thither in safety. For a week past my dear Rebecca is going out much more among other passenger passengers than formerly and is, thank God in all respects herself again. Father Mother and she are gaining flesh perceptibly. Dorcas the children and I with difficulty holding our own. I often think of our former home and cannot yet but feel many regrets. God knows when I shall cease to regret if ever. May I be fitted for my trials. It grieves us very much that we have not with us those things our dear brothers will be expecting us to have. I can't help it but this thought very much hinders the gladness of anticipating our Reunion. God knows I can scarcely account for our not at least procuring some little presents for them but the sad disappointment we experienced on leaving made us neglect buying things.

Friday 7th July 1854 Very cold today - wind favourable - blowing from N.W. Several showers - decks very wet and slippery. The steerage is becoming very uncomfortable and I have very little pleasure in visiting it. With the exception of one Scotch family consisting of four individuals - Mrs McKenzie her two daughters and son in law there is to all appearances not even a professor of Religion in the steerage. My own countrymen are manifestly more careless than I expected. Moses Wallace has exchanged for a place in the second cabin where he is much more comfortable and I hope better situated as to the matter of associates. The carpenter, a Scotchman, and apparently a very civil as well as a steady laborious able man has repaired the bulwark etc broken by the late storm so that the "Cashmere" looks herself again.

Saturday 8th July Wind fair and good. A bracing cold but dry day. A pleasant day for taking exercise on deck, but I was in my cabin from breakfast to dinner preparing for tomorrow and meditating in solitude on a great variety of subjects. I always find that when left much alone thoughts of home always intrude and in spite of resistance will occupy much of my time. Notwithstanding the tiresome sameness of our long voyage the weeks are passing rapidly away and in looking back I can scarcely think yet so it is, that we are this day 12 weeks on board the "Cashmere". We cannot reckon on less than four weeks more. They will pass away however and if they bring us to Auckland it will be with very mingled feelings I shall look on it and land upon its shore. Oh that there were no remaining doubts in my mind as to this being my providential path but alas- I am much more in doubt on this subject than I was before leaving Ireland. There I was convinced I saw my way clearly and felt comparatively little regret.

Sabbath 9th July A day of squalls and snow showers. On this sabbath morning many of the passengers and sailors were pelting each other with snowballs. the moral obligation of the sabbath seems to be almost wholly denied or disregarded by nearly all the English passengers. I preached this day morning and evening from Exodus 34. 26 and 27. on the glorious name of our God as revealed by himself. Oh that we all may be enabled

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be enabled to fear and love that sacred Name and to subscribe ourselves by it.

Monday 10th. July 1854 A good fair wind carrying us towards the hoped for land. Had some pleasant and profitable conversation in the Steerage with Mrs McKenzie today. How very indicative of their good sense appears to me the very tone and accent of these Scotch people. My heart warms to them very much - but when I reach Auckland will the hearts of the Scotch people there warm towards me, an Irishman. This I very much fear - The power of prejudice is very great and hard to overcome. One of our Cuddy passengers, young Mrs Hammerton is virtually Scotch - being brought up in Scotland from her childbirth and is an nice agreeable person - but it almost seems to me ~~and~~ anomalous to find her notwithstanding all that is Scotch about her, an Episcopalian. Her husband is a very obliging kind hearted fellow - they have two fine children and he is only 23.

In this respect he has shared a little of our Irish imprudence and improvidence as calculating people deem the qualities which lead to early marriages. With all my heart I wish that they may never have any reason themselves to consider their union to have been characterised by imprudence. His father and Mother, sisters and brothers are passengers. His father is a solicitor and a farmer in England and takes out with him £1000 worth of machinery. His married son is to be his Engineer, They are to farm and have thrashing machines- sawmills - flourmills etc. Their cousins Mr and Miss Hinde accompany them whose father is vicar of Featherstone in England. Mr hinde is also an engineer and a Draughtsman.

Tuesday 11th July Last night it blew half a gale at 4 o'clock this morning J Cochrane came into our Cabin to put down the dead lights and we scarcely slept after. The precaution is frequently necessary but no seas struck our quarterlast night. The wind has not ceased throughout the day but it is very favourable and we are getting along well. This is Sam's birthday - he is ten years old today and in his body's growth and in mental capacity few boys of ten exceed him, and for this we are bo-

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bound to thank God but we are kept humble by reflecting that he exhibits a good deal of waywardness and forwardness which while they may be owing in some measure to his mental activity make him impatient of restraint show us how much we ought to endeavour to direct his mind to those subjects which may exercise a sobering and chastening influence upon him and destroy the natural pride of his heart. Mrs Carrington, a second cabin passenger, who has been the most delicate person in the ship all the voyage gave birth last night to a stillborn child. The association recalls to my mind the little child born on board on the 11th May and whom I baptised. He is thriving well and is a good quiet baby. I addressed to him a few lines which I insert:-

To the Ocean Child

Hail little stranger, child of Ocean
 Sleeping on thy mother's breast.
 Calmly in the wildest motion
 As when winds are sunk to rest.

That morn when first we bade thee welcome
 To this moving breathing Earth world
 Scarce a cloud was in the welcome
 Scarce a breath the waters curled
 And lovely was that Sabbath morning
 When we met for worship as our wont
 In innocence thy meek adorning
 They brought you to the sacred font.
 And while winds here gently murmuring
 Prayer of heaven for thee was made
 And for thee unconscious slumbering
 Vows were uttered to be paid.
 Thy father at thy baptism gave thee
 The names our ship and Captain bore
 Which with his own may heaven save thee
 Make thy name 'George Casbiero Shew.

Tuesday 11th. July (continued)

The sea outby natal morn resembled
Thy own placid gentle sleep-
In its fury we have filled with trembling
Deep wildly calling unto deep.

So when you may hereafter often
Be tossed upon life's stormy sea
May God in love the rough winds soften,
When they blow, dear child, on thee.

Wednesday 12th July 1854

Very cold day - wind still fair but fell considerably towards the evening when we had two or three very heavy showers of hail. The barometer has been getting gradually lower for some days and I think there are such apprehensions of sudden squalls that we are not carrying as much cloth as we might otherwise do. The number of the crew is scarcely equal to the requirements of the ship and certainly not equal to an emergency. I had a long walk ondeck with J.C. today and our conversation awakened fresh regrets in my mind on account of many of the occurrences of the last few months and especially the unkind treatment not to say the positive injustice which I have had to endure at the hands of the man whom I had always regarded as being at least one of the most scrupulously honest men I have ever met with. Who then can be trusted? Who has the ability and the will to befriend me and mine? I am not sure of possessing any such earthly friend - but I know if we seek God with our whole heart we will never want a friend whose friendship is better than that of all the world beside.

Thursday 13th. July Wind very dull during last night - improved after

10 o'clock today and continues favourable blowing from the South West. There are still frequent showers of rain and hail and the weather altogether very wintry. The barometer is lower today than it has been since the commencement of the voyage. It is down to 'Rain'

Thursday 13th. July (continued)

I am amused and surprised at the continuing gossip of our Cuddy party - not a day passes but some new piece of scandal or something approaching it turns up. Sometimes between the ladies sometimes the servants - the Captain at one time mixed up in it - Mr Wetherell at an other - Mr Sedgewick first meet an other. Some all smiles today - will be at daggers drawn tomorrow. Some all compliments and courtesy to an individual whom they are defaming on every fitting opportunity. It is an atmosphere I never liked to draw a breath in and here I am choked with it. God grant I may escape it if we get ashore. Before leaving home I got more than enough of it and I fear it will always surround some people wherever they are. Oh that we all remember the precept 'By love serve one another' and 'Let all good things be done in Charity!'

Query -- Will any person of Discernment who unhappily possesses the usual amiable weakness of loving to exhibit the failings of others not try to conceal that disposition from those whose good opinion is desirable lest the knowledge of it would rather lower the individual in their estimation?

Friday 14th. July Going on prosperously. All the passengers in good health and with few exceptions in tolerable spirits. Those who are in complaining mood have themselves to blame as they are dissatisfied with every trifling annoyance and regard some slight unintentional neglect as injustice or partiality. In any disputes which have occurred I have hitherto most carefully avoided any interference and by the Grace of God will do so during the remainder of this voyage, I have as I believe been treated very coolly by a person at whose hand I did not expect it but I have not resented it and if there be any misunderstanding I would be very glad to have it removed, as it is my sincere wish to retain the friendship of old friends while I endeavour to make new ones. Nothing certainly is more vexing to me than to be slighted by those whom I respect and whom I deemed entertained similar feelings towards myself. I feel how unpleasant I am situated here and especially when viewed in contra distinction to my situation in my own dear home.

Friday 14th July (continued) ----- my own dear home. There I was surrounded by affectionate friends and people who knew and loved me - here I am not known or understood - I have no doubt I am regarded as distant and morose - and such is the bigotry and such the prejudice of these high Church people that I fear their attendance upon Ordinances in which I minister can only be resolved into a sort of respectful suffering which is owing very likely to the good fellowship, attention and suavity of J. Cochrane than to anything else

Saturday 15th. July A good breeze today and getting on very nicely. Occupied during the day in preparation for tomorrow. Beginning to feel very nervous about my first public ~~appearances~~ preaching in Auckland if in the good providence of God we be brought safely thither. Oh that I were constantly anxious to please God and to promote his Glory and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. May God give me a single eye and simplicity of aim and purpose. The day is considerably longer which I feel to be a great comfort especially at dinner as in the shortest days and dark weather it was almost groping with me. This evening I was able to see easily at our cabin window the dial of my watch at half past five o'clock

Sabbath 16th. July A squally day - very severe showers of hail - not so cold as some of the past days however - wind right aft and not being able to carry much cloth on account of the suddenness and frequency of the squalls - the rolling was very great and rendered the conducting of the services a little troublesome in the matter of posture. Preached in the morning from Acts 26.28 'Almost thou persuadest me to be a christian' and in the evening from 1st. Thes. 5 . 20. 'Despise not Prophecings' The attendance was as usual. For the first time the Captain was absent from both services. He appeared to be generally an attentive hearer but he manifested no signs of seriousness in matters of Religion - and alas the same thing might be said truly of the vast majority of our passengers. How true it is that 'The world lieth in wickedness' and well

Sabbath 16th July (continued)

..... and well may we ask looking not only at the state of the world but at the state of Christian Churches 'when the Son of man cometh will he find faith on the Earth' The squalls are becoming more numerous towards turning in time and there is little promise of a quiet night's rest. May our trust be in the name of the Lord.

Monday 17th July 1854 Last night after retiring my spirit was chafed far beyond what the offence warranted and I was disposed to look only at the trifling causes of vexation which sometimes arise and to receive no impression from the multitude of mercies and loving kindnesses with which God is daily loading me and I suffered my tongue to utter unkind and bitter words which even at the moment my heart condemned. How frail we are how desperately wicked and deceitful are our depraved passions and when we went from want of prayerful watching permit ourselves to be delivered over to the storm of anger we are like a ship tempest tossed without rudder mercilessly driven, beaten and shocked by the chafing surges

pursuing each other in quick succession - seeming to vie with each other in the impetuosity of their fury and in an ungoverned eagerness to engulf their victim. The night turned out a rolling disturbed-one sleepless one.

There were some very heavy hail showers with a good deal of wind with them. The greatest roll yet felt in the voyage filled us with momentary alarm. I really thought the ship was gone quite down on her side and that she would not right again. Thank God it was much better after all than we expected it to be and though we spent a sleepless night we made good progress as today at 12 o'clock we had made 225 miles. This day the wind is still afloat but not so good and now at 10 o'clock P.M. it is almost calm.

Tuesday 18th. July

Foul wind this morning but little of it, During the night the wind was fair but changed at 8 A.M. and we have sailed today South East by South at about 4 knots. The barometer is very low and falling still more. There are apprehensions of a storm but we are in the hands of a kind providence who may send us more favourable weather than our meteorological phenomena seems to indicate. Old Mr Hammerton and my father look

Tuesday 18th July (continued) and my father look at the Barometer about every half hour from 7 in the morning till 9 or 10 at night and are sanguine or melancholic according to its rise or fall. Doubtless others feel unequal anxiety but do not manifest it and some of the knowing ones occasionally hoax the old gentleman by moving up the index and thus leading them to believe that the mercury is falling with hurricane boding rapidly. The rain fell in torrents during the day so that the fear of wind was a little abated but when the wind rain was over and the glass still looking down the anxiety was renewed and not a few turn in tonight expecting a severe gale before morning.

Wednesday 19th July Fine clear morning - wind foul but scarcely any of it - mere puffing .. sails hanging loosely -- the ship rocking ~~loosely~~ ~~the ship~~ lazily.

Last night was a very restless, sleepless one to the most of us - the rocking was incessant -- a continuing see-saw-- most wearying to the flesh I was up and down frequently during the night feeling no inclination to sleep but anxious to keep books from falling, mugs from breaking, water from spilling etc. Several breakages partly caused by our uncomfortable motion have occurred in the cabin during the last few days consuming this morning by the entire destruction of a very convenient potter's vessel which had safely occupied a tiny little nook in our cabin during the whole of the previous part of the voyage. Sic transit gloria.

About 12 o'clock the wind again changed to the west and freshened up in a few hours to a good breeze bringing with it a good deal of rain and an angry appearance but at 9 P.M. we had a very fine night and a fair breeze All Well. May we enjoy a good night's repose and feel secure in the protection of the Almighty.

Thursday 20th, July 1854 This morning the wind is right aft out there are still squalls flying about so that we have but few sails set and our progress is indifferent. Last night the wind blew very hard for a few hours and I felt more anxiety and alarm than I did since embarking. I was awaked by the fearful sound of wind and waves and the ship seemed to me to be driving with tremendous speed through the water. Upon enquiring this morning I found this was a mer 'Anni Jonitus' as she had been kept as close to the wind as possible and was only going about 5 knots. I could not keep my berth and was up and dressed from 1.30 am to 6 am part of the time in my fathers cabin where they were all awake and had been rather alarmed like myself; The wind blew hardest at 2p.m. but at 4 a tremendous shower of hail fell and immediately the wind fell almost to a calm when the rocking commenced which has continued more or less since. The wind is now fair and we are getting along well. The barometer is rising and we are all hoping that it will please providence that the strong comfortless weather we have had for sometime past will be succeeded by agreeable weather which will last till our arrival in New Zealand. We are now all getting on very quietly and upon the which our time is passing more pleasantly than it did. No one is enjoying better health nor better spirits than my dear Rebecca and God in his kindness enables her to enjoy sleep when all are awake and anxious except herself. My father and Mother are quite well and we are to each other a great source of mutual comfort and happiness - the unaccountable coolness of my sister Anne is the only draw-back to my comfort at present.

Friday 21st, July Weather still showery but the glass rising gradually and steadily. Wind fair and getting on a very satisfactorily. Hoping now that ten days more and perhaps less will bring us to New Plymouth, God's will be done May he be with us in mercy and all will be well. This day I was sent for to visit a sick sailor in the fore-castle. Found three of them on the sick list. The man who sent for me is suspected to be a dodger i.e. merely pretending illness. This I am inclined to disbelieve and am of the opinion that had he been treated a little more

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----- a little more considerably when he first complained he might now be fit for duty. Certainly he exhibits symptoms of sickness today. He appeared anxious about his spiritual state - was not entirely ignorant of scriptural truths -- excused himself for neglect of religious duties by pleading influence of evil example and I endeavoured to instruct him in the way of truth more perfectly and those who were with him and prayed with them. I afterwards sent them suitable tracts.

Saturday 22nd. July All rejoiced at the great improvement of the weather this morning - a beautiful day clear and spring like with a good steady wind - all sails set going sometimes 10 knots during the past night averaged 8. I enjoyed the open air and the now unusual sight of our ship in full sail a little while before breakfast but was not out afterwards except a little after dinner being engaged preparing for tomorrow's services, we have had two or three showers during the day and it is still looking thick and heavy but barometer steady.

Sabbath 23rd July A good wind but looking rather squally. Conducted services as usual in the Cuddy. Preached morning and evening from Phill. 3.20. 'For our conversation is in heaven' felt a good deal put about in my services in the morning by the marked inattention of Mr Cochran and Miss Hinde. God forbid I had long such people to minister to I believe the prejudice pride and intolerance of the high church party in the Church of England is as bad as the worst phase of Popery could exhibit. As for my brother-in-law I would much like to know him - I confess my utter ignorance of his sentiments towards me - one thing I know he manifests to me less amiability of disposition than he does to any other of the party. He is greatly changed from what he was in times long past. This evening looks very dark and gloomy and we are likely to have rather an uncomfortable night.

Monday 24th July 1854 This morning about 4 o'clock the wind came very high and there was little sleep after and indeed for a good while before that hour. It was expected we would see Van Dieman's Land in the morning about 10 o'clock but we had got on much better than we anticipated and had passed that island about the time the seas began to rise in the morning. It was from this circumstance, the waves from the North and short broken spells they concluded where they were even before they had taken the longitude. When it was taken we found the past had been one of our best days as we were in 149 degrees E.L.- 2 degrees East of Hobart-Town. The wind continued to blow very fresh during the day but as we were going close to the wind for the purpose of making headway our speed ~~wasn't~~ wasn't great. New Plymouth folk are beginning to pack up and have all things in readiness for disembarkation. Mrs Sealy would be very anxious to be in time to attend church once in New Plymouth on Sabbath next to thank God in his own house for their safe passage etc.

Tuesday 25th July This morning there was a very unlooked for sight awaiting us when we turned out. We thought Mary Jane our servant had been hoaxed by somebody who told her that Van Dieman's Land was in sight.- but it turned out to be quite true and that we were in error in supposing we had passed that land yesterday. The truth is the Chronometers were very incorrect and we could not have been less than 8 or 9 degrees astray in reckoning. The consequences might have been awful. Of course supposing we had passed Van Dieman's Land North East as the course we wished to sail and had that night been foggy or wet we would likely have been driven on the land. As it was we had according to the account of the sailors and passengers, a narrow escape although the ship's officers say otherwise. Where the rocks known by the name of The 'Eddystone' were seen by the man on watch it is said we were sailing directly towards them and would have been on them in about half an hour. I regard it as merciful providential interposition and I trust we will be truly grateful to our gracious God who did not leave us to be overwhelmed in the waters of the Ocean but has shown us that his arm is mighty to save even when human skill and foresight are utterly at fault. We saw different

Tuesday 25th July (continued) different parts of Van Dieman's Land at intervals during the early part of the day and as the wind was light we did not make more than 4 to 6 knots. The wind has freshened up towards bedtime and we are getting on well.

Wednesday 26th. July 1854 This was a very delightful morning with a good fairing breeze which continued all day. Last night there was a great deal of sheet lighting which led to the apprehension of a gale but so far there is no indication of anything but good weather. There is I believe a possibility of our reaching New Plymouth by Sabbath yet but it would require a good wind as at present, the whole time, which we can hardly expect. I have not got on with my preparation of Sermons at all as I had expected. I find very little can be done down here. Here I sit in my own Cabin writing this Journal and the motion is so great that I can scarcely keep the pen on the paper and my whole body is twisted and wearied excessively with the reeling I am subjected to.

Thursday 27th. July A very favourable wind and just enough of it at least during the greater part of the day. In the evening it became calmer and they are likely to be able to keep up the sails all night. Something took Mr Motherell's toe this afternoon and he got rid of a good deal of bile or bilingsgate Mrs ~~a-being~~ Alexander being the subject. I believe the attack was altogether unprovoked but in a man constituted as he is the cold indifference and contempt with which he has been treated in that quarter are highly provocative and I think it is the dictate of prudence to provoke no one even though we do not live in a house of glass and though the provoked party be impotent to harm us. Civility for all is an nice maxim and were we all to practice it, how free would we be from all those disgraceful bickerings which an opposite course produce.

Paid my subscription today towards raising a fund for the mother of the drowned sailor boy. Reading ?????????????? Letters which are admirable.

Time is passing with much more laggard pace now that we are coming near to the end of the voyage and counting the days. God grant we may have

Thursday 27th. July (continued)we may have a happy meeting with all our friends and that we find nothing amiss. This despondency is a sad thing - but whether I will or not vexing and distressing thoughts will obtrude themselves and are keeping me habitually low spirited.

Friday
Friday 28th July 1854 Wind not so good- all sails even ??
sails set. Very smooth sea. A beautiful bright day. Wrote the following verses as a farewell to our fellow passengers who leave at New Plymouth:-

Farewell

Farewell companions of our Ocean Home
Over 16000 miles of treacherous seas
(Now calm as sleeping child now lashed to foam)
Emblem of life and sinner's destiny.

With breaking hearts and eyes suffused to tears
We bade adieu to England's shore,
Our bosoms torn with various hopes and fears,
Most to behold our native land no more.

By various fates and various fortunes led
To seek another and far distant land,
We dried at length the bitter tears we shed
Trusting our all in the Almighty hand.
And now perforce one family we were
Who must for weeks and months together dwell:
And on each other happiness confer
Or make our ship a very type of Hell.

The weeks and months their rapid course have sped
and though not free from imperfection's strain
Yet yon mild chari~~ty~~, prejudices fled,
And dark distrust and hatred in their train.

And Sabbaths were alliances of love,
Our faith the same- we shared each others forms
And sought together mercy from above
To guide us mid life's dangerous calms and storms
By mutual knowledge, friendships stronger grew,

Friday 28th July 1854 (continued)

By mutual knowledge, friendships stronger grew,
 Until it rivalled e'en the growth of years;
 And kindness, sympathetic bosoms drew,
 To tell each other all their hopes and fears.

thus passed the swift flying time away,
 which we had feared would prove distressing long;
 And some would gladly have it longer stay
 That they might longer be such friends among

'Tis true not alloyed our joys have been
 Some trifling bitter mingled with the sweet;
 The edge of temper oft is all too keen
 And judging too, severer than is meet.

But let this pass -- as did those awful gales,
 which for a little filled our hearts with fear
 And to life's gentler breezes spread the sails
 nasting to wipe ~~from~~ Sorrow's eye the tear.

Go ever shine where darkness is most dense,
 And ever holy principles maintain;
 The Triune God will be your sure defence
 And true it is that Godliness is gain.

And now Farewell: Maynap a long farewell-

May blessings rest upon you from above ~~and may we all at length in~~
 And may we all in heaven dwell

And sing the praises of redeeming love

But see; your voyage now is almost o'er
 And snow capped Egmont rises to our view
 your boats will land you on New Plymouth's shore
 And we must say again ' Adieu Adieu'

This afternoon the wind improved a good deal and we are getting on very well. Sam alarmed his grandpapa greatly this morning by venturing in some dangerous part of the ship - unfortunately he is reckless and it is of God's mercy that some accident hasn't occurred to him ere this. At home his fondness for riding horses and here his forwardness in pulling ropes and reefing sails have exposed him to frequent perils. The management of such a boy I confess is a matter I do not rightly understand-

may the grace of God do what I cannot do and ~~sanctify~~ sanctify his natural abilities which are of no mean order to God's service and make him if spared a good citizen and a Christian. Although this day was so fine I wasn't out more than 5 minutes - engaged reading and writing the whole day except an hour or two in the twilight. This evening about 6 o'clock Mrs Sealy the wife of our Doctor gave birth to a daughter-mother and child doing well. They had intended stopping at New Plymouth but it is likely she may not be sufficiently recovered to leave the ship when we arrive there and that they will go on to Auckland. It is worthy of observation that the two births which have taken place on board have been on about the finest days we have had on our passage. We are going now at 9 o'clock p.m. about 6 knots- we are likely to have some rocking tonight. I hope not for Mrs Sealy's sake.

Saturday 29th. July 1854. Fine day but making little way Engaged from breakfast to dinner preparing for tomorrows services. No expectation now of seeing New Plymouth before Monday but almost assured we will see Mt Egmont as early as we can see it in the morning. Have felt rather inspirited today from what cause I can scarcely tell. May God make it permanent.

Sunday 30th. July Wind contrary. Scarcely any of it. Preached morning and evening from Deut. 12.9. 'Ye are not yet come to the rest and the inheritance which the Lord your God giveth you'. A good attendance in the evening. Endeavoured to apply the subject to our own circumstances and addressed the passengers to New Plymouth for the last time. It is probable they will never again hear my voice as a preacher - nor I address the same hearers. This was an impressive consideration and I felt it and endeavoured to impress it. I conversed by writing a good while with the deaf and dumb boy today and felt it very interesting to myself and profitable too and I hope it was so to him. Although the voyage has not been made as profitable as it might have been but I was utterly impotent to make it so. The card playing in the evenings constantly kept up and was I am fully persuaded an effectual barrier to the accomplishment of any good to those who engaged in it.

Monday
31st July 1854

Almost a calm - the very light wind which is almost imperceptable constantly changing - not going a mile an hour. We are learning how entirely we are dependent on God and it is a good lesson to have impressed on our minds as we are nearing ~~the~~ our destination. The day is one of the finest - indeed I may say the finest we have had since we left England. Not warmer, nor more cloudless than we had in the Tropics but more genial and fanning us with the balmy breath of spring. We were all deceived today in supposing we saw Mt Egmont in the great distance and even Rebecca and Mrs Nixon came on deck to see it. - where was before for a couple of months. The imaginary mountain soon disappeared and when the longitude was taken it was found we were still distant from it about 140 miles. We all walked on deck a good deal today except Rebecca who although she takes absolutely no exercise is yet very well. We were amused no little at a walking match between my father and Miss Bell Harriett Hamerton. My father walked best but the air and look of determination and mighty effort exhibited in his countenance and were so like anger that he might be supposed to be resenting an insult or contending with his mortal foe was irresistible and unfilial though it was I laughed immoderately. Mrs Nixon beat him by a kind of hop step and jump and exalted with triumphant air at her supposed success. She seems in many respects a character - I hope she will prove on further acquaintance an amiable character - it occurs to me that a long friendship with her will be best secured by a moderate degree of intimacy.

Tuesday 1st. August 1854 This day the exact counterpart of yesterday.

At 12 o'clock we found we had just made 30 miles from 12 o'clock yesterday and to all appearance we will make little more today. Several times a tantalizing puff made us suppose the wind was coming but we as often were disappointed. The day was very warm - just what we would consider a fine June day in Ireland and if this be a fair specimen of the early spring in New Zealand the climate at least is not over-rated in the accounts we have received of it. Had another long conversation with the deaf and dumb boy today and visited the sick sailor in the fore-castle

Tuesday 1st, August 1854 (continued) in the fore-castle where I had an opportunity of talking to and praying with several of the crew. I rather fear the treatment of the ~~crew~~ sailors in this ship savours too much of a harsh discipline - they are to a man dissatisfied and if they can get it accomplished they will leave this ship at Auckland. I fancy Masters and mates have a good deal to do in making the characters of sailors and that if they did their duty as Christian men the sailors as a class would be of a different stamp.

