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May 8th Thursday, frost, fine, by all quarters, cord of white wood out of the yard, for a party, in Boens yard, ^{Ricealby} Load of Straw - from Mr. Hills into the yard, rode up to the Papamui Hotel, to hear about some firewood.

May 9th Friday, frost, fine, by strong N. E. Cord of white wood from Hornby to Lawrence Browns Janery, Lincoln's Road at the Meehan's in the evening

May 10th Saturday, fine, dew. by N. E. N. V. evening Cord of white wood from Hornby into the yard.

May 11th Sunday, froze the part of the night, Gale from S. W. showery, cold. cooking a.m. reading, church. in the evening. Cleared up in the evening

May 12th Monday, ship, frost. N. E. fine, cord of white wood from Hornby, into the yard, bad road. (at the Meehan's)

May 13th Tuesday, ship, frost. by N. E. & S. W. Not started at six a.m. to Hornby for a cord of white wood, Kesteven

May 14th Wednesday, showery a.m. fine P.M. N. E. went to Peakes. stacked the white wood in the yard, took a cord of Inanus out of the yard to Hetchers Tailor. Posted one letter & paper to Mother, & one letter & paper to A. Potter, 2 Barrels of lime. from Foley's to the Supers'. small load of Hay on me.

May 15th Thursday. dew. fine, hot. lg. S. E. P.M.
Two Loads of Dung down to the Paddock, 10 cart Hours
& Two Bags a. piece of Beam from Woods. W. mill.
8 wt. Kitchener, 2 wt. Frogget.

May 16th Friday. dew. fine, lg. S. E. S. W. after 3 P.M.
Two Loads of Timber, from Aikman's, opposite Tribes for
Cliff

May 17th Saturday, post. dew, lg. S. W. a.m. N. E. P.M.
Two Loads of Timber Cliff. Two Boxes & Bag Miss Souter.

May 18th Sunday. frost. heavy rain after nine a.m. Stg. S. W.
cold. in all day cooking & reading.

May 19th Monday. v. y. s.h.p. post. s.t.g. S. W. v. y. heavy squalls
of wind from S. W. accompanied with rain & Hail, (v. y. large Hail
in one Squall P.M.) Two Loads of Timber for Cliff. & a large post
from Montgomery's into the yard. v. y. cold.

May 20th Tuesday, snow lying thick on the ground at break
of day, very stg. S. W. a gale, squally. Hail, snow & rain, v. y. rough
several heavy claps of Thunder, about noon. jobbing indoors, &
canvassing, shopping. v. y. cold

May 21st Wednesday, stg. S. W. squally, Hail & rain, helped
load up some wood. mending & oiling Harness. v. y. cold.

May 22nd Thursday, stg. S. W. squally, cold. Thundered
last night. Carpentery in the Stable. Mail in, no letters.

May 23rd Friday, squally a.m. Booke P.M. smitting showers
S. W. mending & oiling Harness a.m. Two loads of Timber from
Dalgety's to Wilmore's Brewery, the cob. work of his new building
was given way & let the roof in & damage & spoilt a quantity
of corn, that was shot loose on the floors, last night was the
Anniversary of the Great fire in Cheshel street, which burnt his
Old brewery down. 1/4 of a cord of White wood to Mrs Barnard, 1/2 do
out of the yard to Balards (2 a bag of coals & 2 boxes of soap.) on the
his town belt. "Zealandia" came in to day.

May 24th Saturday, fine. S. W. squally at places. Timber for
Marshall a.m. Timber & Sc. from Stephenson's to Reeves & Stirling
moving furniture for Hemmings, at the Mechanics in the
evening, Queen's birth-day.

May 25th Sunday, frost. fine, lg. S. W. a.m. lg. S. E. P.M. Church morning
& evening, walked down to the Ferry with C. Boggis & W. Packard.

May 26th Monday, ship. frost. fine. lg. S. a.m. lg. S. W. P.M. cord
of Black Pine from Smith's Ferry, to Templers, Dip. C. Boggis
came with, 7. 15. angled one.

May 27th Tuesday, cord ship. post. lg. S. a.m. fine N. E. P.M.
N. W. S.P.M. rain 6 P.M. & ~~S.W.~~ Cord of Black Pine from Smith's Ferry
for Skeleton.

May 28th Wednesday, showery N. E. for part of the night
N. W. S. W. after 10 a.m. showery. 1/2 cord of Black Pine from
Smith's Ferry. to Birdsey's Baithack.

May 29th Thursday. showers of snow & rain S.W. cleared up 11 a.m. by dry rain last night. 12 pm of coals from the Quay to Sillways, & 20 ft. Boards Widderson, load of dung down & load of Oaten Hay up from the Paddock. Shopping.

May 30th Friday. v. dry ship. frost. fine, lg. N.W. a.m. lg. S.W. P.m. Cord of Black Pine from Smiths Ferry into the yard. awful road.

May 31st Saturday, v. dry ship. frost. fine, beautiful day. Cord of Black Pine from Smiths Ferry, to Capt. Gyness.

June 1st Sunday. frost. fine lg. all quarters. cooking & reading Morning & afternoon, church; evening, bad head ache.

June 2nd Monday. dew, N.E. fine a.m. rain P.m. & cold Black Pine Oliver, St. Albion's. & cord to a fowmer. 2 loads of Dung down to the Paddock. (displeas'd)

June 3rd Tuesday. fine, thick mist, cleared up at noon calm, N.E. & thick mist P.m. carting sand & Gravel for Ogan. forming & installing Caskel St.

June 4th Wednesday. showery, dry. lg. S.W. carting earth or sand into the yard. very wet & muddy.

June 5th Thursday, showery, cleared up, 10 a.m. fine S.W. carting Gravel from Inwoods pit into the yard. went to Jones & brought home, by Goldsmiths History of earth & Animated nature, nicely bound. 2s.

June 6th Friday. dew. fine N.E. 7 cord of white wood

out of the yard, to a party near the Royal Oak, load of Dung down to the Paddock, load of Timber for Marshall from Aikman's to Moneys Stables, Gripping grains. very queer
June 7th Saturday. showery a.m. fine P.m. S.W. N.E. P.W. & S. jobbing a.m. load of Timber for Marshall.

June 8th Sunday, frost. lg. showers P.m. cooking & reading, Church in the evening.

June 9th Monday, ship. frost. fine, stiff N.W. from 11 a.m. to 2 P.m. lg. all quarters, three loads of dung to the Paddock from the Royal Stables moved a party from Duam Street to Downagh Street P.m. shopping, very queer.

June 10th Tuesday, fine, light shower P.m. S.W. a.m. N.E. P.W. Three Loads of dung down to the Paddock, shopping.

June 11th Wednesday, frost. fine. N.E. N.W. some P.m. Small load of Timber from Nathans store to Cliffs yard. & moved a party a.m. trussed & brought up a load of Oaten Hay. new pair of water rights. commenced putting up the telegraph wires.

June 12th Thursday, frost. fine, N.W. S.W. after 11 a.m. trussing & tying up Oaten Hay, brought one load Worme. Shopping Partial Eclipse of the Moon.

June 13th Friday, frost. fine, few drops in the evening N. P.W. P.m. evening. Cord of Black Pine from Smiths Ferry, & cord to a party near Cliffs, other into the yard Mechanics. Pto B. Buttons for my coat.

June 14th Saturday, Bivvy, squalls of snow & rain a.m.
S.W. fine P.m. W. started to 'Kaiapoi' & returned three loads
of dung down to the Paddock. In the Mechanics in the
evening.

June 15th Sunday, frost. fine calm a.m. showery & cold
evening, N.E. P.m. S.W. evening, at church a.m. dinner, tea & supper
& evening, at Mr. Boggie's, spent pleasantly, P.m. at Mr. Cuddens.
His three children are very much grown, G. Boggie is much
improved & getting on well at School.

June 16th Monday, fine, v.g. stg. S.W. Cord of Black Pine
from Smiths Ferry, to Martyns, Hereford street East.

June 17th Tuesday, frost fine, calm a.m. lg. N.E. P.m.
cord of Black Pine from Smiths Ferry, to cord to a Widow
in the stable near the Fleece, to cord to Brighting.

June 18th Wednesday, dew fine, stiff N.E. after 11 a.m.
Cord of Black Pine from Smiths Ferry to Brady
in the Mechanics.

June 19th Thursday, fine, constantly between N.W.
& N.E. v.g. stg. after 3 P.m. Cord of Black Pine from Smiths
Ferry, to a Scotch woman near the 'Royal Oak', in the
Mechanics.

June 20th Friday, fine, dew. stg. N.E. a.m. N.E. P.m.
Cord of Black Pine from Smiths Ferry, to Chapman's. in

Cathedral Square, English mail arrived telegraphed
from Lyttleton to 'A.C.H.' at 10 a.m. the first Telegram in
Canterbury & in New Zealand. Rev. D^r. Lillie's eldest
son, drowned in the Waimakariri, washed off his horse
while driving some cattle across, has not been seen since.
'In the midst of life we are in death,' 'A horse is a vain
thing for a man to trust in.'

June 21st Saturday, fine, changing from or between
N.W. & S.E. S.W. in the evening. Cord of Black Pine from Smiths
Ferry, into the yard. Shopping & in at the Mechanics, received
two letters from Mother, one I ought to have rec. last mail
& one from W. a. Cotte, moved to Waga. Waga, another
niece / & a niece in India.

June 22nd Sunday, showery. S.W. within cooking &
reading.

June 23rd Monday, v.g. ship. frost. fine lg. N.E. for
3 or 4 hours at noon. Loaded up with staves & tobacco (for sheep
wash.) for Chapman. & took them up to Gigg's (via school.)

June 24th Tuesday, thick misty rain, lg. S.W. stiff S.W.
& big rain, at night. up to the Parakihi, delivered the
goods at the front. & returned to Gigg's, late & wet.

June 25th Wednesday, fine, till 3 P.m. misty rain, S.W.
v.g. after 5 P.m. Returned to 'A.C.H.'; roads bad.

June 26th. Thursday, big rain most of the night
misty rain till 11 a.m. S.W. a.m. calm, A.S. after 3 P.M. 45.7 ft. Posts from
Smiths Ferry, into the yard. at the Mechanics in the evening.

June 27th Friday, misty last night, fine A.S. by 6.
at noon. Cord of Black Pine from Smiths Ferry, to Kiche,
Baker Colombo Street.

June 28th Saturday, showery a.m. A.S. N.W. after
5 P.M. Cord of Black Pine from Smiths Ferry, to Bishop
Hereford Street east? shopping.

June 29th Sunday, fine, N. & N.W. Went with Burrows
to see Gigg at Papanui, dinner & tea & spent the day.

June 30th Monday, fine sq. by N.W. by big rain
to the N. & N.O. Loaded up at Miles & Co. (for Mr. R.
Richards & Stutholme) up to Gigg's.

July 1st Tuesday, fine sq. by N. Selwyn gull from
bank to bank, too deep to cross at Gigg's. put the
horses on & started off, with Old Boon - 1 pair horses & dray,
& ton of flour for Stutholme - no water in the Hawkins
plenty of water in at the back of hills but 2 in the
Wikipidley, unhooked Old "Black Bird" at Hooded then
to see the best place to cross, & then hooked three horses
on & got both Drays through, very stiff pulling, the rain
yesterday reached twelve miles or so from the hills, ground

very soft. Reached Stutholme's about five P.M. & took his things
off. they say here that the rain yesterday, was the heaviest
they had ever seen, it came down in torrents, & the wind a perfect
Hurricane.

July 2nd Wednesday, very sharp frost, by all quarters
on to Rockwood & back to Stutholme's, by stiff pulling
from the Outstation, to Rockwood, Milly & a steep cutting to go
down & up. reached Richards about 1 P.M. Rockwood lies
back in the hills, low down in front & steep hills to the
back, several acres of Bush close at the back of the house
nice Garden in front, several Paddocks fenced in & broken
up, & nice young plantation of English Trees, a formed road
for about a mile up to the house, very pretty scenery round
about fough & rocky hills, with patches of stunted
bush. chiefly Birch Black & white, a nice comfortable
promenade for a Gentleman who likes solitude.

July 3rd Thursday, sharp frost by all quarters, put them
on & went a few miles on the track to meet Stutholme's
Bullock Dray, with Woodheads things for one to take down
(he has been shepherding for Stutholme 3 years.) waited
about till late returned to the station two P.M. the dray
came about 3 P.M. loaded up.

July 4th Friday, frost the fore part of the night, by S.W.

showery to the N.W. bound the load, started nine a.m. down to Gigg past two 'Nas' river bed by soft. went on to weeders reached there 7 p.m. tired & weary.

July 5th Saturday, stiff S.W. very rain 10 a.m. very snow after 11 a.m. returned to 'Buck' took the things to a house down Colombo Street in G. Heils Maddock, got home about 2 p.m. wet through changed & cleaned the horses & cleaned up the things

July 6th Sunday. equals of wind, snow & hail. snow lying thick on the ground, within cooking a.m. to Mr. Ciddons' inn & to tea.

July 7th Monday, equals, wind, hail, rain & snow snow thick on the ground, cutting chaff, mending - harness, washing towels &c.

July 8th Tuesday, frost ship. stiff S.W. cold of black pine from Smiths Hevy to the Times office. A fight between Jones & Burton, Jones beat. by bad roads.

July 9th Wednesday. equally, rain & hail, last night frost, fine, S.W. cold of black pine from Smiths Hevy, to the Hospital. Oxford terrace. In at the Mechanic's, paid my quarterly fee.

July 10th Thursday, v.g. ship frost, fine eq. all quarters rode to the foot of the Hills, walked over to Port. met young

Constable on the budge opposite the Bank, walked round about the town talking with him, dined at Dr. Brouse's, spent a pleasant day. walked home in the evening young Constable accompanying me, we supped at Brouse's Hotel, I left him at the Royal.

July 11th Friday, v.g. ship frost: fine, calm, two loads of timber from Aikman's, for Cliff. over to Barrett's with Tippler.

July 12th Saturday, ship frost: fine, S.W. eq. Coals from Aikman's for Stephenson, over the Papanui. Bays, a.m. to. for Gladdon p.m. Received a letter from A. Cotter.

July 13th Sunday, frost: fine, eq. N.E. cooking &c. a.m. writing p.m. Church in the evening.

July 14th Monday, v.g. ship frost, eq. N.E. small load of shaw home, load of timber from Aikman's, Cliff. weighing hay & jolting p.m. Posted two letters one to Mother & one to W.A. Cotter.

July 15th Tuesday, v.g. ship black frost. ^{6. S.W.} up to the Township of Lincoln to fetch Blanchet & Dubree, surveyors down, v.g. bad road at places, 14 miles from town.

July 16th Wednesday, v.g. ship. eq. S.W. a.m. N.E. p.m. two loads of timber from Aikman's for Webb. Received my parcels from young Constable, from Mother, Price for trousers, waistcoat, 6 collars, & neckties, two pair gloves. &c.

July 17th Thursday, ship fast by all quarters a.m. N.E. 11 m.
Cord of Black Pine, from Smiths Key to a party near Jaylows
Brewery, 1/2 ton of Hove from a party near the Royal Oak, Home

July 18th Friday, showery last night, big showers &
misty rain by S.W. cutting etc. & 300 L old fl of Timber from
Dalgetys for Hemming a.m. putting a manger into one
of the stalls & setted up some straw, in the Mechanics
Brought home a book titled Rights & Wrongs by Albany
Hombouque.

July 19th Saturday, thick fog calm, rose 10 m. lowered
4 m. by S.W. Cord of ~~Black~~ Black Pine from Smiths Key
1/2 to one party & 1/2 to another over the Japanese Bridge
An accident happened to Black Bess coming down, since
turned sharp around & brought her side up against
the shaft, just behind the shoulder. There is no more

July 20th Sunday, showery from S.W. big rain last night
Cooking reading & bathing the mare.

July 21st Monday. by big rain last night from S.W.
slight frost. fine N.E. Cord of B. Pine from S. Key, into the
yard, up half the night bathing the old mare

July 22nd Tuesday, thick fog from S.W. till 11 a.m.
N.E. Cord of B. Pine from S. Key, to Mr. Coates South
Water Colombo street, up half the night bathing the
mare,

July 23rd Wednesday, fog. stuff N.E. last night fine calm
taken with griping pains in my stomach 7 p.m. last
night had all night, up bathing the mare, within
bathing the mare etc. by bad 9 a.m. got a dose from Dr
Pring, which relieved me & some beef tea & Mutton Broth
from my neighbours, I am not without friends, thanks
be to God. shower or two from N.W. In at the Mechanics

July 24th Thursday, frost. fine, calm. N.E. after 11 a.m.
Cutting chaff. delivered some flour to different parties
brought some flour & meal home, bathing the mare.
in at the Mechanics, in the evening

July 25th Friday, fine, N.E. jobbing about, boning
frogs, shopping etc.

July, 26th Saturday, by big rain, S.W. all the night
from 11 p.m. Jobbing in the shed, shopping etc.

July 27th Sunday, fine, by S.W. cleared up about 11.
last night: bathing & feeding the mare every two hours.
making oatmeal gruel & linseed tea,

July 28th Monday. frost. fine. by N.W. up most of the
night, bathing the mare as before.

July 29th Tuesday. frost. fine calm a.m. N.E. 11 m.
tending the stall the night, down to Dickmans, job for
Hemming, small load of straw home, tending the mare
little better, not so often bathed.

July, ^{30th} Wednesday, showery a.m. S.W. lime & Sc. down
to Hackers Place, Dindsmile road, for Brooker. Cord of wood
from Coates's into the yard, tending the mare, shopping

July 31st Thursday, showery, S.W. 1/2 cord of wood
to Prestreux, cutting chaff & tending the mare, took
Clarkson's cart home, shopping &c.

August 1st Friday, Viv, rain last night & to
day, tending the mare & other horses, &c. S.W. by day

Aug. 2nd Saturday, showery, ^{at 3 P.M.} tending the mare & cutting
chaff, shopping, in the mechanics.

Aug 3rd Sunday, lg. showers a.m. S.W. rode down
to Clarkson's a.m. tending the mare, church in the
evening

Aug 4th Monday, fine, lg. S.W. a.m. lg. N.E. P.M. —
tending the mare & jolting about.

Aug. 5th Tuesday, thick drizzling rain, Viv at home
lg. all quarters. Tending the mare cutting chaff & some
other jobs.

Aug. 6th Wednesday, thick mist, cleared P.M. lg.
S.W. a.m. N.E. P.M. Tending the mare & jolting about.
She yielded up the Ghost about 6 P.M. So after all
the tendance that has been bestowed upon her
she is gone the way of all the world, she suffered

greatly & I hope, I have from this, learnt a lesson.
Perhaps it was so ordered for Good.

Received a letter from W.A. Cotte, with a Sydney Morning
Herald. Enclosed in the letter was one from Jerry &
Harry, from Jardia, he is in ill health & will probably
come to Australia.

Aug 7th Thursday, fine, ^{more S. P.M.} S.W. took the old mare down
to Beady's Paddock (with his leave) & buried her, nearly
four feet of earth over her. We opened her, one of her
ribs was broken & the splinters inwards towards her
lungs & her lungs, quite gone, its a wonder she lived so
long. Chapman came after we (P.S.) had buried her,
cutting chaff & jolting P.M. In the mechanics in the
evening.

Aug 8th Friday, frost. S.W. a few lg. squalls of rain.
Carpentering & forming posts a.m. cleaning up the yard
& took three loads of dung across to Kretchmire's P.M.

Aug. 9th Saturday. fine S.W. a.m. showery. 3 P.M. half
a cord of Black Pine to Mr. Peggy (Disgusted) two loads
of dung Kretchmire a.m. 15 cart of Coals for Painter
N. Down Bet & 5 cart to. Opposite Beeds stable.

Aug 10th Sunday, showery S.W. lg. N.E. 5 P.M. to Milton
to dinner, C. Poggio's came P.M. reading P.M. & evening

Aug. 11th Monday, frost. fine a.m. Showery. by all quarters
Carting dung across to Ketchumers a.m. Moving Eckoff.
from Salvo Brewery, to south end of Colomts Wh. Moving Dr. Strong
Jobing for Cliff.

Aug 12th Tuesday, by ship frost. all quarters by. Moving
a party & jobing in town.

Aug 13th Wednesday, frost for part of the night, dew. by
all quarters, Lime & Sc. to Flagstaff over the Kapanihi Bridge
for Brooker. cord of wood out of the yard to Ketchumers
loaded up with flour, sugar, potatoes & Hay from
Gentleman Stace's East end of Cashel Str. for G. Pleasance
up to Weedens, 7 P.m. Roads dry.

Aug. 14th Thursday, fine by. a.m. S. E. P.m. diff. up
to the Raiakia & unloaded. ~~Seleogy~~ very soft.

Aug 15th Friday, ship frost. started off 7 a.m. Reached
Home 7 p.m. rested the Horses at Weedens. tired.

Aug. 16th Saturday, dew. by. N. E. ^{showery in the evening} two loads of
sand for Brooker. 1/2 cord of wood for Mac. Korte
to. to Bethel Ware. to. to Newton. In at the Mechanic

Aug 17th Sunday, clearing up by. a.m. reading
P.m. Church in the evening. by. all a.m. fine, N. E. P.m.

Aug 18th Monday, dew. by. S. W. showery in the
evening, cord of wood from Smiths Ferry to Kichy's the
Bakers. sent young Williams the "Indian Mutiny".

Aug. 19th Tuesday, heavy rain, & a gale fra. S. W. last night
by rough. fine. S. W. Cord of wood from Smiths Ferry into
the yard. / Charly got cast in his stall, pulled him out with
Prince!

Aug. 20th Wednesday, slight frost. fine, S. W. Cord
of wood from Smiths Ferry, to a party from Taranaki
opposite Johnston & Williams. (not pleased).

Aug 21st Thursday, frost. fine. N. E. cord of wood
from Smiths Ferry, into the yard. (pulled a party out).

Aug 22nd Friday. dew. fine all quarters. mostly N. E.
Cord of Black Pine from Smiths Ferry to Vincents
N. end of Colomts Str. Fires in all directions. looked
grand on the Hills at night.

Aug 23rd Saturday, dew. Thundered & lightened
sharp last night about 4 a.m. by. S. W. a.m. N. E. by
P.m. Ton of coals for Hadleigh & 5 cwt into the yard
from Aikmans. two ton of flour & 1/2 a ton of Bran
from Inneswoods Mill to the Quay. In the Mechanic's

Aug 24th Sunday, fine N. E. cooking & reading a.m. walked
down to the Ferry to see William Paddock. Numbers of Crafts
lying at the Ferry,

Aug 25th Monday. fine, by all quarters a.m. N. W. P.m. took
Carpenters drag home, 3 loads of dung from the White

Grant Stables to a party, east end of Arched etc. fetched the top
dray from Johnsons, load of Straw - some cutting chaff &c.

Brown received the likenesses of his Father & Mother, brothers
& sisters, the sight of which opened natures frontiers afresh.
Fires in all directions.

Aug 26th Tuesday, N. E. S. E. settled to by strong S. W
11 a.m. cord of white pine from Smiths Ferry, & Milsons
Cordial Manufacturer also 13 rails into the yard, received
a letter from Mother & one from R. Stannard / unfinished
showery p.m. G.

Aug 27th Wednesday, fine, stiff S. W. N. E. after 3 p.m.
12 Bags of Lime & 1 Bag of Hair from Hills up into the yard
for Powers & Patson. & helped load up a furnace at
Miltons & another at Aitmans for Widderson. loaded
up from Sunday places for the Raiakia 'Pm'
Fell off the dray at Aitmans & pitched onto my head &
shoulders. It might have done me a serious injury.

Aug. 28th Thursday, fine N. E. N. sty. sty N. W.
after 3 p.m. showery p.m. up to Giggos. fine s. a. directions

Aug 29th Friday, fine sty N. W. a.m. tempest at noon
changeable settled to S. W. 'Pm'. up to the Raiakia, unloaded
& back to Giggos. squally to the N. W. Raiakia bow.

Aug 30th Saturday, fine, N. a.m. N. E. after 2

p.m. down to town, walking about with young Constable
in the evening; still out of employment.

Aug 31st Sunday, fine. v. sty. N. W. S. W. after 3 p.m. showery
over Governors Bay, C. Boggis young Mills from J. & W. office &
myself. Tramped down the Ferry road over Wilsons bridge, up
the Hill through dry bush, along the top of the range, &
into the top of the Sugar loaf, down home by the Governors
Bay road. Home, meet young Constable in the ^(lost my Father's handkerchief.) evening.

Sept. 1st Monday, squalls of rain & Hail last night Gale
from S. W. fine S. W. N. W. after 3 p.m. Loaded up at G. & Miles
for Chapman, up to Giggos.

Sept 2nd Tuesday, sty N. W. sty N. S. W. 4 p.m. up to the
Raiakia, unloaded at the Point, returned to Giggos.
over 200 head of cattle crossed the Raiakia bound for
Atago, from the other Island. County burning, in some
directions every day.

Sept 3rd Wednesday, sty S. W. cold. squally down
town last night & a.m. down to town, shopping & G. (Supreme Court)

Sept 4th Thursday, dry frost. fine, a few heat drops
by N. E. ploughing up Amagh Str. a.m. Moved Boxes
thing from Dr. Parkersons, down the Windmill Road
5 cart of Flour home, load of gravel & stuff out of Amagh
Str. into the yard.

Sept. 5th Friday, N. E. fine, cord of Black Pine out of the yard to Capt. ^{Guinness} 1000 lbs of Flour from the Wind Mill Home, east to Mr. Vincent. Ploughing up Armagh Str. Must my eye in the Plough handle, cutting chaff & c.

Sept 6th Saturday, white frost. fine N. W. P. M. by. Ploughing up Armagh Str. a.m. driving away earth P. M. Into the Mechanics' in booring

Sept 7th Sunday, a light shower a.m. N. E. L. Boggie & myself walked up to Gizzo's & spent the day.

