

met any one, however they met the pilot before they had pro-
ceeded halfway the distance being about fifteen miles and returned
with him. As they were returning about 3 o'clock, a slight breeze
sprang up, and sent us slowly on our way; we entered the creek
and anchored in the Quarantine grounds, about three miles up
at four o'clock, when the pilot sent his boat for the health
officer (Dr. Donald), the emigration commissioner, and five
other solemn looking individuals, they arrived about six
and after a short consultation with the doctor gave us permission
to land, four gentlemen availed themselves of the privilege
at once. The Captain (himself all over) wanted to know whether
he were compelled to give us fresh meat while we remained.
Mrs. Tennent made herself known to Dr. Donald, who
after tea kindly took her and myself on shore in the
pilot boat, introduced us to his wife, and gave us some
bread and cheese, (which we enjoyed immensely, after our
long experience of sour bread and soap cheese onboard ship).
The row up the Harbour was delightful the water was as smooth
as glass, the moon shining and the stars brilliant
then as we came round the point behind which Lyttelton
lay the lights of the town extending half way up the hill
were picturesque in the extreme, Dr. Donald's house was situated
some short distance up the hill, and on our way down from
the house to the Hotel we were charmed with the prospect of the
town immediately beneath us and the harbour stretched
out before us with the lights of the shipping reflected on
its mirror like surface. We were comfortably entertained
at the Queen's Hotel, the best in the town, the charge, beds 4/6 each
breakfast consisting of eggs and toast 3/- each. Upon enquiry
we found ~~there~~ there was an open car going twice a day to
St. Church at nine in the morning, and three in the afternoon
we went by the first it took us along a road called the Summer
road cut zigzag fashion on the face of the hill it was full
of sharp turns and a false step on the part of the horses
would have precipitated us into the waters of the creek
the other side the road was a gradual descent, and when
once down the character of the road completely changed
the country round being flat, marshy, and uninteresting
in the extreme; at Sumner, about half way, we had to change
conveyances and were put into a covered van in which
we were severely jolted for an hour, and we arrived at St. Church
shortly after eleven. I cannot say I was exactly pleased though
I was not disappointed, for I had not formed any very exalted
idea of it simply took it as I found it it is certainly
picturesque for there is such endless variety and two shops are