Wednesday 2nd August This day also beautifully fine. Expected this morning to get a sight of land - towards evening all looked out very anxiously for that desirable object - I had gone over to the fore-castle and pointed to what Mr. Carrington a second class cabin passenger considered the 'loom' of land when John Ferguson my father's servant who had gone up to the cradle of the fore-castle called out "land land" and sure enough he was right - it was the long looked for Mt Egmont. During the continuance of daylight this was a very partially visible - we all looking forward very eagerly to daylight of tomorrow to behold less dimly our adopted country.

Thursday 3rd August Egmont Visible this morning in all its glory. What a magnificent cone with its resplendent snowy mantle shining in the light of the morning sun. Smaller mountains heights less distinctly visible and land on either side of the mountain falling away gradually till lost in sea still less distinctly visible. During the day we made little progress towards New Plymouth as there was almost an entire calm. In the evening the sunset was the finest we witnessed since we left England and indeed during our lives. Perfectly unclouded did that bright luminary sink into the Ocean. fancy could not paint more beautiful clouds than his rays, painted all round the western horizon and Egmont immediately opposite which had been covered with vapours during the afternoon became very clear on its apex, which reflected most resplendantly the gilded beams of the

Thursday 3rd. August 1854 (continued) ----- beams of the glorius

sun, even for some moments after he was hid from our view. The opinion of the weather wise is that this sunset betokens a continuance of fair weather though some sailors are expecting a change. What reason on reviewing all the way our God has brought us hitherto to give thanks unto his holy name for his enduring mercies - and Oh how little real gratitude there is in our hearts. How prone we are to be joyful on receiving gifts but to be wickedly unmindful of the Giver.

Friday 4th. August This morning we were awakened by an uncommonly furious squall which created immense confusion in the ship and excited no little alarm among the timorous. The wind sprang up earlier but only gently and a squall was not at all anticipated. Fortunately no harm was done and the wind had ceased in a very few minutes. In the morning Egmont was completely covered but a great part of the Taranaki District was visible and becoming more distinctly so every few minutes. We could discern the timber lands very easily at first - then the cultivated fields and houses and ? etc.

As we sailed North three rocks near the anchorage at New Plymouth were the most prominent objects - they are called 'The Sugar Loaves' from their shape - one stands on the shore and the other two in a line from it into the sea at about equal distances from each other - high water ships could if necessary sail between them but they do not require to do so. As we neared we could perceive the white houses of New Plymouth which appears a scattered town but very beautifully situated and surrounded by a country which I have no doubt will in a few years merit the appellation given it by Hursthouse - 'The Garden of New Zealand'

Here a pilot comes aboard to point out the best anchorage and we shortly saw a boat leaving the shore but while expecting to see it near us heavy squalls to the westward were gathering and some of the men who were aloft reefing the mizzen saw the boat turn again towards the shore. Indeed our Captain had little expectation of being able to anchor as the glass was

Friday 4th. August 1854 (continued) ----- as the glass was falling and the wind blowing on the shore. It was tantalising and the New Plymouth passengers were very much cast down about it as they fully expected to be on shore in an hour or so. The circumstance of having no harbour will ever be a serious drawback to the prospects of New Plymouth and I believe if parties were aware of this to its full extent they would be discouraged from immigrating to it at all. However for rural life it is probably unsurpassed and those who are willing to give up other things for rural beauty, retirement and quietude will doubtless find here, if anywhere, those wishes for blessings realised. The evening wore rather a stormy aspect and with close reefed topsails and sailing close to the wind we are heading at 9 o'clock p.m. North West by West. Another Brig wishes to get anchorage at New Plymouth from where we ~~can tell~~ can't tell is also standing off from land.

Saturday 5th. August Last night was very squally and I was sleepless and restless. We tacked several times to avoid going far to sea and what with the noise of sailors and wind and occasional pitching and rocking I was completely upset. Rebecca and the children slept well. This morning we are 20 miles from land. Egmont is clearly visible. We are sailing S.W. by W - very little wind & day fine - wind freshening a little about 12 o'clock but is blowing off the Land. During the forenoon I was engaged preparing for tomorrow. Little did I think last Sabbath when addressing my fellow passengers that so many would be with us this day - how little we know of the future! There is reason to hope from appearances this evening that we may be at anchorage off New Plymouth tomorrow.

Sabbath 6th. August This morning we were very near the anchorage but as frequent tacking was necessary we did not cast anchor till about 10 o'clock. Sometime previous the boat with the pilot and Mr Willis's Agent Mr Nash had come aboard alongside and we were very glad to see the faces of our fellow men dwelling in this distant island of the sea. Mr Nash breakfasted with us. He has not been here more than six weeks.

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— more than six weeks- he

came on the 'Eclipse'. Three or four of the settlers were in the boat beside him - among them were a Mr Gray and a Mr Blackman Scotchmen and Presbyterians - they were very glad to see me and I learned some thing of the state of religion in New Plymouth. From their statements I would infer that there is very little religion in the place, except what is external and nominal. I promised them to try and go ashore before we left that I might converse with one or two more of their number. Immediately after casting anchor a boat load of passengers and luggage left us and another in the afternoon. It is a question whether this was a work of necessity but considering all circumstances it would require very great faith to act in accordance with a negative answer to this question. We found it quite impossible to have a morning service today as at the usual hour of holding it the confusion was very great- in the evening I preached and although the majority of our odd passengers had left there was a good attendance as we had more than usual of the steerage and second cabin passengers.

Monday 7th. August

A beautiful day. The boat was made three trips to and from the beach today taking out goods and passengers. Jos Cochran went on shore today. I had told him my intention to go when he was going but he slipped away without me, I suppose choosing his company. We all enjoyed the view of the town, adjacent country, and especially Mt Egmont from the ship very much today. In the very clear moonlight in the evening Egmont was a magnificent object of sight and contemplation. Mrs Sealy went on shore today in her cot. Dr Sealy had gone ashore the previous day and procured lodgings. The Hammertons with the exception of young Mrs H. left without even bidding goodbye to some of us. How much attention was lost on some of that party and others too.

Tuesday 8th, August 1854

Another delightful day, warm as a summer at home. Went ashore in the morning boat which left rather early for breakfast. Was astonished to find a tremendous surf on the beach. Warned off by a flag hoisted on the flag staff. We sailed some time until the tide would have ebbed further when the surf decreased. We held on by a buoy to which is attached a cable which is also made fast on shore and with the assistance of which place in a runner on the bowline of the boat the crew more steadily and securely than with their oars propel her up on the beach. This morning while holding on the buoy the chain attaching it to the anchor broke and we were soon drifting towards the shore. The men took to their oars and by stout rowing and careful watching on the approach of two great breakers we got safely on the shore of New Zealand. The few Maoris I saw did not appear strange to me - probably from the account I had read of them and aided by fancy the whole scene appeared to me as one with which I was quite familiar. A few days previous a dispute had arisen between two of the tribes on an agrarian question and 16 persons of the tribe friendly to the Europeans were shot - seven of whom have since died. These people were working at a road through the bush for the settlers when the hostile tribe whose Chief is a fractious mob orator sort of a fellow ordered them to desist which ~~they~~ they would not do and after first firing over them and then in the ground they fired among them when the result was as stated above. The old friendly Chief and his son were both mortally wounded. The Chief died in hospital and was buried yesterday in the burying place of his fathers. I believe the funeral was rather an impressive imposing spectacle. There were but few of the natives in town today and I learned that the reason was that the road was Tapu or made sacred on account of the outrage. They are boiling with indignation and the hostile chief is expected to be soon the victim of their revenge. He is said to be very low in spirits and some are of the opinion that he will commit suicide. These natives are all nominal Christians. The deceased Chief was a Wesleyan. New Plymouth is a very scattered irr

Tuesday 8th August 1854 (continued) a very scattered irregular place as most new towns are (the streets are marked out pretty regularly but the houses are of all sizes and shapes and dotted here and there so that at little distance you would suppose there was no such thing as a regular street). With the exception of the Episcopalian Church which is built of beach stones all of the houses are wood. The town occupies a rising ground sloping gradually up from the sea to a considerable height - from the Church you look down upon the town and from Mt Marsden a terraced round Mount immediately behind the church, you command a magnificent view of the town and the whole of the surrounding country. There seems to be a considerable breadth of well cultivated land and the cultivated land and the ancient forest stretching away as far as the eye can reach. I met with four presbyterians, heads of families, Dr Wilson, a very popular man in New Plymouth, a magistrate and the Medical Superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Maoris; Mr Black, a baker and a substantial man who has been 13 or 14 years in the colony; Mr. Gray a Haberdasher and General Storekeeper and Schoolmaster and a Mr. Ritchie of whom I only learned that he is a second cousin of Dr. Wilson. I found that sometime after Mr Gray commenced a correspondence with the Rev. William Bruce about the practicability of supplying them with a preaching occasionally in New Plymouth and latterly Mr Bruce has been corresponding with Dr Wilson. He has promised them that when he can get a supply for his pulpit for a few sabbaths he will pay them a visit. With the new arrival by the 'Cashmere' that don't number more than 12 families - one ~~of which~~ or two of which are at a distance of more than ten miles from New Plymouth. It is quite evident that they are not in a position to have a minister of their own yet though they speak very confidently of getting accessions from the Episcopalian, the Methodists and especially Independents whose minister is not very popular on account of some inconsistency of conduct. The Wesleyan preacher an excellent man has his time fully occupied with the natives. The Episcopal Clergy don't visit the people and altogether there is a great

----- is a great deadness among the Europeans. I partook of the hospitality of Mr Black and Mr Gray and was regaled with New Zealand produce in the shape of bread, cheese butter honey and preserved Cape Gooseberries all of which were excellent and the zest with which I partook partook of them was enhanced not only by my not having regularly breakfasted but by the kind and cordial manner in which they were offered. I had some idea of remaining in New Plymouth overnight and holding a meeting and they seemed anxious that I should, but being told that the Captain was determined to be on board sometime tonight and that a change of weather was apprehended I judged it prudent not to remain. The surf was again very considerable on the beach where I parted with the Hindes and the Hamertons. Mrs Alexander also remained on shore with them thinking there was no risk as the Captain was there. In the ship after my arrival we spent the evening very pleasantly and harmoniously -- the only evening of which it could be said that all in the Cuddy were on kindly terms with each other. The night looked well at 10o'clock.

Wednesday 9th. August 1854.

Surprised to hear the rain before daylight this morning and to feel the vessel pitching a good deal. The morning looked threatening. Mrs Alexander came on board by the boat which arrived just as we had finished breakfast. We were sorry to find the Captain was not in her and it did not certainly satisfy us when we heard ~~what detained him~~ that what detained him was that he and Jos Cochrane were to breakfast with Mr Nash the Agent. After the boat was loaded as the sea was rising very fast our lifeboat was lowered to tow her to windward, but they had to return and with the boat was rowed in another sheltered direction round by the beach. Very shortly afterwards the Chief Officer Mr Sedgewick having been signalled from the shore thought it prudent to slip anchor, hoist sail and go to sea, and we were soon almost out of sight of the Sugar Loaves. The wind increased considerably for some time and the sea rose but the rain fell very heavily and for ^{a long} a time which lowered both wind and waves and now at half past nine the ship turned towards

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--- turned towards New Plymouth again and we are getting on very steadily and smoothly -- Our Chief Officer is an excellent seaman and is very cool and steady in command.

Then comes a break in the day to day recordings in the Journal of John Macky. The next entries are as follows:-

Sabbath 20th August 1854

Arrived in Auckland -- being Sabbath heard Mr Bruce preach -- Brother Thomas accompanied me -- found all friends well -- My feelings in meeting them I will not attempt to describe

Wednesday 23rd. August General Fast -- The war -- Mr Bruce preached in the morning -- I ~~preached~~ held prayer meeting in the evening

Sabbath 27th. August 1854

Preached in Auckland in the morning from "nd, Cor: 2. 14 & 15 -- and in the afternoon commenced my ministry in Otahuhu by preaching from Acts 10.29. ~~Mr?Baird's?Store?beside?his?wharf?~~ The service was conducted in Mr Baird's Store beside his wharf -- Mr. Bruce accompanied me from Auckland and introduced me to the people by whom I was kindly received. The afternoon was rather unfavourable and the roads shockingly bad - still the attendance was considerable.....

From this time continued to preach every Sabbath morning in Otahuhu and fortnightly on the Sabbath afternoons in Tamaki and Howick.

Services held in Mr Baird's House in the months of March and April 1855 The store being so occupied we could not have the use of it.

Weekday services occasionally held in near Papakura McLennan's --

Slippery Creek and Wairoa from the commencement of my ministry here till the arrival of Mr Norrie in October 1855.

Cashmere----- 1854

Left Graves End on 20th. April 1854.

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Mr Bruce was absent in Sydney - March and April 1855. Mr Salmon in Auckland for some weeks - Mr Bruce's Pulpit supplied by me for five Sabbaths during his absence.

6th. May 1855 Preached for the first time in the new Church or S Schoolhouse -- it being still in a very unfinished state.

11th November Mr Bruce preached opening sermon and made a collection towards liquidation of the debt.

23rd December 1855 Our first Communion Sabbath in Otahuhu - Mr Bruce assisted me and preached on the Friday Evening previous -- it was upon the whole a happy Communion season and I trust a time of refreshing to not a few. To me it is a great cause of thankfulness that I have found in Mr. Bruce such qualities of mind and heart as have enabled me from the beginning of our intercourse to feel towards him as a brother. Were it not for such friendship as his I would feel much more keenly my separation from those ~~brethren~~ brethren whom I have left and with whom I often took sweet counsel.

~~16th March 1856~~ 16th. March 1856

Mr. Frazer preached in Otahuhu. He was on his way to Canterbury... sent out by the F.C.S.. The vessel "Oriental" by which he came was detained for several weeks in Auckland.

3rd April 1856 This day the building of my dwelling house was commenced. We have been living in my brother James' house inrapatoitoi since our arrival and have been in many ways very greatly obliged by him. The horse "Jack" which has hitherto been my faithful servant in all my journeyings was a present from ~~him~~ my sister-in-law, his wife, and the horse and cows have been pastured in his paddock and we have had the benefit of his garden- and besides he was the largest subscriber to the building of the Church having given £50 towards it.

The paddock on which my house is building was given to me by my dear brother, Thomas and for the fencing, ploughing, sowing with wheat and oats both brothers Thomas and William shared a large portion of the the expense. Were it not for their kindness I would have no means of

procuring a house to live in - may God make me thankful for such kind brothers - so truly interested in my comfort and that ~~my~~ wife of my wife and family.

Our little daughter Sarah Rebecca was born on the 24th. March 1855 and baptised by Mr. Bruce on 17th June. My dear wife while pregnant of her almost entirely lost the sight of her right eye which still continues almost entirely useless to her. 'Rebecca' only was to have been the child's name but in the meantime before her baptism the sad intelligence reached us of the death of my wife's beloved sister Sarah Campbell which determined us in giving the child her name also

9th. April 1856 This day determined to make more frequent entries in my journal - regret not having done so hitherto - want of system a great injury to soul body and estate. Try to amend in this particular - hope in short time to have more frequent quietness - but better not to wait for this but whatsoever my hands find to do do without delay.

Preached in Hudson's of Papakura in the evening. - a very tolerable attendance - notwithstanding the rain - the people there seem to value ordinances when brought to their homes houses - but with one or two exceptions are unwilling to put themselves to a little inconvenience to hear a preacher of the Gospel on the Sabbath. Remained overnight in Mr Matton's who is ~~aged~~ a good man and blessed with an excellent God fearing wife. They are childless. God knows what is best for them.

10th April 1856

We had some ladies to tea this evening - the Misses Goodfellow, Thomson Baird etc. A great deal of music - Lizzie Macky principal performer. After all there is not such real enjoyment in it and conscience tells me it is a sad waste of time and opportunity of doing good - on such an evening my ministerial character scarcely appears at all - except while engaged in worship before separating. The friendship of Miss Goodfellow is a great source of comfort to me - she is very wise, intelligent and Christian young woman.

12th. April 1856

Rode today to Wairoa - got out of my way in the forest, and suffered a good deal of anxiety for an hour or two. How great a mercy did I consider it to have my way made plain. Oh That God may lead my soul in the right way and deliver me from the dense black forest of sin and transgression.

20th April This was Communion Sabbath in Auckland- I had preached for Mr. Bruce on Friday. He was assisted by Mr. McNairn and I preached for Mr. McDonald.

11th May This day preached in Papakura and baptised Rev. T. Horrie's first child - returned same evening - The Misses Goodfellow accompanied me

22nd. June Tamaki Sabbath - stayed overnight at Mr. Thomson's for first time - received much attention and kindness - had no reason to regret that the greater number of my people are such as have risen to comfortable circumstances from the humbler ranks

17th. July This day came to our new house - a very wet day - carpenters still at work - feel very grateful to be here - May God command upon us his own effectual blessing.

10th. October Rev. Mr McKinney and our teacher Mr Joseph Wilson arrived in Auckland.

12th. October Assisted at a Communion in Auckland - Mr. McKinney preached in the evening - is a ~~preacher~~ pleasing preacher and appears to be a pious, devoted Minister.

14th October Presbytery of Auckland met for the first time today - Mr. Bruce preached - I was chosen Moderator - an honour I don't appreciate - all matters proceeded very harmoniously.

15th. October Presbytery met again today and concluded business. may Jesus Christ accept our services and make us instruments for good to his sion.

16th. October Mr & Mrs McKinney came out here with me. Mr. McKinney preached at Hudsons for me - was well liked. Lizzie Macky rode over with

16th October 1856 (continued)

I like our teacher, Mr. Wilson, very much. He is a worthy, modest and young man and a painstaking teacher.

19th October This day Mr. McKinney preached at Otahuhu for me - good attendance attentive and I trust edified congregation. I preached afternoon at Howick.

16th. November Communion at Otahuhu - a good time -- assisted by Messrs Norrie and McKinney -- trust the Saviour was one of our company in love and compassion.

30th. November This day commenced a course of lectures on the 'Ruling Eldership' - with a view to prepare the people for electing elders - I feel deeply the great importance of this matter.

1st? January 1857

4th. January 1857 This day preached in the Independent Chapel Auckland. By request exchanged pulpits with Mr. McDonald.

8th March 1857 Exchanged this day with Mr. Norrie and preached at Wairoa and Papakura - congregations pretty fair -- felt happy in the services and was heard very attentively - may God make me faithful.

24th May This day tried to improve the sudden death of Miss Muir sister of Mrs Wallace of Tamaki. There is but a step between me and death Oh that we may all seek to improve the day of our merciful visitation.

7th June 1857 Great rain all day - no services - The anniversary of my ordination - may God give me some work to do in his vineyard - and impart grace to fit me for it - Oh God take not thy holy spirit from me How weak and worthless am I.

21st. June Preached in Auckland- great rain- no services in the afternoon.

23rd. August No service in the afternoon at Howick much rain - suffering from inflammation of my ear. How little thankful for firm

23rd. August 1857 (continued)

— for firm health are we and how full of misery would life be with endless pain. MAY we seek to be prepared for endless happiness.

3rd. October 1857 Mr. McKinney preached this day being the Friday previous to the observance of Lord's Supper. A good attendance and good sermon. Mr McKinney wants animation or father I should say has not learned to communicate or even manifest what he himself does feel

11th. October 1857 Communion Sabbath - alas we scarcely know what Communion is. How few experienced Christians among us - I have no doubt many of us are converted but few indeed have faith to enter into these the chambers of imagery and see the King in his beauty.

1st. November 1857 Preached at Otahuhu in the morning and in open air at Howick in the afternoon. A very encouraging attendance ~~but few people~~ but very few people there do not seem to approve of me keeping me standing in the street while they might be comfortably seated inside. Howick is my difficulty. May the good saviour do for us and his own cause there what I feel utterly impotent for.

5th. December 1857 Left for Matakana with my dear wife in company with Mr. and Mrs. Whytlaw and in their vessel - becalmed near Whangapirau; and spent a sleepless night but pleasant night - Mrs Whytlaw and Mrs Macky got some sleep - and all on board except myself - the night beautifully fine -- how much more could I have enjoyed it were it not for the deficiency of my sight at night. Thank God that I can see so well by day and that there shall be no night in heaven - God bring us all there at last.

6th December 1857 Sabbath at sea. Still calm - service on board little vessel - wind improves - reach Matakana just as Mr. McKinney is commencing to preach - heard him with great pleasure - what a quiet sweet place to preach worship God. Mrs McKinney was with Mr McKinney . We all walked to Maurangi - Or rather walked and rode and walked after the service. Arrived at the manse very tired indeed . ~~how beautiful it was to~~

6th. December (Continued) ~~How beautiful~~

How delightful is rest to the weary - how unspeakable the bliss of eternal rest with unceasing, unwearying glorious and happy exercises.

~~13th?~~ December 1857 13th. December 1857

First Communion in Mahurangi - I had the honour of preaching - Oh what an honour to be a servant of Christ when the service is a delight - may it ever be so to me . A very happy communion season - a preliminary service was held on last Friday when I also preached - have got a severe attack of rheumatism in my left shoulder - it has unfitted me for going about much.

17th December 1857

Returned to Auckland . Another night on the water - a very uncomfortable passage - my rheumatism no better - am to remain in Auckland till after Sabbath and Mr Bruce is to officiate for me at Otahuhu and Tamaki. I would prefer being there myself - it seems a long time since I left.

~~17th?~~ 17th. January 1858

Preached the Opening Sermon at the new Independent Chapel Remuera The Minister Mr. Mandeno preached at Otahuhu.

22nd? January 1858 Preached a preparatory sermon before the Communion for Mr. Norrie at Papakura.

24th January 1858 Preached at Otahuhu in the morning and afterwards rode to Papakura and assisted at the communion.

12th. February

Preached at Tamaki - Friday before Communion.

14th February

First Communion at Tamaki - Rode to Church at Otahuhu after Service and addressed the people at the funeral of Mr. Hatton. They considered having the funeral on the Sabbath unavoidable.

17th February

Preached at Mr. Hudsons and improved Mr Hatton's happy and peaceful death

30th. May 1858 Went to Drury to open the new Church there - Day very wet - opening deferred- Preached to the few assembled

20th. June Opened new Church at Drury

15th. July After sermon called to see Joseph Wilson - he is near his eternal home and piping for Glory.

19th. July Mr. Wilson died today about Noon - his end was peace

22nd. July We buried the remains of Joseph Wilson today. A very solemn occasion - his pupils deeply affected - we feel assured death has been to him a great gain.

25th. July Improved Mr. Wilson's death.

8th. August This day collection taken up for Home Mission - Appeal not responded to with the willingness and liberality I anticipated. I made the announcement without consulting the Committee and those officials, at least some of them, threw cold water upon it. I must be more cautious and be all things to all men. The good subscription at Tamaki at Tamaki will make our contribution upon the whole good.

10th. October Very thankful today in riding to Takaki today to find the roads dried up except in some bad gullies - the winter has been a very wet one and the road to Tamaki especially through Hamlin's Swamp and round by Captain Haultain's and from Knox to School house so very bad that that for a succession of fortnights I preached in the evening for Mr Bruce in Auckland and he rode out and preached at Tamaki for me.

4th. November This day was held an ordination of elders in our Church. Messrs James Wallace, John Wallace and David Thomson were set apart to the office. The Session ordained. There was also a service preparatory to the observance of The Lord's Supper.

5th November Our Communion Sabbath. No Assistant. A good time - many I believe felt it to be so.

9th. January 1859 Preached ~~the opening~~ from Amos 6.1. 'Woe to them that are at ease in Zion' I believe some were impressed - may fruit

9th. January 1859 (continued)

----- may fruit follow.

God awaken the sleepers.

23rd. January 1859 Preached the opening sermon in the New Church at Papakura. Mr Bruce preached in the afternoon - stopped at Mr. Norries at drury over the night waiting for Soiree next evening. Lizzie Macky also stayed at Mr. Norrie's. I was in very ill health all day and night

24th. January Soiree at Papakura this evening. Good attendance - very middling speaking . night pretty good though - the day and evening very showery. Several conveyances from Otahuhu and riders. My dear wife with the Bairds and driven by Sam, made their appearance unexpectedly. I was very remise in not having spoken to her of coming . but had not supposed it at all likely she would have undertaken it as her health has been indifferent for some time. All returned home at a late hour.

30th. January Preached this morning in the Wesleyan Chapel Onehunga on behalf of their Sunday school. Dined after the service in Mr. Buddle's the preacher - and afterwards rode to Tamaki for my afternoon service there.

10th. February This day when about to cross the Tamaki in a Maori Canoe when returning ~~to Otahuhu~~ from Otahuhu where I had been visiting the Canoe in which were Mr. Baird, the maori and I, upset and Mr. Baird, ~~the Maori~~ and was thrown into the channel. When I got on my feet on the bank, I saw him struggling in the water and struck out to assist him- the water was running out ~~with~~ with a strong current so that swimming was difficult - the maori who had righted the canoe, caught Mr Baird and I to save myself swam with considerable difficulty to the corner of the new bridge (now being built) and was thankful beyond express expression for my escape. Mr. Baird holding on to the side of the Canoe and the Maori also assisting him got on shore. He had a desperate struggle. We got over and Mr. Baird though very exhausted walked up with me to his house where I left him to go home and change my clothes as it was the evening for my class and also a prayer meeting. On no occasion during my life was I in such imminent danger - may the remembrance

10th. February 1859 (continued) ----- may the remembrance of God's loving kindness increase my faith in him and my love to him. How appropriate to my circumstances this day is the text from which I preached on last Sabbath and on which I am again, God willing, to preach on next Sabbath-- Psalm 84. 11. "For the Lord God is our Sun and Shield etc,

11th February Heard this evening that MR. Baird is suffering from the effects of his accident - and that the Doctor has been with him. I am surprised at this for he seemed in no way chilled and got undressed and to bed immediately on getting into the house.

12th February Saturday This afternoon my dear Rebecca went down to see Mr. Baird. She returned in the afternoon and though it was Saturday urged me to go and visit him as she considered his illness dangerous. I did so - he is very ill -- the Doctor thinks he has both pleurisy and inflammation of the lungs. He appears in a submissive frame of mind.

13th. February Called to see Mr Baird on way to Tamaki. He thought himself easier but is still very ill. I directed his mind to seek unto the Great Physician.