Sept 8th Monday, dry dew. S. W. till 1 P. M. N. E. carting earth off Armagh Str.

Sept 9th Tuesday, dry dew. N. E. S. W. after five P. M. ploughing Armagh Str. a.m. cutting chaff P. M.

Sept 10th Wednesday, white frost, fine, S. W. a.m. N. E. after 2 P. M. Cord of Black Pine from Moonkey into the yard. Awful road, full of great holes & cuts. Took half out onto the metalled road & then returned & fetched the other, capsize once. no damage done.

Sept. 11th Thursday, dry dew, N. E. a.m. N. E. & S. W. staving for the mastery P. M. S. W. gained about 5 P. M. - threatening, 23 rails out of the yard down to the Paddock 14 Posts & 30 rails from Clarke's stack, to do. went 70 lbs of

hay from up the Lincoln Road, Home, loaded up for Bridges' up country to Morrow, 27 Bushels of Oats 300 Palsings & 200 of 3x2. D. D.

Sept 12th Friday, showery last night, dry till between the dry river bed & 3 miles this side of Gizzo's, showery a.m. fine P. M. S. W. up to Gizzo's. late 6 P. M.

Sept 13th Saturday, showery last night & a.m. S. W. S. E. on to Bridges' station dairy station, 17 miles from Gizzo's passed Rivette woolshed & water, about 6 miles on. Some good country around Bridges', plenty of good creeks, by Palsms abounding. seem quite a relief, after passing a naked plain for miles. but will be a draw back to the cultivation thereof. B. has a new house 5 rooms below & 3 up stairs the walls of cob & timber & shingle roof. not finished. Out & dairy, poor stockyard, wood very scarce in the vicinity, a good many head of cattle & 500 ewes lambing down. suff & ready.

Sept 14th Saturday Sunday, a few great drops a.m. S. E. lying about & reading & c. Turned the horses loose. B. read prayers in the evening. Post a letter to Mother Lovell & c.

Sept 15th Monday, a few light showers ^{white frost} etc. cold N. E. left Bridges about 1/2 past six a.m. straight through, Home about 7 P. M. stopped at Gizzo's to Breakfast.

Sept 16th Tuesday. showery last night & today, St. N. E. Ploughing in Armagh St. 'a.m.' cord of Black Pine out of the yard to a party in St. Asaph St. West. for cord to a foreign Image maker.

Sept 17th Wednesday, big rain last night, showery S. W. after 5 a.m. 46 Black Pine Posts from Smiths Ferry down to the Quodlock. late.

Sept. 18th Thursday, big dew. fine, stiff S. W. moved a dumkin for Widderson, (cord of Black Pine for Smiths Ferry to Ballard, N. E. Town Belt).

Sept. 19th Friday, big rain last night, stiff N. E. fine. Cord of Black Pine to Tobson with end of Manchester Str. into the Mechanic's in the evening. * from Smiths Ferry.

Sept. 20th Saturday, big rain dew. stiff N. E. ploughing Armagh St. Received a letter from Mother.

Sept 21st Sunday, fine, Post. N. W. by, 'P.M.' Young Constables & Charles Boggio, came ^{about} 10 a.m. we walked down the Avon to Wards Brewery & Back, reading for about two hours, about two o'clock, we started off to accompany Constable part of the way to Port; we happened with William Packard, we walked on about half way between the Ferry & the Steam Wharf Charles proposed bathing, I refused, Packard consented they undressed, I was sitting on the Bank. Charles walked

past me to a high part of the Bank, I called out don't jump off there, / Because it appeared to high / But before the words were fairly out of my mouth, he sprang in head foremost / without stopping to look.) I saw by his turning over he had struck something on the bottom, he rose to within a few inches of the surface, / the others said he was showing them how long he could keep under.) William being undressed I asked him to fetch him out, he went in & brought him to the edge, the water about 3 ft 6 inches, I helped him up the Bank, we rubbed him dry & put on his clothes, he was sensible from the first, but — completely paralyzed in his body, he complained of his neck, said it was broke, he could feel nothing but his neck & head, we got some brandy & gave him, a snow coming up helped us to carry him to the road, we laid him on the grass & covered him up. A cart of passengers came down the road, we asked them to let us have the cart to take him up, they refused but afterwards thought better of it & let us have it, we put him wrapped him up in blankets, we met Dr. Pein on the way up, he did not seem to have a good opinion of him. / Constable went on to Port & William stopped at the steam Darg / We reached home about 6 P.M. took him in & laid on a sofa, sent for Dr. Parkinson, he came but said (on one side) that there was no hopes for him the his neck was broken in a sense

the brain being separated from his body, we gave him some medicine, I stopped & helped them, after I had gone & seen the nurse) & set up with him till near one at midnight, he seemed better, said he seemed more like himself again, I returned home, to bed. The whole family weeping, his parents sadly cut up.

Sept 22nd Monday, fine, by N.W. by N.W. in the evening lightning most all last night, restless night, up early, horse casted in Broad's Meadow, went to see poor Charles, he was sensible but could not speak, he was sensibly drawing near his end, I left him & bid him good bye about half past seven never more to see him alive, his spirit departed from him about half past eight a.m. immediately after blood gushed out of his nose & mouth, he seemed to die happy.

Driving away earth from Annab str. cutting chaff after 3 P.M. cleaned up, & went to the inquest, held at the Royal Hotel, Dr. Parkinson gave his evidence & I gave mine, the jury brought in a verdict of accidental death, after it was over Dr. Coward the coroner, talked well of him (Charles) before the jury, I went in to Mr. Boggis, poor Charles looked so happy, I tried to comfort them as well as I could, before I returned I took a last look at him, & thus it is we are but dust & ashes, for even in this short time he begins to turn, poor fellow cut off in

the midst of health & on the way for doing well, a diligent youth & good natured, his only fault, he was too venturesome, when I returned, William was there, he was very sorry to hear he was dead & quite surprised, I felt a sort of presentiment that something was going to happen, I thought it was to myself, this I felt while lying on the bed on Sunday dinner time, I little thought that poor Charles was so near his end.

Sept 23rd Tuesday, fine, N.W. by N.W. at times, not almost to suffocation, lightning incessantly all night to the N.W. driving away earth in Annab Str. went to Mr. Boggis in the evening, he seemed a little better I thought, poor Charles was in his coffin, screwed down, & the scent from him was almost unbearable, a nice coffin, he died in his seventeenth year, I tried to comfort them as well as I could. When I returned Big Tom (the horse) was griped or something of the sort & Knapp came & gave him a dose, he seems better.

Sept 24th Wednesday, dew fine N.W. by strong at times, cutting chaff & c. a.m. went to poor Charles's funeral, we left Mr. Boggis about half past three, he was carried in a cart, Mr. B. & Charlotte & Mr. Cuddon next in Mr. Wakefield's carriage, Mr. B. Mr. Cuddon & Mr. Whinnall next in a cart. J. Brown & myself next, & the others in order, so besides his relations, many a grown up person was not respected so much as he was, he was an extraordinary youth

He was buried in the 'Achi' cemetery, went to Mr. Cuddons to tea & spent the evening with the afflicted, "weep with them that weep & rejoice with them that do rejoice," Mr. Williams poor & employer sent Mr. B. a nice comforting letter, spoke very highly of him

Sept. 25th Thursday, left N. W. by 10th, fine, loaded up five cut of stoves from Gould & Miles's & a ton of Potatoes & at Weeden's half way house on my way up to Gizzo's. An unjust held today, a poor lad kicked & killed ^{by a horse.}

Sept 26th Friday, fine N. W. by 10th at times, dew, up to the Paria's unloaded. (for Chapman Boy) & returned to Gizzo's.

Sept 27th Saturday, fine, stiff N. E. commenced to rain lightly & I'm returned to Akhi, cleaning up the place & put the water tray under cover, I have been thinking deeply this three days.

A copy of a letter from William Packard. To night:

Dear Joe

I am very sorry I could not attend poor Charlie's funeral, it was a matter of impossibility - Mr. Tippitts was in town, so that I could not get away. I hope you will not think it was for want of feeling, far from it I can assure you. If he had been my own brother I could not have regarded him more, and I am sure you take it in the same light - But we must all hope his welfare in the other world, will be superior, than any thing to be found in this mortal life - I may be up on Sunday with them, Believe me.

Your Affectionate Friend
William Packard.

Went to Mr. Boggis's & Mr. Cuddons in the evening, grief is doing its work, but time I hope will soften even this great trial. Four deaths from accidents this week.

Taken from Bogatsky's "Golden Treasury": Sept. 21st the portion for the day on which this sad accident happened.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God. Psa. xlii. 11.

Dear Lord, whatever load thou art pleased to lay upon me, enable me to steadfastly wait, in faith & prayer, till the joyful hour of deliverance comes.

'Tis God that lifts our comforts high,

Or sinks them in the grave;

He gives, & (blessed be his name!)

He takes but what he gave.

Peace all our angry passions then;

Let each rebellious sigh

Be silent at his sov'reign will,

And every murm'ring die.

If smiling mercy crown our lives.

Its praises shall be spread;

And we'll adore the justice too,

That strikes our comforts dead.

A copy of a letter written by ~~William~~ Wynn Williams
to Mr. Baggis. Dear Sir.

I cannot tell you how
deeply I feel the loss of your poor son Charles. I not
only feel that his loss to you is irreparable; but I also
feel it personally, as I am quite sure we cannot
replace him. It is quite impossible that any body
could have been better than poor Charles, - I say
this with the greatest sincerity; it is a very strong
expression, but I cannot retract it; I still feel that
it is quite impossible to have had a better Clerk.
He never lost a moment during the two years he
was with me; he was always - respectful, and
most kind & good natured; his loss is indeed -
something dreadful to you as his Parents; and
to us in another way -

Poor boy it is a sad, sad thing, and I assure
you I feel his loss almost as if I had lost a
brother; I had the greatest respect and esteem
for him, and I believe had God spared him
he would have been a credit to all connected with
him, I am deeply sorry I cannot attend his funeral
but I have to appear at the Resident Magistrates

which will I am afraid prevent me paying his last respects
to him, I am sure no person out of his family, can
sympathize with you, more deeply than myself, as I
have known him so long, and it is with very deep
sorrow and affliction, that I now offer you my
condolence on your severe loss; I hope you will
however bear up against it, and not forget that we
must all say "Thy will be done"

I hope his poor Mother will bear against her
dreadful loss/ affliction. I remain

Yours very sincerely

H. Wynn Williams

Sept 28th Sunday, Very rain last evening, S. W. W. &
after five P.M. shower. Church morning & evening, at
Mr. Baggis's to tea, after Church. Mr. Bose, preached a
once sermon, on confirmation, & about poor Charles
spoke very highly of him, & said God sees not as we
see, he sees, the past, the present & the future &
very took him to himself, to keep him from temptation
he ^{often} cuts off those who are most promising & leave the
sickly. His text was. "Wilt thou not from this time
cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide
of my youth?" Jer. iii. 4.

Sept 29th Monday, dew, fine, by N.E. 8 a.m. by stg S.W.
two loads of stone from the Quay, to the Government
Buildings

Sept 30th Tuesday, dew, stg N.E. 8 a.m. N.W. 11 a.m. carting
gravel onto Armagh St. & making the road out of the pit
better. To Boggie's in the evening.

Sept. Oct. 1st Wednesday, dry shower last night. a
gale from N.W., S.W. after 2 past two P.M. carting gravel
to Mr. Williams, & to Boggie's, and posted up bulldone books.

Oct 2nd Thursday, ^{calm night} white frost, fine, N. stg N.W. after
10 a.m. carting gravel from the Government domain
between the College & the Hospital

Oct. 3rd Friday, fine stg N.W. calm night. S.W. after 10 a.m.
carting gravel

Oct 4th Saturday, dew, fine stiff N.E. carting gravel
went to Mr. Williams's, but decided not to go. To Mr. Boggie's
from Mr. B. ill in bed, to Mr. Cuddons & put his
books tonight

Oct 5th Sunday, dew, fine N. & S. by N.E. after 11 a.m.
to Church morning & evening, Mr. Cox preached both
a.m. & P.M. on confirmation a.m. reading P.M. To Mr. B.
in the evening, Mr. B. a little better

Oct 6th Monday, dew, fine, dry, all quarters. carting

gravel. getting on nicely. put my things tonight.

Oct 7th Tuesday, fine. N.E. till 3 P.M. stiff S.W.
S.W. after 5 P.M. Shower 2 & 9 P.M. carting gravel,
Abram Jones came in the evening, talked over old times
he is doing very well.

Oct 8th Wednesday, dew, fine S.W. by stg, fine part
of the night, stiff N.E. after 10 a.m. carting gravel
W. Packard came in the evening.

Oct. 9th Thursday, dew, fine N.E. N. & N.W. after
eleven a.m. stg. carting gravel.

Oct. 10th Friday, dew, fine, by S.W. stg N.E. after
10 a.m. carting gravel. To Mr. Boggie's in the evening.
Mr. B. a little better, to Mr. Cuddons helped him in
the shop.

Oct. 11th Saturday, dry shower last night, commenced
raining 5 a.m. rained all day by stg at times, stiff
S.W. cleared a little 6 P.M. mending & greasing
harness &c.

Oct 12th Sunday, light showers till 10 a.m. by S.W. N.E.
after 11 a.m. fine, Church a.m. a good useful sermon by
Rev. Cox. to Burrows to dinner, walked down to the Paddock
to look at Barrows lame horse. to Burrows to tea. walking
home in the evening

Oct 13th Monday, dew. fine, S.W. by, calm at times
showery after 3 P.M. by S.W. 5 P.M. carting gravel.
rectifying 28c. in the evening.

Oct 14th Tuesday, fine S.W. by, heavy showers last
night, carting gravel, roads by by & shipping, to Mr. Cuddons
in the evening & got up his ledger, posted a letter & paper to Mother

Oct 15th Wednesday, dew. fine by S.W. a.m. N.E. stiff 1 P.M.
carting gravel

Oct 16th Thursday, dew. fine, by N.E. calm after 3 P.M.
N.W. after 6 P.M. by S.W. 7 P.M. carting gravel.

Oct 17th Friday, ^{dew} stiff N.E. ^{fine} carting gravel, to Mr.
Cuddons, helping in the shop.

Oct 18th Saturday, fine, N.W. by at times finished
graveling about noon, jobbing & loaded up for Tuesday
N.M. to Mr. Cuddons posted up his books.

Oct 19th Sunday, fine, by N.E. by N.W. after 9 a.m.
S.E. to N.E. after 6 P.M., to church a.m. down to see W. Packard
& looked at the place where poor Charles happened
with his accident

Oct 20th Monday, fine, squally to the N. & N.W.
by S.W. from 1 to 3 P.M. by N.W. the steepest
I think I ever saw, up to Gizzo, took the day
excursion.

Oct 21st Tuesday, ship, frost, by N.W. S.W. by S.W. 2 P.M.
rain 7 P.M. up to Tuesday & back to Gizzo's, went 3 or 4
miles out of my way to H. the track in the Manuka
scrub branching all ways, H's station is on the
Kaikia, woodshed, shed for wool, boat, sheepyard
stockyard, & Squatters House, good garden for
the place

Oct 22nd Wednesday, rained most of the night,
fine, squally to the N. & N.W. ^{over Banks Peninsula} by S.W. started from Gizzo's
half past six a.m. from 1 P.M., cleaned up & went
to the Canterbury Show, most of the horses & cattle
when gone when I got there, I never ^{saw} so many
gathered together in Canterbury before, I saw
young Norfolk & George Cook; & young George Shinn
in the evening, he is just arrived, in the morning
went to Mr. Chinnall's, Cootcham House in the
evening. Grand dinner at the Town Hall.

Oct 23rd Thursday, ship, frost, stiff N.E. late 11 a.m.
snow at 11 a.m. squally to the N.W. by S.W. after half
past 11 a.m. cord of white wood from Hoonkey
to Davis N.E. town Belt. took Tom to be shod
for shoes, road better.

Oct 24th Friday, fine, S.W. N.E. after 3 P.M. cord of

Black Pine from Smiths Ferry to Mr. Gordon South
Town Newson, road through the sand hills very
stiff. To Giddons in the evening, packed up his books.

Oct 25th Saturday, dew, fine stiff N.E., one
hundred coils from Smiths Ferry into the
yard.

Oct: 26th Sunday, fine, hot, sty, N.W. last night &
to-day. Church morning & evening, young constable
came over, we went to Mrs. Blinnalls, "Bookham house"
& George Brinnall jun. lately out in the "Queen of the Mersey"
we walked up to the Church of England cemetery, 'P.M.'
& looked at Poor Charles' grave, it is paled in & painted
white, returned to Bookham house to tea.

Oct 27th Monday, fine, dry shower from N.W. at
9 a.m. N.E. at the time & all day sty 'P.M.' Cord of white
wood from Hoonhay to Fuller, Hereford St.

Oct 28th Tuesday, ^{showers 7 a.m.} fine, stiff S.W. Cord of white
wood from Hoonhay to Mr. Gladdons. St. Adolph
St. Received a letter from Mother & a note from
Julia Hammond

Oct 29th Wednesday, fine, misty showers a.m. & N.E. stiff
cord of white wood from Hoonhay to a party up Hereford
St. to Mr. Bozzis in the evening

Oct 30th Thursday, misting shower a.m. fine, sty N.E.
ploughing Colombo str. till half past 10 a.m. Cord of Black
Pine from Aikman's to Newton, over Papanui bridge, to
from Roberts's boat, to a ^{party} Madras str. North

Oct 31st ~~Saturday~~ ^{Friday} fine, dew, N.E., stiff. 1 cord
of Black Pine from Roberts's to Brighton & to. to
Sia, both summer road "Etch". To Mr. Giddons
in the evening & packed up his books.

^{Nov 1st} Received a parcel from home favoured by C. O. Jorlesse
boy.

Nov 1st Saturday, dew, fine, S.W. a.m. N.E. after
1 P.M. hot. ploughing, Colombo & Swan Streets.

Nov. 2nd Sunday, dew, fine by S.W. & N.E. at church
a.m. saw C. O. Jorlesse boy. Had a long conversation
with him. walked up to Driggs's 'P.M.', saw Joe
Wallan on my way up, took Driggs a parcel from
his poor old mother favoured by Mr. Jorlesse
he at could hardly keep from crying when he
heard me read his mother's letter.

Nov 3rd Monday, dew, fine, N.E. ploughing Swan
Street & a hill in Colombo Street. Gantey Jim came
in the evening.

Nov 4th Tuesday, dew, by N.E. stiff N. after 11 a.m. sty N.W.

after 1 P.M. by ^{boat} duty, shifting earth on Suam Street,
single horse teams, to Cuddons in the evening, posting
up & making out bills.

Nov 5th Wednesday, by dew, calm last night & till 11 A.M.
by day, N.W. hot & dusty, shifting earth on Suam Street
single horse teams.

Nov 6th Thursday, fine, by W. all quarters. by N.W. after
10 A.M. loaded up at 6 or 6 places for Flowers & Robson
up to Gigg's.

Nov 7th Friday, fine, dew, S.W. after 10 last night &
A.M. N.E. N.W. by after 5 P.M. up to Flowers's &
loaded & back to Gigg's.

Nov 8th Saturday, by day N.W. last night. by
showers from S.W. between 6 & 8 A.M. stiff S.W. misty
showers. N.E. N.W. 11 A.M. started from Gigg's before noon
reached Church by one P.M. looking about 7 P.M. to
Cuddons in the evening, posted up his ledgers.

Nov 9th Sunday, rain till 11 A.M. N.E. at Church
morning and evening, writing P.M. saw Mr. Solesse &
had a long conversation with him, saw Mr. Hodgson.

Nov 10th Monday, dew fine, N.E. by from 12 to 4 P.M.
500 ft timber & 400 palings from Ackmans, up to the
yard. took off 260 palings, bound up my load & off

up to Weedens for Flowers & Robson
Nov 11th Tuesday, dew fine, stiff N.E. up to Flowers's
& unloaded.

Nov 12th Wednesday, fine, by N.W. after 8 A.M., N.W.
S.W. after 5 P.M. rain after 4 P.M. ~~at~~ rode from
to Heredays, to enquire about the wool, & back to
the Ferry, & down home 48 miles.

Nov 13th Thursday, fine, shower 7 A.M. S.W. N.E. after
3 P.M. ploughing up Suam Str.

Nov 14th Friday, fine, dew, by all quarters N.E. after
4 P.M. Posts & sails from Smith's Ferry. to Cuddons in
the evening, posting up his books.

Nov 15th Saturday, dew, fine, stiff N.E. cord of Totara
from Toonkey to Fosset. Walked over to Mrs. Parsons's
At in the evening in two hours & five minutes, found
them rather poorly, they building a nice house five
rooms nearer the beach at the bottom of the garden
trees much grown & a good show for fruit, three
walnuts on one of their young trees. spent a pleasant
evening, by N.W. in the evening, by S.W. after 11 P.M.

Nov 16th Sunday, dew, fine, by day N.E. called
at Mr. Dyers A.M. His place is improved & the
trees grown fast. to Church A.M. two day members

officiated, Mr. Vigers read the prayers & Mr. Parsons
a sermon, the Church is nicely finished inside.
to Mr. Hodgsons to dinner. building a new house for Mr. Potts.
the boys are improving, the road cut wide enough for
carts to go round as soon as the creeks are bridged.
back to Mr P.'s to tea.

Nov 17th Monday, dew, fine, stiff N.E. slept at Mr. P.'s
up before four a.m. walked over to Otch. fetched the
horses in on my way home, cord of botara to a party
in Colombo ~~to~~ south of the town belt.

Nov 18th Tuesday, dew, fine, calm, N.E. after 11 a.m. by sty N.W.
after 7 p.m. out (by) day. cord of black pine from Smiths ferry to
Ballard N.E. town belt. to saddons in the evening packed up
his books, writing bills.

Nov 19th Wednesday, dew, sty S.W. N.E. after 3 p.m. N.W.
before 10 a.m. loaded up with cases at Alports store for
Hereday & started for Gizzo, half past eleven a.m. reached
7 p.m. several fresh bullocks lying dead on the track.

Nov 20th Thursday, up to Heredays, unloaded & loaded
up with wool. stiff S.E.

Nov 21st Friday, stiff N.E. showery, till 11 a.m. N. after
1 p.m., bound up & down to Weedens, seven bales
on one dray & 8 on the other

Nov 22nd Saturday, fine sty N, N.W. after 11 a.m., started
from Weedens for Otch 6 a.m. down to the Steam Warf 1 p.m.
700 ft timber up for Brown. all quarters 1 p.m. S.W. N.W. N.E.

Nov 23rd Sunday, dew the for part of the night
by W. N.E. after 11 a.m. Church 1 a.m. to see William
Richard 1 p.m. to tea road up to Milltons wharf on the
Shetis.

Nov 24th Monday, sty N.E. loaded up with cases ^{28.}
from G. & Miles & from Manning, to be left in the care
of Flowers. Raiakia. up to Gizzo. late up.

Nov 25th Tuesday, ~~white frost~~, N. sty N.W. S.W. after
1 p.m. sty, W after 4 p.m. off early up to Flowers. b. part. unloaded
on to Heredays. loaded up with wool, 3 drays.

Nov 26th Wednesday, white frost. sty N.E. by sty 1 p.m.
bound up 10 3/4 bales. two horses. had to shift the top bales
& rebind after we got 3 miles from Heredays, suff
road, down to Weedens. late.

Nov. 27th Thursday, sty N.E. off by half past six
a.m., down to Otch 11 a.m. delivered the wool at the Steam wharf

Nov 28th Friday, by N.E. by dew. sty N.W. after 10 a.m.
cord of white wood from Hoontkay to Manning's brewer.
Ferry road. received four letters, from Mother. James, W. &
Collee & William Stormard Junior.

Nov 29th Saturday, fine, all quarters a.m. stiff N. P.m. cord
of white wood from Hoonhay to Mearns's brewer. had feed of cherries
at Mr. Cuddons putting up his books.

Nov 30th Sunday, fine. S.W. church a.m. reading
P.m. Chapel evening.

Dec 1st Monday, a few heat drops, hot. by all
quarters a.m. N.E. P.m. loaded up with oats, etc.
groceries & timber for flowers, up to Gigg's.

Dec 2nd Tuesday, two big showers at noon. stiff N.E.
up to Flowers's & unloaded returned to G's. bathed in the shower.

Dec 3rd Wednesday, dew. by N.W. for part of night. S.E.
after 6 a.m. S.W. 10 a.m. stiff N.E. after 11 a.m. down to block
with G's. half past five a.m.

Dec 4th Thursday. shower last night. fine stiff S.W.
big showers; evening, cord of white wood from Hoonhay to
Davis, N.E. tower belt. a little disturbance between Beddams
his three young sons & myself, about the wood.

Dec 5th Friday. showery last night. fine after
6 a.m. N. by N.E. after 10 a.m. cord of white wood from
Hoonhay, to Clark place opposite Hills down head Licantun
to Cuddons in the evening putting up.

Dec 6th Saturday. big showers last night later part
by S.W. N.E. P.m. fine. Starvels fire clay & coal

dust from the Steam Wagon for Widderson, smashed
his gate. load of dung down to the paddock & 15
bags wheat meal from the City Mills some
pair of shoes from Fuller's. walked round &
looked at the intended gravel pit & road.

Total eclipse of the moon about eight P.m.

Dec 7th Sunday. ship white frost. fine, N.E. by S.W. after
5 P.m. showery, big 9 P.m. at church a.m. down to Clarksons
P.m. to tea.

Dec 8th Monday. showery last night. fine, S.W. by N.E. after
6 P.m. to Hoonhay for wood returned as we went. filling earth
of the intended gravel pit.

