

from the beginning to the end, and it does not speak much for the Captain's discrimination and good sense that he should have permitted them. Mr. Prince's style of speaking amused me it was a mock patriotic, declamatory one, he is ambitious and aspires to a seat in the legislative assembly of Canterbury and he gave me the idea that he was practicing for such a footing here.

It appears there is something in the mental arithmetic question previously referred to, they were repeated this evening and the children gave their answers aloud to each step, and certainly their quickness was amazing.

31st The good people of last evening left their mark behind them, the paint of the cabin doors had been washed yesterday morning, this morning a black ring round the cuddy gave unmistakable evidence of the late profanity of dirty heads and backs.

Unfortunately the wind does not change, we have passed the longitude of New Zealand and are now retracing our steps, going North west by West. Little Willie Tennant has sickened this morning, Isabella and Douglas are slowly recovering, the doctor thinks we are inevitably in for quarantines as the fever is on the increase forward both in severity and the number of patients, going through the tropics the hatchways were constantly open day and night therefore the effects of overcrowding were not so severely felt now that they are obliged to be closed owing to the cold, ventilation is defective and fever is the consequence.

Another poor man, Pepperill by name, died this morning of pulmonary consumption he also had been ill ever since embarking, he was an atheist, he leaves a widow and six young children! This makes the fourteenth death since leaving England, ten of which were infants, I hope it may be the last ^{but} two women, one the mother of six children, are in a somewhat critical state.

After dinner today the various testimonials were presented, first in order came one to the Captain from the first and second cabin passengers amounting to £13, then one to the doctor from the first cabin only, £22, another to the doctor from the second cabin and steerage passengers £10, another to the Captain from the steerage passengers expressed merely in words,

and lastly a similar one to the doctor from those among the emigrants who could not afford to contribute to the other, considerable merriment was caused by a mock presentation of a hat by Mr. Speckley to the doctor being the latter that had been put up for sale at the last auction, as Funnikin's hat by way of a joke, it was an ancient one and of peculiar con-
-struction a sort of large beaver wide awl.

The Captain repaid by returning the compliment, in much the same terms as he used the previous evening, but adding he should take care to inform the authorities of our good conduct. The doctor returned thanks in a very good speech complimenting everybody in general and some in particular, and intimating that in consequence of