14th February On returning from Tamaki saw Mr. Baird - The Doctor thought his symptoms favourable but I was of the contrary opinion- the pulse had become very weak. He clearly expressed to him his reliance on the Saviour.

15th. February At about 2 o'clock this morning we were roused by a knock knocking at the door - I recognised Sam Baird's voice -- and with astonishment and grief we heard from him that his Uncle Mr. Baird had died about an hour previous - rarely has a similar intelligence affected me so much. He was a kind friend and had a great deal to do with the erection of our Church and congregation here. He was an enterprising man who had done well here and had many good and estimable qualities. Many will miss him -- his loss will be greatly felt-- he has died intestate.

20th. February This morning at Otahuhu improved Mr Baird's death preaching from Job 9.12. -- in the evening preached in the Independent Chapel -- Mr. MacDonald -- one of their Anniversary Services.

27th February 1859 A very wet day from one o'clock p.m. Preached in Otahuhu in the morning - rode to Tamaki.- observed the Communion there No assistant and in fulfilment of ~~an~~ an engagement went afterwards to Auckland and presided in the Baptist Chapel.

21st. April My dear Rebecca and I left Auckland for Mahurangi this evening. I am to assist at a Communion there and do some other Ecclesiastical business. had a very sick night at sea.

22nd. April Our voyage was so tedious that I was too late to preach the Friday Sermon as Mr McKinney expected. Got to the Manse very wearied - I had had no sleep.

24th. April Communion at Mahurangi - I preached -- the day not very fine Upon the whole a very happy season.

26th April Visited the Hot Springs today in company with Mr McKinney and two or three others. Mrs McKinney and Mrs Macky did not accompany us I was very much pleased. Got home a little after dark-

1st. May Arrived in Auckland this morning at 20'clock A.M.. We had so many disappointments about leaving Mahurangi that I was very much afraid I should not be in Auckland in time to officiate for Mr. Bruce according to arrangement. Found ~~brother~~ William Joseph Cochrane and brother William had just returned half an hour or so before us from their trip to the north (Manganui) - preached morning and evening for Mr. Bruce. We are very thankful that we are safe again and well in Auckland. God be praised for all his mercies.

6th. May Friday before Communion at Otahuhu - preached myself.

8th. May Communion - no assistant - favoured with good weather, in the midst of unsettled weather- no visible mark of God's displeasure . some reason to hope our services acceptable through Jesus Christ.

15th? May 15th. May Have heard of several boat accidents - among the casualties - Daniel Fisher drowned. Had been away for

15th May (continued) ——— Had been away for several weeks, and it appears he and three others were lost during the time we were at Mahuranga Mahurangi.

22nd. May Endeavoured to improve the late casualties today. The late Dugal Dugal Fisher's wife is a member of the Church- he was not- may we all be in readiness. How many warnings God is giving to the wicked Oh May they be heard with reverence and godly fear.

23rd. June This day a mail from England - letters from my dear wife's father - news of Aunt Mary Orr's death - dear Rebecca greatly affected by it. Enclosed was a bracelet made from Aunt Mary's hair. She was long a true christian and slept sweetly in Jesus. what a blessing blessed thing not to be called to sorrow as those who have no hope.

24th. June Our neighbour, Porter, having had several losses and lately one of his working bullocks having broken his neck my son Samuel conceived the idea of getting up a subscription to help him and Mr. Goodfellow having written an appropriate heading for his list he went among the neighbours and has obtained for Porter £21.17.6d. and expects to get a little more still. I have been very much pleased to see the manifestation of active kindness and benevolence thus early in my son and trust it is of grace. In many respects this boy is to his mother and me a great cause of anxiety. The early development of body and mind and a rather wilful and impetuous temperament render this period of his life peculiarly hazardous. At his birth I most solemnly dedicated him to God and- Oh That God may be pleased of his infinite love and mercy to make him and all our children joint heirs with Christ. I am often vexed with anxious thoughts about their temporal prospects and think had we been at home in Ireland they would be better than here, I acknowledge that this is a sinful and Oh My God make me more anxious for their spiritual prosperity and give me increased confidence in thy wisdom and goodness so that I shall be able to trust the temporal well-being of my

dear family to thee.

25th. June preached today for Mr. Bruce morning and evening - good congregations both times- I do not experience the same liberality in preaching in Auckland as in my own pulpit - have reason to fear that I am not sufficiently abstracted from all considerations of man's judgement. Would to God I were so to the extent which would be in accordance with the divine will.

27th. June 1859 Returned from Auckland. Called at Mr. Potter's and got fuschias, Laurstnus, Bays.

28th June Engaged in planting them - am scarcely satisfied I am justified in spending so much time in these matters - it is certainly the only recreation I allow myself - it is desirable to improve our residence and I have not the means to employ a gardener. Sam was assisting me. John and Joseph were kept from school to gather hedge plants for the ditches. My dear wife and I spent the evening at my fathers.

29th. & 30th. June Ill with ear ache. Unfit for everything. How sad that health is not valued and improved as it ought to be - I believe that generally speaking a time of sickness is very ill adapted even for spiritual exercises. Severe pain and fervency or spirit doubtless are found consociated in the children of God but it is exceedingly doubtful whether such a time be frequently a time of conversion or entering the strait gate and first looking by faith to Jesus - 'No affliction for the present seemeth to be joyous but grievous, nevertheless afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness in them that are exercised thereby'.

1st July 1859 Still confined to house. Read some of Spurgeon's 'Saint and his Saviour' - not by any means on the same styke as his sermons- too much elaborated - especially in the description of the joy of conversion - wonderful experience in so young a christian - will he be matured and glorified early or what shall his future in this world be? God knoweth knoweth. I hope. I thank God for the grace that is conspicuous in him and in the work which he is instrumental in accomplishing, but

1st July 1959 (continued) ???? ----- in accomplishing, but I confess I would be more desirous of possessing such a spirit as shown conspicuously in McChyne, with whom as I read I could not help involuntarily contrasting him - also read Hochstetter's Letters on the Geology etc of the Province of Auckland and could not but desire an opportunity of visiting some of those interesting places which he describes. Afternoon and Evening preparing for Sabbath. Would God I were more skilful in winning souls to Christ - blessed God bestow on me a large measure Thy sanctifying and renewing spirit.

2nd July My ear still troubling me a good deal - all day and evening - Brothers Thomas and William and Samuel Cochrane here tonight. Had no time to be with them except for a few moments. Brother William has taken wharf and store from Mr S Baird. I do hope it may please Providence to make him successful in this undertaking. I am thankful events have so transpired so as to keep him in this neighbourhood. Nothing appeared so probable than that he should be so near to us. How short sighted we are. Poor Mr. Baird's death was what led Sam Baird to let the wharf and Samuel Cochrane being here (which a little while ago seemed as improbable as being Baird's being taken) was clearly what led to William taking the step for he would not even have thought of it had he not suggested it to him. It may in time lead to other desirable changes. May God mercifully order all things for good to all of us.

3rd July Preached in Otahuhu - still suffering a great deal - persuaded not to go to Tamaki - felt unhappy in my mind at not being there although I dare say it was the prudent course - God - Lord God spare me and fit me to do some good work in thy vineyard.

4th July At home all day - better. Reading etc. Joseph brought our border rose and other things for the Flower ground from Mr. Carruth's and dear Mamma, John and Joseph planted them. Sam was at the wharf for water barrels

5th. July Mr Thomson of Tamaki came to enquire after my health this forenoon. He is a man who has had invariably been very warm hearted towards me. I went to town in the afternoon for the meeting of presbytery tomorrow - was very glad to hear from Mr. White whom I met on the way that that he was very much pleased with the prayer meeting at Tamaki on the Sabbath afternoon which was held by the Elders in my absence - especially Mr. Thompson's devotional exercises - I hope it may be the beginning of regular prayer meetings in that district. Found Mr. McKinney in Hobson Street - also saw Mr. Bruce for a few minutes who had returned from Whangarei the evening before having walked all the way making several several calls at points considerably off the direct road - visiting and preaching and performing other ministerial duties. He is a man of great energy and indomitable perseverance. Also met for the first time with Mr. White the teacher of the Hobson St. School of whose scholarship etc I have formed a high estimate

6th. July Meeting of Presbytery today. No very interesting business. The low state of the Stipend Fund at Mahurangi called for the adoption of measures to remedy the crying evil. Some conversation introduced by me on the subject of preparing young men for the ministry under the care of our own Presbytery. A committee appointed on the subject. Remained overnight in Hobson Street met there a young man McBayly from Dublin and spoke for the first time to McGibbons who had a letter of introduction to me from Dr. Morgan.

~~7th July~~ 7th July Left Town after breakfast, called at the Hospital - Mr. Dilworth's (Mrs D. Ill) Mr R. Robinson, Mr Baird's and held Prayer meeting at seven o'clock. A good attendance - expounded 5th Chapter of Genesis and felt that I had laboured in the performance.

8th. July Visited a little - in conversation with Mr. Wetherell led to reflect deeply on his many trials and do trust that it is because the Lord loveth him that he is chastened so severely. I do think there is a favourable change manifest in his manner and conversation and that +'

8th. July 1859 (continued)

and that there are not a few hopeful signs of gracious dealings with him. He has now been confined with his broken leg nearly seven months and his little daughter Jane a month longer with her carious legs. She is now about 20 weeks in the hospital and is likely to be for months unable to leave it. It is a wonderful providence and I believe a kind of providence for both. The Hospital is a much better school in many respects than home would have been and the child appears to be quite happy and contented. During the evening was engaged in preparation for Sabbath and went to bed at half past eleven.

9th. July Very heavy rain this morning - did not continue throughout the day. busied with my preparations for preaching till one o'clock A.M. Sabbath morning - did not feel uncomfortable in mind but rather gloomy and desponding. God be merciful unto me and cause His face to shine upon me and I shall be satisfied. ~~SH?BESS~~ Oh God bless my family bless my people.

10th. July Preached at Otahuhu and Howick - fine day and good congregations a baptism at Howick stayed overnight at Mr. Kings and visited

11th July Visited Mellon, Mrs Irvine and Andrews- found Mrs Irvine very destitute- gave her a little money and set foot on a subscription for her - she is a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit- her husband a drunkard, gone to Nelson and does nothing for her - found Jessie Wallace, Lizzie and Dorcas here when I returned - all well- This was Samuel's fifteenth birthday - I hope he is growing wiser as he grows older - his body is growing apace - thank God all the children are very healthy and my dear wife's health is improving.

12th July Visited a little in the Morning - Mr. Overton's Party in the Evening - esteem Mr. & Mrs Overton very highly- he is a truly christian man- very amiable family - large and happy party - reminded me a good deal of MR. Baird's Party - how short it seems since he was alive and so anxious for the comfort of all his guests. Who will next be called? Oh that the summons may find us prepared; Alas how little serious thought is there of death.

13th. July 1859. Engaged reading in the morning - for a little while in the garden with Sam transplanting gooseberry trees after breakfast and visiting in the afternoon - a very fine day.

14th. July Visiting throughout the day - prayer meeting in the evening pretty good attendance though raining - my dear wife ill with a nervous headache today - wishes she had not gone to Mr. Overton's Party, - in better spirits during the evening and is now conversing pleasantly with Mr. Lizzie Macky who returned here from the meeting. Must endeavour to guard my dear wife more carefully from whatever would be likely to injure her health. A more dutiful loving thoughtful wife sinful man never was gifted with. I acknowledge I have not sufficiently valued such an estimable blessing.

15th July Very wet day - confined to house all day - preparing for Sabbath till 12 o'clock midnight.

16th. July Preparing for tomorrow - too many thoughts intrude about worldly affairs, Would to God I could live wholly above this world. Alas, how entangled are earthly cares and vexations

Oh God Take not thy spirit from me.

17th. July Preached at Otahuhu and Tamaki - good congregations - trust I preached faithfully - may God bless his own word to the saving of many souls. Remained at Mr. Thomson's overnight - experienced as usual much kindness.

18th. July Class at Tamaki and some visitation

19th and 20th. July A little visiting - carpenters putting up some spouting on our house - called on by Thomas Rosborough and a Mr. Ferguson from Belfast, passengers by the "Whirlwind" from London - a large number of emigrants will have much difficulty in getting employment. News from Europe of war having commenced between Austria and France. What an awful calamity is war and where this war may terminate or when God knoweth, It appears to me that war with Sardinia has been forced upon Austria and that the French Emperor is seeking by his interference to divert the volatile people over whom he but insecurely rules and who if not engaged in wars abroad will be sure to be revolutionary at home

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21st. July 1853 Visiting all day- Mr. Goodfellow's in the evening
Rebecca and Dorcas met me there- found also Mr. & Mrs Robertson there.

22nd. July Visiting all day preparing for Sabbath in the evening to 12

23rd. July Preparing for tomorrow - very cold and blowing hard all day -
portends very wet weather tomorrow .

24th July Better weather than I anticipated, but so threatening as to
affect the attendance at church unfavourably in both Otahuhu and Howick. R
Rain came on very heavily before I got home - am glad I was not dissuaded
from going to Howick - had some dozen of a congregation there.

25th. & 26th. July Planting strawberries during the day - preparing account
account of Mr. Wilson's (deceased) property as required by law, one
evening at my father's the other. Received before going to Father's
the Package of tracts, catechisms etc sent from home to me by Mr. Brigham
and after returning from Father's received a letter/^{and package} to me by Mr. Brigham
which have greatly astonished me and grieved me. Hat God save me from the
deeper sorrow which I dread. Oh Fit me to bear whatever Thou art pleased to
to lay upon me and may my heart's sins be destroyed, even though my heart's
grief should be increased.

27th. July My fears have been removed. All is well To God be the Glory.
Spent the day with my dear wife at Samuel Baird's - inspected brother Will
William's new house, the store etc and am greatly pleased with everything.
Have reason to hope that William will do well.

28th. July had a short visit this afternoon from Mr. Bruce asking me to
preach at Auckland next Sabbath evening on behalf of the New Hebrides M
Mission.

29th. July The weather is beautifully fine - indeed remarkably so for
the season - Samuel is getting on courageously at the very laborious
employment of ditching which was commenced at his own suggestion. I could
desire to see him in another walk of life but it is his own choice to fav

29th. July (continued) his own choice to farm and I trust God has to do with it and is directing him for good. Bearing the yoke in his youth may be the best thing for him. Preparing for the Sabbath both last evening and this.

30th July All day and evening preparing for tomorrow.

31st July Preached in the morning in Otahuhu - collection for the liquidation of the debt on the Church- preached in the evening in Auckland for New Hebrides Mission- very good congregation on both occasions.

* 1st. August 1859 Meetings of The Committees of Presbyterian Bible Society and preparation of Yount Men for the Ministry this Morning in Mr. Clark's Auckland. Sundry little matters of business - got home at dusk - found all well Blest be to God for his abounding goodness.

2nd. and 3rd. August Visiting very laborious part of my duty - doubtful whether so much good can be done in this way as at home. Very difficult to meet with all the members of a household except at meals.

4th August Visited the school, ~~one of the places in the village and~~ one or two places in the village- prayer meeting in the evening in the C Church- 40 persons present. The weather during this winter has been remarkably fine- just now it is more ~~summer~~ like summer than winter - but the frosts at night though trifling have been sufficient to keep grass very short and the cattle are badly off - seven calves have died this year - though by the kindness of Mr Samuel Clark we have plenty of hay for them. We must expect losses and trials and be thankful that it is no worse. God is good.

5th. August Visited Woodside school this morning. Mr McKinney came here this afternoon - is to exchange with MrNorrie on Sabbath by order of presbytery and spent the evening in brother William's new house- large party of young people - my wife- Mr McKinney and I left early.

6th August Busy with my preparations for tomorrow all day - sorry could not be more with Mr. McKinney but duty first.

7th. August 1859 Otahuhu and Howick - good congregations was unusually helped in the afternoon at Howick. Jas. Wallace rode thither with me and returned with me. May God further his cause at Howick.

8th. August Visited Mangarei - got home at Dusk - weather continuing beautifully fine -- very favourable for the farmers.

9th. August ~~9th. August~~ Planting a few early potatoes. Mr McKinney left for town this morning. He is a very pleasant and thoroughly sincere man - is disposed rather much to censoriousness which leads to uncharitable uncharitableness or else is preceded by it. ~~His indiscretely~~ He indiscreetly talks light of Wesleyanism which ~~does not~~ certainly does not raise him with my wife, but there is nevertheless much sincere friendship which I believe is quite mutual.

10th. August Weather still very dry - wind from South East - planted some beans peas etc. Samuel still getting on ditching; he is very diligent and works very hard. This day he and the boy Little who is working with him made one chain and three rods of a four sod ditch. I trust this kind of labour will strengthen his constitution and prevent the frequent ill ~~consequences of a rapid growth. Preparing in the evening for tomorrow's~~ consequences of a rapid growth. Preparing in the evening for tomorrow evening's lecture at prayer meeting.

11th. August Visiting in school today. Met with ~~the~~ considerable surprise and annoyance on finding that thieves had got into the Session Room and carried off my gown - the place was certainly very insecure and the thieves had little trouble. I have been more vexed about it than the intrinsic value of the gown warranted, though it was a good and beautiful garment. I daresay many of the people will not be sorry it is stolen - being prejudiced against anything distinctive in the dress of a minister except the white neck tie.

12th. August Visiting in the forenoon - preparation for Sabbath in the evening. Weather continuing beautifully fine - quite like summer except the light frosts at night.

13th August Preparing all day and evening for tomorrow

14th August 1859 Otahuhu and Tamaki - good congregations - did not feel the want of my gown in preaching but with all my philosophy felt a little on entering the Church without it. Stopped overnight in Mr. William Taylor's - 'The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places'

15th. August Visited in Tamaki - held by class - and got home about half past six. A beautiful day but a little colder than the past

16th. August Working a little in the garden. In the evening Mrs Anderson Mrs A Macky, father mother Izzie and Mr Jamieson with us, a pleasant but not very profitable evening - still very dry, weather, -- grass paddocks exceedingly scarce.

17 August - Party in my father's this evening - all young people -

sister Dorcas's party- how very good and amiable a girl is Dorcas. I believe it is not all of nature but of grace. Rebecca and I invited but did not go Rebecca indisposed.

18th. August Still very dry - appearance of rain tonight - may a kind providence cause it to descend plentifully. may doze - cattle turned out Oh that in all circumstances we may possess our souls in patience. Mail today - news of French Successes and Austrian disasters. Will Louis Napoleon's wonderful career be of long continuance. He leads his troops in person.

19th. August Received large number of Home Newspapers - synod news - election news Missionary Herald for June- part of a letter of mine in it- McClure is anxious for more letters from me, but I have alas very little to write about. Letters from Melbourne - from John Cochrane - is willing to take Samuel and writes in a very candid and kind manner. I have not yet shown the letter to Samuel; I am almost sad at the thought of even a temporary separation. If he is against going I will not urge him but think it would be for his advantage though in the meantime we will feel the want of him very much if he go. May God mercifully interpose in this matter and order everything for the best. My own wisdom I feel to be nothing- the future is alone known to God and it is not the present but the fut

19th. August 1859 (continued) but the future - that this has regard to. Samuel is this night attending at his Uncle William's a meeting of young men who are contemplating the formation of a Mutual Improvement Association - rain not yet come but appears to be very near. Engaged this and two former evenings preparation for Sabbath.

20th. August A good deal of rain last night. The day dry but threatening - likely to be plenty of rain tonight. God be praised for all his abounding goodness. Told Samuel of the letter from John Cochrane - he is pleased at it but wishes not to go till he has succeeded in getting something done with this farm - it is better perhaps, he should go at once. I trust we shall be manifestly directed.

21st. August Otahuhu and Howick - good congregations - was enabled to preach faithfully and earnestly. Stopped at Mr. King's overnight.

22nd. August Visited all day in Howick and on the way from it. Am seriously of the opinion Samuel should proceed at once to Melbourne as his cousin states it would be of importance he should be there in September.

23rd. August Visited a little in Otahuhu in the forenoon. Saw S. & J. Cochrane and brother Thomas at William's as I returned. S. & J. came here afterwards and is staying the night. He is also of the opinion Samuel should go without delay.

24th. August My dear Rebecca, Samuel and I went to town on this day. Samuel took goodbye of them at home. Got things in readiness for him - S. & J. Cochrane very kind in the matter and Thomas above all. Passage taken on Prince Alfred, steamer for Sydney. It is to me and his mother a great trial - Oh the bitterness of parting. Happy they are who are safe where parting is unknown.

25th. August My dear Samuel sailed this evening at 5 o'clock by the 'Prince Alfred'. We got everything for him he required as far as our means

25th August (continued) as our means enabled us. Poor fellow he bore it like a man. To me it was a hard trial. I have good hope God will prosper and bless him- I believe he is trusting in the Lord and that he will be upheld by him. Oh God be merciful unto him and bless him and ever cause the light ~~to shine~~ of thy countenance to shine upon him so that he shall be safe.

26th. August 1859 Called at Hospital on our way home to see Jane Wetherell - got home at dark - feel sad and sorrowful - perhaps childishly about Samuel. Preparing to 11 o'clock for Sabbath.

27th. August Busy most of the day at my sermon for tomorrow. Some worldly anxieties interferred. Oh God, teach me submission; and enable me to believe that losses and difficulties are sent by a merciful hand not to curse but to bless us. God keep our absent one.

28th. August Otahuhu and Tamaki - good congregations - the anniversary of my ministry here. Five years passed. Oh How swiftly. What report have they borne to Heaven? Alas how insufficiently have I been a worker together with the Lord. Stayed at Mr. Wallace's overnight. Mr. Baillie was stopping at my house - a young man from Dublin - now teaching at Epsom.

29th. August Visiting - class at Tamaki - all well on my return.

30th. & 31st August Visiting a little - John and Joseph took two cows to market on 31st. - I spent the evening at Mr. Goodfellow's

1st. September 1859. Cow found dead in the swamp this morning - felt rather depressed and not in a proper frame of mind humble submission - prayed against the rebellion of my heart and found relief, how vain are all our plans in regard to this world - God confounds them and no doubt for the purpose of teaching us to trust him more implicitly and take him more into our counsels. If we have had heavy losses this year - they were anticipated by the increase of our income, in the presents received. God's will be done the weather has been stormy for the last three days - I trust in God's great mercy our dear Son has been preserved. Visiting in the forenoon. At the school in the afternoon- prayer meeting in the evening- preparing for the Sabbath till 12.30 o'clock.

2nd September Preparing for the Sabbath- John and Joseph commenced planting potatoes on the bank - I assisted a little - up to a late hour night wet and stormy.

- 3rd. September 1859. Busy at my preparation all day and evening. Weather still squally
- 4th. September Otahuhu and Mangarei- weather much improved- congregations a little thin at Otahuhu - at Mangarei, being the first service in the new schoolhouse there, the attendance was very good- collection £8.
- 5th. 6th. and 7th. September weather showery but pleasant - working occasionally in the garden - making flower beds- preparing address for 'Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association' and lecture for Thursday evening- our thoughts very much with Samuel. Oh that we may have good news of him. Several vessels with immigrants have arrived during the last few days - wages of labourers likely to come down considerably and many newcomers will be sadly disappointed and have great difficulties to contend with.
- 7th. September My birthday. I am now entering my fortieth year. God's great goodness and my own nothingness and sinfulness fill up the past. May God's mercy still be upon me and his grace be made sufficient for me in all my future.
- 8th. September Prayer meeting in the evening - visiting all day - meeting of Session and Congregation in the Evening.
- 9th. September Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association at 7.p.m. I gave opening address - A very pleasant meeting.
- 10th. September Busy at preparation all day.
- 11th September Otahuhu and Takaki - good congregations though weather threatening - was in good health and helped much in my services, went to Auckland in the evening.
- 12th. September Paid brother Thomas £100 and otherwise laid out in payments remainder of half years stipend. Visited Mr. Bruce's
- 14th. 15th. and 16th September My dear wife in town. Her absence makes me know her worth all the more. Thank God she is back with me tonight (16th) safe and well. Joseph, Elizabeth, Lindsay and Sarah Rebecca were along with her Margaret and I sowed some flower seeds in their absence. On the day she went to town I accompanied to Otahuhu and we visited Dr. and Mrs Kenderdine and Mrs Gordon. On her return home she told me Mrs Gordon had given her £5 the second present of the same amount from that kind hearted lady. May God reward her. Rebecca's brother Samuel has been talking to her about the propriety of my letting part of the paddock and I am

---I am thinking seriously about it. I have far too much anxiety at present about temporalities and besides have only been disappointed again and again in my expectations - the paddock has hitherto been almost useless.

17th. September 1859 Busy preparing for tomorrow. Mr Boyle is staying with us. We had great rain this morning. Joseph Alexander has been here for some days.

18th September Sabbath - Otahuhu and Howick - a rather boisterous day - attendance not quite so good. Preached on self-denial - how much do I constantly need to practice it. Stayed at Mr King's all night - met Mr. Williams of Whangapirau there - spoke I hope faithfully to them on the duty of waiting on the Lord in the ordinances of his appointment.

19th. September Visited Mr. Waitland a new settler - can form no opinion about him - except that he has been out of the way of public ordinances, while at the Australian Diggins and is I fear a worldling. Crossed the punt and visited Balderston, Mrs Irvine and Mr Findlay - Mrs Irvine is a poor broken hearted creature. I am to write to her husband at Nelson whom I fear drunkenness has made an unfeeling husband and an unnatural parent. Who can tell how much the woman herself may be to blame? ~~Samilies~~ Family matters are often mysteries.

20th. September Mail day. God be praised a letter from my dear Samuel from Sydney - his passage was a good preparation for other roughnesses which may have to be encountered. His note well expressed, plain matter of fact and unembellished. He was being kindly entertained by McApple and Henderson to whom Uncle Joe gave him an introduction. He was to leave for Melbourne on the 5th instant This has been very gladdening to dear Mama and his brothers and sisters.

A good many newspapers from Home - letter from Samuel Wallace who has been very attentive in writing to me. News of Peace between France and Austria. I don't like it - these Royal gamblers are plotting evil and care not how much of bloodshed there may be in trying to compass the objects of their ambition. Far more glorious news is that of the Revival in Ireland - it has spread amazingly and is even pervading scenes with which memory

20th. September 1859 (continued) ----- which ameny is most familiar -

Oh God pour out thy spirit in extraordinary measure on poor Pahan and make it a moral Goshen; And Oh ; ~~let~~ let the blessed effluence be shed abundantly on us.