Dec 9th Tuesday. fine, dew. by S.W. N.E. stiff after 10 a.m.
25 posts & 64 rails from Smith's Ferry, into the yard.

Dec 10th Wednesday, fine. by N.E. last night, N.E. a.m.
by N.W. from 12 to 2 P.m. by all quarters by S.W. after 4 P.m.
ploughing & scouping in the intended gravel pit. clearing
off the surface of another pit P.m. writing in the evening.

Dec 11th Thursday, dew fine. stiff N.E. cord of white wood
from Hoonhay, into the yard. stacking firewood in the
evening. writing & etc. received a letter from J. J. Courtess.

Dec 12th Friday, fine, dew. N.E. stiff, cord of white wood
from Hoonhay into the yard, past eight P.m. when we got

Home had to wait for the wood, noted 3 letters one to Mother, one to James & one to Cousin W. Standard.

Dec 13th Saturday, fine, hot. by N.E. worked round to N.W. 9 a.m. a gale from N.W. the roughest & dustiest day I have seen here, the dust such that you could not see twenty yds ahead. Carting gravel, from the Government domain near the College, onto Colombo Str. to Gaddons in the evening sorted up his books.

Dec 14th Sunday. fine, N.W. stiff at times, church morning & evening, reading P.M., W. Packard came in the evening.

Dec 15th Monday, dew, fine, N.E. stiff. W. took coals & some wood to Mr. Rowley's down the river above some very pretty places around that quarter, wood forming P.M.

Dec 16th Tuesday, Vivid rain from 6 a.m. till 2 p.m. showing by N.E. S.W. calm midday. N.E. after 3 p.m. splendid rain & greatly needed & we ought to be thankful for it. up early walked down to the steam wharf, with the intention of going over to Nippon Bay but the rain coming on deterred me, so I returned to Block, within reaching Mr. Mac. Coulters in the evening.

Dec 17th Wednesday, fine, dew, by N.E. & S.W. N.E. stiff. after 10 a.m. forming Colombo Str.

Dec 18th Thursday, tempest a.m. w/ Vivid rain showing, by from N.E. to S.W. cutting the slouts in Manchester Str. onto Duam within after 10 a.m. clearing up the place, unloaded & started a cord of wood took the drag to Couper to have the wheel wedged took Clarkson Cart home, had a good feed of ripe gooseberries unloading firebricks at Widdersons, late time P.M.

Dec 19th Friday, dew. Shower at noon. N.E. cutting the slopes in Manchester Str. onto Duam Str. forming Colombo Str. to Gaddons in the evening sorted up his books.

Dec 20th Saturday, Vivid rain from twelve till 2 p.m. 1 ton 1/4 cut of coke from Miltons wharf for Widderson, 1 ton 11 cut pig iron do.

Dec 21st Sunday, fine, showery till 10 a.m. S.W. N.E. after 4 p.m. Church morning & evening, at Buzz P.M. Mr. H. Dolson & Mr. Stack were ordained Priests a.m. by the Bishop of Auck. Saw Mr. Weston in the evening he looks well.

Dec 22nd Monday, fine, by N.E. last night & today two loads of Coke & pig iron for Widderson & Barnes, to Glastons in the evening.

Dec 23rd Tuesday, dew, fine, by all quarters, load of Coke from Miltons for Widderson a.m. forming Colombo Str. P.M. walked up town in the evening, to look at the show of meat & illuminations, small glass lamps of different

colours, "Lydenham House" in large letters & V. R & a star
underneath, Moses "Star & V. R." a good show of meat.

Dec 24th Wednesday. fine stiff N. E. forming Colombo Str
at Cuddons in the evening putting up illuminations
as last night.

Dec 25th Thursday, Christmas-day, fine hot day. the
hottest h. mas I ever knew, all quarters N. W. most of the day
Cooking a.m. Constable & William Packard came & spent
the day, reading P.M. for a walk in the evening.

Dec 26th Friday, fine, by hot, by all quarters a.m. till
P.M. forming Colombo str. at Mr. Cuddons making out
Bills. Shower show

Dec 27th Saturday, fine by hot last night & today
h. W. S. W. after 3 P.M. by forming Colombo Str. at Mr. Cuddons
in the evening making out bills.

Dec 28th Sunday, by shower P.M. h. W. S. W. after 9 a.m.
at Church morning & evening, reading & took the horses down P.M.
at Mr. C. D. Dolson in the evening.

Dec 29th Monday, few by showers P.M. N. E. plastering south
end of Colombo Str a.m. carting metal onto Suam Str. called
to see Mr. C. Dolson in the evening, at Mr. Cuddons making
out bills.

Dec 30th Tuesday, fine, S. W. stiff N. E. after 10 a.m.

carting gravel onto Suam Str. at Mr. Cuddons in the evening
making out bills. called at Mr. Dolson's.

Dec 31st Wednesday, fine, stiff N. E. carting gravel onto Suam
Str. at Cuddons putting up & making out bills.

1863 January 1st Thursday. New-years-day, dew. all
quarters stiff S. W. from 10 till 3 P.M. carting gravel do.
cleaning up & Pc.

Jan 2nd Friday, fine, stiff N. E. the dust in Suam Str. awful
could see twenty yds at times, carting metal onto Suam Str
at Mr. Cuddons in the evening, making out bills. bad eyes
from the dust & wind.

Jan 3rd Saturday, fine, dew. S. W. a.m. N. E. P.M. by hot
carting metal onto Suam Str.

Jan 4th Sunday, fine, all quarters by a.m. N. W. stiff P.M. with
bad eyes & rather ill a.m. to Taylors Lincoln road P.M. church
in the evening.

Jan 5th Monday, fine, stiff N. E. after 11 a.m. dusty, new
dray from Alports for Mr. Phillips of Rockwood & loaded
at Miles & Co. Started up to Gigg about twelve, stiff gutting
through the "water holes" they forming the road 2 or 4 miles
they are forming 50 chains just beyond Weedens Hoff way house
along the frontage of the new township of Weeden, Weeden
said it out. late up to the Selwyn. The Selwyn is dry

with the exception of a few water holes, few & far between.

Jan 6th Tuesday, fine, the best N.W. I ever saw or felt up to Rockwood & unloaded, slow progress against the wind; head wind, the country looks parched, the drought is generally felt, Rockwood looks much the same, it might be improved on, Mr. Phillips treated me well. eyes bad

Jan 7th Wednesday, a few showers, S.W. steady, left the dray at Mr. Phillips rode down to hills & Beard's hut on the schwyn, by way of Studholms & Gordy's, every thing looks as though it thirsted for rain, Gordy's wheat & oats look well; loaded up 4 bales of wool at hills, on his dray

Jan 8th Thursday, fine, all quarters settled at N.E. 11 a.m. Not. Elizabeth's birth day. took 4 bales of wool down to Avon Head, hills home farm, Gigg's eyes very bad, I suppose the same complaint, as is prevalent in Australia, rode home from there, some about 8 p.m. toothache since noon almost mad tonight.

Jan 9th Friday, fine, all quarters a.m. N.E. p.m. a three backed on Iron Prince. 116 port and rails up to Gordons Paddock. beyond Goulds place Dr. town. better half a ton of coals & the rest of the black-iron 4. to Peoples Avon side, received a letter from home & one from Lissy, she has lost her little "Ada", poor girl.

"Ada Wilkinson" departed this life after a days illness on the twenty eighth of August 1862 aged 6 months, in North west India, near the Hymalays, "O Lord thy will be done."

I expect they have arrived in Australia by this time, they left India in Sept. to Ludlons posted up his books. both drawn

Jan 10th Saturday, fine, a thick haze came up & encompassed the land, the heat almost intolerable, by all quarters a.m. N.W. p.m., the hottest day I think this summer. 47 frosts from Smiths Ferry to Gordons Paddock. Blessing up & writing

Jan 11th Sunday, fine a.m., misty showers p.m. by all quarters. at Church morning & evening, reading & writing p.m.

Jan 12th Monday, fine w. by N.E., by dusty, calm evening w. hot after sun. several large fires on the hills. they looked grand in the background as I walked down the Ferry road, some late in the evening. went part of the way to Hornby for a cord of wood, I met Leidlone on my way, & he told me it was westerly my going on, as the bush was on fire, burning ever since last Thursday, burnt the wood that supported the crack up to the bush & will cost him some fifty pounds to get it repaired sufficiently to bring more wood down, returned, greasing harness, ploughing down gravel in Swan Str. casting gravel out to Lombo Str. to Ludlone in the evening posting up, called, at Mr. Tolless's.

Jan 13th Tuesday, fine, showery over Port Hills, up to Joens place up the Lincoln road, tied up a load of Oaten straw & brought home, stacked, jobbing, cutting & chaff. by all quarters a.m. 6.30.10.10

Jan 14th Wednesday, dew fine stiff h.c. tied up two loads of Oat straw at Joens, brought one home & burnt the other late home, fasting. Monday bush state burning.

Posted a letter to Mother yesterday.

Jan 15th Thursday, fine, dry h.c. & awfully dusty in Suam Str. very trying to the eyes, forming Suam Str. two single carts. cleaning up. My twenty second birth day

Jan 16th Friday, fine, dry h.c., dry dusty. To Smiths Ferry Bond of B. Pine, to Hullahs Herford Str. the road through the sand hills almost blocked up with sand, wrote to Sollesse & decided to continue with Brown

Jan 17th Saturday, fine, dry h.c. carting Hay, six acres Brown bought off white near the Heathcote. & two more got it all together & stacked late home wine, Brown out.

Jan 18th Sunday, fine, dry, dew. by all quarters, by Port a thick haze encompassed the land, till the S.W. wind blew & cleared it off, 4 P.M. went up to Fitzg's & spent the day, pleasantly,

Jan 19th Monday, misty showery, a.m. by h.c. up to Smiths Ferry, 85 posts & rails, up the posts at Gordon Park. rails home

sand hills of East. to Buddons & posted up his books.

Jan 20th Tuesday, fine, dry h.c. Took Vesps cart some 952 ft of 3x2. - 14 ft wid L. scuttling from Parits up to Gordons Mill. ord of Black Pine from Milltons to a party; west end of St Asaph Str. went up the Lincoln road to look at some pits.

first day of the Races.

Jan 21st Wednesday, dry dew. cleared 7 a.m. S.W. a.m. h.c. 8 P.M. by Port at noon, trying the gravel clearing the sand off it. two single horse carts. second day of the Races.

Jan 22nd Thursday, by shower or two last night, S.W. h.c. 10 a.m. forming Suam Str. cleaning up. by shower at noon & evening Last day of the Races, Poor young Atkinson, kicked yesterday & fractured his skull, he died from the injury to-day.

Jan 23rd Friday, mistling rain last night, showery 10 a.m. fine, h.c. forming Suam Str.

Jan 24th Saturday, dew, fine, h.c. dry P.M. by dusty forming Suam Str.

Jan 25th Sunday, fine dew, h.c. dry P.M. looking for Dix's group a.m. walked down to the steam-way to see William Pickard, stopped to dinner & tea, walked up into the Heathcote valley P.M.

Jan 26th Monday, dew, fine, dry, dry h.c. awful dusty, forming Suam Str. to Buddons in the evening & posted up his books.

Jan 27th Tuesday, fine, a few heat drops a.m. & p.m.
by all quarters, forming Tuam Str.

Jan 28th Wednesday, fine, by all quarters, S.W. after 9 a.m.
N.E. after 11 a.m. by str. & by dusty. forming Tuam Str.
getting in the evening & putting Browns books to rights.

Jan 29th Thursday, big dew, by all quarters a.m. str. N.E.
after 11 a.m. forming Tuam Str. went to the town Hall
to the new building societies meeting, & last for some years
shares, five shillings each, ^{per month} half a crown entrance fee & do
every year for working it. fifty pounds each share at
the end of the term. Brown took up 12 shares, six for me
& six himself.

Jan 30th Friday, thick mist from S.W., N.E. str. after
nine a.m. by str. N.W. after 3 p.m. str. S.W. after half past
six, awful dusty. James birthday, forming Tuam Str.
Putting up Browns books.

Jan 31th Saturday, shower last night midnight
by str. S.W. all quarters a.m. str. N.E. p.m. forming
Tuam Str. & cutting out the siding in ~~the~~ Str. Duham
& breaking clads, cleaning, saw young Wilson from Str.
He is looking very fat.

Jan Feb 1st Sunday, dew, fine, N.E. at church a.m.
within p.m. walked up to the cemetery with George Churchill
in the evening

Feb 2nd Monday, dew, fine by hot, all quarters by N.E.
after 11 a.m. clearing sand off the gravel at the Pit. to
Cuddons in the evening posted up his books.

Feb 3rd Tuesday, fine, calm by hot, scorching, stiff N.W.
after 11 a.m. stripping gravel a.m. ploughing down the
gravel stack in Tuam Str. to Cuddons in the evening
little or next to nothing. fires in all directions

Feb 4th Wednesday, fine, by hot, all quarters, calm &
stiff at times, down to Goens for cart, on to Millons wharf
for half a ton of lime stone for Widderson a.m.
spreading gravel p.m. fires in all directions, large tracts
of country, a very thick haze & smoke came up & encompassed
the land yesterday

Feb 5th Thursday, big dew, thick mist. N.E. & N.W. a.m.
str. N.W. after one p.m. cutting chaff. & round to look at the men
by hot, fires in all directions, Robsons carpenters workshop burnt
down p.m. alight & burnt to the ground in about half an
hour, every ^{thing} parched for want of rain, Patterson, poisoned
himself this morning with stricnine, temporary insanity
deeply involved. Several have made assignments

Feb 6th Friday, fine, all quarters N.E. after 11 a.m. str. p.m.
cutting chaff, load of timber over to Browns house, went
to Widdersons in the evening, they failed to get the iron

to sun, the engine not being strong enough. Thick haze, fire,
Feb 7th Saturday, dew, fine, stiff N.E. Governor's Bay
bush still on fire. up to Radlocks place, cut a set of shafts
up to near Wakefields place, handle town road, with the
intention of bringing, down, Pk's steam engine, but the
fore wheels are too far gone to risk removing, without new
wheels, so we left it, took the old shaft & wheel to M's place
loaded up the chaff machine, firewood & S.C. & sent
them up to the styx where Brown has commenced
a new contract metalting 40 yds to the chain. round
to look at the men. Putting books to rights

Feb 8th Sunday, dew, fine, S.W. N.E. after 11 a.m. at church
morning, reading & writing p.m. The ministry of Home! - There is
ministry in a mother's look: - it has reappeared in after life
amid the gleaming eyes which beamed with unhallowed
fires, & succoured the tempted one by the memory of its solemn,
soft, & holy gaze. There is ministry in a mother's voice: - it has
re-echoed after many years in the chamber of the memory, & warned
in deep, mysterious tones, as though it now came from another
world, & cheered & soothed with even more than the power it
possessed in earlier days, as though it were privileged to speak
with the soft melody of Heaven. Yes, there is a ministry in a
mother's touch; ^{and long after the hand from which it came is cold.} in the motionless solitude of the tomb, its impres-

remains in living power. A mysterious hand from the invisible
world traced the sentence of Belshazzar's ruin; this hand,
mysterious & invisible, also leaves imprinted on the heart
words at once of warning & of love. From the Christian World.
at Church in the evening, B. Buttons wife died on Friday
he is left with 2 small children.

Feb 9th Monday, a few heat drops at noon, dew, N.E. a.m.
N.W. by N. P.m. by after 4 p.m. by dusty, stripping gravel, sand off
by stripping left sand. Cleared up C. Jarvis account.

Feb 10th Tuesday, showery last night, fine, stiff N.E. a.m.
by sty N.W. P.m. W after 4 p.m. load of Posts & rails "Lira" a.m.
into the yard, load of Posts & rails to P.m. trying a colt
late stacked posts & rails, (putting books to rights) from below
steam way, saw W. Packard. Awful dusty

Feb. 11th Wednesday, fine, N.W. after nine a.m. sty P.m.
by dusty, stripping & spreading gravel, to Cuddons Post up
his books, fire still raging in Governor's Bay, Bush, fire raging
in the Bushes, nearly all over the Peninsula, endangering
House & destroying a great deal property, Okains Bay
have suffered much; Little river bush, down at Simons
Kaipoi, up at Oxford, throughout the land, that
destructive element has been raging

Feb 12th Thursday, fine, N.W. sty 'P.m.' v. dusty, S.W. after 7 'P.m.'
I & Charles Jarvis went up to Russell's place & fettered Paddock's
engine down to Widderson's yard, had to go v. steady & chain
one of the fore wheels together, getting after 8 'P.m.', writing to Mother.

Feb 13th Friday, showers v. big between 5 & 8 'a.m.' S.W. by 'a.m.'
showers around, driving metal onto Ruam Str after 10 'a.m.'
clearing out the books, posted a letter to Mother.

Feb 14th Saturday, dew, S.W. 'a.m.' N.E. 'P.m.', driving
gravel onto Ruam Str.

Feb 15th Sunday, ship fast, fine N.E. sty 'P.m.' at church
morning & evening, reading 'P.m.', a fresh Minister, Extemporary
preacher.

Feb 16th Monday, frost, fine N.E. sty after 11 'a.m.' stripping
gravel & looking after the men.

Feb. 17th Tuesday, v. big dew, fine, by all quarters breaking
clouds & stones on Ruam & Colombo Strs.

Feb 18th Wednesday, misty rain, till 8 'a.m.' fine, showers
of hot bills, v. sty S.W. Shubbing of the rubble & forming
Colombo Str north, to Caddons & started up his books.
called at Widdersons, he is bad with the low fever
& also his little girl. Brown queer

Feb 19th Thursday, dew fine, N.E. sty 'P.m.' forming
Colombo Str. north putting the books to rights.

Feb 20th Friday, ~~to~~ dew. fine, v. sty N.E. forming
Colombo Str. north.

Feb. 21st Saturday, fine, sty v. N.E. 100 posts & rails, for
Pye & Crapth Str. 50 to. for Robinson Salisbury Str. near
the cemetery. 'a.m.' looking at the men, 12 cord w.w. next door
1 cord to. Brady, up to waystuffs for cart not done.
W. Packard came in the evening

Feb 22nd Sunday, fine, sty N.E. Church morning &
evening, took the horses down to the Mill & reading 'P.m.'
called to see Widderson in the evening, v. goodly, &
two little ones laid up. Poor women she has her trials
now, "but she Lord preserveth & answereth Prayer".

Feb 23rd Monday, fine sty v. N.E. forming Colombo Str.
Widderson better

Feb 24th Tuesday, dew, fine, stiff S.W. forming on
Colombo Str.

Feb 25th Wednesday, v. big showers last night after 4 'P.m.'
misty showers 'a.m.' fine 'P.m.' stiff S.W. forming Colombo Str
received a letter from Mother & Papa from W. Stannard. at
Caddons in the evening & posted up, I went into a fruit
garden at the top end of Colombo Str. pears & prouging splendid
a greenhouse of grapes hanging splendid, I have never seen
anything like it out here before reminded me of St. one.

Feb 26th Thursday, dew, fine, by R. Co. forming Colombo Str. cleaning, oiled my coat & putting books to rights.

Feb 27th Friday, by rain shower last night, stiff R. Co. after 9 a.m. driving metal onto Colombo Str. from the Government domains 3 Horses. 10 loads.

Feb 28th Saturday, by rain till eight a.m. by showers at times S.W. took Chimall cart & our two drays to Johnson to be repaired a.m. by dray from Couper, tending the black mare P.M. down from the top bad with the windy colic. greasing harness jolting & etc.

March 1st Sunday, dew, fine, calm a.m. all quarters P.M. R. W. S. W. & R. E., reading & tending the mare, took the horses down to the Park.

March 2nd Monday, by dew, calm a.m. R. Co. P.M. driving gravel onto Colombo Str. 3 Horses, tending mare & etc. late.

March 3rd Tuesday, fine, by S.W. after 10 a.m. by by S. Co. for an hour at noon, stopping S.W. P.M. by all quarters after 4 P.M. by much like rain. driving metal onto Colombo Str. 3 Horses. late.

March 4th Wednesday, showery last night, fine by by R. Co. driving gravel onto Colombo Str. 3 Horses. to Luddons in the evening sporting up.

March 5th Thursday, by by rain after 4 a.m. showery a.m. gale from S.W. last night & a.m. stiff P.M. greasing harness a.m. to Crates of felt from the Steam wharf for Jones, Steam Str. P.M. putting books to rights.

March 6th Friday, frost, fine by by R. Co. case, hamper & key for H. Jones, 1 case of iron pipes Widderson from Steam wharf driving gravel onto Colombo Str. P.M. putting books to rights & etc. Mr. & Mrs. Luddon & Dr. Rogge came in the evening.

March 7th Saturday, by dew, calm a.m. stiff R. Co. P.M. driving gravel a.m. three Horses, load of Timber from ^{Almonds} for Rogge & etc. late.

March 8th Sunday, fine by by R. W. stiff 11 a.m. varying between R. E. & R. W. P.M. at Church morning & evening, Horses to fetch up & water P.M. Archdeacon Matthias a.m. on the Crucifixion of Christ, the weather will rise up in judgement against us.

March 9th Monday, by dew, stiff S.W. by R. Co. P.M. driving metal onto Colombo Str. 3 Horses. jolting, 8 bags of spuds from Alports. late.

March 10th Tuesday, by S.W. showery last night, fine S.W. a.m. S. P.M. 1/2 cord of w. wood Barnard in Beadys house driving metal onto Colombo Str.

March 11th Wednesday, by dew, R. E. two loads of Manuka

Cox to "Uira" into the yard. to Cuddons & posted up his books
beginning of a (fever)

March 12th Thursday, frost, fine, N.E. by a.m. two loads
of firewood into the yard. reading & writing

March 13th Friday, showery 2 or 3 hours at noon N.E. stiff P.M.
load of manuka into the yard a.m. cord of to Mr. Welch
Tuam So. posted a letter to Mother & a Canterbury Standard
for W. Hanonot junior.

March 14th Saturday, vy by S.W. a.m. N.E. P.M. one load
of Manuka, into yard, Madras Str. 1 cord Manuka, writing
& etc, late.

March 15th Sunday, dry dew, N.E. at church a.m. to Burrows
to dinner he came to tea with me, reading in the evening

March 16th Monday, dry shower or two last night, N.E. & N a.m.
not, by N.W. P.M. a perfect hurricane from S.W. half past
two P.M. A thick cloud of mist came up, & it blew as I
never have seen it since I left the ship, it has blown down
2 Horses in Otch & I am afraid it has done a deal of damage
& in Port, blown stacks about & done considerable mischief

cord of Manuka to Ballard a.m. to to Fletcher tailor P.M.
could hardly stand against the wind. putting books straight

March 17th Tuesday, fine, vy by S.W. a.m. N.E. after 11 a.m.
cloudy, driving away metal onto Colombo Str.

March 18th Wednesday, dew, fine, Calm, S.W. P.M. 2 cords
of firewood to two parties in Krettemers House, driving metal
onto Colombo Str. at Cuddons putting up, (stacking straw
& hay & etc) late.

March 19th Thursday, fine, dew, N.E. dry P.M. showery
after 4 P.M. driving gravel onto Colombo Str.

wrote to Constatte & sent him two pounds

March 20th Friday, showery last night dry, showers
from N.W., stiff N.E., driving metal after 10 a.m.

March 21st Saturday, dry dew, by S.W. calm, by N.E.
after 11 a.m. driving metal & horses, putting books straight

March 22nd Sunday, fine, vy dry N.E., dry or N.W. after
3 P.M. at church a.m. to Milsons to dinner, reading
Sunday at home P.M. & evening.

March 23rd Monday, fine, dry S.W. Calmed down 10 a.m.
not, N.E. P.M. dry after 3. driving metal onto Colombo Str. 3 horses.

This is the first summer that, that tormentor of horses & cattle the
small fly, cousin to the sugar fly. has been seen in this place

March 24th Tuesday, dew, fine, dry N.E., dry N.W. after 4 P.M. not
driving gravel onto Colombo Str., putting books straight
& etc. News reached Otch. to day, that Brown's vessel the "Uira"
has foundered in Akaroa Harbour, during a gale from S.E. blew her
over she being light, on Sunday last, & Blondell his partner is drowned

sad news for his poor wife, & for Brown in another way, he seems to bear it well he is gone to Akaroa to see if there is a chance of getting her up.

"It is the Lords doings and it is marvellous in our eyes." We must trust that good may come out of it. God sees fit to take the life of man that it may be a warning for others.

March 25. Wednesday, dew, fine, w. by stg S.W. squalls of rain in the evening, squally over the peninsula, driving metal onto Colombo Str. riding about to get rounds & cart & etc in the evening.

March 26. Thursday, showery a.m. squally S.W. w. by stg S.W. fine driving gravel onto Colombo Str. at Cuddons in the evening, ^{did not sink as reported} getting up, Brown returned, craft gone out to sea bottom upwards, the

March 27. Friday, w. by w. dew, stg N.E., carting Oats from Clarksons into Browns Paddock.

March 28. Saturday, dew, fine S.W. a.m. N.E. & V.m. driving gravel onto Colombo Str. shopping writing & etc

March 29th Sunday, dew, w. by, calm by from N.E. at times N.W. in the evening, up to Triggs Papamui & spent the day

March 30th Monday, w. by dew, stiff N.E., getting team off up to the stye, laid out 100 posts & rails for Inwood, driving metal onto Colombo Str. putting books tonight

March 31. Tuesday, fine, N.E., w. by a.m. driving metal onto Colombo Str. Widderson commenced carting Triggs

& with good success.

April 1st Wednesday, w. by dew, stg N.E. up early & loaded up 240 bushels of Oats on three drags (single) & took them round to Sumner opposite Jays public house, for Capt Dixon of the Emerald Isle bound for the west coast. (from Bainsdens Market Place) stiff pulling, & w. by loads, w. by hot, a stranded vessel lying opposite the Hotel, Sumner comprises just one House & that one Hotel. Saw W. Packard. the road in about the same state as when I went round before. In Cuddons & posted up his books.

