

Dec. 20. Wednesday, fine, S. E. hot Trade brisk
down Town, P.m., to Mr. Mallett in the evening, I found my
love well & alone & better still, thanks be to the Giver of
all good, willing to enter into an engagement; I can heart it
was not done without a struggle, well its over so far & we
understand each other, & I feel, as though a heavy burthen
was lifted from off my shoulders, Him that heareth and
answereth prayer hath indeed heard mine; we parted late in
the evening, I sh. the comfort of feeling that one ^{find} ~~found~~
heart beats in unison with mine, Oh God, make me
more thankful for thy many mercies.

Dec. 21. Thursday, fine S. W. dull awful, out
for orders Am. delivering them P.m. Trade brisk, up to
~~the~~ Wholes, with Friend Cole & Pingle, for a bath in
his swimming bath, enjoyed much. felt quite refreshed
to Mr. Mallett's after, & spent an hour & half with my beloved.

Dec. 22. Friday, fine S. W. hot, Trade brisk;
weighing up & etc late, for a walk up town in the evening
to see the show of meat, very creditable; some splendid meat,
of all sorts.

Dec. 23. Saturday, fine, S. W. hot. Trade brisk
at it late.

Dec. 24. Sunday, fine, ^{and} S. E. lovely day Showy P.m.
To School & ch. as usual, several of the Teachers absent
great inconvenience was the consequence. Left P.m. Job. —
"Neither is there any dayman betwixt us, that he might
lay his hand on us both." From this I pointed, how
man in ~~their~~ fallen state feel the want of some one
to be as a mediator between them & their God.
To Mr. Stewards in the evening, Colm to St. North, found all
as usual, except the little fellow, & he was very feverish.
enjoyed myself much.

Dec. 25. Monday, fine S. E. Christmas-day To Mr.
Harrington on Lincoln R. & spent the day, To the
Lunatic Asylum to ch. A.m. Mr. Lingard preached.
Spent a very pleasant day home early, & what did
I see & hear! why! our little peaceable, quiet,
dear "Aoon", a torrent of muddy water, rushing
along in hot haste to the sea, & heard of much
damage done by the over-flowing of the
"Waimakiri"; a portion of the overflow coming
down into the "Aoon" hence the cause of the
alteration, This was the highest fresh that has
been for a long time, the highest ever known by
any of the Settles, — a portaste of a probable future!