21st September Poor Boyd, the once Minister of Moyrore in the Athlone presbytery, suspended in 1845 for drunkenness, was her today. It was the second time for him to be here. He is a lawyer and I fear spends all he ear earns in the same courses by which he fell from a lofty eminence to great degradation. Oh; My God it is only thy grace by which any one is preserved from degradation and misery. May I never cease to bless my God for all his goodness and forbearance and loving kindness to me, a miserable offender, ' by the grace of God I am what I am - a minister of the gospel and not a degraded outcast.

22nd September Transplanted some Blue Gums, seedlings from boxes into a bed Brought over a Norfolk Island pine from Brother James's. He is of the opinion I should not let the paddock. The boys breaking the ground in the gully preparing it for grass seed etc. Wrote to Samuel - Mr McClure - my father-in-law. Mydear Rebecca wrote to Aunt Catherine.

23rd. September

Gully sowed with grass and clover seed. Attended Young Men's Mutual improvement Association in the evening- a very good and pleasant meeting - would like if Sam was getting the advantage of it. There may be something of the kind where he is. Frost this morning and frosty again tonight

24th. September

Preparation for the Sabbath. This night is still a little frosty- it is retarding the spring considerably and cutting off the grass.

25th September

Sabbath. Slight frost in morning- a beautiful day - large congregations in Otahuhu and Tamaki. ~~The~~ Collection in Otahuhu for New Zealand Home Mission Mission - have not heard the amount but expect it to be good - stayed till 3 at Mr. Thomson's, got a note at Mr Baurd's as I was going to Tamaki, which had been left in Auckland with a chiffonier, a present to my dear wife from Mrs Thomson and Mrs William Taylor of Tamaki. It is very gratifying to have friends so thoughtful about our wants and anxious to supply them.

26th. September 1859. Visited at Tamaki - received £10 - the Tamaki subscription to the Home Mission - held my bible class as usual - made a few calls afterwards and got home at dark. My wife had been visiting and was afterne getting home - brought Lizzie Wetherall with her - poor neglected miserable creature; and poor wretched man, her father - how thankful we should be when both parents are spared over their children and when we contract our children's lot with them. It is all of grace. Grace alone makes us to differ - may we not be high minded but fear; And Oh; May God in his great mercy have compassion upon that poor man and his poor children and shew favour to them.

27th & 28th. September. Reading, Visiting and gardening. Weather dry and ground rather parched. The moral ground also wore so - and Ah how little longing for the refreshing showers of grace. Nothing but the power Of the spirit of God can transform into a lovely garden the waste howling wilderness - Oh That God would look in mercy upon us and send forth his Light and His Truth - We shall be dark miserable and unfruitful till we pray unceasingly and earnestly and believingly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

29th. September Visiting school and meeting of Session - Prayer meeting. Not happy today - did not experience anything of the gladness of spirit which I ought to ~~experience~~ feel in God's Service - there may be other causes but I feel that not living so near to God as I ought and not having his glory at heart are the principal. Oh God cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy holy spirit away from me.

'Stay Thou insulted Spirit stay
Though I have done thee such despite,
Nor cast the sinner quite away
Nor take thine everlasting light'

30th September Preparing for Sabbath - planting out the Blue Gums seedlings my father gave me - came on to rain heavily in the evening. John went to Town in the morning for the Chiffonier and is not to return until tomorrow. Prayed over resolutions and felt at peace.

30th. September (continued)

--- felt at peace. Gracious God

strengthen mine and quicken us

1st. October 1859 Preparing to preach tomorrow from Psalms 54 and 55
'Oh Lord help me - and make me in truth Thy servant and use me as such'

2nd. October Sabbath. Preached at Otahuhu and Howick - good attendances -
Hope I delivered a faithful message - may God give the increase.

Returned from Howick in company with Mr. Howard and had some pleasant
conversation on conversion and revival.

3rd. October The Misses Goodfellow here this evening - I had been
engaged in preparing a paper for a committee of Presbytery

5th. October Meeting of Presbytery. Mr McKinney preached from text
'He that winneth souls is wise' - a good service - asked to publish it -
no very important business - my elder was Mr James Wallace

6th. October Did some business in town - called at Hospital - held
prayer meeting at 7 o'clock p.m. - have got a slight influenza.

7th. October Visiting a little - Jessie Wallace staying with us - a good &
artless girl- Lizzie also ~~with~~ with us Aunt Baird in Father's - ill
with deafness etc. Preparing in evening for Sabbath.

8th October Preparation - have engaged to preach tomorrow evening for
Mr Bruce. Communion Sabbath - my cold is affecting my studying injuriously
May grace assist me.

9th. October Sabbath preached at Otahuhu in the morning and Auckland
in the Evening- Mr Bruce at Tamaki - Mr A Sinclair has met with a severe
accident by falling from his horse - thought to be even dangerous. May
God be merciful to him.

10th October Breakfasted with S. Cochrane - called on Mr Bruce on my way
out of town - he thinks Mr Sinclair's accident will delay his marriage
which is fixed for tomorrow week. (Mr. Bruce's marriage)

11th. October Spent this afternoon with Mr and Mrs Wallace Tamaki - at
Nicholls' Farm -- very warm day. Rebecca Jessie Wallace Lizzie and Dorcas
along - met Mr and Mrs Wallace there. Rode with Mr J. Wallace to bush

12th October 1859. At Mr Coogfellow's this evening.

13th. October Visiting at Mangarei- Prayer meeting in evening rrain seems near.

14th, October Very refreshing rain this morning and forenoon. Rebecca, Jessie Wallace and Lizzie driven by John - spent evening in Mr J Wallace's in Otahuhu. I was engaged in preparation for the Sabbath and visiting my dear Mother who is suffering from sick headache. Heard from Mr Bruce - his marriage takes place as first arranged on Tuesday.

15th, October Preparation- Joe and Sam. COCHRANE Alexander came out today - heard Mr. Sinclair much better - God be praised for all his goodness to us and to all.

16th, October Preached at Otahuhu and Howick - returned home in the evening - a good day - Bless the Lord Oh my soul and forget not all his benefits.

17th, October My dear wife and I went to town - she by the van and I on horseback which arrangement was necessary to enable me to return when most convenient. Found brother Thomas's wife pretty well.

18th, October Married Mr. Bruce to Miss Mary Alexander Sinclair - I believe it will be a very happy union. May God's blessing rest on them.

19th, October Went this day with S. Cochrane, brother Thomas and a few others to Brigham's mill. It was the first time for me to be up the Whitemata. the day was pleasant but the scenery etc has little to interest. The erection of that mill by Brigham was a folly. It is now sold and the poor man has nothing left. It is very sad but if their troubles were to lead them to the saviour they would be blessed and joyful trouble - 'O! grant it.

20th, October Returned home- anxious to get my letters- the English Mail having arrived yesterday and not having got them in Auckland- commenced thundering shortly after I left Hobson and raining when I got to Hilsforth's and rained and poured till I got home - thoroughly drenched- only one letter and that from Sam, poor fellow- he had got a bad cold came night he arrived at J. Cochrane's. God grant he may may be better; and be enabled to serve God in the land of the living.

21st, October Visiting and preparing for Sabbath.

22nd, October Rode into Auckland -- the day well.

23rd, October Preached for Mr. Bruce Harding and evening - a very J-

23rd October (continued) a very large congregation in the morning - Mr Bruce was in from Tamaki in time to take Mrs Bruce to Evening Church.

24th October 1859 Called on some gentlemen this morning to request them to speak at our Soiree on the 8th. November. Visited Mr Bruce at the Manse - it is a very nice house indeed and they appear very happy and comfortable. Rode out to Tamaki calling at Mr R. Taylor's on my way - kept my class and rode home, calling to see Aunt Baird whom I left rather indisposed. Had great rain and was thoroughly wet.

25th. October Sent for to go and see about Lizzie Wetherell who had lain out all night and was taken into Clow's in the morning. The people are disposed to blame poor Wetherell- but I believe him when he tells me that he is indulgent to her rather than severe. She is very deficient in intellect and is far from improving. How thankful parents ought to be whose children possess all their powers and faculties. It is a great trial to have an idiot child- it is only now poor Wetherell begins to see there is a deficiency in Lizzie which advancing years will not remedy. God help his poor man and make his sore trials means of blessing his soul.

26th. October Visited - read - wrote - meditated.

27th October My dear wife returned from town today this morning. How thankful I am she again among us safe and well -- Oh what a sad dreary thing it is for me to be here without her. Mr. and Mrs. T. Hall, Mr Dilworth Senr & Mrs Dilworth and Mrs J. Hall visited us today.

Preparing to preach tomorrow (Friday) the preparatory service before communion.

28th October Preached in Ota huhu - pretty good attendance - favourable weather in rather rainy season.

29th. October Preparing all day for tomorrows services.

30th. October Communion Sabbath- had a peaceful and happy communion season - number of communicants 75- Oh That we had a clearer demonstration of the spirit of God working in us and by us

31st. October Spent this day with brother James and family at the beach of Manukau.

1st. November 1859 Visiting - beautiful weather - another letter from Sam. Thank God he writes in good spirits and seeks nothing of cold so we may hope that he is quite well.

2nd. November 1859 Young Men's Meeting this evening - it is succeeding very well. Saw a most brilliant meteor on my way home - its size no less than the full moon and much brighter.

3rd. November Visiting - prayer meeting in the evening -- rather thinly attended though the weather was beautiful. I was rather perplexed at this - it may be that I fail to interest in the exposition of the Book of Genesis - I shall wait.

4th. November Preparing for the Sabbath- Very lovely day and night. I am now writing at half past eleven o'clock. How still the night; 'The night cometh when no man can work'. Oh God how little good have I wrought - how little have I lived to thy glory; Blessed Jesus ~~clothe me~~ clothe me with thy righteousness and sanctify me by thy spirit.

5th. November Preparation for tomorrow. Not such as I could desire - an enervating oppressive atmosphere. I am very seriously affected by atmospheric changes - I often think would such physical disqualifications be removed in such a revival as now enjoyed in the North of Ireland. Of this revival we have further and very gratifying intelligence in the British messenger for August which only reached us yesterday - our parcels having been left behind in Sydney. My dear Rebecca has gone into town again this evening to be with sister Kitty. She was very busily engaged up to the moment she left preparing for the soiree on Tuesday and fitting up anew the Stranger's bedroom etc. God has given her a deal of energy and she needs it all. It is looking somewhat like a change of weather tonight - Jos, Alexander is still with us - he seems to like a country life best - I wish he had some good situation where he would learn farming - I am anxious about him and if I had anything in my power would do what I could for him. I hardly think surveying will suit him.

Blest be God another week has passed and we are in safety. To a kind providence I desire to commit our keeping body, soul and spirit.

6th. November Sabbath - Otahuhu and Tamaki - good congregations and I had much more liberty in preaching than I expected. Oh That God may bless his own word. Slept at Mr. W. Taylor's

7th November This morning spoke to Mr Taylor about the Mortgage and received a favourable answer. Visited at Gollan's Mrs Nicholson's and Mr White's - held my class and got home at the approach of night.

- 8th. November 1859 Visited a little. Soiree this evening- went off well speakers on the occasion Revs. Bruce, Horrie, McDonald Thornton, Messrs Goodfellow, Clark, Rattray, Stables White, Overton, Street and Gordon.
- 9th. November Reading and visiting this morning - Rebecca had some young people in the evening to finish off the Soiree - a very pleasant meeting All seemed to enjoy themselves very much.
- 10th. November In the garden a good deal today - and preparing for the evening .Tea at Baird's . Prayer Meeting - preparation for the Sabbath after returning home - beautiful showery weather - growth of plants and v vegetables very rapid
- 11th November My dear wife went to down again today- I sincerely wish on every acciunt that Mrs Thomas were better. May God spare her.
- Visited Rippey and my father and mother. It is my father's birthday- he is 73. May God's Holy spirit be largely imparted to both my parents to fit them for Glory. Preparing for Sabbath till a late hour.
- 12th. November Preparing all day as closely as I was able to sit- bgt frequently felt very languid and dull - have a cold - wrote a little to my dear wife.
- 13th November - Sabbath Otahuhu and Howick - was very dull at Otahuhu much better at Howick - returned home in the evening - the morning being wet and cold affected the attendance at Otahuhu.
- 14th. November. Brother Thomas, S. Cochrane and Mr Reid out of town here today - a fine day but rather windy - no note from my dera Rebecca but a kind message. This evening some friends are meeting in S. Baird's to arrange about ploughing part of my paddock.
- 15th November Brether William with me tonight finishing his Essay- brought me word that Sam Baird's to be here opening the ridges tomorrow and that two or three others are to come to make suggestions - it is all very good and kind but there is something somehow a feeling about it in my own mind not the pleasantest.

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16th. November 1859

16th november 1859 Samuel Baird opened furrows all day and Mr Thomson here in the morning and father and William - I was with them almost constantly until evening. Meeting of Young Men's Association - William's Essay - not read well - nervous about it - writing rather small and dim. Messrs Baber's and A Wallace's Recitations - former very respectable. Got a tremendous hail shower on my way home. A letter from my dear wife - breathing the affection which is so strong and warm in her faithful bosom. May the Almighty compass her with his favour,

17th November Visiting nearly all day - Wesleyan School, D. Clark's Clow's, Water's. Brother James', Porter's Rippey's Father's - preparation for the sabbath in the evening.

18th. November Visited Wetherell, Rippey, Father's in the evening. This was the day of polling for the new members of the Provincial Council for the Southern Division. I did not attend - I have never yet voted either at home or here - and until some particular Emergency I think I shall not come out of my political shell. My father was here to vote for Goodfellow and Styak. No news from town - mail not yet arrived. Preparation for Sabbath in the evening - have got a slight influenza. Oh What a sad calamity if the absence of my dear wife were anything but temporary.

19th. November Preparation all day for tomorrow.

20th. November Sabbath Otahuhu and Tamaki - remained overnight at Mr Burns - Mr Taylor's youngest child, Arthur ill.

21st. November Left Tamaki early - went to Mangarei to see Mrs James Wallace who I had heard was ill - found her better. My dear Rebecca had reached home before me - God be praised for all his great goodness to us.

23rd. November The ploughing of my paddock - 22 ploughs here - a very happy party - a great kindness done to me by a kind people - my dear wife very busy making them comfortable with a good dinner. The most of them determined to return tomorrow and finish what they have so well begun. Dorcas and Lizzie also very busy assisting.

24th. November 1859 19 ploughs today- Mr John Wallace, 3 ploughs both days, Mangarei Wallaces two- Styak two- the following each one both days - R. Robertson, J. Robertson, S. Baird, A. Wallace, T. Overton, S. Clark, W. Goodfellow, W. Goodfellow, Dr. Thomson, R. Hall, The following each one one day - J. Hawk G. Gifford and McClennan, J. Wallace Otahuhu J. Carruth, Waters, John Scott. Married D.W. (?) from Wairoa today - when came back found all company finished dinner having completed all ploughing. Meeting of School Committee in evening - received Mr Jamieson's resignation of the School and taking steps about another teacher.

25th November

My dear Rebecca went to town today again - Mrs T. Macky not yet better - Visited a little preparation for the Sabbath - mail yesterday- letters from Mr McClure (informing of coming of another teacher etc) and from Mrs Morton to my dear wife - note from Sam to Lizzie - greatly disappointed that there is none from him to ourselves.

26th. November Preparing for tomorrow - read service - Drury papers - wrote some letters.

27th. November Sabbath -- Otahuhu and Howick - a wet day . Returned from Howick and under engagement to attend at Seiree in the Wesleyan Chapel there on Tuesday evening next.

28th. November Seiree at Howick - went off very well - Lizzie Macky, Miss Donaghy and Mr Brigham walked there and remained with me at Mr King's all night.

29th 30th November Visited on my way from Howick - and went to S. Baird's in the evening according to engagement to syringe Aunt Baird's ears- which I am happy to say think has done good to her hearing.

1st. December 1859 Visited in the afternoon at Mr Ludbrook's and Mr. G Goodfellow's and went from there to attend a prayer meeting. The evening was very lowering and already raining and there was no meeting. I returned home and came into my study where I was not seated more than a few minutes when a messenger arrived from Auckland with the overwhelming intelligence of my dear sister-in-law's law Kitty's death. Oh . The bitter bitter grief - I shall never forget the anguish of this hour. So unexpected that I

1st. December 1859 (continued)—— so unexpected that I was even blaming her for keeping my own dear wife so long from home. Oh God forgive every unkind thought which may have passed through my mind of that kind, loving heart which now beats no longer. And Oh May heavenly consolations be imparted to my poor cast down bereaved and desolated brother. The night was exceedingly tempestuous and wet and I could not at once proceed to town as I intended but stayed at Father's to daylight.

2nd. December Rode to Auckland this morning at daylight. I needn't dwell on the sad ~~new~~ meetings of this day withits bursting grief. Assisted Dr Philson at a post mortem examination of the body of dear Kitty and found she had died of rupture of the womb which seems to have been occasioned by the injury done to its sustance by a large tumour probably the growth of ~~which~~ years on its posterior side. It was a melancholy satisfaction to know that no human skill could have averted the sad calamity

3rd. December The remains of our loved one were interred this afternoon at 4o'clock. The sympathy for my dear brother's loss is very great and general.

4th. December Sabbath
Stayed this day with my dear brother - Mr Gorrie very kindly preached for me at Otahuhu and Mr Bruce at Tamaki. Thank God, my dear Brother seeks the consolations of religion and sorrows not as those who have no hope. I believe his dear wife was a true believer in Jesus Christ.

5th. December
Remained still in Auckland - my dear wife getting my brother's house restored to order etc. Mourning being procured. My dear mother came in and brought Thomas's two children (eldest and youngest) who had been in the country when their dear Mama died. They seem to alleviate the sorrow and at the same time they open afresh the woundds of their father's heart. May God be pitiful and kind to them all.

6th. December
Returned home today - my dear wife still remaining intown- may God make me thankful, more and more, that she is spared to me and the dear children found all well at home- Aunt Baird staying with Father - Dorcas and Mother both in town.

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Joseph Alexander left this morning to go by steamer to Napier- the cow Moses Wallace gave to Maggie either strayed or was taken from the paddock last night. I went to see Mrs Matton to know if she would go to Brother Thomas to keep his house- she is not able to give an answer immediately - I think she would be a very suitable person - must now write my dear wife before going to bed.

8th. December

Thomas Roxborough commenced work with us today. John looking for the lost cow- did not see or hear anything of her I visited some families today and held prayer meeting in the evening.

9th. December Visited Mr. Thomson's in the forenoon - Mr Price called upon

me and stayed for dinner. I am sorry for him - he has been here two months and has got no employment - he has a wife and child too - he is very dispirited - what an advantage to him if he had a trade . Joseph looking for the lost cow today - not found . Lizzie Mrs Donaghy Miss Brigham and Messrs Gordon and Adam tead with me - how lonely I feel without my dear wife - may God Spare her to me - she is more precious than rubies for she is a virtuous woman and of the highest truth and honour. Her love for me is very devoted and faithful.

10th. December

Preparing for tomorrow all day - a very languor causing atmosphere in study today John and Joseph away in search of the lost cow - with no better success than formerly - no news from town - I am rather surprised at this I trust all are well - I have some idea of going Howick to Auckland tomorrow evening.

11th. December

Otahuhu and Howick. good congregations in both places. Preached from words 'OH Death I will be thy Plagues' Heard of dangerous illness of Mr Taylor's child and in place of going on to Auckland returned home.

12th. December

Went to Tamaki to see MR and Mrs Taylor - child still alive but dying - proceeded to Auckland in very heavy rain - found all well - My dear wife delighted to see me. Mother and Dorcas also there - dear brother Thomas wonderfully well - but \hat{g} 'Going Softly'.

13th. December 1859

Left Auckland about 3 o'clock in company of Sam Baird - called at Miss Vibert - saw saw Maggie Aunt Annie. Found all well

14th. December & 15th December

Visited several families - heard from Mr. Hamilton of Auckland of the lost cow being found - received note to attend Mr Taylor's child's funeral on Friday at Noon. Consequently commenced my preparation for Sabbath.

15th. is the Anniversary of my marriage - wrote to my dear wife with that reference - have received several sweet notes from her. She is anxious about salvation for herself children and me. I pray she may obtain a well grounded hope for us all. Thank God- a letter from Sam - who is well.

16th. December

Attended the funeral of Mr. Taylor's child today. Met William, Miss Donaghy and Lizzie on horseback on my return - we all had tea at William's. The young ladies rode this way home. Showery weather.

17th. December

Preparation for tomorrow - letter from my dear Rebecca notices my marriage anniversary letter to her and seems to think it too flattering. It is not so intended - very warm in study this afternoon - with feet quite bare, still too hot. Breeze outside and heat not inconvenient. John and Joe wrote for first time letters to Sam.

18th. December Sabbath

Otahuhu and Tamaki- good congregations - much helped in my services- Oh that good may be done, Stayed at Mr Taylor's overnight- Mrs Taylor feeling a good deal about the death of her child.

19th. December Visited at Mr Thompson's - held my class - and returned home in the evening - all well.

20th. December Drove to town in the afternoon- my dear wife delighted to see me - not expecting me till tomorrow- found all well- my dear brother wonderfully cheerful.

21st. December Examination of Mr Stables school - very much pleased therewith - had the pleasure of distributing the prizes- continued to four o'clock- dined at Mr Bruce's- stayed in Auckland all night.

22nd December 1859.

This day brought home my dear Rebecca- sister Dorcas - all brother Thomas children and our own little Sarah and John Alexander. Avery full dogcart found all well at home and delighted greatly to have my dear wife again with me. On 23rd Dec ember I visited a little and prepared for Sabbath.

24th. December

Preparation all day- Samuel Cochrane, Mr Read and Brother Thomas came out from town- expected Joe Cochrane and felt much disappointed he did not come, but too proud to express it. Uncle Sam gratified the children very much by bringing them abundance of fruit - have been thinking of the Christmases of my boyhood.

25th. December Sabbath Christmas

Otahuhu and Howick - good attendance- very much helped in my services especially at Howick- after preaching at latter place visited Mrs Haberly at Mc Innes's who is insane - the wreck of a superior woman- know nothing of her history- her husband a respectable bookseller in Auckland- Thomas Rosborough accompanied me to Howick today - returned home in the evening

26th December A holiday - amusement - Quoits etc. Father mother etc dined with us - English Mail, letter from Mr Cochrane my wife's father- also from Mr Wilson - none from Sam which gave me a good deal of anxious thoughts - I trust he is well - perhaps being the busy season he hadn't time to write and writing letters is as yet a labour to him.

27th. December Spent day at Mr. Baird's- with Auckland People and Father left early and called at Mr Ludbrooks and Mr Goodfellow's. At former place met Mrs Ludbrook's Mother, Mrs Williams -a very intelligent old lady who has good conversational powers. Mrs L and baby doing well.

28th. December Visited a little, Library committee in the evening and Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association . Brother William returned with me.

29th. December Visited at Mr. Badeley's and Mr Farmer's and Mr Carruth's held prayer meeting in the evening- first evening without candles being lighted - a good attendance - not satisfied with myself, exposition of Gehises somehow I cannot make suitable

29th. December (continued) — I cannot make suitable for stirring and awakening addresses which I think we should have.

30th. December 1859

Yesterday? ~~with~~ mother met with an accident by a piece of firewood which was being cut striking her face- bad enough but very providential escape from worse. Saw her yesterday and today- preparing for Presbytery a report on Sabbath Schools and preparing for Sabbath - frequent interruptions- S. Baird, Mr. Price, Mrs Thomson. Evening Mr and Mrs Goodfellow and family Rev Mr Horrie Miss Donaghy and Lizzie- Mr Goodfellow and I endeavoured to make out a list of books suitable for Library which the proceeds of late Soiree enables us to purchase which netted about £26.

31st. December Last day of 1859- a very solemn thought- how swiftly

the flight of time and how little good is being done - God, prepare us for eternity. Preparation for tomorrow forenoon and afternoon- very warm Oh that my heart were more warm with the love of Christ- Oh For the reviving spirit of the Lord

1st January 1860 Sabbath

Otahuhu and Tamaki - endeavoured to improve the occasion by preaching from the words 'Redeeming Time'. I trust good was done- may this be indeed a year of abundant Spiritual Blessings . May very many souls be saved. May the power of the Holy Ghost be manifest more than ever before, May the Kingdom of God come, and Oh that showers of blessings may descend abundantly even on us in this place. Returned from Tamaki as there will be no class it being a holiday.

2nd January Brother Thomas out from Town- spent the evening at my father

3rd. January Rode to Town this morning in company of brother Thomas.

Committee of Schools meeting in the evening and College Committee.

4th January Meeting of Presbytery- reports on Schools, College- st

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4th. January (continued) by Mr McKinney. The Ministers dined in the Manse with Mr Bruce. I rode home in the evening - found all well.

5th. January Preparation for the sabbath, visiting prayer meeting in the evening- weather still very dry - this is an unprecedented^{dry}/reason.

6th. January Soiree at Drury- Mr Brown and several members of Choral Society there - I spoke on the improvement of Psalmody.

7th. January Preparation for tomorrow - my dear wife and the children complain of colds - not wholesome weather - very hot and very dry.

8th. January Otahuhu and Howick Good congregations at Otahuhu - not so good at Howick, I am almost despairing of that place - remained overnight at Mr King's. No water at his place for his cattle and very little in their well for domestic purposes. In every sense it is a dry and thirsty land where no water is! May God graciously visit and revive.

9th. January Visiting in Howick and on the way home nearly all day- found my dear wife and some of the children not very well- something like an epidemic influenza- remarkably gorgeous sunset prevailing colour closely waved clouds like burnished brass surrounded by blue green purple copper coloured and grey clouds- wind very little but north - east - very close sultry night.

10th. January Very warm again today - but appearance of a change. Mrs Alexander came here today - my dear wife better but Maggie and Sarah very poorly - Read Prinsun's Pamphlet on the Huguenots- a very creditable performance - began preparing for the sabbath.

11th. January Maggie still very poorly - message from Mr Robertson of Otahuhu to say he is ill- visited him - had had an attack of Cholera but out of danger when I saw him. YoungMen's meeting this evening- Rev Mr Johnston- Church of England Clergyman of Otahuhu there for the first time- spoke in the debate he is talented has a showy memory but is rather deficient in judgement or comparison - a rapid utterance and verbose

12th January 1860 Maggie not much better in the morning but improved towards evening- two or three thunder showers today. found Mr Robertson much better this afternoon- redding and preparation for sabbath.