April 2nd Thursday, w. by dew thick mist, N.E. Took two loads of Manuka out a.m. one to Turner at the Bank & one to W. Lane Esq. driving metal onto Colombo Str. 'M.m.' received a letter from Mother & one enclosed from Andrew he has improved much & writes a good hand, he has left school I received one from Lory, they have arrived safe in Melbourne. Young Constable came over & returned this evening.

April 3rd Good Friday, fine, between N.E. & N.W. w. by at times, w. by hot. making night a.m., putting books tonight 'M.m.' & went down to the Pith, watered the Horses. At Joens tea

April 4th Saturday, a.w. last night, S.W. a.m., N.E. after 2 p.m. showery, steady rain from 2 till 5 'M.m.' from S.W. against the wind, driving metal onto Colombo Str. Fixed Charles

tracing, but he kicked & was forced to take him out
received a letter & sex standard from Home, affairs unsettled
throughout the world. left off 4 P.M. by wet.

April 5th Sunday, fine, showery last night, a.s. & at
church morning & evening, reading & went down to Goens
to catch Charlie to send up to the stage. at Mr. Bozger's
in the evening.

April 6th Monday, commenced raining 7 a.m. wet day viz
P.M. S.W. stiff, driving metal a.m. within & seeing after
horses & etc. writing in the evening.

April 7th Tuesday, commenced to rain viz 7 a.m. viz squalls
of hail, cleared up at noon fine P.M. squally over foot hills
viz S.W. took a horse to be shod a.m. jobbing, driving metal
onto Colombo Str. P.M. Brown taken up the wedding cake
& etc to night

April 8th Wednesday, post, fine, hot, calm a.m. P.M.
P.M. driving metal onto Colombo Str. with Brown round
the town & putting things tonight.

April 9th Thursday, fine, a.s. viz, S.W. after 10 a.m.
started the teams off to Motating & cleaned up & rode up
to Mr. Hill's Doon Head, Piccarton, to Brown's wedding.
Cape Carriage "wheelers", & viz Carl Brown, started off to
etc. after 11 a.m. two bridesmaids Miss Williams from etc.

& Miss Stephenson, the bride dressed all in white & a wreath
of Orange blossoms on her head (artificial) she looked very
nice & so did the bridesmaids, Mr. Hill's eldest son was
groomsman, the solemn ceremony over, we returned
to Doon Head, (they were married in Piccarton etc.
a Hanson wooden structure nicely painted, by far
the best looking church in the colony excepting Lyttleton
which is of stone.) Mr. Brown performed the ceremony,
we had the wedding breakfast in the long room, a
bountiful repast was spread out & we did justice to
ours, after the usual toasts, we decamped, it was rather
a mute assemblage, but there were not so many as was
expected, Mr. Brown left immediately after, the bride &
bridesmaids started off about half past 1 P.M. in the dog
cart for Pomona amidst a shower of old shoes, thrown
at them by those fair ones the bridesmaids, the bridesmaids
& Miss Stephenson left soon after & so the party was broken
up. I stopped to tea & till past 10 when it commenced
raining, from S.W. as I left, before tea I walk round a part
of the farm with Mr. Hill & Mr. Brown farmer, the grass has
grown considerably since the rain, I saw numbers of rabbits
running wild, which reminded me of days of old,
Mr. Hill has a splendid stock of pigs the best for size &

Keeping good flesh on them just running about that
I have seen out here. Barrow's Birthday 27 years of age.
His Wife 10 last January. Posted a letter & paper to Mother
April 10th Friday, big equal of rain & wind from S.W.
last night & till near 11 a.m. fine day, S.W. a.m. S.E. p.m.
D. & after some P.M. took Charles Prince to be shod, jöting
& looking about the town, the Cheonut Horsemat with
an accident ran back on the shaft & run it into his
throat making a wound some 7 inches long, & sending
a piece of skin of about 6 long, took him to Proppernus
& sewed it up & draped, he is doing favourably.
At Mr. Cuddon's posted up his books, had good supper
there.

April 11th Saturday, dew, fine, calm, by D. & P.M.
driving metal onto Colombo Str. W. Packard came in the
evening. Gave the men a bottle & a half of gin to drink
Barrow's Health with. Beware & watch.

Our precious little Ada now an
Angel in Heaven. She left us
the 28th of August 1862. when
only six months old. Father,
I will that they also whom thou hast
given me. Be with me when I am
that they may behold my glory. G. Wilkinson

April 12th Sunday, a few light showers from S.W. S.W.
cooking & tending horse a.m. reading & writing P.M. at church
in the evening. to Mr. Cuddon's & Wozzi's in the evening
April 13th Monday, ship frost. by D. & E. fine, moving
a steam machine from Widdowson's to Fitz Gerald's Press
office a.m. driving metal onto Colombo Street P.M.
Posted a Lyttleton Times Home, a letter to Liza Shelton
one to Mr. J. Brown Polstead enclosing Dr. J. S.'s letters.
young H. Hill came to stop for the night.
April 14. Tuesday, dew, fine, by D. & E. after 10 a.m. calm evening
moved the steam engine from the Press office to Paddock's
a.m. driving metal onto Colombo Str. young H. Hill came
in the evening to stop for the night.

April 15. Wednesday, dew, fine, stiff D. & E. after some a.m.
driving metal onto Colombo Str. H. H. came to stop for the night.

April 16. Thursday, big dew, thick mist. by all quarters, S.W.
D. & E. S.W. stiff after 4 P.M. threatening, driving metal onto
Colombo Str. a.m. finished metaling the said street,
cord of white wood to Fuller Hereford Street, & 1 of
Mannuka to Drake N.E. town belt. H. H. came to stop.
April 17 Friday, showery, S.W. big rain in the evening
Took out cord of wood down to Bradys house a.m. stove
& 4 tiles over to the house. 4 Bags of Chaff home, loaded Hill

12 cord of Manuka, took the Shelly to be shod, looking about
shipped old verander from the House into the yard. posted
a letter to A. Constable enclosed two pounds. registered.
to Laddons in the evening, posted up his books, Brown came
down & gone up to Avon Head.

April 18th. Saturday, big rain for part of the night
fine stiff S.W. squally over the Peninsular, & here in the
evening hail, filling dung & cleaning out the stable
& yard & etc. Brown came down & looks well.

April 19th Sunday, ship post by G.E. 8 a.m. by S.W.
after 11 a.m. S.W. by G.E. after 5 p.m. big rain, down to see
William Packard. to dinner, to the ferry & onto the Beathede
bridge, home 5 p.m. reading in the evening.

April 20th Monday, by ship post. G.E. 2 crates of clay
pipes & iron pipes from Walkers Bay, G.E. town belt. to be
Boubles stone blocks. & shifting earth & rubbish from around
the well & house, jolting, etc. received a letter from Constable.

April 21st Tuesday, white frost, by G.E. 8 a.m. S.W. 11 a.m. by G.E.
chaff cutters from Steam wharf & delivered them for Braunsden
14 Bags of wheat from Horace Brown's. Lincoln road delivered
at Jones' Mill.

April 22nd Wednesday, dew. fine, by G.E. jolting about
tending horse & etc.

April 23. Thursday, frost & dew. ^{showery in the evening} fine, calm, hot 11 a.m. S.W. moon
by S.W. 11 a.m. jolting about, spreading earth in yard, & etc.

April 24. Friday, frost. fine, by S.W. jolting all day.
to Laddons in the evening posting up.

April 25. Saturday, frost. showery, fore part of the night
fine, by G.E. spreading earth & watering up carrots & etc.
putting books to rights

April 26. Sunday, frost. fine, by G.E. at church morning & evening
Brown & his wife & myself walked down the "Avon" to look
at his new section 16 acres. The "Avon" is being cleared out the
sizzer heads, flax & cross. from the sides, it looks quite a different
river, to what it was. At 11 a.m. most of the day, & spent a
pleasant evening.

April 27. Monday, sp. white frost. by G.E. 8 a.m. N.E. after 10 a.m.
threatening, 1 load of beetles from Horace Brown's lower Lincoln
road & 1 load of peas, both in straw, into the jet. rounded
up the carrots in the evening.

April 28. Tuesday, big rain last night, by G.E. 8 a.m. by
S.W. & N.W. 11 a.m. fine, stacking peas, 700 Baskets from Lower
Kyle. Ferry road, into the garden, put deeping machine
together, up to hills for sunbries for the evening machine. 11 a.m.
helping Dia in the evening.

April 29. Wednesday, fine, by G.E. all quarters up, early, &

loaded up with, dressing Machine, & sundries for thrashing Machine, new empty bags & etc. & up to the ship, to thrash out two cub stacks, bought off a Frenchman, named Cabot, up to the ship, to breakfast; rather close quarters in the Hut, filled up with bunks around above one another, 14 men, in to get our meals & etc. the doorway, where once stood a chimney, now a wool bale is hung, to keep out master-foots, a man to cook for all, bread, potatoes & meat & everlasting tea. fixed the Machines a.m. commenced thrashing 11.m. dressing & stacking straw, had a row with one fellow, who was under the influence of that good drink, very near coming to blows, but it passed quietly.

Brown came up 11.m.

April 30th Thursday, fine, threatening, a few drops fell, squally to N. & N.W. by 4. P.M. dressing & bagging & sowing up bags of oats, about 3 P.M. the cook came over saying that "Jim" (brown) was bogged, so 7 of us started off, tied a rope round his neck, but the first haul broke the rope & down went 3 or 4 hands, we sent one for two more ropes, we tied on a good rope double, & after sundry hauling & shouting, we hauled (six of us) Jim up on dry ground, I cleaned him covered him with sacks, & fed him, he soon came round & had the quivers, they finished quivering to day.

May 1. Friday, fine, ship, frost white, by all quarters, almost

a dead calm, dressing Oats & etc, continually shifting the Machine. Brown came up 11.m.

May 2nd Saturday, frost, fine, by all quarters 11.m. 11. P.M. dressing till 3 P.M. continually shifting Machine, cleaning up & collecting sacks & etc. loading Machine & drags with sundries & Oats, left the Hut about 6 P.M. for catch with a load of Oats, late home, shopping & putting books straight, late to bed.

May 3rd Sunday, frost, fine, by N.W. at church in the evening reading 11.m.

May 4th Monday, fine, N.W. unloaded the carts, off down to the Paddock & started Jack B. to ploughing getting gravel pit in the Paddock, Brown gone to Salt water creek, to look at a job waiting in the evening.

May 5th Tuesday, fine, frost, N.E. moving Kitchens into his new house, new New Bullers. Henry coast. carting 500 bucks to Barnes new house, gibbing in the yard, stacking hay, cutting chaff & etc. at Cuddons in the evening putting up. Received a letter from Mother & one from James, in which, came the mournful news of Uncle Richard's death accidentally shot in the thigh, lingered for 24 hours, & departed to another world, leaving a widow & 12 children to mourn his loss. Sad, sad, news. "His ways are wonderful, past finding out"

May 6. Wednesday, fine, S. W. & A. M. varied between 6. W
& 6. P. M. Put 2 ches, 2 loads of Gravel from the Govern-
ment domain, to Mrs Wallers, new residence N. E. Towns belt
Road of Hay from Whites in the Heathcote into the pot.
cutting chaff & etc. Putting books to rights.

May 7. Thursday, fine, S. W. by P. M. Brooks took away
our shovels & etc. I rode up for them, getting A. M. 500 bricks
into garden from Jonesons, cutting chaff. writing in the
evening

May 8. Friday, shower last night & P. M. S. W. steady
rain after 6 P. M. ploughing up the paddock, posted a
letter to Brother.

May 9. Saturday, showery last night, threatening, by all quarters
ploughing garden & leveling it into the gully, cutting chaff
& etc. cold of Mamuka Sunset Painter.

Copy of a letter received May 5th from Jimmie (my brother)
State by Maryland.

My dearest Brother:

I received your letter this morning
& suppose sending something like a reply. Grand castles in
the air seem to be forming if not already formed, in your mind
concerning future prosperity & greatness in money matters,
but you must remember that by the time you are

"Standing in Colchester with 500 or 400 a year coming in," Society
will (I hope) be so far improved, as not to bow down and
worship him who has his thousands, but rather look up with
similar feelings to him who possesses a large share of knowledge,
& can conduct ^{himself} & converse like a true gentleman; already this is
beginning to dawn, & England looks not to men of wealth, but to
men of intellect, not to men of affluence & riches, but to men
of prodigious learning & active minds - but to have knowledge
& to keep a mind, one needs the money, or "all's well that ends
well."

I have left the old place, where, come weal or woe - work work
work, was the old, old tale, & am now living a life

"As idle as a painted ship
upon a painted Ocean."

But intend going up to London next month on speculation.
William & I are going to eat & drink, & laugh & cry, & sing &
mourn, & sleep & sigh, under the shadow of the selfsame
roof, & I doubt not that we shall live together in peace
& happiness many a year.

I am very pleased to hear you are getting on so rapidly, you'll
soon have to institute a bank of your own, or else your bankers
will have to batle on an extra grand or two - but don't come
home with full pockets & a partially filled mind.

But! the worst news is not yet related, for like Hamlets
Ghost.

"I prove a tale to unfold
Whose lightest word will burn up thy soul,
Excite thy young blood, make thy two eyes,
Like stars, shoot from their spheres,
And each particular hair to stand on end
Like quills upon the fretful porcupine."

It is this — poor Uncle Kistuck is gone to "that bourne from
whence no traveller returns," & has left twelve orphans to shed
their bitter tears upon his new made grave. Premature &
sudden what wonder that it struck a blow, the effect of which
will never be effaced. The manner of his death is briefly
told, not so the irreparable loss. He was returning from
the forest (where he had been shooting rooks) with a loaded
gun & capped, & in shifting it from his shoulder to open
the gate the barrel fell from off the stock & striking upon a stone
it fired & the charge (one 4 shot) entered his thigh; he lingered
24 hours, & then he passed away for ever, every one speaks highly
of him — he seems to have, "outstripped all praise."

And made it halt behind

All bear testimony to his excellence & worth, but we fear he
lacked the "one thing needful" whilst alive, & no glimmering
light proclaimed its presence in the face of death. Still we

cannot tell, he spoke so little before he died that it would be
presumption to decide.

Andrew is at home "looking out for a place" there seems at
present no opening for him.

Love from him and
Your loving brother
James.

May 10. Sunday, lg showers early a.m. threatening S.W. stiff.
at church morning & evening, reading & writing V.M.

May 11. Monday, lg showers a.m. threatening S.W. clearing
out side drains & raking in rutts on Colombs Str. &c.

May 12. Tuesday, dew. lg S.W. calm at noon, lg N.E.
after 3 P.M. ploughing & leaching earth into the gully in
the garden. at Cuddons in the evening & packed up his
books.

May 13. Wednesday, dew, fine N.E. leveling in gully
commenced temporary stables, to Cuddons making out bills.

May 14. Thursday, shp white frost, fine N.E. stiff. to
Kronthay for a cord of white wood into the garden, to
Cuddons making out bills,

May 15. Friday, frost, fine N.E. end of wood from
Kronthay to Mozget's neighbour. putting books tonight,
making out bills & etc.

May 16. Saturday, fine, stiff N. N. E. after 11 a.m. round to
Jenkins place Halswell road, cord of white wood into the yard
late, about 14 miles from Hitch; the road is formed that far,
metals about 6 miles, a number of hands are employed beating
metals (rocks) for the rest, which when spread will make
a good road for it binds better. The scenery around this part
is very pretty & continually changing, some nice bays of land
between the spurs, along this road lies some of the best land
in Cuddons, plenty of fall for the water if proper drains
were cut. Mr. Britton has a fine stone house built added to
his timber one, slate coloured stone edge of windows & porch
are of cream coloured stone, white stone road will soon be
opened, to run firewood & timber through the swamp to the
Halswell road. late Home very pulling.

May 17. Sunday, dew, fine, stg N. N. E. reading
a.m. & P.m. Church in the evening.

May 18 Monday, dew, fine, lg S. W. N. E. after 11 a.m.
commenced raining 7 P.m. up to Cabotts beyond the
stye for a load of Cat straw.

May 19, Tuesday, big rain last night N. E. changed to S. W.
in morning, misting rain, a.m. big rain after 11 a.m. up to
Cabotts for a load of straw into the garden, wet straw.

May 20. Wednesday, showery a.m. fine P.m. S. W.

getting a.m. down to Dickmans Warf. 3.00. 6/4 palings into the
yard.

May 21 Thursday, dew, fine, calm a.m. 9. N. E. P.m. load
of timber for Cliff Kirkmore Str. a.m. 12.00. 5/4 palings.
Dealley, Ferry, road. late. to Cuddons in the evening
Porting up.

May 22 Friday, dew, fine, N. E. load of timber 1502 fr
for Cliff, 21.10.5422 61.12.542 into the garden for
Brown, to Cuddons in the evening making out bills.
Putting Brians books tonight

May 23. Saturday, dew, shower in the evening fine calm,
load of timber cliff a.m. 50. for King P.m. from Dickmans. to
Cuddons in the evening getting up & making out bills

May 24th Sunday, dew, N. E. church morning & evening, reading
P.m. heard part of a sermon preached in Oddfellows Hall by a
gentleman, come out expressly to the Australian Colony to
establish congregational churches, to help to do their part in the
great Harvest field of our Lords.

May 25th Monday, big, dew, 9/4ly. N. E. N. & S. W. almost
calm at times hot. Queens birthday, general Holiday; getting
out lettuce plants, cutting wood late a.m. getting books
tonight & reading P.m. to Cuddons to sea, making out
bills in the evening.

May 24. Tuesday, dew, fine, by S.W. by N. & W. m., threatening up to the sky, to Cabott for a load of straw, helped to load up the piles & slabs of the bridge over the sky. Holiday in honour of the Prince of Wales's marriage.

May 27. Wednesday, showers of misty rain, by N. E. load of timber from Aikmans to King's cabinet to timber & palings Dearsley & timber into garden, rode down to see W. Packard in the evening.

May 28. Thursday, showery fine part of the night, dry dew. calm. by N. E. after 3 p.m. load of timber for Dearsley, a.m. timber & palings into the garden. Helping Dix.

May 29. Friday, dry, dew, fine calm, by N. E. after 3 p.m. up to the sky, Cabott, for a load of straw into the yard. To the Wesleyan Schoolroom, in the evening, to hear a lecture delivered by the Rev. Buller. M.A. to the Christian young men's association, subject, Woman, & her influence & though a delicate subject to lecture upon, he so handled it, as to make it interesting & useful to hearers of both sexes. Yeas & women have great influence over the rising & future generations, as she has had of yore. Look at a young woman & if she has been a loving & obedient daughter & sister, she will make a good wife & the same may be said of young men.

commenced the lecture with singing part of a Hymn & a short prayer, closed it by singing the National Anthem. The truest loyal hearts are those who have the fear of God ever before their eyes.

May 31. Saturday, dry dew, by N. E. up to the sky load of slabs stone, shifted 4 loads of rubbish from N. S. W. P.K. to the gravel pit, Government domain, to Cuddons putting up, making out bills & copying invoices. put down looks tonight

May 31. Sunday, dry dew by part sky S.W. threatening a few showers fell. at church 9 a.m. reading Rom. & evening an alarm of fire in the evening, a chimney on fire near Brown's stables soon put out

June 1. Monday, ship (by) part, ^{S.W.} 2 loads of timber for Dearsley windmill road, from Aikmans's way. at Dix's making out Bills.

June 2. Tuesday, dry, ship part, by N. E. killing old saw on rather helping to. record of white wood to Invores on river "Arro". making road to Gravel pit for graveling Salisbury Str.

June 3. Wednesday, white frost by S. W. a.m. calm. 11 a.m. driving gravel onto Salisbury str. received a letter from brother. at six making out bills

June 4. Thursday, ship white frost. calm, by 11.0 at noon & 1.0. 4.00 carting gravel onto Salisbury Str. to Dix's making out bills

June 5. Friday, ship, frost. calm. by air at times all quarters driving metal onto Salisbury Str. to Cuddons putting up & Cts

June 6. Saturday, frost for part of the night, dry dew driving metal onto Salisbury Str. putting Brown's books tonight.

June 7. Sunday, dry dew. slight frost. calm but. up to Caponni to Driggs to spend the day, they received a letter & two grapes from Old Gen. Holton in answer to mine.

Pleasant day, note to A. G. Holton for Driggs.

June 8. Monday, dry. N. wind. frost & day. driving metal onto Salisbury Str. breaking in a colt 'a.m.' to Dix, putting up & making out bills.

June 9. Tuesday, fine hot. stiff N. W. 'a.m.' & by all quarters from stiff N. E. after 4.00 driving metal onto Salisbury Str. taking in a colt 'a.m.' to Cuddons in the evening, took my watch to the doctor.

June 10. Wednesday, came on a southerly guster 6.0 a.m. showery till 8.0 a.m. by S. W. driving metal onto Salisbury Str. to Cuddons in the evening, making out bills.

June 11. Thursday, ship frost. stiff N. E. driving metal

onto Salisbury Str. received a letter from W. A. Cottee posted a letter & three pounds enclosed therein & registered it for A. Constable, to Cuddons in the evening, copying invoices & letter & Cts.

June 12. Friday, dry, ship, frost. by S. W. load of timber & 12 stone piles from Cliffs down below. Milton's wharf. for a butchers shop. 12.5 ft of timber from Milton to Cliffs, loaded up about 6.00 ft to take down on the morrow.

June 13. Saturday, dry ship, frost. by S. W. 'a.m.' by 9.0 'a.m.' 6.00 ft of timber down the ferry road 1100 ft up from Milton's wharf for Cliff, 1304 ft to for Cliff 'p.m.' putting books tonight & waiting to W. A. Cottee.

June 14 Sunday, frost, fine, by all quarters, at church 'a.m.' reading & writing in the evening posted a letter to Brother & one to W. A. Cottee

June 15. Monday, rain from 9 to 10 'a.m.' showery putting up manger in the stable 'a.m.' down to Milton's wharf, load of timber for Cliff into Bailey's yard.

A Sale of timber today at Milton, American timber sold by Trigg, one lot of wide boards planed on one side went at 43/- per raft, small load of straw into the yard. to Dix's in the evening making out bills After I left his place, I went into the stable to look at

the horses, one of them kicked me, on the inside of both my thighs, just above the knees. Hurt me very much went to bed directly with the shakes all over.

June 16. Tuesday, stiff N. E. last night, big rain excepting from 8 to 10 a.m. by N. E. cold. in bed a.m. bathed my legs, lay their thinking & reading the life of "Hedley Vicars." reading "P.M." & evening got some letters from Dr. Parris.

June 17. Wednesday, big rain, cleared 8 a.m. misty showers, by S. W. a.m. calm P.M. stacking gravel on Salisbury str. to Dix's putting up his books making out bills.

June 18. Thursday, by showers at noon threatening S. W. by driving metal onto Salisbury str. a.m. & onto Montreal str. S. P.M. by stiff. to Dix's in the evening.

June 19. Friday, dew. calm, driving metal onto Montreal str. to Gaddons in the evening putting up

June 20. ~~Friday~~ Saturday, by ship post. fine by all quarters, driving metal onto Montreal str.

W. Packard came in the evening. walked about the town with Jim, putting Brown's books weights

June 21. Sunday, frost, fine, rain after 4 P.M. N. E.

down to see W. Packard, about twelve & spent the rest of the day with Jim, we went to the Heathcote Cottage built of cob. stone facing & cornices, walls about two ft thick, small windows, but comfortably benched inside, W. P. is an example among young men, for few there are who would do like him, I might say his life's blood is drawn from Jim, & his youth & young manhood spent in supporting, those dear to Jim.

June 22 Monday, big rain last night, squally all day, by N. E. miserable day, driving metal onto Montreal str. part of a.m. moving Barnes iron founder from his old residence near Alloway Niccarton, to his new house, on Montreal str. South of the town belt. He has a good wife & happy family of five children, the neatest & cleanest family, I have seen in their circumstances.

June 23. Tuesday. Showery big last night, fine by N. E. driving metal onto Montreal str. big pulling bad road.

June 24. Wednesday, by big rain, Gale from S. W. all day, squally, tending Old black horse, bad leg, contracted muscles.

25
Thursday, frost fine, by all quarters 2 a.m. stg S.W.
P.m. driving metal onto Montreal Str.

26 Friday, frost fine, P.C. driving metal onto Montreal
Str. to Cuddon's in the evening, frost up.

27 Saturday, frost fine, P.C. driving metal onto
Montreal Str, & a load of metal, from Brown's Mill
to Orpenny's Montreal Str. dim, load of dung down to
the Mill, & load of oats up, the leavings, left by some
cattle, that broke in, four of us went down in the
evening, & caught the some cows at the stack,
& we took them up to the pound, looked into the
American bowling alley, & into the Town Hall to hear
the Temperance meeting

June 28. Sunday, big rain after 11 a.m. stiff S.W.
reading, a.m. & P.m. church in the evening, rode down
to the Paddock P.m.

June 29 Monday, showery, by S.W. loaded up with
Sundries, & off up to Horace Brown's Lincoln road. to put
up two stalls & make preparations, for to commence the
contract under government, Halswell road, 115 chains
onto, Craythorn's bad warry, to sleep & etc.

received a letter from home, bad news my brother Bill
not likely to live, bad lungs. bad changes in a few years

June 30. Tuesday, fine, by S.W. putting up a
temporary shed, a.m. making road to the gravel
pit P.m. commenced boarding a Craythorn's.

June 31 July 1st Wednesday, frost fine part of the night
stg S.W. threatening, fine, misting rain in the evening
carting gravel onto the Halswell road. removed by
bedding to the left over the stables, & here I am sitting
on my carpet bag, with a bag of chaff for a pillow,
thaw for a bed.

July 2. Thursday, thick mist, by S.W. driving metal
onto the Halswell road.

