

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
fire, & 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 off 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