13th. January Visited at brother James' this morning and thence to see the teacher Mr May ill with sore throat - in the evening had Mr and Mrs A. Clark and two sons and two daughters and two of their young men and Mr and Mrs John Wallace- after day they sang an anthem and some other tunes- tunes in parts very ~~pretty~~ prettily. Maggie a good deal better this even continued my studies till half past eleven o'clock.

14th. January Revised a little church history till after breakfast today. finished my preparation for tomorrow.

15th. January Preached at Remuera - Mr Mandeno's Anniversary sermon morning Tamaki in the afternoon- stayed at Mr Wallace's

16th January Visited at Mr Caskwell's and at Fergusons - kept my class and afterwards met young communicants and rode home by Mr John Wallace's where I met Mrs Alexander and my dear wife and a few of Mr Wallace's friends

17th January Visited the school which was opened yesterday by Mr Grant our new teacher who came to us on Saturday evening last. I have hopes he will be an efficient teacher - but I am not too sanguine. He is a graduate of of King's College Aberdeen and has a first class certificate from the board. Dined at Mr Baird's - called at Mrs Fisher's - and tead at Mr Goodfellow's where I met Miss Corrie.

18th. January Visited at Otahuhu - Mrs Robertson Senr. Sick - she was very glades of my visit and requested me to come again soon

19th. January Brother Thomas, Mr Denaghy, and Mr Ritchie our new teacher sent out by our Missionary Directors drove out This morning- I have a high opinion of Ritchie - his testimonials are excellent - I suppose he will be sent by Presbytery to Waikuku. My dear wife accompanied them to town in

19th. January 1860 (continued) — to town in the evening in consequence of my brother being about to part with his servant through whose carelessness his house in Hobson Street was nearly burned down last evening. I went again this evening to see Mrs Robertson and afterwards to see Mr Goodfellow about the Library - preparation for Sabbath after returning — Mr R. Hall asked my father's consent this evening to his marriage with sister Dorcas - I trust they shall have the Divine Blessing in this matter.

20th. January Preparing most of the day for Sabbath afternoon at Father's there was a good shower today accompanied with thunder- but the effects are scarcely perceptible - so great is the drought. I have been for some days very anxious about Samuel as there has been no letter from him by either of the last two mails - may God be very gracious to him and keep him in his own mighty hand. I am also a deal exercised to know what my duty is in respect to Maggie- whether my means warrant me in sending her to board at Miss Vibert's school - may God direct me in this matter.

21st. January Preparation for Sabbath filled up all the day.

22nd. January Otahuhu and Howick - Preached on 'the great Salvation' - Hope I was earnest and sincerely desirous of doing good but alas there is still little appearance of fruit. Returned from Howick in the evening still very dry

23rd. January Visited old Mrs Robertson and some other places- spent evening at Mr Goodfellow's - my wife and Mrs Grant also there.

24th. January Rode to Auckland - visiting some places by the way-found Mr and Mrs Ritchie, the teachers from Ireland at Hobson Street - Mrs Ritchie seems a sensible person. Found others all well Oh what a change at Hobson street- I care little to be there now and it makes me feel more the worth of my dear departed sister-in-law.

25th. January 1860 Meeting of Presbytery to receive Mr Brown a licentiate of the Aberdeen Presbytery, a modest young~~man~~ looking man - he is married but I have not seen Mrs Brown. I daresay he will be a good deal in Auckland but Mangarei, Wairoa, Whau and Onehunga are also names as places to be visited by him - ordered books for library from Maberley - called at Mr Hall's visited Mrs Robertson (~~she is better~~) and held prayer meeting and got to Young Men's meeting at seven o'clock. Mr Ritchie, the teacher goes to
Waiuku.

26th. January Preparing for Prayer meeting - visited school and Mrs Robertson who is better, and held prayer meeting.

27th. January Plentiful rain today with wind first N.E. and afterwards nearly west. Preparation for sabbath a great part of today - reading also a little while. Aunt Baird and Mother spent the day here with us. The former seems very anxious about my sister Dorcas's prospects in connection with her union with Mr R.H. The mail goes tomorrow. I have written to Samuel - also to E.B. Society and to Mr Wilson and sent newspapers to many

28th. January Preparing for tomorrow - dry weather again - Brother Thomas came from town this evening - tomorrow will be the Anniversary of the colony and the customary holiday will be on Monday. My brothers in law were expected this evening but did not come - spending the Sabbath in the Country is too great a bore for some people

29th. January Otahuhu and Tamaki - good congregations Preached from 'They have no delight in it'. Hadn't as much freedom as I generally have I was driving heavily greater part of the service in the morning - Oh May God grant me a double portion of thy spirit; On account of the morrow being a holiday met young communicants this evening after service - and afterwards rode home in company of Mr Gordon.

30th. January Got little sleep last night and felt uncomfortable both in body and mind. Expected S. Cochrane etc for dinner. He and Mr~~?~~ Messrs Read, Sibbin and S. Baird came after dinner - reading

- 30th January 1860 (continued) -- he and Messrs Head, Sibbin and S. Baird came after dinner - reading and conversation and other recreations filled up the evening. In my study after family worship- commenced preparation for lecturing speaking and preaching. This day not so warm - some appearance of showers - scarcity of water still in many places- having an abundant supply is a great blessing. Maggie went in this afternoon to commence school again after vacatio God grant it may be for good. But I have some misgivings as to my means justifying me to go to such expense.
- 31st. January Commenced preparation for sabbath. dined in brother James' They are thrashing their wheat which I am very glad to find is a really good crop. Father is over there stacking it. What a strong old man he is to be able to work so in such hot weather. He is upwards of 73. Mrs Hughes and Eliza Carruth spent the evening here.
- 1st February 1860 Went to Mangarei today with Mr Gordon to see about the teacher of sacred music - Thomson - he understood vocal music very fairly and may do. Called at Robert Hall's who is likely to be nearly related to me some day. If so I trust it may be productive of happiness to all parties concerned. Weather dry and warm - beginning to feel the want of water in some parts of Mangarei.
- 2nd. February Visiting School - Prayer Meeting at Seven p.m.- good attendance singing class afterwards conducted by Thomson - Encouraging beginning- his want of education a serious loss as a teacher.
- 3rd. February Visiting a little preparation for the sabbath.
- 4th February Preparation Weather still dry and warm.
- 5th February Sabbath Otahuhu and Howick Thomson acted as precenter at Otahuhu for the first time. Returned from Howick in the evening . An exceedingly warm day.
- 6th. February Visited - Read -- Robert Hall spent evening with us.
- 7th. February Rode to town in afternoon - Soiree at Hobson St Schoolhouse felt no pleasure in it - rather the contrary.
- 8th. February Visited Rev Mr Brown- Mr Corrie - Hospital - Mr Potter - Dr Kenderdine- Mr overton - and attended Young Men's meeting

8th February 1860 (continued) — young men's meeting. R. Hall's

Essay very good - bought some fruit from Mr Potter's

9th February Visited school - M. Baird's - Prayer Meeting - large attendance - and singing class.

10th February Preparatory Service at Tamaki. Mr Brown preached a good sermon from Zach 12. 1. - he appears earnest and will I think be a useful minister.

11th February Preparation for tomorrow's Communion Service at Tamaki- May

May God by his spirit prepare my heart and the hearts of all the people- Rev. Brown is to preach at Otahuhu at 11a.m. May God give him a word in season. My thoughts have been much with my absent children- poor Maggie did not seem happy when I saw her in town - she has no companion in the evenings and she is longing for home and her dear Mama. May God comfort her. and Oh May God graciously keep and preserve and bless my dear

Samuel.

12th. February Sabbath Rev G. Brown preached at Otahuhu and which had not been the case for a long time before on a sabbath morning I was a hearer. Mr Brown preached very well- his intonation is broad Scotch dialect some dislike - he seems to speak from the heart - Communion service in afternoon at Tamaki - my wife and sister and Sarah Baird accompanied me. It was a happy occasion upon the whole and no disturbing causes operated to hinder our peace except which may have been within some young people for the first time sat down at the Lord's table and one man in well advanced years who I trust was a worthy partaker. Long ago when a young man he had again and again attempted to be admitted into the church which he attended and his being as I think injudiciously refused admission because he was not able to come up in his answering questions of the standard the Minister had prescribed had made him so nervously unwilling to appear at examinations of intending communicants that though often anxious to act according to Christ's command he had never before the opportunity of doing so. We returned home after the service and found all well.

13th. February 1860

Visited a little today. Brother Thomas took in all his children - God enable him to bear the burden which his gracious hand has laid upon him. The situation of a father left with motherless children is surely a very trying one. We spent the evening in my father's - my Mother gone to town with Thomas - The Goodfellows, young Horrie, Lizzie and brother William in Fathers. The rain came on while we were there and it looks as if we would have a good quantity of it - many will be glad of it - the drought has been very great and water is very scarce.

14th. February Visiting all day Two schools and some families - a very wet night - rain most seasonable and delightful.

15th February More rain today. Last night our dog 'Colley' disappeared and it is more than probable he has been stolen as his chain and collar are also gone. I am very sorry about it - He was Sam's dog and was a great favourite. Visited a little today and read and wrote some hours.

16th. February Prepared for lecture - visited school Mr Overton - Prayer Meeting - Congregational meeting - Thomson appointed precentor - Mr R Robertson tried to have Mr Goodfellow in the chair at Congregational Meeting and not me - carried against him - he does this not so much on principle but because it was the practice in Dr. Meigh's which he considers the model for all churches. Salary of Precentor fixed at £12 per annum - He to have a singing class and to fix his own terms for teaching.

17th. February Preparing for sabbath - reading, ~~preaching~~ visiting. More rain today Beautiful growing weather.

18th. February Preparation for tomorrow - not in very good health - oppressive atmosphere - brain heated and not willing to work. Never felt my mind in a condition less controllable by will. May God be merciful to me and grant to me the mental and bodily health needful for my work.

19th. February Sabbath Otakuhu and Howick - beautiful Day in better health and spirits - to God be the praise - Good congregations - was enabled to preach earnestly and I think intelligently and somewhat effectively. Returned home from Howick in the evening.

20th February 1860 Reading, Writing Letters and visiting

21st. February Visiting in Bush - several new families beyond Coyle's and Fergusons- one Scotch Family resident; Wylie- the place of another not yet come to reside- it was beautiful weather. The new settlers are in pretty good spirits though it appears to me their prospects are not bright.

22nd February Studying in the forenoon- walked with my wife to visit Mr & Mrs King lately married - they are a quiet pair- I hope they shall be quietly happy and contented - went to the Young Men's meeting in the evening there was a debate on the question 'Is war under all circumstances opposed to Christianity' Poised by Mr Adam - replied to by W. Macky
Carried in the negative.

23rd. February Letters by mail from Sam and Mrs Norton- very glad to receive Sam's letter - visiting at brother James's - School - Mr Baird - Prayer meeting - sacred music class commenced- I hope it may succeed - Pity Thomson is so badly educated - he has a bad way of expressing himself.

24th. February. Writing to Sam and Cousin Joseph - Prep. for sabbath.

25th. February Preparing for tomorrow.

26th. February Sabbath Otahuhu and Tamaki - agood deal of encouragement and attention of the people - not so much in my own feelings. Slept at Thomson's

27th. February

Visiting - Bible Class - got home in the evening found all well - reading writing to eleven o'clock.

28th February Visiting School and some families.

29th. February Visiting Reading Prayer meeting Rev. Mr McDonald concluded.- Sacred Music Class - promises pretty well.

1st. March 1860 Visiting in Otahuhu Lambert's Barclay's and Mrs Gordon - spent evening in Mr Clark's of Wymond's - my wife with me. Good but dull people the Clark's.

2nd. March Had a morning visit from Mr and Mrs Bruce, Mr and Mrs Brown, Mrs Sinclair and Miss Sinclair - in the evening had Rev. Mr McDonald and Mr Ludbrook - Mr and Mrs Sedgood, Mr and Mrs Goodfellow, Mr and Mrs S. King, Father, Dorcas and Lizzie- A very dull, pray evening - didn't feel at home one with the other I thought - restraint - common places - nothings - I cannot get on in such parties Letter from Maggie- she is

2nd March (continued) Letter from Maggie - she is unhappy- admirable note indeed - promises to be a blessing- ~~great distress~~ greatly distressed about the scripture 'He that hateth not Father and Mother etc' desires an explanation. May God give her his own spirit and make her a true disciple of the Saviour.

3rd. March Preparation for Tomorrow - tea Rossborough -- making bridge over gully next West's. - finished at dinner - he is a very diligent young Man -- I hope he shall do well.

4th. March Sabbath, Otahuhu and Howick. Rev. McDonald preached in Otahuhu and I was a hearer - He preached - I daresay - very well and was very acceptable to many but though I heard without weariness I was not edified. Maybe the fault was in myself. It strikes me that it requires more than an ordinary good preaching to engage greatly the attention of one whose office is preaching. Remained overnight at Mr King's Howick - Maggie was also there - felt as worn out as if I had had both services myself - the weather very sultry-

5th. March 1860 Returned from Howick in the forenoon - read & visited in the afternoon.

6th. March Visitations of which we occupied the subjective position one part of the Day and I was active the other. Weather very dry and warm and beautiful.

7th March Preparing for Prayer Meeting in the morning - visited Father's and The Overton's in the afternoon- we accompanied by my wife. Held Prayer meeting - Waited for singing class which is improving. A little disconcerted by the displeasure of Lizzie who walked round this way having no company from home. I feel I should have gone with her the near way and yet I am not altogether without excuse although it is a strange or - how strange the manifold tortuosities of some minds and the corresponding numerous vexations which they occasion. How delightful will it be when all shall be transparency in our intercourse one with another.

8th. March Reading Hugh Miller - ~~it raises no one~~

Visiting during the day - School and several families in the Village
Young Men's meeting in the evening.

9th. March 1860 Reading Hugh Miller - it makes me sad to think of his end- I can't but think there is some mystery connected with it only sternity can solve. Is it so that God may sometimes permit that is redeemed ~~redeeming~~ redeemed ones should be driven in a fit of insanity to release their own spirits from their earthly house of this tabernacle? No one can solve this ~~problem~~ question satisfactorily- and who would dare to Theorise

10th. March Preparing for tomorrow. Weather very sultry and oppressive.
11th. March Sabbath Preached Otahuhu in morning, Manaki in afternoon and Auckland in the evening for Mr Bruce who has gone to Napier. Did not find the Three services at all too much for me - I wish I could so arrange as to supply my three stations every Sabbath. Found all well in town. Maggie is getting over her homesickness - Joe Cochran is pleasanter than he has been for sometime past.

12th. March ~~Reading, writing, and visiting Junciman's Carruth's - evening at Father's~~

Did some business in town in the way of paying accounts etc. returned home doing some calls on the way - Mr R. Taylor's - Mr Baird's found all well at home

13th. March Reading, writing and visiting - Junciman's Carruth's - evening at Father's.

14th March Preparation for Prayer Meeting - Commenced teaching children of Day School Singing - at half past two o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock singing class at 7 p.m.

15th March Visited at Mr Finlay's called at William's and S. Baird on my way home - my wife and sister went to town yesterday to make some purchases preparatory to the approaching marriage. I trust it will be a happy union it is very certain it is to be one of affection sincere and indutiable on both sides. ~~Visited Mrs Porter several times - ill - after child birth.~~ Visited Mrs Porter several times - ill - after child birth.

16th March Preparing for Sabbath . not from home except at Father's and Mrs Porter's - visited by Mr Porrie and Mr Thomson.

17th March preparation for tomorrow - not well - also very poorly yesterday. Miss King and Miss ... the former came from Howick

18th. March Sabbath Attended Otahuhu and Hobson Street Auckland- felt better in health. Very few (not more than 30 in Hobson St.) Found all well there - Maggie not complaining any longer of homesickness.

19th March Attended to some matters in town this morning and got home in the evening where I found all well. The weather is much cooler.

From here on I propose to copy only those items from the original Journal as I consider of real value to us in 1970 - 110 years after the recording.

23rd. March 1860 English Mail - £100 sent from Directors for Missionary purposes to Presbytery - letter from Mr McClure Secretary of exchange for Ritchie. Account of death of Revd M. Moore of Glen (?) a young man of great promise. No letters from any of my relatives. Dorcas preparing for her marriage.

27th. March Writing for English Mail - Wrote Samuel, Mr Jos Cochrane and Rev. S Bellis.

29th. March Preparing for preaching at Papakura tomorrow. My wife came home this morning. Mrs John Hale and Sarah Baird were with her and spent the day with us.

30th March At P^apakura Preached preparatory service. Saw Mr Horrie's new Manse which will be finished in about a month or six weeks. It will be a very pleasant residence- the site and structure are both very good.

2nd April 1860 Got an extra of 'Southern Cross' giving account of the murder of three men and two boys by the insurgent Maoris at Taranaki- among them poor Shaw husband of Janet Wallace. Heard Mr Wallace is expecting his sister today.

5th April - Taranaki this morning - solemnised a marriage between Mr Stable and Miss Wallace

8th April In morning preached in Wesleyan Chapel Onehunga - In afternoon opened the New Presbyterian Church at Onehunga

29th April 1860 Mr Bruce opened new church at The Wade

5th May Preparing for tomorrow- Left for Drury at 3.15p.m. am to preach there for Mr Morris and also at Waiuku. Got to Mr Morris's at dusk.

6th May Very severe morning saw at once it would be impossible to go to Waiuku- not for me so much as my horse who would require to be ridden faster than I would be warranted to do in such weather with a fierce wind right ahead. I preached at Drury and then rode home

10th May My dear Sister's wedding Day - a very beautiful day after a succession of bad tempestuous weather for 8 days. I had great pleasure in uniting in marriage Robert Hall and Dorcas Macky.

11th May Attended the funeral of Gideon the 11 year old son of Rev G. Small Stables.

15th May with Father Mother Wife and Niece visited Robt Hall and his Wife Robert's brother Edward living with them at present.

19th May Three young men visited us - they have recently arrived by ship 'RED JACKET'. Two of them - Wallace and Holland had letters of introduction to me. Wallace is the son of Revd. Mr Wallace of Rutherford; his sister has come with him and they have a parcel from Mrs. Norton of Ballymena for us. I wish they had situations- I fear Miss Wallace has not fairly counted the cost in coming here. The young men are staying overnight.

21st May Mr Bruce met me at Tausaki to try to raise money to pay off the debt of Howick Church- returned in the evening

22nd May Begging today again- tolerable success - not able to get over a all the people

24th May Review of all the volunteers etc in Auckland being Queen's Birthday.

27th May opened new Wesleyan Chapel at Remuera in morning and preached in Auckland in evening for Mr Bruce. Visited a sick person after service

28th May Called at Mrs Stables and at Hospital on my way home. also at Mr Birrell's Mrs Gordon's and S. Baird's

20th. May 1860

Met Mr Bruce this Morning at Otakuhu and accompanied him to Mangarei raising subscriptions for Church at Howick - Mr and Mrs T. Hall and William Hall rode down with us- they are going to visit Robert and Dorcas, Mrs Hall senior and Mrs Peyton went down a little before- We succeeded pretty well - Got to Robert Hall's about 4 o'clock and returned as we went in company of Mr and Mrs T. Hall etc when returned found John had come from Auckland and brought sofa for us - present from Uncle Sam- very kind on his part and a very useful comfort for my wife.

21st May

We had this evening the Misses Goodfellow and Lizzie and Messrs S. Baird, Jamieson, and Wylie and S. Alexander. Mr Wylie is about to return home shortly- he is an amateur Naturalist and is making a collection of various things to take home. S. Baird and Lizzie domestic.

1st. June A very wet day till evening when S. Baird and Lizzie left

My back is paining me very much - Rheumatism. Altogether I am far from well.

7th June

Visited at Mr, G. Swan's for the first time in the forenoon and spent evening in Mr Goodfellow's with my wife, father, mother, Aunt Baird and some young people. Cannot say it gave me much pleasure- too much music and confusion. Still they are an exceedingly kind family and a quiet evening with themselves is invariably pleasant and agreeable.

9th June

Last night it was a very stormy one with a great rain. Our bridge below Father's carried away- at least the clay part- I am not sorry at it - it was very insufficient and I have warned them it would be the case. Alas for our local board and Mr Sanderson.

10th June

Otakuhu and Howick Congregations affected by weather. Stayed at Mr King's overnight. Their child ill of diphtheria. He is thought out of danger. They are greatly attached to him and alas- were they to lose him they have not the consolations of religion to support them under so severe a trial.

11th June

Visited at Howick on the way home. Some people sick- Melrose -teacher, gone to Howick- his prospects anything but bright

12th June 1869 S. Baird laid up- I trust he is not seriously ill.

14th June Visited S. Baird after breakfast and found him better. Dr Masley Masley had been with him. Mr Wetherell visited us today- his visit was too great a trial of patience for some of us.

17th June Mr. Bruce came from Auckland to preach for us (have had over some days a severe attack of influenza) He had only 12 hearers and must have been drenched - a very wet day.

21st. June Went down to see my mother who has been ill - this was my first time out for a week - No news of Dorcas who also has been ill. Great numbers are ailing in Auckland and there have been some fatal cases

22nd June Went to Mangarei to see Dorcas and find her much better. My wife and Joe also went. We remained until evening. Old Mr Dilworth and Mr Jas Dilworth came there after dinner- they had been out to see my father but did not find him at home - Old Mr Dilworth is about to leave in a few days for home

24th June Sabbath Otahuhu and Howick Small congregation. Stayed at Mr King's. Found poor Mrs King greatly grieved for the loss of her little son - poor woman I felt much for her

25th June Returned home today. Mail steamer arrived last night and we got our papers and one solitary letter (from my wife's father) none from Sam - not even a paper. I am anxious about him. Oh- if he is alive and well it is ungrateful conduct on his part and yet I would rather this than that anything should be the matter with him.

27th June Mr Overton going to Melbourne - Wrote by him to John Cochrane an avo. Gen.

4th July Meeting of Presbytery- In the evening Mr J Gorrie gave in remaining pieces of trial and was licensed by the Presbytery to preach the Gospel- such a probationer is quite an acquisition-it is a pity he would not devote himself wholly to the work of the ministry.

10th. July 1859 Visiting greater part of this day Mr Clark's Ludbrook's King's Overton's - on my return found that Edward Hall had been here with Norfolk Pines and other brood a present from my brother-in-law R. Hall.

10th August Visited at Chow's two of the children in fever - Rebecca went to Otakuhu for Mrs Shaw and her children who are here tonight. Poor Woman what changes she has seen since last she was in this house. Married separated from own relations - new home - new acquaintances, War- Husband murdered and she with her two Orphans again in her most affectionate, worthy brother's - no longer the gay lively laughing maiden, but the stricken mourning widow.

12th. August Services at Otakuhu and Tamaki - Stayed overnight at Mr Wallace's

13th. August Visited on my way home - Mr Ryburn's and Mr Findlay's . Heard at Otakuhu more unpleasant news from Taranaki. Messrs Grant and Gordon spent the evening with us. How little good received or imparted by such trifling conversation as is too frequent on such occasions.

16th. August Rev G.E. Johnston gave us this evening in the church the lecture he had delivered at the Young Men's Christian Association in town - 'The Art of Living with others' - an admirable Lecture - Mr J. is rather eccentric, but certainly a liberal Episcopalian.

22nd August Most agreeably surprised by Sam's arrival at an early hour this morning. God be praised he is safe back with us. My present impression is that his sojourn in Melbourne has been rather a waste of time - J. Cochran (I believe from circumstances he could not control) discharged as far as I can see his duty towards him. He has no complaint to make of Sam, thank God except of occasional inattention and thoughtlessness.

26th. August 1859 Sixth Anniversary of my residence and labours here - tried to improve it - unsatisfactory to myself. Preached at Otakuhu and Tamaki

29th August Percas here this evening and is staying all night. She is happy but would be more so if ~~there is~~ ~~religion~~ ~~would~~ think religion were

30th August 1860.

My brother William was married this day to Anne Goodfellow.-- very few present except the Goodfellows- my father, brother James, S. Baird, S. C. S. Cochrane and Miss White. William has been long attached to Anne- May they be truly happy. Party remained to a late hour but to me it was very dull and I could not reuse myself.

31st August Visited School- Inspector there. Visited Anne and William- House very neat and comfortable ~~222222~~ Anne not cheerful and not sad-- feeling her new situation a little strange. Mother and Sarah Baird there while I was. Congregational Meeting - did not attend it as I expected some matters to be introduced in which I did not wish to take part.

1st. September 1860

~~My dear Rebecca, about two o'clock today Maggie Cochrane and her husband stay Samuel Cochrane, his two sons and Maggie came out today - made a short stay- My dear Rebecca seems to have got some cold and was seized with an alarming severe pain which we feared was inflammation but using remedies it abated in a short time.~~

4th. September My dear wife better this morning. I married a couple in Howick - a long ride and no remuneration- it is a miserable place and they are a miserable people. The bridegroom Pye is an English Rector's son - the bride a pensioner's daughter - He is 19 and she 16.

5th September Conference of Ministers of Presbytery - Messrs Bruce Herr Horrie, Brown and myself - subject Employment of Ministers expected shortly to arrive, from Ireland and Then from Wellington- Onehunga and R^muera spoken as most eligible- little determined on.

7th. September My birthday- I am 40 years old today - my youth is now indeed past and alas, -----

9th September Sabbath.

9th. September 1860 Sabbath Otahuhu and Tamaki preached on behalf of Home Missions - collection for which is appointed for next sabbath. Fear I am displeasing some people by my preaching. Would that I were less disturbed by the inadvertions of illnatured people.

10th. September

Getting potatoes ploughed in on Friday evening Saturday and today Brother James had John ploughing for me. I ought to be thankful for kindnesses shown me and yet I am not contented in this place. I fear I am not useful as another would be among my relations

16th September Otahuhu and Howick - Morning very gloomy- congregations not so good - collection for home missions - I believe amount about £12. £12/14/-. Several heads of families absent and Mr J. Wallace paid his subscription in Auckland.- I am sorry he is such a cantankerous person - he has many excellent qualities and is very kind. Returned from Howick Mr Baird accompanied me going and returning. Collection at Howick £1/7/-. There was actually a half sovereign - bright gold - on the plate

17th September Visited at Otahuhu- Mrs Shaw's children ill

18th. September My dear wife out in the dogcart for first time since her illness I drove her and Lizzie to brother William's where we dined. They are very comfortable there. We tead at Mr Baird's - he and all there were very glad to see Mrs Macky. Sam cleaned the Chimneys in our absence

21st September Mrs White of Tamaki and Euphemia Goodfellow were here for some hours

23rd. September Preached in Auckland in forenoon- Baptised Mr Bruce's child- Preached in Tamaki in afternoon

October

3rd September Rode to Auckland to meeting of Presbytery this morning all the Ministers present - some important conversations on Home and For Foreign Missions

4th. ~~October~~ October 1860. Mrs Shaw's little daughter Maggie died this morn

5th. ~~October~~ October Attended the funeral of Mrs. Shaw's child.