July 3. Friday, stg. frost fine, P.C. stg. P.C. after 10 a.m.
driving metal onto the Halswell road.

July 4. Saturday, ship frost, fine, P.C. a.m. all quarters
P.m. driving metal onto the Halswell road.

July 5. Sunday, stg. frost, all quarters, looking about
& etc. reading in the evening, big shower last night

July 6. Monday, frost, fine stiff N. driving metal.
fetched a load of oat sheaves onto the loft.

July 7. Tuesday, fine a.m. P.C. & S.W. S.W. after 10 a.m.
showery P.m. steady rain after 4 P.m. carting gravel.
writing in the evening.

July 8. Wednesday, Vivid rain. Stiff S. E.
down to Etch. for traps, walking about town
sent the cart up, & stopped down, to Buddons to
tea, to Widdowsons foundry, the firebell rung
somebody thought it was on fire, but they were
only casting.

July 9. Thursday, Vivid squalls of wind & rain
N. N. E, N. W. P.M. General Holiday. in commem-
oration of that grand event the marriage of
His royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to the
Princess Alexandra of Denmark.

The procession formed on the Papamui coast, about
eleven A.M. it was fully 1/4 a mile in length, well
ordered & conducted, they followed in procession as
follows - Police

Swedish flag, Guard of Honour. English flag

Carriage & four

containing the wives of the City councillors, City
Surveys & Town Clerk

Carriage & four

containing the ladies who consented to plant
the commemorative trees

A flag

Carrying the trees; ornamented,
Marias.

Labourers.

Building Trades in sections.

(In following order; each trade under its own banner)

Masons & Bricklayers

Carpenters

Plasterers & Stainers

Painters, Glaziers, & Plumbers.

Swedish flag English flag

Iron founders & Blacksmiths

Other Trades

Band

Children. four deep

(None under eight years of age.) each carrying a flag

Schools

(Each under their own banner) Children bearing flags
superintended by their masters.

Band of Hope

(consisting of children of eight, & above eight years of age)

Swedish flag. Volunteers English flag

Order of Odd Fellows.

Ancient order of Foresters.

Fire Brigade

With two engines

Plough & other Agricultural Implements.

On a drag drawn by two horses decorated

Thrashing machine

Drawn by four horses, with sheaves of wheat; decorated.

Printing press. *

On a carriage drawn by four horses, decorated; with
Printers at work. Members of the Printing profession
bearing banners with appropriate motto, amusement

Also the Printers devil which caused much

Large Banner

Borne by four of the city workmen

Lyttelton town council.

Chairman of Lyttelton town council.

Officers of the Provincial Government

Members of the Provincial council

Speaker of the Provincial

Danish flag Council English flag

Horseman of City works

Bearing the City flag

City Surveyor — Town clerk

Members of the City Council

Chairman of the City Council

The Sheriff

His Honor the Judge

Members of the House of Representatives

Members of the Legislative Council

Clergy of all denominations.

The Bishop

His Honor the Superintendent

In a carriage attended by his

Danish flag

Executive Council,

English flag

Private Carriages

Danish flag

English flag

Borne by the

Borne by the

foremost horseman

foremost horseman

Horseman

In sections of four, the foremost rank being six.

* Next came the President & Vice President of the Coaxton Club. Then a blue & gold banner displaying the words "First English Printer William Coaxton A.D. 1474." Immediately in the rear of the banner came the venerable Coaxton himself, in the dress of the period, upon a horse led by two grazes in character.

These appropriate verses were printed on the road
Marriage Aids.

Unfold the Flag of England,
Bright emblem of the free;
And let it float rejoicing
O'er Zealand's Southern Sea,
Good news from home is wafted
Across the Ocean wide,
That England's hope, Prince Edward,
Has wed a Danish bride,
A sea King's priceless daughter,
Sweet "Rose of Denmark fair,"
The darkest caves of Ocean
Hide not a jewel so rare,
Then wave the silver banners,
Let gorgeous pageant prove
Our warmest approbation,
Our loyalty & love.

Far from the homes of childhood
Their country & their Queen,
The loyal sons of England,
Have memories ever green.

The Press shall tell our kindred,
Their boundless joy we show,
And England's prayer we echo,
"God bless the happy pair."
F. T. A

The procession moved along the Papamui road, across
the bridge into Colombo Str. & on into Cathedral
Square, where they made a halt, to allow the
different schools & children to join, the children
under eight years of age, were accommodated, by
a platform for them to stand on in Cathedral
Square to allow them to see the procession, the
schools had fallen in, the procession moved
on down the Ferry road, as far as the tree belt
where they halted, & formed on both sides of the
road around the platforms laid, to accommodate
the ladies who planted the trees, two fine
young oak trees, the one on the N. side was named
the Albert & that on the South the Alexandra
Quey, the maoris, seemed very pleased & some of
them looked as in days of old, dressed in their
ancient costume.
When the trees were duly planted & named: The

band struck up "God save the Queen" & "Rule
Britannia." The procession retired from the scene,
in the same order as they came & fell out as the head
of the Column reached Barnards repository, where
the children, had a bountiful repast spread before
them, & several ladies, kept turning little keys
called the "wheels of fortune": & the children in
turns, took a ticket out, & received something in
exchange. The repository was nicely decorated with
evergreens, & flags flying throughout the place.
Flags were to be seen flying in all directions, but
the most where on the line of road, the procession
took. I went to Mr. Cuddon's to dinner, after dinner
Mr. Cuddon & myself went to see the sports on
Latimer square, racing, jumping in sacks, racing
with hares blindfolded, climbing greasy poles
wrestling, catching the guy with a greasy tail.
We stopped till the rain made us retreat from
the ground. After tea, we walked round the town
to see the illuminations, the wind rose & blew
out all the City council lights on the bridges &
Cathedral square, which would have ^{been} ~~seen~~
^{had} ~~been~~ it been, calm, effigy of the Queen the prime

& grinces, in different parts motto, crown, a ~~Q~~ &
Prince of Wales crest, on carriages, & light up behind
looked well, in fact for so small a place, the
whole days proceedings was far beyond many a
larger town in England.

The moans all dined at the Music Hall, & en-
joyed themselves much & expressed their thanks.
We went to see the fireworks later in the evening,
some of them were grand, the rockets were
many of them failures, but on the whole the
crowd, were satisfied & gave three cheers when
all was over.

There was no disorderly conduct throughout the
day passed off quietly, not even one had to
be taken before the magistrates.

I supped at Mr. Cuddon's, I bid them Adieu
& retired to rest about 12 P.M. Tired of a days pleasure
for what satisfaction has a man in it, "All is
vanity & vexation of spirit."

There was a promenade Concert in the Repository
& a ball in the town, well attended & kept
up till a late hour.

At the head of the Foresters code, Robinhood & Little
John, in their ancient costume, with their bows & arrows

also an old forester bearing a spear & horn, several with stag horns on the end of poles as trophies, all in ancient costume, thus reminded me of days of yore, when Robin Hood, ranged the forests of the north with all the freedom, of a feudal baron.

July 10. Friday, h. w. stiff a.m. all quarter P.m. by hot. carting gravel on the Halswell road, up early & walked up before B'fast. Posted a letter to Mother, yesterday.

July 11. Saturday, ship. white frost, h. e. 4 a.m. carting gravel, filling ditto P.m.

July 12. Sunday, dew, fine, stiff h. e. a.m. h. P.m. reading & writing to Chapel P.m. for Laura preacher (Wesleyan chapel.)

July 13. Monday, fine a.m. h. w. w. squally wind last night, a perfect gale from S. W. after 1 p.m. threatening; misty rain, carting gravel.

July 14. Tuesday, w. ship. frost, calm, by h. e. after 3 p.m. carting gravel, load of straw from Compeau's mow.

July 15. Wednesday, fine, fine ship. for part of the night; stiff h. e. a.m. threatening, by h. e. P.m. the clouds gathered blackness, came up & encompassed the land, & poured forth rain with a vengeance, as if Heavens flood gates were opened

about, half past three till six... carting gravel, home early, wet.

July 16th Thursday, frost. fine, calm a.m. by h. e. P.m. carting gravel.

July 17th Friday, fine, h. e. till 10 a.m. & after 5 P.m. stiff h. carting gravel.

July 18. Saturday, fine, shower 4 p.m. h. e. P. & h. w. a.m. by S. W. by W. 2 P.m. carting gravel. reading, paper & etc evening.

July 19. Sunday, wet. w. big rain P.m. reading & etc. by S. W.

July 20. Monday, w. ship. frost. by all quarter. a.m. threatening, squally up country, w. by S. W. P.m. squally. driving gravel big drawing. squalls of hail & rain.

July 21. Tuesday, squalls of rain, w. by S. W. after 10 a.m. carting gravel. big pulling.

"Be wise & act thy part without this feverish anxiety of mind; And do thy duty in thy place & time, & leave the events to God."

"Horns may change. - will change - have changed - but man remain."

Charles Henry Hanger.

Of Perseverance.

"Courage! why shouldst thou cease to strive?

To go backward is to fall:

To go forward is far better than to stop; — pro-
gression is advancement.

It is well before beginning, to consider pre-
cisely the chances of success;

But when we have entered on the lists, not to
persevere, is double folly.

Destroying both what is & what might be;
& of this be sure, that effort

when most successful, never realized intention
never to the height attained.

The purpose of the heart; tis of the nature of
greatness to be unsatisfied.

The worst enemy of perseverance is — the wish
to see the end without the necessary means;

School thy heart of all impatience, then there is
hope of perseverance.

There are few things; truly set about &
followed perseveringly,

That cannot be accomplished, & after all tis
better failing when we aim to high,

Than to live in slothful idleness from ignorant
fear of failing:

Better want success, than want exertion."

"Charles Henry Hanger."

July 22^d Wednesday, frost, fine calm a.m. W. S.W after
2 P.M. by Showers carting gravel.

July 23^d Thursday, light showers a.m. threatening, by S.W
at noon calm, hot. carting Gravel, dig drawing.

July 24^d Friday, fine, B. & a.m., a canopy of clouds
came up & enveloped the Heavens, excepting a few
degrees above the Heavens, Horizon, some parts of
the canopy ~~which~~ looked grand, the different shapes, forms
& patterns, which composed the mass, about 2 P.M.

a perfect Hurricane arose from the South, it blew the
top of the Albion Hotel wattle off, in Port. & blew all
the timber off a drag, although lashed on, & turned
the drag over, & broke one shaft. calmed down towards
evening, B. & fetched a load of oats onto the loft
& thatched the stack a.m. carting gravel P.M.

July 25^d Saturday, fine, by all quarters, stiff B. after
11 a.m. stiff B. & in the evening, B. & W over head
all day & up country, carting gravel. reading papers
& etc.

July 24. Sunday, fine, v. st. N. W. cloudless sky, hot
reading & cleaning up. at Chapel P. M. reading the
"Basket of flowers."

"Here he might lie on fern or withered heath,
While from the singing lark, that sings unseen
The minstrelsy that solitude loves best;
And from the sun, & from the breezy air,
Sweet influences trembled o'er his frame;
And he, with many feelings, many thoughts,
Made up a meditative joy, & found

Religious meanings in the forms of nature;
And so, his senses gradually wrapt
In a half sleep, he dreams of better worlds;
And dreaming hears thee still, O singing lark
That singest like an Angel, in the clouds."

Coleridge. — near in solitude.

" Watcher, who warest by the bed of pain,
While the stars sweep on, with their midnight train,
Stifling the tear for thy loved one's sake,
Holding thy breath, lest his sleep should break,
In the loneliest hour there's a helper nigh —
' Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.' "

" Fading one, with the hectic streak
In thy vein of fire & thy wasted cheek,
Farest thou the shade of the darkened vale?
Look to the Guide, who can never fail.
He hath trod it himself, he will bear thy sigh —
' Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.' "

" Inquirer, who sittest in the churchyard lone,
Scanning the lines on that marble stone,
Plucking the weeds from thy loved one's bed,
Planting the myrtle & rose instead,
Look up from the tomb with thy tearful eye,
' Jesus of Nazareth' passeth by. "

Reverend { " Stranger, afar from thy native land,
Whom no man takes with a brother's hand,
Table & hearthstone are glowing free,
Casements are sparkling, but not for thee
There is One can tell of a home on high,
' Jesus of Nazareth' passeth by. "

Copied out of the "Basket of flowers".

July 27. Monday, dew, fine N.E. by a.m. stiff P.m.
carting gravel. writing in the evening.

July 28. Tuesday, dew, thick mist from N. & after 6 a.m.
till 10 a.m. N.E. stiff P.m. carting gravel. to Parishes
in the evening.

July 29. Wednesday, S.W. by P.m. steady rain
a.m. big showers P.m. within a.m. opening a new
pit in Parishes padd. P.m. by wet.

July 30. Thursday, S.W. by day. big showers till
2 P.m. cleared up fine, finished up the upper part
of the road & commenced out of Parishes paddock

July 31. Friday, ship frost. by N.E. P.m. carting
gravel. we had a filling match. Pat. Gilmore $3\frac{3}{4}$ minutes
George Hill $4\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, James Jennings $7\frac{1}{2}$ to. Orical
Gilmore 8 minutes.

July August 1st Saturday, fine, by ship frost
N.E. after 10 a.m. stiff P.m. carting gravel, reading
the news paper in the evening.

August 2. Sunday, fine by N.E., reading, went
for a stroll P.m.

August 3. Monday, big shower at 1 a.m. & half
past three P.m. carting gravel. news arrived of
several successful skirmishes with the Waikato men

at Auckland.

August 4. Tuesday, frost at thick from 9 till 10 a.m.
by N.E. a.m. by S.W. P.m. carting gravel,
big day's work 100 loads, by six fillers

August 5. Wednesday, dew, S.W. fine, carting
gravel.

Aug. 6. Thursday, dew, fine, big shower at 5 & 9
P.m. S.W. a.m. all quarters P.m. S.W. after 3 P.m.
carting gravel, tried Ceythorn's gravel, but it
was too fine.

Aug 7. Friday, thick mist, N.E. after 11 a.m.
carting gravel.

Aug. 8. Saturday, frost, fine, N.E. carting gravel. news
from A. says of a great many lives lost by land slips &
floods, up the different creeks on the diggings.

Aug. 9. Sunday, N.E. by day N.W. after 11 a.m. reading
most of the day.

Aug 10. Monday, dew, big shower at noon, by N.E., N.W.
by after 10 a.m. by S.W. 1 P.m. carting gravel, got a
capsize P.m. the leader took fright, turned short off, &
ran the cart over the gate post & turned me over, a
narrow escape, me being in the cart at the time.

Aug 11. Tuesday, frost. fine, dry. Westerly breeze. we finished metaling the Kaitiaki road, a.m. We bid adieu to the old place, & returned to Etch, load of cat shavers down.

Aug. 12. Wednesday, frost. fine, all quarters. Getting Horses shod & making preparations for an up country trip, a.m. down to Milton's wharf & loaded up, sawn timber, 12 x 6 & 6 x 3 & large Manuka piles, for the Kaikāia, (bridge).

Aug. 13. Thursday, hail, rain, snow & frost last night, fine, by dry S.W. up to Gizzo, head wind country improving.

Aug. 14. Friday, fine up country, dry hail & snow storms down town, perfect Hurricane from S.W. my eyes aching from the dust. up to the Kaikāia & unloaded & back to Gizzo, great improvements up here, since I was here last.

The road through the worst of old bed formed & metalled, piles driven in the river for the ferry.

Aug 15. Saturday, fine, by S.W. down to Etch.

Aug. 16. Sunday, frost. S.W. to Etch a.m. to Mr. Giddons in the evening.

Aug. 17. Monday, threatening, shower at noon, S.W. a.m. by N. & P.m. greasing drays, getting horse shod & etc. a.m. down to Milton's wharf. & loaded up with timber for government for the Kaikāia.

Aug. 18. Tuesday, frost. fine, P.C. stiff P.m. up to Gizzo.

Aug. 19. Wednesday, fine, all quarters by P.C. after 11 a.m. up to the Kaikāia unloaded & back to the Selwyn.

Aug 20. Thursday, fine, all quarters by. down to Etch.

Aug. 21. Friday, dry rain, by S.W. getting down to the Paddock to cover up the cat shavers & etc. putting books bright, planting trees & bushes in the garden.

Aug. 22. Saturday, fine, dry. N.W. & N. forming road into the yard, seeing after horse & etc. Received a letter from Brother, one from William & one from John, both good & bad news.

Aug 23. Saturday, Sunday, dry rain, S.W. covering up the stack a.m. reading & seeing after the house.

Aug 24. Monday, dry rain after 8 a.m. till noon, fine P.m. S.W. seeing after horse & etc. a.m.

down to Milton's & loaded up with piles for Government
to go to the Raiakia.

Aug. 25 Tuesday, fine, by 9 & 3 p.m. carting
Oaten straw & Oats up into the shed two single
horse teams. Received 3 letters from home, one from
Jimie, one from Cousin Robert & one from William
Stannard Junior. which contained the sad news of
the death of cousin Jerry's Stannard's wife's death.
& sundry other news.

Aug. 26. Wednesday, fine, by 8 & 11 a.m. carting
straw from Horace Brown's place Lincoln Road
into the shed. late home.

Aug. 27. Thursday, big rain, cleared 4 p.m. calm
mending sacks & etc. got on coals into the yard for
some consumption.

Aug. 28. Friday, thick mist, cleared 10 a.m. by 6 after
fine, up to Horace Brown's Place, thrashing, load of
straw & a load of oats home, single horses.

Aug. 29. Saturday, fine, all quarters. took down
86 bushels of Oats to Montgomery's Day for Kunsden
a.m. & a load of timber up for Montgomery, 89 bushels
down p.m.

Aug 30. Sunday, fine, by 8. by 11 a.m. afternoon, walked

up to Papanui to see Mizz, spent the day with
them.

Aug 31. Monday, all quarters a.m. big shower. big rain
& S.W. p.m. cleared 8 p.m. took 6 horses in the big timber
carriage, government piles for the Raiakia, up to to edens
detained because of the rain. set up till past 1 ~~am~~ waiting
the horses.

Sept 1. Tuesday, fine, by 8. by 11 a.m. on up to the Raiakia
by big pulling through the slugs.

Sept. 2 Wednesday, fine, frost by 8. by 11 a.m. down empty,
to catch late home. "Capt Cook arrived"

Sept 3. Thursday, dew fine, by 8. by 11 a.m. after 10 a.m. S.W.
after 5 p.m. greasing timber carriage & etc. & gardening
a.m. down to Milton's Day & loaded up with piles

Sept. 4. Friday, commenced raining 10 p.m. last night
big rain all day, stiff S.W. sundry little jobs, within

Sept. 5. Saturday, ship frost fine, by 8. by 11 a.m. stiff S.W.
p.m. S.W. & commenced raining 7 p.m. load of dung down
to the paddock & a load of gravel up the Papanui Road
for Kuttand, a load of dung down & load of gravel up
for Allehm, & another load up into the yard.

Brown went over to Port to see his brother & young Lewis
just arrived Per Capt Cook, she is lying in quarantine

21 deaths on the voyage out & 2 since she arrived, she is anchored off Camp Bay. Cooper sailor from Stote his wife & two of his children are on board & Brown also received the sad intelligence of his cousin George Lewis's death from brain fever since they arrived his brother looks bad. T. Lewis looks well, & so do the Passengers in general. Sad news, to send home to his friends, But such is life, to-day we are & tomorrow cut off from among the living, to be mourned & forgotten. Another vessel has just arrived 75 days out, iron ship.

No sickness on board & passengers landing. 75 from land to do.

Yea it is, it has, & it ever will be, where man has run his course, when death snails him, he must yield as grass before the scythe of the mower, whether he be in the midst of the mighty Ocean, amongst his friends or far apart from them in some distant land, when one looks around & sees all the sorrows & griefs caused by sin, & the death is caused by sin, how may it make one wonder at the ways of the Almighty.

Weep with them that weep, weep & mourn thou mourners, for him whom thou lovest & he whom thou expected to see, yea when he had almost reached that bourne, whence he was bound, is laid in the

dust, his time was come, he had run his course, & death gained the victory, he is laid on the side of a dreary bay, lamented. in the quarantine ground he lies alone! leaving us to toil on our dreary way, man is but dust & unto dust shalt thou return. Sept 6. Sunday, big showers from S. W. 4th S. W. at 6th a.m. to Mr. Cuddon's 11.m. & evening.

Sept 7. Monday. frost, calm a.m. S. E. 11.m. Started for the Kaiakia, 3 Piles & 1 Saw Piece, for Government reached 6.15 p.m. I have this day seen a fair specimen of diggers tramping life, several of them on their way down to Otago from the West coast; via Nelson. & others on their way from Otago to the west coast, they are an unsettled roving race of human beings, some of them with empty pockets, getting their tucker where ever they can, spending precious time, roving about, but few in comparison to the numbers digging are successful. a lottery, although hard is their life, it is free, & they push on cheerfully ever expecting, although some only expect, to be disappointed.

Sept 8. Tuesday. fine sky S. E. cold. Sky S. W. after 7 p.m. since last rain, a fresh has softened the ford & thrown up shingle banks in deep water, we crossed the timber carriage through the old ford 10 chains or so higher up

✓ one drag, the other ugly white's drag, I hooked two horses onto making five in all, I tried the bear food, when first on entering the main stream, one leader fell over a shingle bank, the next followed his example, & being older & stiffer made several plunges, I broke his harness then the shafter fell, he made several unsuccessful endeavours to rise, I jumped off, took off the leaders & started them out, we unhooked the harness, & after sundry cuffs & kicks we got him up, reharnessed him & put him in again (all this while those ungrateful men diggers (with long boots on) never offered to render any assistance, although we had brought their swags up) after they (on the other side) had replaced the harness they came to our assistance with five horses, which we managed to hook on, after starting, in making a leap to get onto the drag, we failed, so our last resource was to cease, the drag pin behind & thus traileed through the water, stream very stg & cold, so I had the pleasure of keeping on my wet things not having any to change, we reached the Maikaka about noon unloaded & returned to Gizzo, 5 P.M. Gizzo both house & stables, crammed, horse double banded, & several sleeping on the floor in the parlour, myself & 3

more slept on the loft over the stables.

Sept 9. Wednesday, fine, stg N & N.W. by N.E. after 5 P.M. down to Otch.

Sept 10. Thursday, fine, stiff S.W. received orders to make preparations for a trip up as far as a drag can get to the west coast. Loaded up with stores from Jackman & Hicks, Colombo St. & utensils, tent & etc. at the Public works office. for a survey party, Mr. Blake surveyor & three others viz. Mr. Charles Percival, Wise & Osborne, going to survey a line for a bridge track over to the west coast. Left Otch 10 a.m. Mr. Wise accompanying me, reached Paiafoi about 2 P.M. & refreshed both ourselves & horses. The bridge over the Waimakariri is now open for traffic, a lot is levied on it by Mr. White, the builder thereof, it is built of wood chiefly black pine, 14 tiers of Piles 3 in a tier the approaches are steep, but a strong useful structure & a great boon ^{on} to the Colony, 13 yds between each tier in the centre. The old ferry is ~~not~~ done away by being fresh in the river, the banks wearing away fast. The breakwater on the north side is not driven out into the stream sufficient to stay its ravages. Government is building a new swing bridge over the Hatter branch of the Waimakariri, in a line with the north road.

Kaiapoi is the same dull place as when I last passed through, a great many empty houses & stores, the place looks quite poverty struck, (alongside our Hospital:)

On to Woodend, on our way we met old Linsell late of Otago now living over the Ashley, I asked how the river was, he said it was too high to cross, half way up the saddle flaps, he advised us not to cross, on reaching Woodend, this statement was confirmed so we made up our minds to stop at Woodend.

The bush around is being fast cleared out, a great many hands are employed, sawing shingle splitting & stubbing up Old Stumps for firewood. splitting pot & nails & etc.

In the evening Osborne one of the party, overhauled us We stopped at the Hotel for the night.

Sept 11. Friday. G. S. W. Co. after 11 a.m. up to the Ashley & found it too high to cross, so we stopped on the South side, at the Ferry man's hut, cob. hut a comfortable little place but small, the youth is a nice pleasant young fellow he has been on the river some time, he has a small paddle boat, flat bottom, 7/6 each for ferry. & he is paid 50£ per annum by Government, several traps crossed the river, the water ran into them, the stream roaring & trying to upset them as if angry with them for hindering its rapid course. We boiled some mutton for dinner, to our

surprise, when we put it into the boiler, (supplied by Government) & filled it up with water, it poured forth out of the bottom in a stream about 1/2 of an inch in diameter, so we laid ^{it} on one side whilst Wise & Osborne, gave vent to their anger, on the breast of old Leathwick Clerk at the Public works for sending such a boiler, we were forced to boil it in this tin bucket (galvanized iron) after dinner, we thought of crossing but a buggy came up & crossed, they had to tip it up to let out the water on the other side, so we made up our minds to stop, Dr. Newton & another gent. crossed in the boat. the buggy was taken across by the ferry man, they ^{are} going north beyond the Hurunui they advised us to wait, I tethered the horses, & laid & sat about reading a novel, tied one horse to the door for the night, four of us slept in the hut, which is but six feet six by eight inches, two in the bunk & two on the floor & a dog under the bunk.

Sept 12. Saturday, Misty showers from D. W. Vivid rain up in the hills, fine in Otago, up twice in the night to look at the horses. up early, we crossed, two bags of flour in the boat. & laid the other perishable goods on the top of the shaft, & crossed the river about 8 a.m., as it was the water came into the bed of the drag. We reached the ^{Saltwater} creek about nine, the creek is much improved since I last saw it. Cameron has built a fine

House & Stables, blacksmiths forge, wheelwrights shop & general store. & there is another Accommodation house on the other side of the Creek. There is a strong substantial bridge built over the Creek, 10 tiers of piles 3 in a tier. it was greatly needed, for the tide was a nuisance, a drag arriving at high tide had to wait till low tide, but now there is nothing to fear the road is formed & metalled about a mile on the other side of the Creek. The road to Leithfield, is natural & runs along a shingle bank, where once water raged. a quantity of sand holes & one stiff sand hill to Mull through, the country to the east, covered with numerous sand hills the intervening ground, good flax ground or swampy lagoons. full of Raupo. to the west. the length of the road, looks as if a river once ran in its course to the sea, a high terrace from the creek to the lower, some places it approached near to the road, the road is formed & metalled about a mile on this side of Leithfield, it runs along the foot of the terrace, a good solid road several cuttings up the terrace to the plain above, which ^{runs} out gradually rising to the Mount Grey downs, some very good country, plenty of flax, but bush scarce, all this is bought up & farms & homesteads, dotted here & there all over it, turning the wilds, into smiling fields of corn, & the wilderness into

a fruitful land, where once was to be seen nothing but a few wildfowl & wild pige, man has planted himself, the plough & spade are doing their work, altering the face of the country, smiling faces & contentment reigns around. The draw back to this part is the scarcity of provisions bush. only a little scattered in the gullies of Mount Grey.

Leithfield, is a new township laid out & sold in sections by Mr. Leith, it is a pretty spot & the sea not far distant about a mile, the lower runs on the north of it. the Windmill an old Celtic friend stands towering on a small hill which stands alone in the midst of the vale, just at the back of Mr. Leiths house. & garden, the garden is surrounded with lot of fine blue gum trees which add much to the picturesqueness of the place, he keeps an Accommodation house, there is a blacksmiths, carpenters, surgeon, butchers & a new store going up, several houses scattered about, a beginning of what will be. The lower was low, it runs murmuring along in several small streamlets, which after a long rain is a fierce raging & impassable torrent, which when down again leaves a soft bed, because it continually keeps shifting the shingle & sand. We had a steep terrace to ascend on the north side & then we arrived on a level plain again, excepting being here & there intersected by a ^{gully}.

We pushed on to Brown's bridge, why so called I know not for no water or bridge is there, we left Glemmark, old Moore's place on our right, he has a freehold of 60,000 acres purchased when land was only \$5/10p per acre, he has fenced in a large quantity with wire fencing, & several large paddocks broken up & cropped. The accommodation house at Brown's bridge is kept by Binley late of the Shearers Arms Hotel, there are a gang of men making two cuttings, where there used to be two paddocks & two swamps at B. Bridge, about a half mile on we stopped, & refreshed both man & beast, made a fire of some drift wood out of the kowai & boiled some tea & fried some beef steaks, & there we sat under nature's canopy upon nature's carpet, & enjoyed our meal as well as any Lord of the land. on we went again up a rich valley, hills on the N. & S. sides, splendid country, here & there a lagoon, a shepherd hut to the east, & a station homestead on the low downs to the west, we are getting into a region of squatters. Crossed the Wai-para just above the junction, of Weka creek with the Wai-para, very steep steep terraces on each side, steep cuttings made on each side, the main stream ^{rough} large boulders, the others very soft loose small shingle, crossed the Wai-para flat, a stony poor piece of country, the hills look barren for no bush

or even scrub is to be seen, we arrived at the Weka pass (so named I suppose because the Weka or woodhoop abounded in it,) at Mr. Henry's Accommodation House, about a mile in the pass, we crossed the Weka creek by steep cuttings down to & up, ^{rough} steep road round, cuttings made on the worst sidings, very pulling, we passed the house about 300 yds from the house, to a sheltered nook where we pulled up & prepared to camp, fed the horses & commenced ^{up} packing, the tent raining very camping under difficulties it getting dark fast. We boiled some tea, fried some bacon, & got our tea, we then agreed to return with the horses to sleep at the house, I stabled the horses, & was soon fast asleep in a comfortable bed. ~~myself~~

Sept 13 Sunday, fine S.W. up early, took the horses down to the Camp, & cooked our breakfast. After B. fast we looked about a little, Henry has a nice place, the 'Old House, is a roomy place, there is a new one facing S. nice veranda in front, open on to the garden, a lean-to at the back, fitted up with comfortable bed rooms, two beds in a room. They are building a limestone cook house the limestone makes a fine looking building, beautiful white, a stock yard cow shed & stable, a grass paddock fenced in at the back, a large piece ploughed up now

being fenced in, a sheep yard, very hilly, I walked up the saddle to look at it, to see if it was passable for horses. In it I saw an old wheeled van, the fore wheels, lying in one place & the hind part in another very steep, three extraordinary steep places. As I made up my mind to go round the Hill, these Hills, composed of a limestone rock, a beautiful building stone & useful to burn into lime. We broke up the camp about 10 a.m. loaded up, & again commenced our journey, there is a large party making a fresh cutting, all through limestone rock, to make a new line of road through the pass.

We recrossed the Deka creek, up a terrace, a cutting several drays had been stuck before me, & left a boggy hole, the shafter got bogged in it, I was forced take all the things out tip up the shafts, & then he manage to get out, put him in again & pulled onto solid ground. Reloaded & again on our way. (Sunday work) very dry, pulling round the hill although dry, yet soft, from being cut up by bullock drays. I got up the Black Prince by degrees, stopping to wind them on their way, up, it is a very steep sideling, which after rain is so slippery that neither horse nor bullock could stand on it, we stopped to refresh ourselves & horses

about halfway through the pass. We had some long steep cuttings & sidelings to go up & down, but the Old boys tugged on, like Old bullocks, forced to wind them up the steep places. The Deka pass is five (about) miles through very rough road, no bush to be seen, only a little scrub, tea & fern on the borders of the creek, all the wood used by Henry is fetched, from the other side of the Wai-tobi. After we had passed through the pass, we crossed the, Dai-karai flat, very soft when wet, good now excepting where small boggy creeks cross the track, to the N.E. the flat is very swampy & wet. about midway across the flat the track divides, the east track, is the Hurunui track to Nelson & the other to Lances Station, we crossed a low down & came to another flat, crossed by two creeks, via little river & sheep washcreek. High terraces on the sides of each, low swampy ground to the east. Lances run, is 100,000 acres, which includes several downs, he has some very large paddocks fenced in with wire fencing, 16 miles of fencing, some very good country & some very poor, just the other side of the Wai-tobi, about 3 miles from the station, is several hundred acres of Manuka scrub, great value to the squatters around, as the country is void of bush.

This station is not Lances Promestation an outstation
A water in a paddock by itself. For a married couple, a large
house, one large room below, for men to get their meals in
& one large one above, full of benches, fitted up for the use
of the shepherds & shearers. A lean-to at the bank, benches
for the cook & blacksmiths, & a cook room. A strong brick
stone, two rooms. (splendid bricks) a brick forge, it
would be an ornament to Etch. A splendid woolshed.
a good store for wool above, the pens & skillions, & shearing
pens fitted up in the main building, the wool press & sorting
room, is a wing attached to the centre of the west side —
every accommodation, they sheared 40,000 sheep last
season. We arrived about 4 P.M. feed the horses & turned
them adrift in the paddock. Had a good supper myself
& retired to rest, in a bunk, I had a sheep skin to lie
on, I did not undress, stuck my feet into a sack covered
my shoulders with my oil coat, & so laid for the night
as I forgot my blankets.

Sept 14. Monday, post. by L. O. N. & after 3 P.M. up early
got in the horses, started on our way after breakfast
about 8 A.M. we crossed the Wai-toti flat, it ought to
be called the stony flat, a fitting name for it, for it is
very stony. (Lances is about 11 miles from Heneggs.)

the Wai-toti gorge is about 6 miles from Lances, We reached
there about half-past 10. The terrace of the Wai-toti is a
steep, & there is a cutting cut, but very steep, I took off the
leader, locked the rear wheel, & so steadied it down, just
at the foot of the terrace, stands Taylor's wool shed, built
of H. Cobb, & thatched with grass, divided into two, one to
store wool in & the smaller has a hearth for any one to
stop in. We unloaded & fed the horses, fried some bacon,
& made tea & took a last repast together. Just at the back
of the shed runs the Wai-toti, a rapid mountain stream
now running gently murmuring along a level place &
now rushing, roaring & foaming down, a rapid, warring
war with the boulders, a little stunted bush here & there
a picturesque stream.

We killed a weka just before I started, I bid them
adein & wished them every success, turned my face
homewards, a big sharp gince up the terrace. This
is the same line taken by poor Wilcombe & Brown
two surveyors, & both met with watery graves. I hope
this party may fair better, Tailors station back 11 miles from
here, near Lake Sumner, he has to pack all his wool
11 miles to this shed, over a narrow bridle track, cut
partly at his expense & partly by Government.

Stopped at Lances to dinner, then on to Henry's at the
pass. I returned by the saddle, I had to lock the wheels
down it. I saw plenty of ducks & swamp hens both going
& coming, stabled the horses. I made them & myself comfortable
for the night.

Sept 15. Tuesday. h. v. ^{fine} up at the pass, h. & down town
I passed through the neutral ground, between the Wai-
para & a mile or so to the south of Leithfield, quite
calm excepting sometimes a puff from, h. w or h. e.
soon after I left Henry's I met Charles Percival tramping
up to Henry's, this is an example a man once worth his
thousands now going on a survey trip as a common man.
I met Mr. Blake on the south side of the wai-para.
gave him directions, which way to steer, stopped on the
south side of Brown's bridge I fed the horses.

Leithfield has a very impressive appearance from the
south terrace of the house, the white surge of the sea
breaks on the shore to the left, & Port Hills lying in the
back ground, Leithfield & the kowhi beneath, a picture
que scene, I should much like to have, a good
water coloured sketch of it. Stopped a Cameron at
the creek. Old Black Horse I am afraid has the
fever coming on him.

(Cameron charges 2/6 a meal)

Sept 16. Wednesday, ^{post} h. v. fine, Old horse, worse.
I tied him behind, the Ashley much lower, on down
to Otete, left the Old boiler & message at the Public
works, met Knappman, he confirmed my opinion, the poor
Old Boy, has got the fever. I went up in good spirits
but returned in the dumps, such is ungrateful man
John Brown is over, he is very weak & looks very thin.
but will soon recover now, I saw Joseph Grimsey &
Tom Lewis, both looking well, stopping at Browns,
tending the Old horse,

Sept 17. Thursday, S. W. Vivy came after 11 a.m., tending
horse, J. Brown improving. received a letter from Lizzie
& one enclosed from Willie & James to her. James is the
same funny fellow now as ever. Willie is very thoughtful

Sept. 18. Friday, fine, S. W. tending & exercising the horse
& etc. J. B. better. T. L. & J. G. gone over to Port for luggage
writing in the evening.

Sept. 19. Saturday, fine, h. v. stiff at times. tending horse, gardening
& etc.

Sept. 20. Sunday, dew, fine, stiff h. & tending & exercising the horse
Went to Otete in the evening, too full, good not get a seat.
I took the Old horse across Latimer square, a m. 12 past ten.
Bells tolling for church. & whilst hearing them summoning man

to worship his craker. Carried my thoughts back to Old Congland, where the chiming bells, from the old church towers reach through the woods & valleys, making many a heart feel glad & comforted.

For there is a charm therein which elevates the soul, & makes me feel as though he was pouring on high listening to the praises of angels around the throne. & makes me think of celestial childhood, gambling on the green sward, enjoying nature's gifts, or basking in the sunbeams, alongside a gentle murmuring stream, which e'en now, whispers in my ear, whispers of ^{happy} bygone days. Whilst the soft breeze swept over the vale, gently rustling their hair & refreshing their exhausted natures, refreshing them for fresh gambles. Ah! happy is innocent childhood, free from care, full of life & elasticity, little dreaming of the trials of after life.

Monday. 21. dew fine, by all quarters, tending horse & shifting & stacking timber & firewood over at the garden & etc. The Anniversary of poor Charles Roggie's accident, bringing fresh to memory those painful scenes, of bereaved parents & friends.

Tuesday Sept 22. by by prolonged showers, all quarters settled to S.W. in the evening, tending the Old Horse & went down to the steam way twice with Char. Rother's team for Barnett as Brown was a case on at the Magistrate's court today & Mr. R. is a witness. 6 Casks & 20 bags of malt a.m. load of rock salt. P.m. wet through late in the evening.

Anniversary of poor Charles's death

Wednesday, Sept 23. by showers, by S.W. by N.E. after 4 P.m. tending Old Horse, filling dung, cutting chaff & etc. late

Thursday, 24. dew fine a.m. by N.E., come on by rain from S.W. 3 P.m. tending Old Horse, & digging, etc.

Sept. 25. Friday, by by squalls of hail rain & snow, last night & a.m. fine P.m. stuff S.W. tending & exercising horse & jibbing

Sept 26. Saturday, by ship frost. by N.E., tending & exercising the horse, cutting chaff & etc.

Sept 27. Sunday, dew fine, by N.E. tending & exercising old horse, T. Lewis & myself walked up to the cemetery, a great alteration since last there, a new building to read the burial service in grass looking green & fresh, nice flower beds laid out & most of the graves, flowers planted thereon or fresh laid on poor Charlie, somebody had fresh shown his grave.

Another horse taken ill on coast for me, sore throat

Sept 28. Monday. fine, S.W. by, throat worse, tending & exercising the horses.

Sept. 29. Tuesday, dew, fine, N.E., throat worse, tending horses & exercising them.

Sept 30. Wednesday, dew, fine, N.E. a.m., stuff S.W. P.m. dewy better, tending & exercising the horses, took the Old Horse down the continuation of Colombo St, past Ditch's place.

A great alteration since last time, the immediate looks in a very desolate state, orchard overgrown with weeds, the only improvement is a row of Poplars & Willows along the edge of the foot path next the side ditches. It is cut up in small lots, owned by different parties.

October 1st. Thursday, showery last night & 8 a.m. stiff h.c. after 9 a.m., helping to load up timber onto the timber carriage, out of Mollito's yard, for a new store for Drummond Macpherson. tending & exercising the horses, beware & watch
Oct 2. Friday, dew fine, by the h.c. commenced raining 7 p.m. tending horses, down to Brittons wharf & helped to load 2 drays with some sawn log for government. 4 m. over cutting chaff a short time P.M.

Oct. 3. Saturday, showery, h.c. tending sick horses & mending stables, & etc, late. Good news from Auckland & Taranaki; several skirmishes with the Mooris, it's all the mooris where worsted, & several bit the dust.

Oct. 4. Sun Sunday, dry showers, by S.D. tending horses & reading, another Sabbath is passed but slow spent, I like not this employment, I would that some other path was open for me.

Oct 5. Monday. showery. 2 m. by S.D. 1 a.m. h.c. 11 m. loaded up with 1014 ft of timber & 4 stone piles, out of Mollito's yard, for a new, wool & goods store on the other side of the

Kaiaikoa, for Drummond Macpherson, by dry pulling, track soft & wet, late up to Gigg's 8 p.m. tired out, both man & horses
Oct. 6. Tuesday, dew fine, by all quarters, river high & soft, forded it in two places on horse back, we took the upper ford one of Whites' drays got stuck & the shafter laid down in the water they had to take them out before they could get up, we got all our drays through eight horses on each, one of the shafters fell ~~in the middle~~, shifted some of the load back started on & he got on his pins again, very heavy pulling, late up to the Kaiaikoa, unloaded & back to Gigg's

Oct. 7. Wednesday, dry dew, by the h.c. down to Cattel, & loaded up again

Oct. 8. Thursday, showery, 6 m. by S.D. 2 a.m. B.D. 11 m. Started early, reached Gigg's 6 p.m. roads better.

Oct 9. Friday, dew fine, by all quarters, up to the Kaiaikoa unloaded at the punt by rough across the river bed. back to Gigg's.

Oct. 10. Saturday, showery, S.D. down to Cattel

Oct. 11. Sunday, dew fine, S.D. by 11 a.m. after 11 a.m. writing home & reading & etc.

Oct 12. Monday, dew fine, by N.E. N.W. after 11 a.m. loaded up with timber out of Mollito's yard, up to Gigg's

October 13. Tuesday, dew fine, up to the Kaiakia unloaded at the punt, h.c. down town, h.w. h.c. after 11 a.m. shifted 3 loads of piles & timber down to the punt 1 p.m.

Oct. 14. Wednesday, shower 11 o'clock last night, S. D. by S. C. veered h.c. 3 p.m. through down to Etche. Posted a letter to Mother, 1 to R. Stannard, 1 to Lizzie.

Oct. 15. Thursday, dew fine, h.c. h.w. stiff after 11 p.m. got my horse shod, loaded up at Mollito with timber & piles, up to Gizzo's late up.

Oct. 16. Friday, showery morning & evening, fine mid-day by S. D. up to the Kaiakia unloaded & back to Gizzo's. The Kaiakia very high from bank to bank, a fierce raging torrent; impassable, the mail was detained.

Oct. 17. Saturday, showery, big rain last night. by S. D. down to Etche reading the "Pirates of the Maines" an interesting tale showing the dangers to be encountered in the far west of Mexico or America in general. T. Lewis came over.

Oct. 18. Sunday, dew fine, h.c. to Etche. a.m. to Mrs. Cuddon's p.m. & to tea. to Mrs. Boggio's in the evening.

Oct. 19. Monday, showery a.m. h.c. big showers in the evening, loaded up with, doors, nails, lead, shingles, tools & etc. out of Mollito yard, up to Gizzo's big drawing

Oct. 20. Tuesday, big dew, h.w. from 10 till noon.

stiff. S. C. conquered the h.w. up to the Kaiakia, we loaded river rising fast, took the tools & nails down to the punt. back to Gizzo's.

Oct. 21. Wednesday, rain big at times, S. E. 3 p.m. S. D. down town. down to Etche, wet ride.

Oct. 22. Thursday, dew fine a.m. S. D. big showers p.m. cutting chaff & filling & setting saw & etc. a.m. cleaned up & went to the show (agricultural) p.m. wet through by an unpleasant day numbers, like myself, most of the horses & stock left when I arrived. T. Lewis & myself went to the Californian success, in the evening.

Oct. 23. Friday, frost, fine stiff h.c. loaded up remainder of the shingles out of Mollito yard for S. Macpherson & 600 ft. joelings for Chapman out of Pavillo yard. up to Gizzo's roads big.

Oct. 24. Saturday, big dew, stiff h.c. up to the Kaiakia, unloaded & took a load of Mr. Spherson's stuff down to the punt, very rough & soft. back to Gizzo's.

Oct. 25. Sunday, fine veiled ground to the h.w. by stiff till 3 p.m. when shifted back to its old quarter h.c. down to Etche, helped two teams through the river.

I & my conscience could not this day agree, I have more fully broken the 4th Commandment. I do not like it

Oct. 26. Monday, dew. fine. N. & E. took a load of lime & laths up the Lincoln road for Brooker; a.m. doing next to nothing went down & looked at the Paddock. Gave Brown notice to leave.

Oct. 27. Tuesday, vj. big rain all day. Calm, light air from N.E. a.m. & from S.W. P.M. cutting chaff & making up accounts. a.m. idling P.M.

Oct. 28. Wednesday, dew. fine, E. S.W. vj. N. & E. after 11 a.m., a load of Timber up from Dickmans wharf to Cathedral square for Morrison. Two loads of dung from back of Allivies store Cashel Str. down to the Paddock. copying log in the evening.

Oct 29. Thursday, dew. fine, stiff N.W. after 9 a.m. load of dung to Catarer Windmill road, shipping gravel in the Paddock, 5 loads of gravel to Taureed. same road. & 1 load to Wilson's Str. copying log.

Oct 30. Friday, dew. stiff N.W. carting gravel for Taureed & copying log.

Oct 31. Saturday, dew. fine, E. N. & E. stiff N.W. after 10 a.m. carting gravel out of the Paddock to Taureed City. & to Burtons new house, Durham Str South, & to Power to the right of the continuation of Colombs Str South.

November 1. Sunday, dew. fine, stiff N. N.W. in the

evening. To church morning & evening, to Burrows to dinner. for a walk in the evening.

Nov. 2. Monday, dew. fine, vj. N. & E. N.W. up country, loading up the carts with stones, at Edmund Macphersons store, for the Raikoaia, & cutting chaff.

Nov. 3. Tuesday, dew. fine stiff N. & E. N.W. up country, started up with five teams, up to Giggis.

Nov. 4. Wednesday, dew. fine. vj. vj. N.W. last night, stiff S.E. after 10 a.m. N. & E. after 3 P.M. up to the Raikoaia, one cart turned over, no damage done, unloaded the perishable goods into flowers old wool shed & took the Barrells, casks, crates & etc down to the punt. back to Giggis.

Nov. 5. Thursday, big rain last night cleared 8 a.m. S.W. vj. vj. P.M. raining after 3 P.M. up to the clay pits. near Knights station, in the vale of the Waikaiti, we struck across country steering for a point in the Hills, till we sighted some bush. & then I steered straight for it, we crossed the Hawkins dry river bed where Gadsby's old track cross it, near an old ^{old} hut vj. poor country, better near the Hawkins, vj. fair land & some vj. good between the Hawkins & another dry river bed, ^{the Waikaiti} where the detour during a fresh grows down ~~it~~ some of its ~~trough~~ ^{troughs} water, We struck out again straight for some bush again we reached Mossie station about noon, a pretty place in

midst of these dreary glaciers, quite a relief, to the right
we have a nice garden, & plantations of Apples & Str. a fine
House, Veranda on the N. & W. sides, out houses, at
the back, yards & small paddock, a sheep yard far
away on a Hill to the east of the House near a
mile. This station stands on the Dairiki, a good ford
over it, away some three miles to the right, His Home
bush station a pretty place, for a small piece of bush
is a relief amongst Hills void of bush. they have about
3 hundred acres fenced in, sod fence & posted rails
Hilly, the House & out buildings stand on a flat
near the foot. very stony land between the Dairiki
& the Waikidi, very rough road after we entered
the vale of the Nidi on our left towered a lofty,
thunder splattered, Hill, steep precipice on this side
down its sides & near the foot, lies numerous blocks
of all sizes & shapes, of a dark volcanic rock. we had
to cross the Waikidi twice & a branch of it, near Pargers
station ~~then~~ situated about about 2 1/2 miles up the vale
in a small sheltered gully, a small patch of bush at the
back, a snug place, a new wool shed & yards on the flat
in front, we had some very steep terraces to go up &
down, the river by eight large boulders, shake the

cars & horses about fearfully, we crossed the river the
second time just opposite the clay, to the N. of the clay,
on the opposite side of the river, lies Knight's Promestead
just at the foot of a Hill in a rich gully, & a very
rich flat in front of the House, boggy now, but plenty
of fall for draining,
raining, we reached our destination about 4 P.M. never
tasting a mouthful of food from the time we left
Giggis about 22 miles from Giggis, we camped in an old
hut, put up by the party who commenced to work the
good coal deposits just in front. but could not make
it answer, they made two drives one at the foot of the
Hill & one higher up about twenty feet on the face
of the Hill, it being so far from Otter, the carriage
made it dearer than the imported coal, so they had
to quit it. Since their departure the rats have taken
up their abode in the dwelling, & leave traces of their
rampant work throughout the place. after tea, we turned
some of the horses adrift, tethered & propped 2 of them
after we had greased the carts, we went in & ~~stayed~~
over the fire, & chatted a bit, came out to look at
the horses, he looks turned one of his horses adrift. he
was in worse case than he sat to galloping about

made the others restive, they sent up their jeeps & away we secured one of them & the hobbled one, & road code them across the river, 4 of us leaving one at the Hut it being dark, after a useless search for half an hour we gave it up, collected our forces, after a deal of coaching & reached the Hut in safety, secured the two horses & retired two rest, rolled up in our blankets on the floor.

Nov. 6. Friday, ^{S.S.} big rain, (cleared 8 a.m. in Cttch) rain up in the Hills all day, road slippery, loaded up with fire clay, Brooks had not gone far before he broke his off shaft in a sharp gully, the cart ran back & being the more up on the remaining shaft. ~~we~~ got her out, tipped up the stuff, made a temporary shaft with a piece of scumtling, put her in, on our way again already wet through, we double banked in the worst places, we reached Wosses about half past 1. P.M. fed the horses, & went into Wosses & got a hot dinner ourselves for we greatly needed it. On to Whites accommodation house on the Waimakiri, some good land on the track we left trace course still on our left.

Whites is the same as ever, the trees & etc are grown & look first rate, good feed around, to bed early.

Nov. 7. Saturday, dew, fine, stiff N.E. down to Cttch & unloaded at Jacksons bush yard & pottery, ferry road several farms & Homesteads, near Whites since last there. the Waimakiri has done its work on this track, washed all the soil away, years ago. leaving a barren old river bed.

Nov. 8. Sunday, dew, fine, N.E. by N.W. after 5 P.M. shower. M.M. writing 8 a.m. & 1 P.M. at church in the evening.

Nov. 9. Monday, dew, fine, N.E. S.W. several hours 8 a.m. N.E. 1 P.M. two loads of timber up from Millers Darg to Cathedral square for Imposition.

Nov. 10. Tuesday, dew, fine, all quarters, stiff at times; up to Giggis, stores for J. Macpherson. Poted a letter M.H.W.

Nov. 11. Wednesday, dew, all quarters, big shower after 5 P.M. up to the Waikaiti & unloaded at the grant. back to Giggis. Thunder storm 5 P.M.

Nov. 12. Thursday, big rain most of A.M. cleared M.M. S.W. down to Cttch.

Nov. 13. Friday, dew, fine, big shower over the Peninsula. by N.E. till 7 a.m. by N.W. stiff S.W. after 3 P.M. carting gravel out of the Government Domain, onto Antigua Str.

Nov. 14. Saturday, white frost. fine 8 a.m. by all quarters stiff N.E. 1 P.M. big showers came up from N.W. against the wind M.M.

Carting gravel.