6th October Mr Wallace Otakuhu came here today with Revd. Mr Groube Independent Missionary and Refugee from Taranaki and he is anxious to preach to-morrow and improve occasion of Mrs Shaw's affliction - we have so arranged and Mr McKinney is to commence the service in the village in the evening which we hope will be regularly kept up. Brother Thomas and Jos. Cochrane came out this evening

7th October Sabbath Revd Mr Groube preached - good sermon - manner tolerable but on the whole not very interested congregation. I preached in Tamaki and Rev R. McKinney in Otakuhu Village at 6 p.m. I stayed at Mr Taylor's overnight.

8th October Rode to town this morning to attend adjourned meeting of Presbytery - remained in town all night. My dear Rebecca came to town with Mrs McKinney and Jos Cochrane etc
It is nearly three years since Jos Cochrane was at our house before-

9th. October Rode out of town calling at Mr Potter's Mr Wallace's and Mr S. Baird's - found all well at home - Lizzie here - servant left - Sam with Mr Grant.

11th. October Visited Mr Wilkinson who has purchased Mr Wallace's upper farm and is living there - took tea at Mr John Wallace's - They seem anxious about Mr Stables talking of resigning his school and taking Tamaki farm.

14th October Sabbath Otakuhu Howick and Otakuhu Village morning pretty favourable - congregation fair average - rain going to Howick and miserable congregation there. Going to the village in good time and was able to deliver my message in good health and considerable comfort. Called at Mr Wallace's and got home about 9.15 p.m.

14th October 1860 (continued) Sam drove me from Willcock's to the village and John took home my horse 'Jack'. Lizzie accompanied us and had some tea and bread and butter for me which refreshed me much, also a raw egg which I sucked and which I think sustained my voice.

15th October Rode to Mangarei. Lizzie accompanied me, Robert and Dorcas very glad to see us and very kind. We all rode to the Mangarei Pah- saw very few natives. The Taranaki War and a late murder of a Maori at Patu Patumahoe of the commission of which they suspect some European have changed the countenances of the natives and rendered them gloomy and suspicious. We remained at Mangarei at R. Hall's overnight.

16th October Visited at Mangarei - rode home in the evening - met S. C Cochran who had been as far as our house- called at William's and S. Baird

21st. October Sabbath Otahuhu Tamaki and Village- have much reason to bless God for strength imparted for my additional service. May good be done. Attendance at Village very encouraging.

23rd. October My dear wife still better - Doctor says she has disease of the kidneys - may be tedious - cannot go out with me. Have got the Beech leaves from which Dr Philson expects she will derive much advantage I pray God she may. William and Anne came into town today.

24th. October Tead at S. Baird's. He bought a mare for me since I went to town - Price £32/10/-

26th October Preparation for the Sabbath- various Interruptions - some of them agreeable - S. Baird for some time looking at new grasses- Mr Overton to talk to me of Jas Wallace who is a suitor for his daughter Maria's hand

29th. October Rode to Tamaki - called at brother William's going and returning - Anne is not very well.

5th. November Spent this day with my wife and mother in S. Baird's.

William and Anne tead wth us at S. Baird's. I was vexed by William's expressions regarding the service at the village.

6th. November 1860 This morning Lizzie left to go to Mahurangi - I did not see her before leaving so that our parting was unintentionally a disagreeable one, Stayed at home in the forenoon helping wife to cure meat.

11th November Sabbath -- Otahuhu Howick and Village. A good day - On my return from Howick my dear wife met me at Meredith's Gate with refreshments Good meeting in Village- rode homewards in company with John Wallace - not very cordial feeling towards the evening service. - am a good deal worried.

13th November Brother William and his wife dined here and tead at my fathers Brother Thomas and two children, A Alexander and Mr A. Cochrane came in the evening

15th November Visiting at Mangarei most of the day- called at James's on my way going and at William's and S.Baird's returning. Sophia Macky stayed here tonight

16th. November S.Baird brought us a young heifer this morning- sent with him notes of invitation for speakers at Sciree

S.Cochrane and Mrs C. and two of their family here today. Attacked suddenly with severe sickness and headache at bedtime. I fear I am constitutionally pre-disposed to Apoplexy and must adopt and carefully follow such a regime as will tend to prevention which is certainly better than cure- especoally where cure would be so unlikely.

30th. November Called on by a Mr Houston from Nth Limevady - about 2 months here- Advised him to buy part of Gifford's Farm- has his mind set on something else.

1st December We have pretty large famiy at present- besides our own have Mr Mrs S.Cochrane Sarah, and Willie, S. Alexander Joe and Tommy Macky- my wife has no servant - it is too bad she has always been too much troubled in this way and ~~is~~ is not able for it.

4th December Rode to visit Miss Watson at Mr. Birrell's Otahuhu. At Mrs Gordon's gate my horse 'Jack' fell on his knees and face cutting the former rather badly and also scraping his face. I was not thrown - am a good deal vexed about my poor horse but thankful it is no worse. Mr Birrell's servant washed horse's knees - Mr Gordon kindly attended to horse puttin'

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— my horse putting Arnica on his knees and is to send for more. Tead brother William's Anne and he very kind and agreeable.

5th December

Mrs Cochrane etc left yesterday when I was away - S. Alexan brought out a dogcart for them- I fear my horse's right knee is badly out. Preparing for meeting in the evening - rode new mare - far from pleasant

6th. December Sam went in afternoon for a veterinarian for Jack.

Am annoyed that S. Baird sent him in to Newmarket for Austin.

7th. December

Austin saw horse today - says the thing doesn't signify- for again saying which I paid him a Guinea

8th. December Brother Thomas came out in the evening. I?RRE?TS?G?

I have got ~~S. Baird's~~ S. Baird's 'Captain' to ride tomorrow in place of 'Jack'

9th. December Otahuhu Hewick and Village. Good attendance in the Church

Pretty good in the evening- not good in Hewick. I wish I were done with it. It is spending strength for naught. It is a most heart sickening labour. Heard of poor young Logan's death by drowning while bathing at Auckland

~~4th. December~~ 10th. December

Spent the evening in my father's with my brother's and their wives and Dorcas and her husband - my wife also there - Brother Thomas not - William and Anne stayed overnight with us. Very glad to see them so happy - long may it be so.

11th. December

Visiting at Otahuhu- heard from Lizzie and wrote to her, called at ~~S. C.~~ S. Baird's coming home. They have got some 12 cattle for me at the sale today. How thankful I ought to be to have kind friends to attend to my business and transact it so well for me

12th. December Brother James came over with Sam bringing the 12 cattle bought yesterday- six heifers to be brought from Absolum besides

13th. December

Brother Thomas and Father went with S. Cochrane to Papakura today and bought 16 cattle for me- making 34 in all which with our own seven besides Horses and calves will largely stock the paddock.

23rd. December Sabbath Otahuhu Howick and Otahuhu Village -

Exceedingly warm day- good attendances - except at Howick.

24th. December Bathed with Brother William

25th. December Christmas Brother Thomas and Joe Cochrane came out

today - dined here- all our children went to bush in the afternoon and all the rest of us went to Brother William's where we had tea and bathed. Father and Mother also there

26th December Prayer meeting in the evening and Soiree at Wesleyan Chapel Woodside afterwards where I speekon 'Temperance' - at this Soiree my brother William's horse 'Jack' which was in our Dogcart was deprived of his tail and part of his mane by some vile miscreant.

28th. December Ritchie teacher at Waiuku dined with us - short time in my father's in the evening - James and Ann there- Father has had letters from J. Tedlie about Kilfinnan - what a pity his mind should be so occupied with that unfortunate plant.

1st. January 1861

May God grant this year to be in all respects a happier one to me and all of us than was its first day- I rode to town to try and do some things preparatory to meeting of Presbytery tomorrow- dined at J. Hall's on my way. When I arrived in town found all my friends away and saw not one person whom I knew and was in no house, till fearing my brother would not return till very late I left town intending to return home at 8 p.m. I soon found it would be dark for me and stayed at Mr Dilworth's. It was a miserable day for me altogether.

5th. January 1861 Rode into Town . Mr Thom rode out on my horse.

6th. January Auckland Remuera and Auckland Communion in Auckland

Mr Bruce absent in Sydney - Mr Thom occupying my Pulpits

Rode to Remuera on S.Cochrane's Pony. Jos Cochrane had his legs greatly scorched by the sun on New Year's Day while paddling in salt water he is unable to walk and is confined to bed. He and Tom are alone in Hebron St. Jane and the children being out here, Mr Thom rode in from Otahuhu tonight tonight

11th. January Visited a little in the afternoon - Willcox and Mr Wallace's Wymondly - Maggie and Lindsay also at latter place who walked home with me Found S.Baird and Sarah here also Father and Mother.

12th January Surprised and shocked very much this morning after breakfast by intelligence of Mr Carruth's death- although long delicate he had only been confined to bed about 24 hours and was in town as usual on Thursday. Rode over immediately to visit the sorrowing widow and family. Mr Carruth was the first elder chosen and ordained in our Church and was a most consistent and exemplary man but very retiring and unostentacious in his profession . His latter end was peace.

13th. January Sabbath Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu Village. Endeavoured to improve on the sudden death of Mr J. Carruth - many affected May God deepen impressions. Very much exhausted tonight . the day was very sultry My wife at the evening service in the village for the first time

14th January Dr Willcox died last night- The number of widows is fast increasing.

15th January Mr Carruth buried today - a large attendance

17th January Rode to Mangarei this morning- my dear wife and children and all glad to see me and I to see them. My dear sister is very happy- no doubt her present situation (near her confinement) is making her somewhat anxious

20th January Sabbath Otahuhu Howick and Village- good attendances except Howick.

22nd. January 1861. Rode to Tamaki - visited Mr. Caskwell- Mr Stables, Mr. Knox, Mrs Ireland, - slept at Mr. William Taylor's

23rd January Visited Mr Thomson's (had my likeness taken) The School Mr Ferguson and Mr Collans - rode homewards - held Prayer Meeting - visited Mr J. McNult who is sick - rode home with Sam - found all well.

27th. January Sabbath. Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu Village-

Two widows lately bereaved present at morning service - Mrs Carruth and Mrs Willcox - sermon appropriate- Revd Mr J. Johnston's last Sabbath in Otahuhu

28th. January Visiting- Election of members for Franklin - annoyed at Mr. Styak's and Mr Graham's wish for my vote- did not vote - am glad I did not. Nixon and Graham returned. Oh that we were all striving 'to make our calling an election sure'

29th January Drove to Mangarei with my mother, wife and Lizzie- left my mother there- returned in the evening after calling at Mr James Robertson - called at brother William's going down.

30th. January Visited - brother James, Mrs Carruth, Mr Goodfellow's

31st. January This day married Jas. Wallace and Maria Overton - a family family party- only stranger Rev. I. Crump Wesleyan Minister.

1st February Preparing for Sabbath - Mr Grant had all the School children children at Drury today. took them in the van. Joseph and Lindsay were t there- John stayed at home painting at the windows and Sarah was at Uncle James's

2nd February This day my sister Dorcas gave birth to a son - great joy

3rd. February Sabbath Otahuhu Howick and Otahuhu Village - good day

4th. February Rode with Lizzie to see Dorcas - found her and Baby well came home by myself Lizzie remaining with Dorcas

8th February Visited Mr Goodfellow who has been home for some days from the South where he was shipwrecked in Palliser Bay and with his fellow passengers barely escaped a watery grave. He thinks too lightly of it - at least appears to - but he is a man of few words.

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Notes:- It is understood that MR William Goodfellow had been a passenger on the Brig 'Shamrock' which was totally wrecked at Whangamoana about 2 miles east of Wairarapa Lake Palliser Bay. The Brig was on a voyage from Auckland to Otago laden with some 100,000 Bd feet of Timber . She had called at Lyttleton Harbour and sailed from there on 7th. January About midnight of that date it was blowing a perfect hurricane with mountainous seas running. On 8th January every shred of canvas blown away the brig was driven far out of her course. At 8a.m. 9th January the brig was running before the wind at $11\frac{1}{2}$ knots under bare poles. At 11a.m. Turakirae Head was sighted and the Master tried to haul the vessel on wind to weather it but the sea was so high that it drove her to leeward. Off a lee shore and a terrific sea running unable to keep one sail set - the wind blowing an hurricane the Captain seeing that the Shamrock was fast approaching the shore in Palliser Bay decided to beach his vessel. He took the helm and calmly gave orders and although the Brig shipped several heavy seas which swept her decks the Captain continued to keep the helm and steered through the heavy surf which for a mile and one half continually broke over the deck. At last the Brig Struck - fortunately on sand. For some time the crew had been hanging to the rigging but they had to leave their hold as the spars began to break as sea after sea broke over them and they were forced to leave the Brig and plunge into the surf. There were Three Women aboard and they were weak and considerably bruised They were lowered over the side by means of a rope and succeeded in reaching the Shore safely. All hands were in a deplorable state and the women must have perished had not the crew met Mr R Russell of Whangamoana who came to render assistance.. the brig was a total wreck and it with its gear and cargo which was strewn everywhere realised £45 when offered for sale by Auction. The Brig - 183 tons- Sydney owned - was commanded by Captain Dixon

Another vessel A schooner named Fantome sailed from Lyttleton

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-----from Lyttleton for Wellington on 7th. January foundered in the same gale during which the Shamrock was wrecked. She was never seen again and was lost with its crew and some four passengers. This Schooner was of 26 tons built at Mechanics Bay Auckland 51ft long beam 14ft 6in. Captain ~~TSS~~ Teohig.

11th. February In afternoon visited Mary Jane Ferguson and Mr Adam.

14th. February Married T McClarnon in my own house- walked with Lizzie and Minnie Cochrane to see Mr Jarvis's child who is ill with dysentery. Found S. Cochrane there when we returned home.

17th. February Sabbath Otahuhu Howick and Otahuhu village - very good day in all respects- full congregation in evening

18th February Rode again to Howick- visited nearly all the families - old McClarnon sick- observed less comfort in Mellon Family than formerly - his non-attendance at church has evidently had a prejudicial effect every way - went to Mrs King's in the evening and stayed there overnight

19th. February This morning Mr King rode with me to Howick to a meeting of the adherents at 8 o'clock a.m. All presently doing anything to support our cause were in attendance -- They are S. King, McAuley, Andrews, McInnes, Attaway, Crawford and Melrose. After meeting visited homeward. Rode in afternoon to Mr Adams leaving his house and intending to meet my wife and Minnie and Lizzie at Mr John Wallace's - they were not at home and we drove to Mr Goodfellow's where we spent the evening- Mr & Mrs Robertson there.

21st. February Drury Soiree - spoke on Temperance - rode home with Rev. Thom, Mr Grant and Lizzie

22nd February Walked in afternoon to Wymondly with my wife, Minnie and Lizzie - Jessie and Jeannie only at home - both very pleasant - Jessie exceedingly amiable

24th February Sabbath Rode to town in Morning - Preached in St Andrew's in morning Remuera in afternoon Baptist Chapel in evening.

27th. February During last night my wife taken ill - had got cold evening before - my own illness continues - not able to go to prayer meeting - cattle sold - prices not satisfactory - little prospect of farm paying.

1st. March 1861 Mrs Shaw walked from the village to see Mrs Mackintosh and me today. I am sorry to hear her father is not in good health and glad that he has thought of returning to New Zealand.

3rd March Sabbath Otahuhu Howick and O. Village- Good congregations better than usual in Howick.

17th March Sabbath Otahuhu Howick and Otahuhu Village -- Good congregations - The Howick attendance encouraging and very marked and serious attention and some signs of deep impression being made on some of the hearers. May God disappoint my fears respecting Howick.

19th March Rode to Mangarei - Sister Dorcas and child very well- Robt Hall at Market - head at William's on my way home. Five of our cattle strayed yesterday - not found yet.

21st March Married G. Taylor to C. White - Called at William's and S. Baird's

22nd March All thankful for the cattle coming back.

24th March

The Tamaki People are about to memorial the Presbytery to have my services each Sabbath. In one way it would be desirable but I fear they are not making up their minds to double the sum they paid for originally for half the services. Dorcas's child baptised this day 'Thomas Macky'

26th. March A Soiree at Papakura - Rode to and from there- there with Lizzie Macky - a very dusty warm ride there - cool on returning Got home at One in the morning. Sam and Minnie Cochrane and Mary Robertson with me The natives commenced to start taking up our potatoes and Donald Clark is sowing oats and rape seed to assist in harrowing in which brother James has kindly sent two teams.

29th. March 1861

Dorcas Father and Mother dined here today. Minnie and Mary Robertson came while we were at dinner and brother Thomas, A Alexander and Mr and Mrs t. Hall afterwards - they tead with us.

31st. March Sabbath Papakura and Wairoa . Exchanged with Mr Norrie

Good congregations both places- returned home - several Bridges Broken and Mr Henderson who lives at entrance to bush left his tutor (Mr Scott) a surveyor by profession to conduct me so as to avoid the broken bridges

3rd April Married Mr Hutchinson and Miss Findlay - Rode to Town in Heavy rain to meeting of presbytery - a good deal of business and mere talk- Petition from Tamaki People for my services every Sabbath- consideration of it deferred to a special meeting to be held at Otahuhu on 12th instant Rode home and held Prayer meeting at 6 o'clock.

8th. April

sent notices Of Presbytery Meeting to Howick. - conversation with Mr Adam about the village service which he thinks calculated ultimately to divide the congregation - this seems to be a generally received opinion among the people on this side of the Tamaki - I hope it is unfounded

12th April Meeting of Bresbytery at 10 o'clock - members late of coming deputation from Tamaki- None from Howick. Prayer of Tamaki petition for weekly service granted and Howick still left a portion of my charge. Mr Thom was to have preached for me at 2 p.m.- was not present Mr Bruce engaged to preach for Mr Norrie - Mr Brown could not take my service-and- not being prepared and I was left for the first time to preach without any previous preparation

21st. April Sabbath Special services in town - The Anniversary of the Primitives and first all day sabbath services in Hobson Street - very well

attended afternoon and evening. Some hearing Friday and Saturday of an Harmonium which had been sent out for the church by Jos Cochran - this evening mind set at rest about what would have been a difficulty by learning that the harmonium is for myself. I am obliged to Jos for a continuance of the

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21st. April (continued) --- a continuance of the kind thoughtfulness

which he has without much interruption manifested

28th. April 1861 Sabbath - Otahuhu Howick ana Otahuhu Village - Very pleasant day - Good attendances all places- Lizzie Macky unexpectedly rode with me to Howick. Howick people dissatisfied at what they consider the Presbytery's unkind treatment of them - I endeavoured to satisfy them but I fear did not succeed. I feel sorry about it.

2nd. May Another wet day- Preparing for the Sabbath. My dear wife preparing to go to town i.e. leaving all matters, necessary for our comfort in order. She intends remaining some time. I hope the change will do her good but we will very very much miss her.

5th. May Sabbath Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu village - very wet day - few hearers - ten, 15 and 30 - Hamlin's Swamp very much flooded.

7th. May Visiting at Howick all day - fine weather.

8th. May Visiting at Otahuhu, School Committee Meeting - Mr Grant to leave - advertising for a teacher

9th. May Visiting at Ferguson's and John Wallace's - beautiful day -

Mr Poteefe ploughing - Sam thatching stack - fear this frost weather will soon be succeeded by rain- grass seed not yet sown- my evenings are very dull
dull

10th. May Large number of Soldiers at Otahuhu - their tents are visible from here - the population greatly but not beneficially increased. Took tea at my father's. Feeling very depressed and lonely I scarcely think my wife is so much so else she would soon be out of town.

11th. May No letter from my wife - it is ^amiserable feeling which even apparent indifference produces. May I seek ever the satisfying enjoyment of religion.

12th May Sabbath Otahuhu and Tamaki - large attendance in morning - No evening service in consequence of Roger's room being used as shop -

12th. May Sabbath (continued) ----- rode to town in the evening - was very glad to see my wife- heard Mr Comrie preach at Hobson St(at Mr Thom's solicitation he was occupying for him) I think it is a pity he does not often preach as the service was acceptable.

13th. May After paying some visits etc, rode home with a heavy heart leaving my wife in town

14th May Visited at Rangarei - Messrs Robertson's Wallace's R.Mall's - R.Wallacehas kindly promised to come and sow grass and clover seeds tomorrow - beautiful weather.

15th May E. Wallace sowing for us. Overton's sale - visited Camp - arranging for services- met brothe Thomas and Mr. White , teacher at S.Baird's

16th. May My dear wife returned home tonight - was very glad to see her.

19th May Sabbath, The Camp, Otahuhu Tamaki - Preached for the first time at the camp at Otahuhu at 9.30 a.m. "at evening - remained overnight at Mr Burn's.

20th May

Visiting at Tamaki till evening - found my dear wife at S.Baird's on my return - walked home with her leading 'Jack' a very warm night.

22nd May Transplanting shrubs- meeting school committee . Mr Grant is to stay with us after all , which I am glad of. Rode home with Mr Thomson.

24th May Queen's Birthday The children drove to the review - my wife and I at home

27th. May Visiting all day - in my absence Colonel Sir Jas. Edward Alexander of 14th.

Alexander/called. I suppose I ought to feel honoured by his attention but somehow I have a natural shrinking in these cases.

29th May Visited at Otahuhu and Camp - saw and conversed with Sir James and several other officers they are all very courteous and polite - the 10ths. are very uncomfortable- floors (the ground) quite muddy and during wet ~~heavy~~ heavy rain the water running in streams through them

Meeting of Managing Committee resolved that house be built for teacher.

30th May 1861 Very showery day - Joined in marriage Mr S. Baird and Miss Goodfellow. May it be a happy union for them both - My wife was to have been present at the ceremony but was unable from her state of health - Brother Thomas came home with me.

2nd June Sabbath Camp ? Otahuhu - Tamaki - weather fair till evening - stayed at Mr Taylor's - first Sabbath after Overton family left.

3rd June Visiting ~~STARRS~~ Tamaki - Stockade in Otahuhu which is the Soldier's prison - and the hospital - tead at brother William's with my wife and afterwards ~~visit~~ visited Mr and Mrs S. Baird where we stopped till nearly 11 o'clock - Sam Drove us home.

4th June Rode this afternoon with Lizzie to Mangarei after visiting at her father's, Mrs Carruth, Mr Runciman, and Mr Jas Wallace. Found Robert Hall, Dorcas and baby quite well and very glad to see us. Remained overnight.

5th June Great rain during the night in showers - visited Mr Scott's this forenoon - dined at R. Hall's and left there at 4 o'clock.

7th June Drove with my wife and Sam to Otahuhu - visited Hospitals - ~~Spee~~ stockade - Mr Wallace's Mr Robertson's and Brother William's

9th June Sabbath The Camp, Otahuhu and Howick - The service at Camp cut short by rain - Mr Thom preached at Tamaki - I visited poor old ~~McClaren~~ McClaren after the service at Howick - he is dying of Dropsy - returned home afterwards.

13th June My dear wife went to town today with my brother James and his wife. I dont think she has any idea how miserable her absence makes me. ^{Vi} visited two or three places during the day and spent evening with my children.

11th June Planted Blue Gums with John greater part of the day - took tea at father's Mr grant, Lizzie and her brother John here in evening - night so wet they stayed overnight - with all this company I felt extremely lonely and dispirited.

12th June 1861 Visited Stockade and Hospitals today- Six Presbyterian prisoners - nearly all the prisoners imprisoned for Drunkenness - Visited at Brother William's - tead with Aunt Baird at Mrs Fisher's - held Prayer Meeting - only 10 present. Prayer meeting to be given over until the Spring. Lissie rode home ~~with me~~ with me and stayed all night- she is very kind and affectionate.

13th June Spent this day with Jehn transplanting - I fear it will be labour lost as we are going to have keen frost. I have had no letter from my dear wife - it is the first time she has been so long from me without writing.

~~14th June~~ 14th June No letter from my dear wife - I have heard she is well enough - wrote again to her tonight - her silence increases my feeling of loneliness which is great.

15th June I am very unhappy at not hearing from my dear wife - surely she does not know how miserable she is making me. If I go into town tomorrow night it will lead to the neglect of my duties - I am sorely distressed and know not what to do - God help me - this is a sore vexation. I do earnestly hope Mr Grant will have a letter for me tomorrow morning - ~~if not~~ ~~I may~~ if not may I be instructed how to proceed - were this state of mind to continue, the cause not being removed - my feelings are that I should forthwith resign my charge and seek elsewhere and also alone the peace and the opportunity of usefulness which seems to be lost to me here. Alas, how terribly miscalled is this place - surely instead of Salem it should be Marah - not peace but bitterness. O God may I seek the true Salem.

16th June -~~Camp~~ Sabbath - Camp Otahuhu and Tamaki- beautiful day - good congregations for the season- was enabled in some measure to lay aside my dullness in my services. Rode into town in the evening- I think my dear wife was glad to see me .got up my spirits during the evening.

17th June Left my dear wife in peace for which I thank God - rode to

17th. June 1861 (continued) ----- rode to Howick and got home from there about ~~6-4~~ 6 o'clock - found McClaren better and all well at home.

19th June Preached at Stockade to the military prisoners and visited the hospitals - called at Brother William's and S. Baird's and spent the evening in brother James's where there were a few young people. Had a note today from brother Thomas telling me of Mr Clough's being willing to take Joe as an apprentice - I trust in God this may be a good thing for my dear boy

20th June Told Joe about the Carpenter's having a vacancy for an apprentice- he seems to think of it more than he says- he is to go to town tomorrow with Sam who goes on for his Mama- poor Joe much affected at worship tonight

21st June Married P. Clark and Miss Clow.

22nd June Preparation - my dear wife returned home tonight- Maggie and brother Thomas's children with her - God be praised she is safely back. - Dear Joe is to go to town and to stay with his kind friends.

23rd June Otahuhu and Howick - No drillin camp this morning on account of rain. Small attendances at both Otahuhu and Howick - found poor McClaren not so well.

25th June Sam at Newmarket for sheep - Lizzie assisting her Aunt make coat for Joe who is to go to town tomorrow - we are all in rather low spirits

26th. June So wet that Joe could not go to town- ^{afternoon} improved and I preached at Stockade - on my way home was caught in a most terrific thunderstorm - lightening extremely vivid and almost continuous.