Nov. 15. Sunday, dew. big showers, by. h. e. a.m. h. w. P.m. All quarters in the evening, keeping house reading, the life of the Rev. Dr. Wilkinson. Tom Lewis came over & spent the day.

Nov. 16. Monday, dew. fine. by h. e. h. w. up country. carting gravel onto Antigua Str.

Nov. 17. Tuesday, dew. fine, by S.W. carting gravel.

Nov. 18. Wednesday, dew. fine, by h. e. a.m. by h. w. P.m. Showery by. up to Gigg's with stores for J. D. Dr. by road.

Nov. 19. Thursday, fine. by by h. a.m. shifted to h. w. & blew firecr. up to the Laidia, unloaded at the punt by pulling in the river. loaded up with wool. A. Alex^{dy}

Lean by. out of Flowers's old store, consigned to Rules & Co^{dy}

Nov. 20. Friday, fine by h. a.m. h. w. P.m. down to Wexden, three loads of wool - two mines & one eight bales.

Nov. 21. Saturday, dew. fine calm night, by all quarters big showers & thunder big tempest down to the Steam wharf. & unloaded.

Nov. 22. Saturday & Sunday, by big showers. by S.W. to Church. a.m. to Mrs Gaddons P.m. & evening, went for a walk round by the Cemetery, round by the Supers place. (Mealey).

Nov. 23. Monday, big rain last night, big showers all day, by the S.W. Jobbing a.m. two loads of gravel from the Paddock for Sheil Manchester Str. near Knight's timber yard.

English Mail m, received a letter from Brother one enclosed from William & one from Henry Storrard of Mayland Mill & a full length portrait of Andrew, how a few years alters old faces, what changes a few years bring forth, old & young laid low, the aged looking more aged the young, more stout growing up to manhood & womanhood. He is much grown, & looks well. I also received a letter from Mrs. from Mayland, she thinks of emigrating, & asks my advice & for information. (The time is come & will come, when I shall regret that I have not made better use of my time.)

Nov. 24. Tuesday, by showers. by S.W. cold, started up for fire clay. up to Whites Accommodation House. (took two mines up)

Nov. 25. Wednesday, dew. fine by S.W. a.m. h. e. P.m. up to the pits, by way of Home bush, went through the station a picturesque place, a nice garden, but nature has made it what it is, it is situated on a small bay of land, a small patch of bush to the side. & a winding mountain stream, between the house & the Hill. Called at Harpers place. This is as good a situation that a romantic man could wish to build & he has improved, what nature has begun, it's a pretty place, a

winding road cut on the hill side up to it. We arrived at our destination in good time, filled 3 bags of clay & took these onto the other side of the river bed opposite the clay. Made ourselves comfortable for the night, cut some fern & glass for a bed. —

(2 teams up.)

Nov. 26. Thursday, day fine, D.S. up early, three of the horses gone, hunting for them from four till 11 a.m. searching in all directions, we went up a lofty peak, on it we found several remains of charred trunks of black birch, evidently bush has some day grown in this locality, from the summit we should if clear have had a splendid view of the surrounding country, as it was we could see enough, to make one feel proud of the land of our adoption, we could see the windings of the Waikouia & Waimakariri both mighty rivers, alongside which, the Haukomo, Wawiri, & the Waikiti appear but as streamlets.

To the N.W. sketches the mighty snowy ranges, below the snow line for the most part here, densely covered with bush.

We found them up the narrow gorge of the Kiti, had to cross the river four times, loaded up & off down to Ross & stopped there for the night, hauled in the horse foot.

Nov. 27. Friday, thick mist early morn. day D.C. fine

down through to Etche late some 10 P.M. tired both man & horse we took Muchelwraiths old track & so saved 3 miles, clear of Whites House, feed at Matthews & at cooks accommodation house.

Nov. 28. Saturday, dew fine, stiff D.W. S.W. in the evening. delivered the clay, one 1 ton 12 cub. 3 yds & the other (mine) 21 lbs heavier. jolting at sundry jobs, horse very lame.

Nov. 29. Sunday, misty showers. stiff D.E. to Church morning & evening. Stopped & heard them practice Jackson's Te Deum, it reminded me of the times I have heard it sung in Old Stoke Church, recalled to memory happy times bygone when a contented mind, was mine!

To Mr. Cuddons in the evening spent a pleasant evening.

Nov. 30. Monday, misty, cleared below, but a heavy canopy of clouds enveloped the heavens, driven by a very strong N.E. wind, jolting, digging cutting chaff & etc, etc.

December 1st. Tuesday, fine up to Gigg's Stg. D.W. by showers in the evening S.W. loaded with 600 bricks for flowers. (at Jacksons brick yard. very road.) up to Gigg's.

[This is a day that will be remembered by many, as the day on which the first railway was opened in Canterbury, a grand day, numbers gathered together to see it. A grand dinner in the good store. This is a commencement of our system of railways.]

Dec. 2. Wednesday, dew fine 11 a.m. big shower 11.30 a.m. S. E. 11.30
P.m. up to the Rakaiia, unloaded at the punt, fresh in the river
shot in water & unloaded off the dray onto the punt. (five drays)
we picked up twelve bales of wool ⁵⁴ Capt Hastings.
at the punt & finished our loads of the store. C. Chapman's
& 7 Warehouse's wool.

Dec. 3. Thursday, dew fine, by 11.30 a.m. to N.W. P.m. &
blew fierce. down to Weedeus some bales of wool.

Dec. 4. Friday, showery, big P.m. down to Otete &
unloaded at the station. getting things tight, to Dix in the
evening.

Dec. 5. Saturday, dew fine, a.c. washing & oiling harness
down for a load of boxes P.m. to Mr. Guddons in the ^{evening} evening.

Dec. 6. Sunday, dew fine a.m. S.W. 11.30 P.m. S.W.
& big rain 3 P.m. reading & etc in all day.

Dec. 7. Monday, by S.W. by big showers of hail &
rain, mending sail cloth & etc. posted a letter to John
to Mr. Guddons in the evening. (loaded up 600 bucks)

Dec. 8. Tuesday, dew fine by S.W. by all quarters P.m.
S.W. & big rain, after 5 P.m. up to Giggis, with trucks
from Jacksons Ferry road for C. Mowors. Raikaiia.

Dec. 9. Wednesday, fine. ~~big~~ S.W. 11.30 P.m. up
to the Raikaiia down to the punt. loaded up with

wool for Allen & Brown some bales, on each dray five drays
19 bales A.B. 4. M. 2 ⁵⁴ P.m. big pulling

Dec. 10. Thursday, big shower 7 a.m. by N.W. down
to Weedeus, big pulling very rough at places.

Dec. 12. Friday. D.W. last night, dew, by 11.30 a.m.
steer 11.30 P.m. down to Ch. Ch. unloaded at the station
getting P.m. there has been 5 ships in this week. Bahia
Brothers Maide, Zealandia, G. Alleming, & Derwent, &
Browns two sisters & brother William arrived per
Alleming. good passage all in good health & spirits

Dec. 12. Saturday, dew fine, by S.W. a.m. 11.30 P.m. two loads
of dung down to the Paddock & one load of Taxes up, loading
up ~~trucks~~ crockery, & etc for Mowors & Robson. to Guddons in the
evening.

Dec. 13. Sunday, fine, a.c. 7. Lewis came over a.m. reading
& etc a.m. to Church P.m. & stood god father for Mr. Guddons
little boy, Samuel Charles; four more christened at the
same time. I have this day taken upon myself a great
responsibility, & may I have strength to fill it as I ought.
to Mr. Guddons to tea & evening.

Dec 14. Monday, dew fine by S.W. a.m. 11.30 P.m.
loaded up 300 5 ft pralings onto my dray up to Giggis, 4
drays besides myself. Johnson came up for the first time

Dec. 15. Tuesday, dew fine stg h. & up to the Bahaias, unloaded half at the house & took the rest down to the front, reloaded with wool nine bales.

Dec. 16. Wednesday, Anniversary of this Settlement. Very rain last night from h.w. stg h. & C, lost 7 horses riding about from 4 to 12 a.m. looking for them, no go. We heard they were down at Gigg's, two of us went & fetched them up.

Dec. 17. Thursday, dew fine stg h. & C stg h. & C down to Weeden's.

Dec. 18. Friday, very rain last night & till 6 a.m. from h.w. by h. & C, all quarters 'm' by hot. down to Etobich & unloaded at the station. mending sail cloth 'm' to Caddon's in the evening.

Dec. 19. Saturday, shower a.m. fine. S.W. stiff 'm' commenced graveling down Str. or. Bethel Ware's from Government Domain. My last day at Carting, I am now about to open in a new business at the corner of Montreal & Papad terraces, the shop lately occupied by Mr. Boggie Sadler, & the firm of Caddon & Stimmings. general storekeepers. to Mr. G. in the evening.

Dec. 20. Sunday. Showery a.m. misty rain. Very 'm'. I accompanied Miss Lewis over to Mr. Vernon's Governors Bay, crossing part of the way over the roads a regular mire, very slippery, but we got on first rate

We found them all well at G. By. place much altered now — addition, a very comfortable place inside. We spent part of the evening singing hymns & Chants. Service in the evening. Mr. P. looks thin & altered since I last saw him. Mr. L. much the same.

Dec. 21. Sunday, fine h. & C. I enjoyed a walk round the garden at early morn & found the trees much grown & as for fruit I never saw any comparison to it, of all descriptions, the trees literally cramed. I was not behind in appropriating some to my own use. over to Mr. Myers 'a.m.' by the beach, his place is improved, the trees much grown but as for fruit not to be compared to Mr. P's, rather a scarce commodity, excepting strawberries & peaches, the strawberries are very fine & any quantity of them, he is looking very thin & ill, she is the same as ever. The two little boys look well. "He that findeth a good wife findeth a good thing." Over to Mr. Hodgson's & found everything improved, roads good & the gullies bridged, the ^{gullies} ~~bridges~~ ^{bridges} ~~bridges~~ have very pretty stone bridges single arch thrown over them white stone & look first rate, the edges of the stones worked & the centres left rough. Mr. H. out very well Mr. H. the same jolly, generous as ever. a hearty welcome I received, & approval of my plans. Spent a pleasant after noon. after tea I went by the beach to Mr. Pitts, I saw him on my way to Hodgson's & he asked me to call (on my way ^{back}) I past Governors Bay quarries, a good free stone ~~very~~ worked & looks well.

Mr. Pitts place is all improvements house altered two new wings, lawn laid out in front sweeping down into a deep gully. Water laid on from a gully up the hill, to within a few yds of the back door, garden nicely laid out, & even now looks beautiful although most of the flowers have done blooming & labours of dullace work. choice creepers planted around in a few years it will be a very nice place the main walk is 70 of a mile long. Plenty of fruit, garden in good order & trees well trained, supposed some time he says, that 155 was far better than this summer & read a portion of a visit which is nicely written & very interesting.

Back to Mr. P's, had a game of chess with him. I had almost forgotten how to play it.

Dec. 22. Tuesday, dew fine, S. E., gathering fruit & etc a.m. I bid them & the boys adieu & returned to Chelmsford & commenced helping at Mr. Gaddons, frosty up & etc.

Dec. 23. Wednesday, dew fine S. E. putting books together & helping in the shop, to Brown in the evening.

Dec. 24. Thursday, dew fine S. E. helping in the shop busy day, begin to like my new occupation.

Dec. 25. Friday, dew fine S. E. Christmas day within reading & etc, to Mrs. Boyce's tea & evening, in Colons to next door to Gould & Child's.

Dec. 26. Saturday, dew fine S. E. S. E. very dusty, cleaning out my shop, knocked down old counter, & hung the harness in order a.m. helping in Mr. C. shop P.M. to Cockham house in the evening, saw Miss Chismall, she arrived per Capt Cook, I recognised her, she is much improved, spent a pleasant evening, talking over old things & times. Mr. P's shop looks well from without. it is a good stand. English Mail on received a letter from Mother.

Chelmsford theatre was opened to night.

Dec. 27. Sunday, misty rain, for a few hrs a.m. by all quarters S. E. & dry rain after 5 P.M. to Church a.m. within reminded me of days of old, when the old Ch. at Stoke was bedecked with evergreens, happy, merry Christmas, wherever an Englishman goes he will if possible keep up the customary rejoicings of this joyful period. The interior is nicely decked with evergreens mostly native plants, but the Holly cannot be dispensed with & although scarce yet there was sufficient to remind one of home, along the centre twisted up on painted yellow ground. These with the words made of Holly leaves, "Unto us a child is born, on earth peace, good will towards men." over the door, "The prince of peace." over the communion table hung a wreath of evergreens & in the centre "I.H.S." above this another wreath & the prince of wales crest, made with a splendid specimen of native grass, over the communion table, was

a beautiful cross of splendid white lilies, on the window.
The fragrance from which was beautiful to those near. Reading
P.m. & evening, Family Friend, & Chambers Miscellany.

"Even such is time, that takes on trust

Our youth, our joys, our all we have
And pays us but with age & dust;

Who in the dark & silent grave
When we have wandered all our ways
Shut up the story of our days
But from this earth, this grave, & dust,
The Lord shall raise me up, I trust!"

C. M.

Dec 28. Monday, fine calm a.m. B.C. a very big tempest arose
brought up by a S.W. wind & broke over with all its pent up fury, hail
stones & the heaviest rain I have seen, showery all the evening, wind by changing
from S.W. to S.E. settled in the S.E. helping in the shop went & marked
off or took the prices of the harness left. I drew up an agreement
for a lease of the corner shop & we went to Mr. Hoggis in the evening
to get it signed, after a little altercation he agreed to come & sign it in the
course of the week.

Dec 29. Tuesday, very big showers of rain, by S.W. more like mid-
winter than mid-summer. Up at the corner rooms doing sundry jobs, in the
shop helping putting up & making out bills.

Dec 30. Wednesday. Shower a.m. S.W. calmed down P.m. fine, altering my
shop & putting up fittings. To Browns in the evening, to see how my feet hold
with him, received a two months bill for 200 £. payable Dec. 31. 64
the trip Browns are much better.

Dec 31. Thursday. dew. fine B.C. up early, putting up fittings, making
counter & scrubbing fittings, helping in C.S. shop P.m. in the evening.

January 1st 1864 ^{fine NE} The commencement of a new year. Paperhanging
& weighing up a.m. P.m. Mr. & Mrs. C. & Miss B. went to the Heathcote valley
P.m. by rail, I enjoyed the ride, the journey is far too short, very pleasant
the carriages I think much easier than any I rode in, in Old England.
nicely fitted & soft spring seats. Now it reminded me of the old country
of times gone by when I have been traveling on the great eastern counties
line. I should like to be taking a trip down that now. To see places familiar
from childhood. The scenery although the ride is short (1st 12 minutes) is
well worth taking a ride to see. We walked along the summer road a
short distance, there was a regular scramble for seats. When we got back
we came back by the half past six o'clock train, this is my first ride by rail
in Canterbury, a few years will make great alterations. We shall soon have the
rail extended.

In the evening we went to Halls theatre, near the Sylliton times office,
a large brick building, the scenery on the stage was splendid, the first
piece was "Rob Roy". A Scotch farce, & it was splendidly played.
Rob Roy was the very picture of a strong stalwart Highland chieftain.

He went through his part remarkably well, & so did (Miss Atkins) his wife, when the first scene passed behind a rock, then she stood a majestic figure dressed in the attire of Rob Roy's wife, a highland chieftain armed with a broadsword & shield, but I cannot find words to express my feelings, suffice it to say that every one enjoyed it much. The next ^{piece} was a good piece, thus I did not think as much of it. or they will say in more about it.

Jan 2. Saturday, fine, hot. by all quarters a.m. by N.E. 8 m. paperhanging at the corner till 3 P.M. helping in C's shop after putting down butter & etc. by bus.

One of Browns men, Tom Damon, was kicked today dangerously in the head, by Jacksons horse, up at Whites on the Daimathirri. I was brought down to the hospital.

Jan 3. Sunday, dew. fine. N.E. to C. morning & evening, to the Hospital from that poor fellow is doing nicely, to Browns to make enquiries about him from found them all well. to Cookham house to tea & evening (after Ch) all well & spent a very pleasant evening. reading & singing etc.

Jan 4. Monday, dew. fine, N.E. by stg at times by N.E. putting up fittings & etc. early & late to Higgins in to Browns packed up &

Jan 5. Tuesday, dew. fine N.W. by at times, early & late putting up fittings & etc. to Higgins in the evening.

Jan 6. Wednesday, dew. fine, by stg N.E. by N.W.

after 5 P.M. cleaning up, moving crates of Crockery from C's to my place, unpacking, to N.E. in the evening.

Jan 7. Thursday, dew. fine, N.W. round to N.E. 11 a.m. stg. moving crates & groceries up to my place, unpacking P.M. & putting them up. Mr G. B. came & we got the lease signed & witnessed by J. W. I have one copy. We signed & Mr. B. witnessed the agreement of partnership.

Jan 8. Friday, all quarters by stg at times Shower 5 P.M. unpacking Crockery, to C. Prate Levy Brothers, short of specified invoice. the cases contents tally & so do Mr. Leas.

Jan 9. Saturday, Showery a.m. by N.W. rain P.M. unpacking crockery, groceries & etc. helping in Mr. C's shop in the evening.

Jan 10. Sunday, a few showers, P.W. to church morning & evening reading P.M. Saw W. Richard in the evening & walked down the heavy road with him. to Browns in the evening, late home.

Jan 11. Monday, fine Showery evening, scrubbing out the shop cleaning windows etc. to Mr. Buggs in the evening.

Jan 12. Tuesday, by N.W. rain early from fine P.W. N.E. after 4 P.M. putting shop to rights helping in Cuddons. Making off.

Jan 13. Wednesday, fine, N.E. N.W. P.M. Putting up things & Making off, helping at Cuddons. in the evening a bullock rushed at a man just in front & went headlong into the river the man sprang on one side, a crowd soon collected the bullock swam

to the opposite bank & got bogged, they fastened ropes on & hauled him to this side & about thirty felled on & pulled him up the steep bank, he was too much cramped to walk when he got out although he made an effort.

X Jan 14. Thursday, fine sky N.W. by N. & midday N.W. evening hot, opened my shop & am quite satisfied with the beginning, to Boggie's in the evening. Wrote a letter to
Jan 15. Friday, dew. fine, N.E. by sky P.M. N.W. in the evening ^{fine} trade rather dull, but what can I expect. Copying invoices & etc.

Jan 16. Saturday, dew. fine N.E. by sky & dusty P.M. trade as good as I can expect. copying invoices & getting books together kept open till near midnight.

Jan 17. Sunday, by big rain till nine A.M. N.E. cleared splendid morning hot N.W. till 11 P.M. to Church A.M. to Tailors P.M. called in at Kholer's garden he has made great improvements built a splendid room, gentleman's & ladies cloak rooms attached. The exterior looks well from the bottom of the garden, the garden is neatly kept & looks well. I found Tailor & his family all well, he lives up near the rifle butt ^{with} ~~at~~ brown belt. Not a very grand place at present.

Jan 18. Monday, N.W. by sky at times P. by hot dull all day, hiker in the evening, Is it cheer up Joe & don't let your spirits go

down, to Mr Boggie's in the evening.

Jan 19. Tuesday, dew. light showers A.M. sky S.W. by dusty, trade dull all day, hiker at night, to Mr Boggie's in the evening. The first day of the Canterbury Races, & truly Canterbury is coming out Cobb & Co's Coaches, carried the day for number of horses six & 5 horses in hand, plenty of fours & threes & twos, one with four horses & two positions to Barnard & one fifth to Ladbroke & one with single position two horses. Numbers passed & repassed during the ^{day} quite a grand day, better order & less furious driving than of yore, five mounted Police went up in the morning, the police now are a very efficient force & the province ought to be justly proud of them.

Jan 20. Wednesday, dew. fine, sky N.E. by dusty, dull in town all away to the races, as yesterday, they looked very dusty & tired when they came home, trade dull.

Jan 21. Thursday, dew. fine sky N.E. by showers evening, last day of the races, Cobb's coach in hand & ahead in front & two pairs behind look splendid. by dusty, trade better. Had my likeness taken.

Jan 22. Friday, dew. fine, N.E. by dusty, trade dull. wrote to Mother & sent two likenesses of my ain self. to Giddons in the evening making out bills for Mr C. all day.

Jan 23. Saturday, dew. fine N.E. sky, trade better, a good many in down New Corn being fettered into Market.

Experience has taught me that I have been too ready to trust
to words & looks, to smooth tongues & pleasant manners; but, with
this lesson, I have learned another - that there are friends, good
& true, into whom the soul can discharge itself without dread.
"C. W. D."

"Where, turned the path, in shadow hid,
Round many a rocky pyramid,
Shooting abruptly from the dell
Its thunder splintered minarels;
Round many an insulated mass
The native bulwarks of the pass
Their rocky summits, split & rent,
Horned turret, dome, & battlement."

A piece I read some time back but omitted copying it into my
log book.

Jan 24. Sunday, ^{dew} N. E., it came up a burricane from the N. W.
5 P.M. & the dust was awful, light shower, cleared S. W. 4 P.M.
Cool evening, to Cottlesham & evening, called to see Widdowson
down to see Kitchener stopped to tea, to Cookham House
after Cott evening & spent a few hours very pleasantly.

Jan 25. Monday, stiff N. E. by N. W. & dusty after 9 A.M.
cleaning the windows & putting things bright, trade fair
to Mr. Buggs in the evening. Wig shower 1 P.M.

Jan 26 Tuesday, dew fine, by N. E. dust awful, trade brisk
F. B. Greenup called today, how he is altered, how he can like the life
he has been leading I cannot say, he is thinking of going south to
Somercostal. I also saw Harrington from Scotland street he
is much improved & is on the way to do well. He is at Mr.
Boys's Honey Hurst. 70 miles north of Ciche.

Jan 27. Wednesday, dew fine, by E. by dusty, trade dull,
printing bills for this to put in the shop, to Cuddon's in the evening.

Jan 28. Thursday, fine by N. E. by hot & dusty trade better
moving Harnes out of the shop & putting up fittings trade better.
to Mr. Ki in the evening, Carried a small case of crockery to
the Kleece for Harrington.

Jan 29, Friday, dew fine N. E. had after 3 P.M. hot
trade fair. putting up fittings, cases of chairs & bellows in
to night, to Mr. Buggs in the evening.

Jan 30. Saturday, fine by E. altering East window & putting
crockery in, in the place of ready made clothes. trade fair.

Jan 31. Sunday, fine shower 5 A.M. by N. W. up to 1 P.M.
Wigg & family all well, found J. Sprinsey & the Lyllies their
spent the day then returned to Ciche late in the evening.
Wigg has made that freehold & is doing well.

Feb 1st Monday, fine awful, windy & dust for ever
by N. W. a perfect burricane, miserable day, in its

fullest sense, trade fair, putting chairs together, to sixes in the evening & settled up with Jim & bought a few things.

To Browns in the evening. After

Feb 2. Tuesday, dew fine, N.E. by 10 a.m., putting chairs together, trade better fair settled up with Mrs. Poggis, up to Cuddons in the evening, English's moult in at last.

Feb 3. Wednesday, N.W. fine by 10 & dusty N.W. Trade better putting chairs together. To Cuddons in the evening. Received a letter from Mother & one from William, bad news from some news that makes my heart gnaw within me, but "It is the Lord's doing & it is marvellous in our eyes."

Feb 4. Thursday, dew fine, ~~N.W.~~ N.E. Trade fair putting chairs together etc. H. Greenup came up to Cuddons in the evening swept, my chimney in the evening.

Feb 5. Friday, dew fine by S.W. N.E. Trade dull putting chairs together & etc. to Mrs. Cuddons in the evening.

Feb 6. Saturday, dew fine, by N.E. Trade brisk, H. Greenup in today. Shower in the evening.

Feb 7. Sunday, dew fine, by N.W. after nine o'clk, S.E. by 10 N.W. by 10. S.W. after 5 P.M. H. Greenup came & spent the day with me, we went to Ch. morning service, then we went down to Clarkson Brothers, we found all well going

in the same old state, neither of them married yet, their place looks as usual. Found the down after Ch. & called at Browns in the evening.

Feb 8 Monday, ^{showery N.W.} fine, by N.E. dusty, the all England Eleven arrived in Chel., about 11 a.m., they were taken round the town in Cobb's coach, 4 in hand, they commenced playing 2 P.M. The Contention, 22 were out in an hour & a half for 30 runs, & the all E. took the bat. Grace their best player out the first ball, & the next caught out, the wicket-keepers drawn at six P.M. T. Lewis came over, & H. Greenup, to Mrs. Poggis in the evening & round the town. Trade fair

Feb 9 Tuesday, dew fine, by N.E. Second day of the match, members in town, the players are taken to & from the ground in Cobb's coach 6 in hand. First innings of the twenty two.

D. C. Wilson, C. Carpenter, b. Tinley	1
J. Wood, b. Jackson	5
Knyvett, C. Coffyn, b. Tinley	2
A. Powys, C. Coffyn, b. Tinley	2
J. B. Wilson, b. Jackson	0
Sale st. Lockyer, b. Tinley	1
Fane b. Jackson	0
Lance b. Jackson	0
C. C. ^{news} Stephens, C. Anderson b. Tinley	2
Terrant st. Lockyer b. Tinley	1
Wills run out	4
Blackston st. Lockyer b. Tinley	1

Bennett, Lt. b. Tinsley	7
H. Pugs. c. Anderson, b. Tinsley	0
Mylton b. Jackson	0
Wells b. Jackson	0
J. D. Stevens. W. Fockyer b. Tinsley	0
Parkinson. G. Parr, b. Tinsley	0
Dickinson, run out	3
Taylor c. Carpenter. b. Tinsley	0
More not out	0
Leg bye	1
total	<u>50</u>

The All England first innings

Grace, b. Wells	0
Tarrant. C. Tennant b. Wells	15
Anderson. c. Blackiston b. Wells	2
Hayward. c. Sale b. Wells	11
Carpenter. c. Lauce, b. Wells	23
Caffyn, run out	12
Lockyer. c. Lauce, b. Tennant	23
Parr b. Wells	14
Clarke, c. P. C. Stevens, b. Taylor	17
Tinsley. c. Sale, b. Taylor	12
Jackson not out	0
Wyes	5
Wides	3
total	<u>137</u>

The Canterbury commenced their second innings at past five P.M. 4 out by six, were 30 runs a good commencement.