27th. June Our dear Joseph left us this morning to commence learning the trade of a carpenter. Mrs Shaw and her son came here this evening and lizzie is here - very short with me for some reason unknown to me.

30th. June Sabbath Ota huhu Tamaki and Hobson Street - No service in Camp today - very rainy in morning - small congregations at Otahuhu and Tamaki - pretty good at Hobson Street about 60- I preached at Hobson at request of Mr Thom and brother Thomas.

1st. July 1861 Left town after breakfast - a day of trouble - Cattle impounded by Ranger - cost me £4/2/4d. - this appeared hard before I got home but arrived there a greater trouble awaited me- in trying to shoot a hawk the gun had burst with my dear Sam and though he had received no wound, yet he had a severe shock- had fallen fainting and had to be brought home by Mr L West and others. He is still very stupid and his memory affected. ~~My~~ My good wife is much affected by it

3rd July Meeting of Presbytery - all Ministers present but no elder - after meeting rode home and found Sam in much the same way- greatly depressed- sighing deeply and frequently- indisposed for speaking.

5th July Sam, I thought better in Morning- Mrs Robertson and Mary came to see him- apparently made little change - his Mama went to town with Maggie and Brother Thomas's children. Mary remained- Lizzie here - excitement seems bad for Sam - his cousin John staying with him

6th July No great change in Sam. His Mama and John not home till after dark. I had an hour or two of great uneasiness about them.

7th. July Sabbath Camp, Otahuhu and Tamaki - Morning very wet cleared up at time ~~for~~ for Camp Service, and I was glad I had not been deterred from going - attendance in Otahuhu and Tamaki pretty good considering the excessive dampness and bad roads. On Sam's account I returned home from Tamaki.

8th July Weather showery - John and his cousin John went to Papakura for Mr Well's Galvanic Apparatus to try its effects on Sam-- It is not very powerful but I daresay sufficiently so. Mary McGregor and Lizzie are still here and carefully and kindly attending on Sam- I am very much pleased with Mary and think highly of her good sense - a most valuable gift in my estimation.

10th July Preached at stockade and visited hospital where I had service dined at Mrs Robertson's - called at Brother William's - got home at dark Found Sam sitting up.

- 16th. July 1861 Visiting at Mangarei - stayed overnight at R.Hall's
Sorry to hear he has some idea of selling his farm and going to Canterbury
- 17th. July Completed visiting at Mangarei - went to Stockade - no Presbyter
presbyterians? presbyterian prisoner's - visited hospitals- called with
Aunt Baird - sorry to find Sam not so well
- 19th. July M.Robertson and Lizzie still here - they are unremitting in
their attention to Sam who is better today.
- 20th July S.Cochrane here. Came from Dr. Meredith's sale last night - he fe
feels anxious about the state of the country on account of the effects like
likely to be produced on business etc. I am rather anxious myself about
the ways and means- Sam is better.
- 22nd. July John Macky and my John bringing wood from the bush today - I
greatly wish it were in my power to repay the kindness shewn me by my
brother-James's James- I fear he has his own share of worldly embarrassments
Sam is better - Mary is still here.
- 23rd. July Called at brother James's in the forenoon - he is ill with his
back - Sam and Mary were out riding for a little while- he does not
appear the better for it- Mrs Robertson seeing him today also Mr and Mrs
King who brought their child with them.
- 24th July At Otahuhu today - Stockade and Hospitals- Dr Emaly and Mr
Jas. Wallace's - the Dr has no doubt Sam had concussion of the brain- got
some things for him.
- 26th. July Visited brother James who is better. Robert Hall here in the
evening to see Sam who is I think rather better.
- 27th. July Lizzie refuses to take any remuneration for teaching Lindsay
music. Sam is pretty well today but rather dull.
- 28th. July Sabbath Camp , Otahuhu and Tamaki - a pleasant winter's day
Good congregations- Returned from Tamaki - called ~~at~~ at Brother William's
and tead there- Jack also got a feed there which made him careless about

28th. July 1861 (continued) _____ about coming home and in the darkness he tried to take me to Mr Goodfellow's and I had a little time of bewilderment.

30th. July Sam not so well. Brother James ill with Rheumatism. Mary still here

5th August Meeting of Presbytery to consider invitation of the Presbytery Of Otago to a Conference on the subject of the Proposed Synod for New Zealand.

6th. August Maggie who has been suffering from a neglected cold, was a little better this morning. Called at Hospital to see Dr. Philson about her and Sam - preached at stockade on way home and visited the Military Hospitals

13th. August sent an apology to Sir J.E. Alexander Colonel of the 14th who had invited me to dine in the Mess at Camp - John took 10 sheep to market today - sold at 25/- each

18th. August Sabbath - Camp, Otahuhu and Howick - a fine day - good congregations except at Howick - road exceedingly bad - returned home in the evening. I am borne down with anxious cares and am uncertain what I should consider the line of duty to be pursued to get rid of a burden which unfits me for the proper performance of my ministerial duties

19th August Mary Robertson went home yesterday - Sam seems depressed but otherwise better. My mother here for a little while in the evening

20th August Preached at stockade and visited hospitals - met my brother in law in Otahuhu driving out Lizzie, Maggie and two of Thomas's children I hurried home to see them here and to my great chagrin and disappointment met them going away and Mr Cochrane would not even stop to enable me to say Goodbye to Maggie.

27th. August 1861 At my father's in the evening - bothered about want of feed for our cattle - cows calving and nothing to eat. I should not be harrassed by such cares- Would God I were free of them- Sam rode alone to Otahuhu this afternoon to remain for some time at Mrs Robertson's.

28th. August Married a soldier today and held services at stockade and Hospitals - Visited at Mrs Gordon's, Mrs Robertson's (Sam none the worse for his ride), brother William's and Mr Baird's, meeting of Session and Committee in the evening on subject of Home Missions.

29th. August At home reading writini' etc - mail arrived - no letters - tead at Father's- brother William and his wife, Mr and Mrs Goodfellow, my wife, brother James and Lizzie there- dull evening.

2nd September Visiting - walked with my wife to Village - she spent day in Mr Robertson's where Sam still is and is improving in health. I visited camp Stickade and Hospitals - wrote to Camp Adjutant about my stipend etc etc - conversed with several officers.

4th September Visited Land Force at Penrose Farm - lunched with the officers there- found that Captain De Quincey of the 70th is son of the famous De Quincey - I was much interested in him

5th September Visited at Woolfield's - saw Miss Woolfield - seems to be one of the grumblers- greatly regrets having left Glascoo etc. Attended at Mrs Watson's funeral and tead with my father with Aunt and Sarah Baird - my wife was there also - more comfort.

9th. September Brother James's boys and my John commenced ~~ploughing~~ ploughing middle paddock for grass- John's first attempt and gets on better than I expected- Mr Goodfellow came here today to pay ~~me~~ me my half year's stipend,

10th. September At Otahuhu - Military duties - and getting returns filled in necessary ~~for~~ for claiming Chaplaincy Stipend etc. Found Sam pretty well- paid Hall's account- returned by Mr Goodfellow's - found my wife there and walked home with her.

12th September 1861

Stayed at home expecting Goodfellows and my brother William's wife in the evening - they didn't come - Colonel Sir J.E.Alexander and Lady Alexander visited us this afternoon- I was glad to be at home

17th September Sam returned home from Otahuhu today - he is not so much better than we expected to see him.

18th. September Wednesday Rode to Tamaki this morning - visited during day and according to previous arrangement held Prayer Meeting at night- good attendance - this the beginning of what is to be a regular week evening Prayer Meeting. Slept at Mrs Burns - people very kind.

23rd September returned from town - I had preached for Mr Bruce who was in Whangarei yesterday. Called at William's and got home exceedingly tired after attending School Committee to arrange building of Teacher's House

2nd October Rode to Presbytery Meeting- after Meeting Presbytery attended Levee bidding Governor Brown goodbye and saw the procession and embarkation etc- a good display.

3rd Septe October Still in town - waited to see Governor Grey inaugurate and to attend his levee- rode home on the evening in company (to Otahuhu) with Colonel Sir J.Alexander 14th. Colonel Chute 70th. Colonel Leslie 40th and Mr St Hill.

6th October Sabbath Camp Otahuhu and Tamaki - very anxious about my dear son who I fear shows signs of epilepsy- Returned home from Tamaki - no place like home.

8th October My dear Sam went to town today with Mama and Lizzie- I was at Otahuhu - Camp etc. Found camp all in a bustle- men having a holiday- games of various kinds- foot racing etc etc along very much tonight - my wife and four of my children in town.

9th. October Dined at Father's - Mrs S.Baird and Mr s William Macky the

9th. October 1861 (continued)

John and Lizzie home in the evening- Dr Philson has put a seton in Sam's neck and is treating him for Epilepsy

10th. October Tead at Brother James's with Robert Hall and Dorcas, Aunt Baird and Sarah- Getting sheepp shorn today

13th October Sabbath Camp Otahuhu and Howick - Beaytiful day - good congregations - even in Howick attendance above par.- All my services very pleasant for me

15th October When I was at Otahuhu today my horse struck me a very hard blow on my left ear as I was Mounting him and nearly stunned me.

24th October Walking with Sam and tead with my mother and Aunt Baird where Sam was not so well- I greatly offended Lizzie by blaming her, I believe in the wrong, for irrotating Sam and making him ill.

26th. October Commenced giving Sam Sulphur today- Mother and Aunt Baird spent day with us- walked with Sam - he seems to be pretty well

27th October Sabbath Camp Otahuhu and Tamaki

good attendance at otahuhu - 20 at Tamaki. I suggested to Colonel that the soldiars be assembled if the evening were fine- but he declined on the gground that they should have that time for recreation (Note - The intended morning service at Camp not held owing to rain)

28th. October Sam rode 'Jack' to Uncle William's and I accompanied him- he got along very well.

30th October Visiting at Camp - lunched with Hurse of the 12ths. - dined at J.Hall's - called at Mr Robertson's and S, Baird's. Mary Robertson came up with us.

13th November 1861 John took cattle to market in Otahuhu today and Brother James bought 43 sheep for me at 27/6d. each. I drove my wife to Otahuhuan and made my visits to Camp hospitals and stockade - also to Mrs Gordon's

13th November 1861 (continued)

----- also to Mrs Gordon's , S.Mullins and Mr. Wallace & Wallace's

14th November Rode to Camp and invited Sir J.E.Alexander to speak attend the Soiree- Sir James has promised to speak - Rev Mr Gould Episcopalian Minister also promised to come which I regard as a token for good

15th. November Soiree Speakers Sir J.E. Alexander. Revds Gould Norrie Brown Laishley Crump Mason and Messrs Adam Rattray, Grant and Ryburn. A very full house and everything went off exceedingly well. Joseph and Maggie are out- The first time for Joe since he went to his trade - there were ten tables- my wife had one - and was in good health and spirits.

18th. November Visiting all day- Clark's Clow's Water's - not much satisfaction - cannot in every instance visit as I used to at home - Worldliness the great besetting sin in the Colonies.

19th. November Visiting a little - have heard of the arrival of the "Black Eagle" in which my aunt Baldrick is a passenger.

20th November This day spent at my brother James's - my wife and Sam going with me. Brother Thomas and William came with Aunt Baldrick after dinner- she is not much changed- it is a wonderful providence her coming to end her days in New Zealand. John was today at the Cattle show at Newmarket

21st. November Aunts Baldrick and Baird, brothers James and William and their wives and Sarah Baird and my father and Mother spent this day with us. Robert Hall and Dorcas came for tea- Sam had rather a severe fit in the Evening - change of weather approaching.

22nd November Sam very exhausted - unfit for any exertion and not caring to converse . Poor fellow I fear his recovery is very uncertain.

25th November Tead with my mother alone- my father being at Mangarei with the Papatoitoi people and Aunts Baldrick and Baird. Sam is still very dull, weak and without energy.

27th. November Camp Hospitals and Stockade - Swimming Match of soldiers of the 14th- and general bathing of the men who seem much more cheerful and contented

5th. December 1861

John at Newmarket with sheep today - small market and small prices- £1/-/- each for fat sheep. I visited at Mr. Wallace's Wymondley and Mr Goodfellows- had the mare "Betty" with me- Had some trouble with her- have reason to be thankful that I have such a pleasant, easily ridden horse as "Jack" is- he has contributed much to my bodily comfort- in many other ways have my brother James, his wife and family been kind to me besides by the gift of my horse. I wish I could do them good in return

6th December Rode to Tamaki to see my dear wife and Sam - found them at breakfast - Sam is I think better - bathed with him- had our likenesses taken by Mr Thomson who works away at Photography most indefatigably without remuneration- called at Mrs Fisher's on my way home to see my aunts

9th. December Rode to Tamaki with John - bathed with him near Panmure Ferry- found Mama and Sam pretty well- John's likeness taken by Mr. Thomson

10th December Rode to town from Tamaki this afternoon for Hobson Street Seiree (Sam and his mother left at same time for home) - very good meeting- Speakers confined to 10 minutes each - good deal of music - Jos Cochrane one of the singers - I spoke on Christian Union.

11th December My wife and Sam had been to Mr Jas Wallace's - whose wife had been confined of a daughter on Saturday- and Sam was not the better of the excitement- having had an attack of the usual kind there and afterward a lengthened swoon at the Church. Dr Thomson drove them home- I fear poor fellow there is not yet much improvement in his health.

12th. December Old Mr Gifford severely gored by a bull today- my wife and I went to see him and she dressed the wounds.

16th December Saw Mr Gifford who I am happy to say is better - his recovery is almost miraculous as well as his escape.

- 19th December 1861 Visiting at Gifford's Boyd's and RANTIAN'S Ferguson's Intended to go through to Flat Bush but rain prevented me. I was walking and Sam rode to Otahuhu. John was in town and brought me very unexpectedly a new saddle, a present from "Three Friends" at Tamaki - may I be truly thankful for all the goodness God is making to pass before me and mine
- 20th December Proceeding with my preparation for Sabbath- My wife Sam and I tead at my Father's with my widowed Aunts, Mr and Mrs Baird, and William and Anne. Sam had been pretty well all day but had a fit at his Grandfather Arrangements are now made for the building of my aunts house greatly to their satisfaction - S. Baird is proving very kind and friendly to them.
- 22nd. December Camp Otahuhu and Tamaki Fine day and Good services. It has been my last service at the Camp for a time - perhaps forever - the Regiment Regiments leave for the Waikato during the week. I am sorry at their lea leaving as ministering to them was very pleasant to me.
- 23rd. December Rode to Camp and gave a quantity of tracts to each of the four Regiments - I hop they will make good use of them, The 12ths and the 14ths leave tomorrow - their destination Havelock and Razorback Hill. The 40ths toleave on Wednesday and the 70ths on Thursday they are to be stationed nearor to Drury
- 24th December Visiting - spent evening with a few friends at Brother William's
- 25th December Christmas All our family and Brotner Thomas and his family father and mother etc spent day in Mangarei - dined at beach-greatly shocke shocked to hear on our return of Miss ~~Geog-fellew's~~ Goodfellow's of Newmarket being killed by being thrown out of a spring cart when on her way with her father to spend the day at S. Baird's - a sad calamity.
- 27th December Attended and officiated at the funeral of Miss Goodfellow Called at Camp and arranged for the few Presbyterian Soldiers to attend at the Church on Sundays.
- 31st December Rode to Town - saw Mr Bruce returned from Otago- the conference there very pleasant and satisfactory

1st. January 1862 Breakfasted with S. Cochrane - attended meeting of Presbytery- dined at Hobson Street wher I found Lizzie who had unexpectedly come to town - called to see Mr Goodfellow at Newmarket on my way out I do not at all feel satisfied that circumstances required me to begin the New Year out of my own home/~~ed-J~~

3rd. January 1862 Preparing for the Sabbath - Walked in the evening to my mother's with my wife and to meet Sam whose stay at Otahuhu made us very uneasy.

5th January Sabbath Otahuhu and Howick Congregation not so large as usual Preached from 1st Cor. 16. 13. - Some persons imagined that themselves or others were personally addressed - this better than that my preaching should be wholly pointless - may it do them good.

6th. January At home - not very well - preparing for ordination service Mr Smales here in the evening to engage me to preach at the opening of his Church on Sabbath next. I was unwilling to refuse but I do not like it- indeed I question whether the church was necessary or his motive very good in building it. The Smales leave for home next week

8th. January Rode to town to meeting of Presbytery- at the evening Mr Gorrie was ordained - I ordained and gave the Charge- The first time I ordained except elders and the ~~seg~~ second time I charged- the first was Rgdars at Carn donagh. Hobson Street was erected into distinct charge Mr Thom leaves by the steamer for the south tomorrow - I regret his leaving.

12th. January Otahuhu St. John's Otahuhu village Sabbath Good Day Opening Service at Smale's church which he calls St. John's and commenced service at the Village in Hunt's Theatre

17th January Wife and children at Mr Robertson's - I in my study. Tead at my father's

20th. January Visited Mr West who is ill of Rheumatic Fever. Mr and Mrs Robertson spent day with us- conversation on church matters especially the prospect of getting Church in the Village.

22nd January 1862 Visiting - our School - Military - Aunts Baldrick and Baird, R. Robertson, S. Baird. Held Prayer Meeting - Attendance not encouraging.

23rd. January visiting at Styak's and West's - unsatisfactory - grieved that in such families do not speak more on religious subjects - Mrs William Macky and her sister Euphemia dined with us and Mr and Mrs Baird and Sarah Baird and William and Miss Hume and father and Mother spent the evening with us.

29th January General Holiday - Miss Vibert rode out here this afternoon and stayed overnight. Tead with Dorcas at my father's and attended Prayer meeting afterwards - a very small attendance - probably on account of Regatta etc.

30th January This day farms of my brother James were to be sold, I have not yet heard the result.

31st January Am sorry the sale yesterday was unsuccessful - my poor brother has many anxieties - Sam returned from town, mail - letter from wife's father - rumour of war with America

2nd February Sabbath Otahuhu, Howick and Otahuhu Village - rather thin congregations this mornig and afternoon owing to heavy showers of rain - tolerably good at the village

4th. February Rode to Tamaki visiting several places on the way - dined at Mr Ryburn's with wife and Sam where we Met a Mr and Mrs Hurst lately from Home - he had been a broker in London

5th February Visited some families at Tamaki - rode to Otahuhu - called on Mrs Gordon and Mr John Hall who has been ill for some days - and afterwards conducted a meeting at Church.

8th. February 1862 Preparing for tomorrow - Samuel and John in trying a young horse (bought from my Father) in the cart, narrowly escaped getting severely hurt - the horse having run away and they were not able to hold him Thank God there was little harm done.

9th. February Sabbath Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu village . Communion at Tamaki attendance ordinary with the addition of four or five from Otahuhu When I came home found our little Sarah ill with disentry and feel uneasy about her

10th February Our little dear no better today

11th February At home allday - very anxious about Sarah Rebecca - the disease has not abated.

12th February Rode in to meeting of Presbytery. Reports on Home and Foreign Missions and Sabbath Schools - also on state of Stipend Fund, on weak congregations - the report from Onahunga is peculiarly discouraging - only ~~£48~~ £19 of stipend raised in the district during the year.

13th February Doctor has been to see Sarah and thinks her not in danger- she is evidently better - thank God for it.

14th February Brother Thomas and S.Cochrane came out this evening- Sarah is still very poorly but symptoms favourable

15th February Brother Thomas, S.Cochrane, S.Baird and Brother William rode to Waikato today - they came home very wearied. I made the necessary revision for tomorrow's services.

16th February Drury Papakura and Wairoa Service at Drury for Military Remained at Wairoa at night at Mr Nichol's - altogether a pleasant good day

18th February Visited a little - am exceedingly depressed in spirits and I pray God to instruct me whether it is his will that I should leave this place and seek among strangers a happier or at least more useful and I'

18th February 1862 (continued) ----- and less irritating position.

Brother William was here for a short time today- He is as usual in some respects more plain than pleasant - but on the whole he is kind, though too censorious.

21st February Visiting at Bush, Boyd's McPherson's Spencer's, the last a very nice family? English and Church of England. He is likely to be a good settler. They are just beginning.

23rd February Sabbath Onehunga and Whau -- An Exchange with Mr Brown by order of Presbytery. Six adult males at Onehunga and 24 women and children - a better congregation at Whau - Onehunga in the evening.

24th February Visiting at Mangarei in the morning - Old Mr Robertson has been thrown out of his gig - not much hurt - my wife and mother, John, Lindsay, and Sarah at R.Hall's - I rode to Onehunga in the evening, attended a congregational meeting and stayed overnight at Mr Brown's - Mr and Mrs Brown very kind. They have a small income at present but are good christians and good managers of their temporal matters.

25th February Returned from Onehunga in the morning and visited on the way home at Otahuhu etc. My Aunts have got into their new house and I saw them there - they ought to be very thankful and may be very comfortable.

26th February Visited Mr J.Gordon who has had his hip joint dislocated by a fall from his horse - made two or three other visits and attended Prayer meeting in the Evening.

2nd March 1862 Otahuhu Howick and Otahuhu Village Very good attendance morning and evening - very small at Howick - rain after morning service

3rd March Tried to drive with my wife etc to Mangarei today for my mother but only got to Brothre William's before the rain came on - where we remained till the evening - left little Sarah there and drove home in the rain and felt nothing the worse.

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5th March Visiting at Tamaki, having gone over there the evening before also some visiting on way to Otahuhu - attended meeting of session at 6p.m. and held prayer meeting at 7p.m. Rode home with Sam John and his Mama who had been at Mangarei for Grandma, and had driven her home before dark as she is not very well.

9th March Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu village. Very good day- severely tried in the evening by Sam having a fit while I was preaching

11th March 1862 Visiting at Howick and on the way to and from there.

Crawford's of Howick have been severely afflicted by the death of their eldest child, Annie, of Quinsey - may they be drawn to God. I fear they have been Godless and worldly.

13th March Drove with my dear wife and John to Drury this afternoon to attend a Soiree there - got home at one o'clock in the morning. Before we left for Drury we had a short visit from Captain and Mrs Pearson

14th March Very far from well with my head and my throat. Rode over after breakfast to see my little niece Annie Macky at Mr Goodfellow's - they fear she has disentry and are very anxious

16th March Sabbath Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu village A very hot day and very much worn out by its services

18th March At Mangarei with Sam and his Mother. Dined at Mr Wallaces. Visited some families in the afternoon Mr Wallace accompanied me next at R.Hall's and called at Mr Goodfellow's on way home to see William's child who is very ill indeed. May God spare her to them.

19th March William's child seems better today-

20th March Sam and John at Newmarket with sheep and lambs. Drove my wife and mother in the afternoon, first to Mr Goodfellow's to see the child (who we found rather better) and afterwards to Aunts Baldrick and Baird where there were a few friends in the evening. Mr and Mrs Pearson came by

20th. March (continued) ----- came home with us in the dogcart. It was a rather wet evening and night. Found the boys both at home before us and well pleased with the sale at Newmarket.

21st. March Sam went to Town today without mare "Fanny" to try to dispose of her at the sale tomorrow - I would rather not part with her.

22nd March Drove to town with my dear wife - met Sam coming home - he has sold "Fanny" price £38/10/- Found all well in town - showery day.

23rd March Preached morning and evening in St Andrew's - baptised Mr Bruce Bruce's second child. Mr Shaw a student under the care of Presbytery preached at Otahuhu in Morning Mr Bruce at Temaki in afternoon and Otahuhu village in Evening

24th March A wettish kind of day - bought some things at Mr Burnside's - how easy it is to spend money.

25th March Home from Auckland today - brought Mrs S. Cochrane and her daughter Sarah with us

26th March Visited Mr S. Baird ill of dysentery - remained greater part of day.

27th March Visiting Styak's and Goodfellow's

28th March Visiting at Goodfellow's and S. Baird's in the Evening. Mr Baird is still ill - the disease appears to me to be very trying on him

29th March John and Sam went to town today John to get new clothes and Sam to consult Dr Fisher Fischer - Sam, poor fellow is not getting so much better as we had hoped. I have not much faith in Homeopathy but it may do good

30th. March Sabbath Otahuhu Howick and Otahuhu Village A very happy sabbath - had pleasure and freedom in all services.

1st April 1862 Rode to Tamaki - visited at Mr Baird's and Aunts Baldrick and Baird and Mr Stables on my way when I saw the Calkwell's Stayed overnight with Mr Burn's

2nd April Rode to town for presbytery - pretty lengthened meeting - rode out in the evening - called at S. Baird's (who is better) at Aunt Baldrick's (Also better) - held prayer meeting and got home comfortable but weary

3rd. April Attended the Examination of the daily school - very much pleased

Our own Lindsay acquitted herself very creditably

4th April Preparing for Sabbath - Visited at Mrs Fisher's, S. Baird's and Aunts Baird and Baldrick - sent in answers to queries on Grammar School Endowments to Provincial Council Committee thereon - commenced teaching John the game of Chess - Sam gone to town.

5th. April Had a call this afternoon from A. McArthur Esquire of Sydney who is at present on a visit to this country - He is a modest unassuming man - has a rather care worn look - his riches and honours do not seem to have been able to keep away cares or ensure a vigorous constitution - they never do - may we be satisfied with our lot and bless God that the only source of true happiness is within reach of all, high, low, rich or poor - I believe Mr McArthur is a Christian - my dear wife to whom he was known long ago, was glad to see him. Mr John Russell was accompanying him.

6th. April Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu Village - A good day and had the great satisfaction in all services - an increasing attendance at the Village - about a dozen soldiers

7th. April ~~Returned from~~ This evening attended for the first time as member of the Education Board. The business was the appointment of an inspector of Schools - There were 45 candidates - Mr McCoy at present classical Master in the Scotch College Melbourne was appointed - our own teacher Mr Grant was a candidate.

8th. April Returned from town today - last night was a fearful storm and great damage was done to Shipping at the wharf at Auckland - went with my wife to see Mr and Mrs Jas Wallace who are to leave tomorrow for England - we saw Mrs Wallace.

9th. April This morning saw Mr and Mrs Wallace on their way to the Steamer

13th April Otahuhu Communion Service Sabbath - Otahuhu Village

A pleasant happy and I trust a profitable Communion Season. Several members were absent who ought to have been there among whom were several of my relatives. This is a great grief to me and shews me clearly that +'

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----- that they are right who say

say a Minister should not be located among his relations It would be very different if they were truly good christians honouring God's day and Ordinances- My Father Mother and Brother William were communicants.

S.Cochrane who came out this morning was present at the service.

15th April Rode to Tanaki and from there to town in ~~the~~ the evening for meeting of Presbytery in Hobson St. Call agreed on to Mr Mason and signed by 22 members- a good many are ~~de~~ dissatisfied. I fear if Presbytery sustain that call it will not be a fortunate settlement - remained all night at Thomas's

16th April My wife and John came into ytown today as I was leaving - I called with Mrs Thomas Hall - got to Brother William's before Prayer Meeting - Some unpleasant conversation-~~with~~ with him and his wife who blame us very much for allowing Sam to be so frequently at Mr Robertson's and say I am suffering the esteem of the people by not forbidding his intimacy with H.R.McC. -- we shall see.

18th April Joseph came out today being Good Friday - Uncle Thomas and Aunt ANNE (Mrs Alexander) came here in the evening from Mangarei

20th. April Sabbath Otahuhu Tanaki and Otahuhu ~~Wai~~ Village Rather wintry day but good attendances especially at Otahuhu and Village

21st April Brother Thomas Mrs Alexander and our ~~dear~~ dear son Joseph returned to town this morning. Joseph's affections for his home and home friends are as strong as ever

23rd. April Mama John and Maggie went to town today - Maggie to return to school after her easter Holidays

25th. April Very anxious about John - he returned this evening walking- The mare got hurt in town and was not able to come out. Lost a good deal of time with Jack Rippey who is fencing but can do nothing by himself- Sam gone to town - his attendance on Dr Fischer of doubtful advantage

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----- doubtful advantage

My ~~dear~~ wife is still intown - we are very much put about by her absence. May we be more thankful for her and appreciate her as wife and mother.

26th. April John went to town to bring home Mama - I was in study as much as possible - Rippey still being a hindrance. Exceedingly uneasy about Mama and John who were rather late of getting home when at last they arrived found my ~~dear~~ wife had met with a slight accident very near home by the mangle she was bringing falling and striking her head. Thank God it was no worse.

28th. April John in town for the sick mare and returned without her - Mr ~~Cartwright~~ Pollock the cartier has her at his stable attending to her and has shown very great kindness in the matter, for which I feel very grateful to him. Her life was in danger.

10th May 1862 Sam in town - Lizzie here today - she brought trees and seeds to us from Waiwera.

11th May Sabbath Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu ~~Village~~ Village

It was expected that this would be the last evening service at Village as Mr Hunt was unwilling to give the place longer. I believe some arrangement will be made and the service continued.

13th. May Rode to Auckland to attend meeting of Presbytery and Education Board. Presbytery considering call to Mr Mason from St James which is delayed - Board examining papers of candidates for certificates as teachers. Stayed at brother Thomas's overnight

15th May At home most of day - some visitors in the afternoon - The Misses Robertson of Mangarei and Miss Thomson and later Mr Morrie who is again raising money in Auckland and the neighbourhood for liquidating the debt on Papakura Church - his labours in keeping up the services to the military have been considerable - he is very indefatigable

15th May (continued)

16th May 1862 Mr and Mrs Jas. Wallace of Papatoitai spent evening with us - my father and mother and Lizzie Macky were here likewise

18th May Sabbath Otahuhu and Tamaki - good congregations

Heavy rains in the evening prevented the holding of service at the Otahuhu Village

20th May Jos Cochrane and Mr Aitken out here today looking at one of James James's farms

21st May Visited school - returned to meet brother William and his wife and Peter Dorcas who came to my father's today. Held prayer Meeting in evening - very few present on account of darkness and badness of roads. Brother William and wife, Mary Robertson and Mrs Findlay here overnight.

22nd May Rode to Howick to perform a marriage ceremony - Visited at Rattaway's one of ~~these~~ whose children died of Diphtheria since I was there .

24th May Preparing for tomorrow - brother Thomas, Mrs Alexander and Mary and our Maggie and Joseph came out this evening - may the good God bless my children.

25th May Sabbath Otahuhu Howick and Otahuhu Village. A fine sabbath and very good attendances - there were 73 at the service in the evening in Hunt's Theatre. This record may be of interest in some future day to indicate the progress presbyterianism and the Village itself will have made. Many of the present congregation are not presbyterians and there were some soldiers

26th May Queen's Birthday and a General Holiday - Brother Thomas and Mrs Alexander went to Mangarei - We had Maggie and Joseph and Mary Alexander here.

30th May Rode to town Attended meeting of Board - when Mr Valentine was appointed Inspector - Mr McCoy declined - plea of illhealth - the meeting was late and Mr Goodfellow accompanied me to Hobson St Where we both st

1st June 1862 Sabbath Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu Village

2nd June At Mangere today - called on Mr Jas. Wallace on my way to see John John Lennie who has broken his leg - My brother James and his wife and Liz Lizree and My parents also at Mangerei- Robert Hall and Dorcas expect to leave there in a few days and go to Remuera - I trust the change will be a good one - my mother niece and I stayed all night- the others drove home. My wife had accompanied my brother etc in their departure and consequently could not well remain behind them

3rd June Rode home from Mangarei and called on Mr and Mrs Potts who have lately been married and come to reside at Otahuhu - She was a Miss Stewart and came from Matakana.

6th June 6th. June At Otahuhu to arrange recommencement of services at Camp - saw Robert Hall and My sister on their way to Remuera

8th June Sabbath Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu Village. A very wet morning Small attendances at all services - The excessive mudiness of the roads and streets in the village a great hindrance to the attendance at the evening service there.

More

11th June At home most of day - a short time at my fathers- New troops returned to Camp at Otahuhu today - fearful roads.

12th June Rode to the Camp - saw Sir James Alexander and other officers - He is going to see about getting shelter on the Sunday Mornings for our services - the Church of England soldiers are to have Hunt's Canteen - v visited Mrs Smart and Mrs Waters who have been both confined lately and have borne sons.

15th June Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu Village Attended at Camp but from some neglect of the Camp Adjutant or Brigadier General no arrangements made for our services.

16th June Visited at the Camp and Hospitals - no Presbyterian prisoners in the Stockade - saw Sir James Alexander about my expected allowance for services. Dined at brother William's and was too late to make other visits

20th. June A letter from Revd Barclay of Napier wanting me to exchange with him for some time next summer - were it not for the expense I think I would accept the invitation.

22nd June Sabbath Otahuhu and Howick. Morning so wet could not have service at Camp - had expected evening service as usual in the village but was informed that Hunt could not let us have the place any longer - I feel a good deal disappointed - though the labour of four services might after all have been too much for me.

24th June Maggie is still here - She promises to be a wise good girl - May ~~God's~~ God's renewing grace be largely imparted to her and all my dear children - in worldly things my expectations concerning them are not so great as they once were - Sam's illness which still continues - though he is decidedly better - has had the effect of causing me to hope less a about their temporal prospects.

I do feel anxious about John's education

25th. June Signed the necessary papers to obtain allowance for my services at camp

27th. June Visited at brother James's - Mr and Mrs Baird and Mrs William at my father's this afternoon - my wife and I took tea with them there

29th. June Sabbath Camp Otahuhu and Tamaki. Roads extremely bad rendering travelling very labourious for man and horse. Attendance at of soldiers at camp smaller than last year. Very good attendance at church in the morning - returned from Tamaki

1st July On this day 12 months ago Sam met the accident which has rendered him an invalid ever since. Although his perfect recovery was long doubtful we are now very hopeful and altogether our circumstances on this 1st July are much brighter than on this day last year. Rode to town this evening for meeting of prebytery tomorrow.

2nd July Found all well in town - paid Miss Vibert for present quarter £5/6/- for Maggie's tuition and as we are thinking of sending her to Mrs Colclough told Miss Vibert she would leave at end of term.

6th July 1862 Sabbath - Camp Otahuhu and Tamaki

Did not preach in open air at camp but in an Hut - soldiers appeared more attentive seated comfortably than when standing on wet grass. The road to Tamaki exceedingly bad - remained all night at Mr Taylor's.

7th July A new family, Pilkington behind St Jollington - so called English Presbyterians - but I fear have been little accustomed to Church going - read at William's

13th July sabbath Otahuhu Camp and Tamaki Rode into Remuera in evening

14th July walked remuera into Auckland in morning - called at Mr Goodfellow's at Newmarket - Mr Bruce accompanied me to the Commissariat Office where I was paid £45/15/3d. for my services to the Military for seven months ending December 31st. Attended meeting of Bd of Education overnight at Brother Thomas's - my mother is there

15th July Walked out this morning to Remuera where I had left my horse R. Hall and Dorcas treated me with great kindness - rode to Otahuhu and performed my camp duties

23rd July 1862. Brother William's family is increased by the birth of another daughter which took place on 21st - I saw Mother and child today both doing well - William is very hopeful and very busy - May God prosper him

25th. July Sam has bought 150 sheep from Woolfield at 28/-. It is a speculation about which I have many fears.

27th. July Sabbath Camp Otahuhu and Tamaki Roads fearfully bad Returned from Tamaki - horse and myself excessively wearied.

28th July. Uncle James and the boys brought home the sheep alright - There was a ploughing match at J. Fisher's

29th. July Rode to Remuera this evening

30th. July At meeting of Board today - examination of teachers - Mrs Burns among the candidates, Stayed all night at Hobson St

31st. Meeting of Board again - Mrs B. has passed with great success -

~~31st July~~ 31st July (continued) ----- with great success - first class, second grade. Rode out to Remuera - stayed there all night - received very kindly by Robert Hall - I am very thankful for kind treatment - life would be insupportable otherwise with my heavy burden.

1st August Rode home this morning - Lizzie Macky who has been staying some time at Remuera rode out with me - Stayed at William's and S. Baird's till this evening where my wife spending the day - assisted John with his Latin in the evening - some comfort.

3rd August Sabbath ~~Camp~~ Otahuhu and Tamaki - Communion at Tamaki remained overnight at Mr Burns - they are very kind,

4th August Rode to Otahuhu to perform Marriage ceremony - Mr J.G. Ryburn and Miss J.H. Main - Meeting of Church Committee at 4p.m.

7th August Visited several families - I am sorry to hear from Mrs Wallace Symondley that her son-in-law Mr Stables' affairs are in a rather involved state.

8th August Writing a letter for the Press on the subject of Education in Private Schools. This helps to divert my mind from its misery which has been unusually great during the whole of this week except Sabbath.

10th August Sabbath Camp Otahuhu and Tamaki had good deal of satisfaction out of all services today but found the roads worse than I ever saw them before

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28th. September Communion Sabbath Camp and Otahuhu

29th. September Meeting of Session and Committee appointed to ascertain minds of people about building new church, held in Mr Jas Wallace's - not very pleasant meeting - Mr D. Thomson expressed himself very strong about his determination to leave the church if we moved to village. The Committee ~~are~~ are to go round all the people next week-

1st October 1862 Rode into town to meeting of Presbytery - called for an hour at Remuera where I found All well - pretty full meeting of Presbytery. Mr Brown Preached and I was appointed Moderator - a good deal of talk about the basis agreed on at Dunedin - remained at Hobson St. all night

2nd October Attended meeting of Board at 9 o'clock this morning for examining teachers- went out to Remuera in the evening and stayed all night

3rd. October Dined at Mr Bruce's - visited prisoner (Allison) at Mt Eden Stockade - attended meeting of Board at 2p.m. - rode home in evening, found all well - spent an hour with John - too tired to study.

4th October Mr. McKinney has come out to preach here tomorrow. It is a very unusual relief for me but I hardly realise it as such - I think it better to be doing our accustomed work.

5th October Camp and Tamaki - Mr McKinney preached here - I was a hearer and enjoyed the service though I feel more at home when conducting it myself. E. Hall rode with me to and from Tamaki- he seemed interested in the place having resided there when a mere boy and not having been there for 8 years - S. Cochrane and Charles here last night - he brought me as a present a very nice book "Many Thoughts of Many Minds" - he is altogether very kind to us.

8th. October Rode to Town to adjourned meeting of the Board of Education - am very glad to have been instrumental in steps towards enlarging the present Church or building a new one. After Congregational meeting held a prayer meeting - attendance pretty good - Rode home with Sam ? Lizzie Macky and her Aunt walked home together

19th October Sabbath Camp - Otahuhu and Tamaki Expected to have service at the village this evening but they had not completed the arrangements-Returned home from Tamaki in the evening.

21st October Lizzie rode to town to bring home our Servant and r
with her. My wife seems to be somewhat relieved by her return. The
is a very heavy fat Woman and I got her on "Jack" at Otahuhu and wal.
beside her, she being elevated in more ways than one. It was Agnes's
first ride and she does not wish to have any more

22nd October Morgan the carpenter was out today seeing whether site at
old church would be sufficient for new one - Meeting of Committee in the E
evening - 'Plan' to be obtained and subscriptions asked.

26th October Sabbath Camp Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu Village very good
attendances at my four services

27th. October My dear Rebecca's condition appears similar to what it was c
coming to New Zealand. Alas She can get no sleep without means being used
to induce it and even then not sound or refreshing

31st October Preached at Drury and baptised Mr Norrie's Child. Rev. Mr Reid
of Waipa an unexpected hearer - he was on his way from Waikato -
Natives very unsettled

1st November S. Cochrane sent out his carriage for my dear wife today - she
is very poorly indeed and I am very depressed. I also went into town this
afternoon - my services being from home tomorrow.

2nd. November St James & Onehunga - Mr Mason took all my services - I his-
and Onehunga in the afternoon

3rd November Received payment for services to the soldiers - £22/10/-
returned home from Auckland visiting hospitals etc on my way - Left my
dear wife very very far from well - God pity her and us.

6th. November Attended meeting of Presbytery at Onehunga - could not sta
for Soiree but rode to town . Alas found my dearest Rebecca no better -
her state is most lamentable

7th November Remained in town with my poor afflicted one till after
and came to my deolate home most unwell

9th. November 1862 Sabbath Camp Otahuhu Howick and Otahuhu Village

11th November Rode to town - no change on my dear wife - it is very sad

Attended meeting of Board - rode to Tamaki - held Prayer Meeting and stayed at Mrs Burns's

12th. November Returned from Tamaki visiting on way - tead at S. Baird's
Saw plan of new Church ?Mrs Baird suffering from influenza - held Prayer Meeting and Class and found my dear wife at home on my arrival and Alas No Better

16th. November Sabbath Camp Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu village

Mrs Burns proposes most kindly to take both Maggie and Sarah to educate them but I cannot yet see my way clear to accept this great favour

19th. November Visiting at Otahuhu , Camp Hospitals and Stockade

21st November Meeting of Convocation at Auckland - Chosen President of it. Ministers from Otago, Wellington, Napier and Taranaki

22nd November Got home and commenced writing Address for Assembly - my dear wife Alas no better.

23rd November Sabbath Preached at Camp - Rev Mr Duncan of Wellington preached at Church and Otahuhu Village - Rev Mr P Barclay of Napier in Tamaki.

24th November Very busy allday till midnight at my address and Loyal s addresses to the Queen and Governor -- Greatly Fatigued

25th November Rode in early to town - meeting of Convocation at 10a.m. and of Assembly at 11 a.m. I preached from Eph. 1.22 and was chosen Moderator of Assembly - delivered opening address and constituted the First General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

26th November Meeting of Assembly and Lord's Supper.

27th November Meeting of Assembly and Assembly's Supper.

28th November Meeting of Assembly brought to a close- vote of thanks from my brethren- their expressions most kind concerning me . I felt overwhelmed at all this- grateful to God and deply humbled in his sight on account of my personal unworthyness - Oh God Why would I feel otherwise?

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----- feel otherwise? Save .

all vain thoughts. This would have been to me a very pleasant time but the illness of my dear wife. Wrote Revds McClure and Bellis and Mr Drummon
29th November Came home on Mr Smart's dodcart to Otahuhu and from there with Mr Thomson.

30th November Sabbath Preached at Camp and Tamaki - Rev A Todd preached at Otahuhu and Rev J. Hogg at the Village both of whom I heard with pleasure especially Mr Todd whose sermon on Phil. 4 'Be careful for nothing etc' was most appropriate to my own case. It is strange Providence that on account of the illness of my dear wife I will not be able to have any of these dear brethren at our home. I believe we have their deep sympathy

3rd December At village - Camp and stockade in afternoon and public meeting in church in the evening- addressed by Revs Hogg , Todd, and Will
 Married Ellen Gollan to Bell of Wairoa today

7th December SABBATH Preached at Camp - Howick - and Village

Rev P. Barclay at Otahuhu and Rev Mr Todd at Tamaki -- Heard Barclay and was very much pleased with all his services as I am also with himself. He is I believe a very superior man and a true christian minister. May God bless to the people in all our churches the faithful services of these Ministers who have been sojourning among us.

11th December My brother William and his wife here

21st December Sabbath Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu Village Very good congregations and far beyond what I could have expected. I expected to have seen my brother Thomas and S. Cochrane who came out last night at some of the services or after the evening service at S. Baird's but was disappointed. What a terrible aggravation of my affliction to be forsaken by friends from whom I expected different treatment. Thank God for the friends who remain steadfast, May I always be grateful for their sympathy

23rd December Visiting on the way to Howick and at Howick - saw Miss Wilks at her cottage - a clever but ~~eccentric~~ eccentric person wishes to join our Communion from her objection to kneel at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

25th December Christmas Invited to Mr Wetherell's - declined saw Mrs Thomson who was poorly after breakfast- dined with all our children except Sam and also my mother and Brother Thomas's two boys. Lizzie prepared our Pudding etc but dined at home boys and Maggie at Mr Grant's party in the evening

28th December Sabbath Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu Village

31st December Rode to Otahuhu - dined at Mr Hall's - visited Stockade and Hospital and Mr Gordon (Lately married) tead at Brother William's and afterwards held Prayer Meeting

1st. January 1863 Married a couple in Otahuhu today - dined at home - Children at Mes Baird's, The girls at Uncle William's John and Joe in the afternoon - Sam and I bathed in the evening - my dear wife Lizzie and I went down to my father's after tea.

4th January Sabbath Otahuhu and Howick Mr Bruce preached for me at Village - came home from Howick - would have been better pleased had I been at the village myself but had feared my inability on account of continued earache during last week.

6th. January Rode to Tamaki, visiting on the way, held Prayer Meeting in Evening and stayed at Mr ~~Burns's~~ Burns's overnight. The Children are to come to Mr Thomson's tomorrow and leave Sarah with Mrs Burns

7th. January Rode into town from Tamaki to attend meeting of Presbytery - then meeting of Bd. of Education which was adjourned till Thursday next Stayed all night at Hobson Street Samuel went to Canterbury today with reaping Machines - God be with him.

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8th January Came out of town by Epsom, calling at Mr Potter's and two three other places

9th. January Dorcas at my father's Lizzie is working very diligently for

11th. January Sabbath Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu Village A good day congregations very full and the services very pleasant Our dear Little Sarah at Tamaki- Delighted to see her, me.

12th January Drove to town to meeting of Bd. of Education and to my great joy my dear wife consented to accompany me- Lizzie was with us

13th January Drove out by Mr Potter's where we were regaled with Gooseberry Wine etc. Got home before Sunset

14th January Visited Camp etc and Uncle William's (where Lindsay has been for a day or two) and S. Baird's

15th. January Studying for Sabbath which is to be Communion both here and at Tamaki - Load of Timber came - ordered for lining part of our house and building Dairy.

18th. January Communion Sabbath at Otahuhu and Tamaki Mr Thom Preached at Village in the evening

20th January Went to Howick after breakfast and visited till evening - met two or three about the alterations in the church at 5pm and held Prayer Meeting at 6p.m. rode home alone after meeting

21st January Rode early today to Presbytery which sat till 3p.m. - rode home after dinner with Mr Bruce and was just home in time for meeting at 7p.m.

22nd January Assisted John all day at the ceiling of Parlour renailling of canvas and papering - Lizzie and my dear wife also rendered assistance.

23rd January Finished papering ceiling

24th January Leg slightly scratched on 19th. - very painful today

25th. January 1863 Sabbath Otahuhu Tamaki and Otahuhu village
Suffering a great deal with my leg - still I was able to perform all my services as usual.

From this date till 10th. February I was confined to my bed nursing with the utmost care what threatened to be a tedious and disabling leg. Thank God it is much Better - My dear wife was very kind but as she is still very poorly, my ~~niece~~ dear Niece Lizzie Macky was my principal nurse. Mr Comrie preached On the first February, and Mr Johnston Student and second master at the High School on the 8th. - the latter stayed here

10th February Was up a little today- Mr Thomson of Tamaki here a second time to see me - He and Mrs Burns were here formerly and were very kind in their attentions - Mr Norrie called on his way from Town.

11th February Sarah Baird who was here for two or three days last week returned this evening - She is very kindly disposed

12th February My leg - progressing slowly - alone greater part of the day Sarah Baird, Lizzie and my wife having gone down to S. Baird's Preparing for the Sabbath - hoping to be able to improve on the wreck of The Orpheus.

15th February Otahuhu Tamaki Mr McFarlane officiated at The Village

22nd February Sabbath Preached in Auckland - my dear wife with me she seemed very well

25th February Returned home leaving my dear wife in Remuera - Joe going home with me to stay and build a Dairy etc for us

26th February Spent a miserable night thinking of my poor wife Rebecca and sent in for her and got her home

27th February A most miserable morning - thought my poor wife would die - towards afternoon most grateful for her safety and cheered wonderfully

27th. February (continued) ----- cheered wonderfully by a perceived marked change for the better on state of her mind.

~~1st??MARCH~~

1st. March 1863 Sabbath. Camp Otahuhu Howick and Otahuhu Village

Showery kind of a day and I was most fatigued - open air service in Howick My dear Rebecca still continuing better and I am now, thank God, able to entertain a good hope of her ultimate complete recovery - she can now look and pray to God as she was wont to do

8th March Sabbath Auckland Morning and Evening - Mr Thom indisposed -

Mr Johnston officiated for me at Camp and Otahuhu - Tamaki left without a supply for which I was very sorry - it being the second sabbath in successive succession in which it was so treated.

9th March Returned from town with Brother James, his wife and Lizzie found all well at home- Mr Clarke of Tauranga and Mr and Mrs Purvis had been visiting here during the day

10th March My dear wife, John Joseph Lizzie and I went to Papakura Soiree this evening - a pleasant evening upon the whole though I did not feel at home at the meeting - got home about 1.30 a.m.

12th March My wife Lizzie and I at Mangabei today - just as we were preparing to leave here, heard of Little Thomas Smart being drowned in the well - called there and remained for three hours assisting in vain attempt to resuscitate the body- Ah How severe a trial for poor Smart and his wife May God help them to bear it with christian fortitude and resignation

13th. March Assisting Joseph at the Dairy Roof most of the day and very tired therewith - I feel that my time would have been better employed.

14th. March Preparing for tomorrow - a fine day - John and Joe carpentering carpentering ? Sam Ploughing.

March April and to May 15th. 1863

No entries to Journal - Much harrassed in many ways and greatly disquieted in mind. My poor wife's state of mind very changeable and my hopes of her recovery again and again disappointed. The principal things worth noting in addition to my work of preaching, lecturing, visiting the sick, etc have been _____

2nd April 1863 Reunion at Tamaki and presentation to me of Tableau (by Mr Thomson) containing the likenesses of all the members of my congregation there

3rd May 1863 Opening of our ~~Church~~ New Church near Otahuhu- Mr Bruce officiated- would have been to me a very joyful occasion but for what took place next day.

4th. May 1863 My Son Samuel married this day to Mary Robertson Mc Gregor. This was a grief to me on account of his extreme youth- not quite 19 - but I could find no way of preventing it, Some of my friends blame me for not withholding my consent but so far as I could judge after much prayerful deliberation I could not have done so with propriety. I performed the ceremony in Mr Robertson's house his mother, sisters, and brothers and grandfather and grandmother being present. May God bless this union formed under rather unhappy auspices. Samuel and Mary left today, to embark tomorrow for Napier to enter thereupon the cares and duties of life as God may enable them. They went out scarcely knowing whither they went. At God's call we hope.

5th May 1863 Opening Soiree in our new Church- very large attendance- speaking tolerable - band of 70th. Regiment performed several pieces- reporters from Southern Cross and "New Zealander" - Speakers beside myself ? - my brother William, Mr Adam, Revds D, Bruce, Norrie, and Buttle- Mr Burns Revd Mason and Mr Stables were also present to speak but

5th May 1863 (continued)to speak but there was not time to them - The Church gives great satisfaction.

13th. May 1863 This morning John Carruth aged 14 years second son of Carruth departed this life. He was a very sweet boy and I was greatly interested in him. His disease was Dysentery - and his illness was of nearly five weeks continuance - I trust and hope that he sleeps in Jesus. - God comfort his poor mother, she and all her family were ill of Dysentery at this time - the youngest is still in danger.

27th. May 1863 Wrote to Mr. McClure and Jos. Wilson's Father, from both of whom I had Letters by Mail. Wilsons send me Power of Attorney to sell his farm.

30th May. 1863

For the last fortnight my dear wife seems to be almost quite well -I trust I shall be truly thankful to God for his great Mercy. As an instrument Mrs Burns of Tamaki appears to have done her much good - she has done a great deal of work for her and thus lightened her anxiety and I think her wish to have Maggie as well as Sarah with her will be a good thing for both Maggie and Sarah. her Mama.

So ends the journal of John Macky as recorded in a copy taken from the original that has been lost.

It may well be that that original will show up. It was it is understood made available to Neil Lloyd Macky about 1939 when he was preparing the Family History for The Auckland City Centenary.

In September 1969 a Committee representative of the four remaining Families Families - those of the brothers John, Thomas And William and their only sister Dorcas- organised a Reunion of "The Macky Family in New Zealand". This Committee

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- (1) An History - " The Macky Family in New Zealand - 1845 - 1969

This is the History written by Neil Lloyd Macky a grand son of "Brother Thomas " There in as an Appendix is published copies of a number of letters that passed between members of the pioneer family between 1848 and 1855

- (2) "The Macky Family in New Zealand Tables of Descent"

This publication was produced by Photographic Reduction of from a Chart (80 feet Long ~~and 3/4 feet deep~~ and 3 feet deep) displayed at the September Family Reunion held at "Newmarket Inn" a reception Room at Ellerslie Racecourse Auckland. The chart containing "The Tables of Descent was made up and compiled by William Keith Macky O'Hara, a grandson of "Brother William"

The Macky Family Descendants owe a debt of Gratitude to Neil Lloyd for his History and to The Family Reunion Committee for its publication.

Since the Reunion quite a bit of information has become available and it is hoped that some member or members of the Family can make some attempt to piece together the various pieces of information for the sake of posterity.