Trade fair, went to the theatre in the evening with Lewis & Blackard late home. Tired & mind not at rest.

Feb. 10. Wednesday, fine by part. G. had a.m. N-E. V.m. Trade fair, third day of the match, The Canterbury beaten in one innings by the Albion. by 20 runs the following is the score of their second innings

J. Wood. b. Tinsley	4
Moore. b. Tinsley	10
W. C. Wilson. C. Parr. b. Tinsley	12
Turner. b. Tinsley	0
A Pugs run out	4
Taylor. c. Lockyer, b. Tinsley	5
Knyvett, c. Lockyer, b. Tinsley	0
Wells. c. Carpenter. b. Jackson	4
Dickinson, C. Parr. b. Hayward	0
J. Stevens not out	2
Sale. b. Tinsley	0
J. B. Wilson. c. Carpenter, b. Tinsley	0
Lauce. b. Hayward	0
Parkinson, C. Parr. b. Jackson	3
P. C. Stevens. c. Tarrant b. Tinsley	9
Wyes	2
Tennant run out	28
Leg byes	4
Lauce " "	2
Wides	1
Bennett b. Hayward	0
total	<u>105</u>
H. Pugs. c. Hayward, b. Tinsley	1
Mylton. b. Jackson	8
Wells. b. Jackson	4

be brought to Sea in the evening.

Feb. 11. Thursday, dew fine, N.E. S.W. after 4 P.M. the last day of the match the eleven of Canterbury divided Tennant of the Canterbury made the highest score of any on the field throughout the 4 days, in the evening at the theatre the all C.E. presented themselves on the platform to receive bats for the highest scores & a ball for the best bowler. Trade dull

Feb. 12. Friday, big rain most of the day, N.E. stiff P.M. trade fair considering. putting chairs together. & etc.

Feb. 13. Saturday, showery a.m. S.W. by N.E. P.M. showery after 4 P.M. trade brisk, butter scarce, demand for bacon. for a walk in the evening up the Lincoln road, young Constable came over this evening, he arrived at Port this day from Wellington. He has been to the West coast on the Buller, he is looking well; the rejoicing in that dreary spot has been the snaker of him, settled up with him. Posted a letter to Mother & William

Feb. 14. Sunday, threatening, S.W. fine, Ch. morning & evening, part of the way up the Hills with T. Lewis on his way over to Governors Bay to Brown in the evening.

Feb. 15. Monday, dew fine, N.E. trade fair, to Cuddons in the evening would to Mrs Williams's High Street to look at some invoices of ready made clothes, but to all appearances ~~they have~~ for they have regard the invoices in store.

Feb. 16. Tuesday, dew fine, N.E. trade dull for Tuesday, people busy harvesting.

Feb. 17. Wednesday, dew fine N.E. trade dull, putting chairs together, to Cuddons in the evening

Feb. 18. Thursday, dew fine, N.E. trade dull making out bills for Cuddon P.M. to Mrs. Boggie in the evening.

Feb. 19. Friday, dew fine, N.E. trade fair. Putting books tonight to Cuddons in the evening.

Feb. 20. Saturday, dew fine N.E. showery after 4 P.M. by all quarters. trade brisk, eggs & butter going up. dull evening. Received a letter from T. Lewis.

Feb. 21. Sunday, dew fine, by N.E. by S.W. after 11 a.m. to Ch. a.m. to Mr. Cuddons to dinner, up to Colonial Taylor P.M. to tea & evening.

Feb. 22. Monday, dew fine by N.E. S.W. after 4 P.M. by showers. Trade fair, received a letter from Mother confirming the news I received last mail. God it is to be given up, & when all is paid, the remainder will be nil, or next door to it. to Cuddons in the evening. Bought home some ready made things from Symingtons Cathedral Quay.

"Why dost thou build the Hall on of the winged days?
Thou lookest from thy towers to-day: get a few years, & the
blast of the desert comes, it howls in thy empty courts"
Othman

Feb 23. Tuesday, dew fine, by N.E. Trade fair, putting shops
together & books, to Cuddons & Boggis in the evening.

Feb. 24. Wednesday, fine, by N.E. Trade fair, nothing of
interest

Feb. 25. Thursday, fine by S.W. by N.W. after 4 P.M. Trade fair
to Cuddons in the evening, & put the books together.

Feb. 26. Friday, N.E. by fine trade brisk, up down in the
evening, round to Mr. Cuddons.

Feb. 27. Saturday, big showers, by S.W. Trade fair, Brown came
in, & told a tale, remains in reality

Feb. 28. Sunday, showery, stiff S.W. to Ch. morning & evening
to Cuddons 1 P.M. round the down with W. Richard, talking over general
matters, went to his establishment St. George Str. nice comfortable quarters
nicely furnished late.

Feb. 29. Monday, showery a.m. S.W. fine P.M. Trade fair, closed
early, to Browns in the evening

March 1. Tuesday, dew fine, N.E. Trade fair, to Cuddons in
the evening.

March 2. Wednesday, dew fine, N.E. Trade fair, went with
Mr. Cuddon in the evening to Birmingham Music Hall, to see a
collection of wax figures of the Human Frame & Skeletons, & figures
showing all the arteries in a human body. & showing the fine
tissues highly magnified; well worth going to see, their mag

be seen models, that ^{are} warming sufficient for both sexes
"Man's heart is deceitful & desperately wicked." to Mr. Boggis
after.

March 3. Thursday, dew, showery, by all quarters settled in N.E.
closed P.M. trade brisk, to Cuddons in the evening.

March 4. Friday, dew fine by S.W. N.E. 11 a.m. Trade fair,
to Cuddons in the evening.

March 5. Saturday, dew fine, by N.E. Trade brisk at times.
to Cuddons in the evening.

March 6. Sunday, fine, by all quarters settled to N.W. showery
P.M. to Ch. a.m. to Cuddons the rest of the day, by queer, lying
down reading most of the time.

March 7. Monday, dew, splendid morning, showery after 9 a.m.
S.W. & S.E. stiff & cold. Trade fair. to Browns before departure
& received a check for one hundred pounds. to Cuddons
in the evening.

March 8. Tuesday, dew fine, big rain in the evening S.W.
Trade very dull till evening, to Mr. Boggis & to Cuddons in the evening

March 9. Wednesday, dew fine, N.E. Trade fair, to Browns
a.m. to Cootnam house in the evening found several of the
organisms poorly. bad cold

March 10. Thursday, dew fine by N.E. Trade fair, sundry jobs
to Cuddons in the evening, poorly. wrote a letter to Dr. Lewis

Feb 11. Friday, dew fine, threatening Am. stiff S.W. trade is dull. To Cuddons in the evening. Some splendid chess in.

Feb 12. Saturday, dew fine, S.E. Trade is dull a.m. brisk in. To Cuddons in the evening.

Feb 13. Sunday, dew fine, by S.E. at Ch morning & evening, to Aunt brokes P.m. to sea. To Cuddons in the evening, went into the Church after service to hear them for Mrs Jacksons re-decum. How it reminded me of "old times" bygone.

Feb 14. Monday, dew fine, by all quarters a.m. settled P.m. Trade Fair unpacking crockery P.m. to Brown before breakfast & in the evening. He gave me a cheque for 20 pounds sterling a.m. Ah! this has taught me a lesson I shall never forget to write a letter & post it to Mother.

Feb 15. Tuesday, dew fine, S.E. Trade Fair, unpacking Crockery. To Cuddons in the evening.

Feb 16. Wednesday, dew fine, by Post, S.W. by 10 P.m. Trade Fair. Received a letter from H.B. Greenup sent him an answer & a parcel. To Poggis's & to Cuddons in the evening.

Feb 17. Thursday, dew fine, by S.E. Trade Fair. Up down & to Cuddons in the evening, received a letter from Lu

All well & doing well. Ah! I have enough to make me thoughtful & cautious, experience dearly bought by myself & more especially this makes me what I am. Busy putting things to rights.

Feb 18. Friday, dew fine, S.E. by S. & P.m. Trade dull down to Cuddons in the evening, had cold.

Feb 19. Saturday, dew fine, by S.E. a.m. by S. & P.m. Trade brisk, round the town in the evening with B Packard.

Feb 20. Sunday, dew fine, S.W. by 10 P.m. at Church morning & evening, for a walk down the town P.m. with Mr. & Mrs Cuddon & Miss Boggis, two children. Stopped at sea round the town & to B Packard after Ch. in the evening.

Feb 21. Monday, dew fine, S.E. by a.m. by 10 P.m. received a letter from Home, Cousin Esther's Stomach is no more, news dull, but news from Europe speaks of a pending war with most of the great powers. News from Home not very satisfactory, let's hope it is all for the best. There is One above controlling all the events of our lives, nothing happens by chance. Trade Fair. For walk round the town in the evening, past the new Wesleyan Chapel Durham Str. it is rearing itself stately, above the surrounding buildings & will make the Government Buildings look poor alongside it.

Feb 22. Tuesday, dew. S.W. a.m. Came on a perfect Hurricane from S.W. 10.m. & the dust so thick that it was impossible

at times to see twenty yards ahead, it carried away my back gate into the road. Day shower accompanied it but soon cleared off. Trade by dull all day, evening brisk. To Cuddons in the evening.
Mch 23.rd Wednesday, dew fine, cool. S.W. Trade fair. brisk P.M. To Cuddons in the evening, by quays

Mch 24. Thursday, dew fine, N.E. stiff breeze. Trade brisk. Up to Knappmans to see young Aldfield, then back to Cuddons.
Mch 25. Friday, dew, fine, N.E. Splendid day, walked up to Chinnalls Fendall down road, with Mr. C. for their cart. but was unsuccessful. Mr. C. & the children went down in Gogers Hansoni & Mr. C. Miss B. & myself took the 2 o'clock train, to the valley & then walked round the summer road about a mile & half, to a quiet nook, & there squatted down on the green sward in a small barn formed on three sides by an impassible barrier of rocks, full of small caves containing bones & remains of sheep & goats on the other by a low sandhill overgrown with rushes & fern after we had refreshed human nature by repose & merriment we grouped about the rocks, watching a schooner coming in the cleared the bar in beautiful style but grown about a mile up the flat. We went into a large cave about seventy feet long & full forty wide, a rugged picturesque hall some place 15 to twenty ft high and around were ^{small} stark apartments well suited for the monks of old for cloisters, a large rock stands in front of the

entrance of the largest of these, which make darkness to reign within & at the foot of this stands the trunk of a tree, how it came there & whether it grew there is a mystery not yet solved, I think it must have been washed in with the debris by the sea when the land was lower than ~~they~~ ^{it} now is. just around the next point is a splendid rock for a picnic, the lofty precipices of different colours contrasting with their rugged feet, huge pieces of rock piled in a careless manner one upon another & scrub growing betwixt them & a nice slope of green sward from the beach to the hills. A hot well suited to charm & soften ones nature after ceaseless toil in the city. We broke up the party about half past four & tramped round & took the train for past five, reading in the evening at Mr. C's.

Mch 26. Saturday, dew fine, N.E. Trade Brisk, To Cuddons in the evening.

Mch 27. Sunday, dew fine, N.E. at Church A.M. down to Summer with Mr. Cuddon, to try & get lodgings for Mr. C. & child unsuccessful we took a turn round the beach, through a large cave, formed by the sea in a large rock on the beach. returned by the half past six Delock train. reading in the evening a book titled John Halifax & may my days be filled up with such pleasures as his enjoyed & merit them as well as he did.

March 28. Monday, dew fine though threatening early in m. by
N.E. Wind. Trade fair, up to Knapman's Durham St to see J.J.
Oldfield, but he had decamped, & insulted Mr. Knapman.
To Cuddon's & then home & finished John Halifax & when
I finished it I felt as though I had parted with a friend. He
was a man indeed not in word only, beloved by all, & greatly
beloved in his own family, I hope I may have strength to
govern my household as he governed his.

March 29. Tuesday, dew fine. N.E. Trade fair. ~~to Brown's~~
in the evening

March 30. Wednesday, showery last night, by N.E.
fine. Trade fair. to Cuddon's in the evening. Putting up
his books to day.

March 31. Thursday, dew fine, N.E. Trade fair, ~~to~~ ~~to~~
down looking well, to Brown's in the evening. First day of the
Bazaar at Kohler's garden for the benefit of the Ephean -
Arghean, and Mrs. Mason. one over, busy unpacking chairs.

April 1. Friday, dew fine N.E. Trade fair being expected
putting & arranging in shops & making off. up to Kohler's
garden. All clear gardens look well, up to Poggi's. Young
Hearing Mr. Hume's assistant came in to day, he is looking
well, he came out as doctor on board the Paristhian
he is a pleasant fellow we had a long yarn about

home & the future.

April 2. Saturday, ^{very dew} ~~fine~~ by S.W. a.m. N.E. P.M. Trade
bush, down to Neville near the Station to sign as a
surety for forming something Stammers road.
to Cuddon's in the evening, complete success.

April 3. Sunday, fine calm a.m. hot. a gale from S.W. P.M.
& dust intolerable. a good deal of mischief done to stacks both
corn & straw. up to Poggi, all well, received a hearty welcome
home about 8 P.M.

April 4, Monday. ~~Ship fair~~, by ship S.W. showery last
night fine by S.W. Trade bush, received vote from Brown
to Cuddon's & Poggi's in the evening.

April 5. Tuesday, by ship first, by N.E. fine
Trade fair. Taking stock, for a walk round the town
with young Waring. Taking stock late till past 1 mid night
April 6. Wednesday, dew, fine by N.E. Trade fair.
Taking stock to Cuddon's in the evening putting acc'ts
to rights.

April 7. Thursday, fine dew calm a.m. by N.E. to
2 P.M. hot. Trade dull, adjusting acc'ts. to Poggi's &
to Cuddon's in the evening. Into Cuddon's new house with the Mechanics
not quite finished it will be a nice place when done, showery
in the evening S.W.

April 8. Friday, fine, N. E. by N. stiff W.M. S.W. in the evening stg breeze, trade dull brisk in the evening. To Cuddons in the evening.

April 9. Saturday, fine, N. E. W.M. by dull fair in the evening, to Cuddons after closing.

April 10. Sunday, shp frosty fine N. E. church morning & evening, for a walk with Cuddon, down the windmill road round by the new barracks, stopped for tea at Les, to Richards after church.

April 11. Monday, dew fine, N. E. by S. a puff from NW & the wind S.W. steady breeze, trade fair. to Cuddons in the evening.

April 12. Tuesday, dew fine N. E. trade dull, to Cuddons in the evening.

April 13. Wednesday, dew fine N. E. trade fair. constable came over for walk round the town with him to Browns to Cuddons late.

April 14. Thursday, dew fine, calm hot. trade dull. posted a letter to Mother Lane to ^{Mr} W. A. Collier, to Hoggis's & to Cuddons in the evening.

April 15. Friday, dew fine, N. E., trade fair. to Cuddons in the evening.

April 16. Saturday, dew fine. trade brisk. N. E. late.

April 17. Sunday, dew fine, N. E. stiff, with Cuddon down the "Aron" to look at Huntings section could not find it, that is all intersected by sandhills & swamps, home by 4 P.M. to church in the evening, Dr H. Vellese preached, his text was, "let him that is without ^{among you} first cast a stone at her, began to feel quite fizzy, for he kept coughing every few words, but he managed to get through it was an appeal to the women of Cuddon on behalf of their fallen sisters; he is trying to do away with the evil, he will find his work cut out for him, for some are extraordinary characters.

to Cookham house, all well. I spent a pleasant evening singing etc.

April 18. Monday, dew fine, by stg N. E. trade dull to Cuddons in the evening. took home saw sugar & a case of goods from Tuedin.

April 19. Tuesday, dew fine, stg N. E. trade fair. busy, to Cuddons in the evening.

April 20. Wednesday, fine, stg N. E. SW in the evening trade dull, by quar, to Hoggis's in the evening to Cuddons

April 21. Thursday, dew fine stg N. E. trade fair, English mail arrived in to day, to Cuddons in the evening.

April 22. Friday, dew fine, by S. E. by N. W. N. m. trade
dull. to Cuddons in the evening.

April 23. Saturday, dew fine, by S. E. Trade brisk at times
to Cuddons in the evening. News arrived of a new gold field
in the Nelson & vicinity - at Marlborough.

April 24. Sunday, dew fine, calm, by N. W. N. m. at
Church Morning & evening, for a walk 1 m. with Mr
Cuddon. English Mail arrived.

April 25. Monday, dew fine. by N. W. hot putting
things to rights, Trade brisk. to the Town Hall in
the evening, in a meeting called for the purpose of
forming an acclimation society. Mr. Beale, the
Speaker in the chair, Mr. Dakefield, Mr. Brooks &
Stothart addressed, the meeting, it was quite a
meeting, Dakefield's high notions, clanging upon
the young horticulturists, Brooks able reply, & Stothart
answer to a member of the Society, this little piece
of clamour was quietly quelled by his Honor who was
in the chair, an old man from the assembly calling
out "by good, by good" made coming the speaker
laugh, the meeting broke up after forming a
committee with power to add to their numbers
& passing a resolution, to make by laws for

the guidance of the society, & that a party of
four, selected from the committee be appointed to
wait on the Government. to enquire what aid (if
any) they would give & whether they would grant
a portion of the government clover, for the use of
the said society.

Joined the Mechanics Institute this evening, went
in & looked over the Illustrated papers etc.

April 26. Tuesday, dew fine, by N. W. N. m. hot. Trade
fair. to Cuddons in the evening. Received a letter from
Mother & one from William, news, none of the best.
trials have come upon us, & I may bless the day I left
Old England. I will do my duty as far as I am able
& hope good may come out of it. I wish I could find
language to express my feelings & thoughts

April 27. Wednesday, fine, by S. E. hot Trade fair.
to Cuddons in the evening.

Apr 28. Thursday, dew fine, N. W. N. m. hot. heavy showers
last night & since 11 a.m., refreshing all nature, Trade
fair, to Browns in the evening.

Apr 29. Friday, dew fine showery last night cleared
10 a.m. S. W. N. E. N. m. Trade fair, to Cuddons in the
evening.

April 30. Saturday, by ship frost. fine. N.E. Trade fair
trade is suffering at present from the withdrawal of the
rolling population, complaints of the dulled of Trade
is heard from more than one. is Cuddons in the evening
May 1. Sunday, ship frost. wht. by N.E. P.M. a lovely day
in Church A.M. to Dr. Taylor, N.E. Iron belt. P.M. & evening
Place as usual, we walked down to look at the rifle butt. it
is not used now for a sport. ball fell within a yard or so of
Abrahamson living at the back of it, Young Ed. Alleyne
came P.M. he is a queer character, a wandering genius. He has
been nearly all over the world as a sailor, he has a very good
talent for writing poems, one of which, "An Address to Mount
Hutt." I shall copy, home about nine P.M.

May 2. Monday, big shower A.M. fine S.W. Trade
fair. is Cuddons in the evening.

May 3. Tuesday, frost fine by S.W. Trade fair.
is Cuddons in the evening.

May 4. Wednesday, dew fine N.E. Trade very dull, to
Boggis & to Cuddons in the evening. cleaning out the Place

May 5. Thursday, dew fine N.E. Trade dull, waiting
to Cuddons in the evening.

May 6. Friday, dew fine, N.W. by sky & dusty
Trade fair round the town with W. Packard, to Cuddons
in the evening

May 7. Saturday, fine, dew, by N.E. Shower 4 P.M.
Trade brisk. T. Lewis came over in the evening. stopped
to tea.

May 8. Sunday, ship, wht. frost. by all quarters, settled
in N.E. P.M. at Church A.M. went with T. Lewis, to
Mr. Woods. Piccarton Dells. to see Miss Lewis, it is
a fine house, & they appear to be very nice people, ^{we went} for
walk round the N. belt. to the Cemetery, along Oxford
terrace East, over the suspension bridge, over ~~College~~
College bridge across Hagley park back to the Mill
T. & myself returned home, took tea, & then on
to Browns in the evening

May 9. Monday. ship frost, by showers, by sky S.W.
Just, more like a monsoon in the deserts of Arabia
than a gale in this "Hostile land." Trade brisk
to the Mechanics, changed books for "How we are
governed" by. Honblongus. round the town with
T. Lewis.

May 10. Tuesday, dew fine, by N.E. Trade dull
Altering Shop. T. Lewis left for the Bays. to Cuddons
in the evening received a letter from Frank Greenup.
He seems to be in a very queer mood. poor fellow
I should like to see him, differently situated.

May 11. Wednesday, dew fine, stg N.W. trade fair
to Cuddon's in the evening.

May 12. Thursday, dew fine by all quarters, trade
brisk N.m. to Cuddon's in the evening, writing home

May 13. Friday, dew fine, by S.W. N.E. after 11 a.m. Trade
fair, writing home & to Lizzy. to Mr Cuddon's in the
& talking the proposition he made today, to buy a horse
& cart to run around the country to take orders, & deliver goods
the resolution was passed & also the proposal to engage T. Lewis
to wait in the shop.

May 14. Saturday, fine, by N.E. stiff N.W. after 10 a.m.
S.W. after 4 p.m. trade brisk N.m. up late.

May 15. Sunday, big showers after 2 p.m. by all
quarters; walked over to Governors Bay & back
to see Tom Lewis, dined at Mr Parsons's, Mr &
Mrs Cabot from Leitch. & Miss Kouse from
Colchester where their Mrs N. is poorly in bed.
went over to Mr Dyers N.m. but walk home
reached home conscience stricken, about 7 p.m.

May 16. Monday, steady rain all day by S.W.
trade dull in consequence, wrote a letter to
Liz & Mother. We made a purchase today
of Mr Deasly who is about returning to

to England in the Mermaid, a horse & cart &
harness, 20 down & 9 three months. quiet work, only
just decided & here we are all complete excepting
man, to Cuddon's in the evening.

May 17. Tuesday, stg N.W. fine trade fair. T. Lewis
came over today. to Cuddon's clearing old store for
a stable.

May 18. Wednesday, stg N.W. by stg last night
big squall of rain a.m. trade fair. T. Lewis at
the store self down to Cuddon's making stable for
horse, late home

May 19. Thursday, frost. fine by S.W. N.E. stg
N.W. N.m. up at Cuddon's a.m. in the store N.m.
T. Lewis up at Cuddon's cutting out patterns.

May 20. Friday, squally, S.W. rain. Shifted the harness
to Boggis's, trade dull. to Cuddon's in the evening.

May 21. Saturday, fall storms during the night
ground quite white this morning. big showers all day
S.W. Trade by dull brisk in the evening.

May 22. Sunday, fine, S.W. church morning &
evening, for a walk round the town N.m. to Boggis's
in the evening. Received a letter from Mother.

May 23. Monday, fine, dew. calm, out with the cart

up the Lincoln road & Halthwell so for orders, ill success
late home.

May 24. Tuesday, frost fine calm, Queens birth day, Cuddon
& Lewis & myself went out with the Cart. up the Spring
Track, worse than yesterday.

May 25. Wednesday, fine, frost, calm, up the South
road with the Cart for orders, Trade fair at home
& I got on quite as well as I expected. late home

May 26. Thursday, fine, by N.E., Cuddon out with
the Cart. at C's store most of the day, he came home
early unsuccessful.

May 27. Friday, dew fine, calm, by N.W. 7. m. walked
round the town for orders, (a great many not to day &
& deal elsewhere's) Trade dull.

May 28. Saturday, fine, N.W. hot, by S.W.
& showery after 10 m. Trade brisk, out with
the Cart a.m. delivering orders.

May 29. Sunday. heavy showers till 9 a.m. S.W.
Cold fine splendid day. Ch. in the evening. For a
walk. P.m. at home

May 30. Monday, dew fine, frost fine part of the
night. fine calm, round with the Cart, by fair
both with Carl & at home

Lines addressed to a miniature
By a Lady

Thou knowest not, thou faithful miniature,
The strange delight thy lines to me afford -
Thy mimic features, with their placid mien,
Calm & unmoved, unconscious of my eye!
Here I may gaze & dream, & fear no blame;
This I may love & prize unseen - alone.

How nobly truth & innocence combined
Sit on that brow, & dwell within those eyes.
How sweetly on those closed & smother'd lips
Firmness & love together hold their sway!
Thy form I see, with strength & courage braced,
Thy glance with all its native energy!

In vain I met, I knew, approved, & loved
Him whose most truthful likeness thou dost bear:
In vain I watched his eye, forestalled his wish,
Welcomed his presence, his absence mourned;
I warned his flame - I smoothed his path to joy:
My fate was sealed - his love was not for one!

And there is one who drinks from those fond lips
Words of delight & accents of deep love;

Who reads entranced his soul's impassioned vows
From those deep, earnest, & most loving eyes;
For whom his every thought, his every wish
Is fixed, & chill or change shall never know.

And be it so! worthy are ye of bliss!
May Heaven its choicest blessings freely pour,
Strew all your earthly path with fragrant flowers,
And lead to realms of everlasting day!
My heart is rent, my inmost spirit seared,
But prayer & silence shall alone be mine.

I. H. R.

To make Yest

Put a handful of hops into a quart of water, let it boil, to get the strength of the hops out (when cold,) strain it onto a table spoonful of flour & do. of sugar, boil three or four potatoes according to size, mash them up well, & mix with the hop water when cool set it to work. Lay the bread over night in hot water, so that you may bear your finger therein & a pint of yest. H.

