

Dec. 26. Monday, General Holiday, fine  
lovely day, w<sup>h</sup> hot a.m., down to the Ferry  
with Mr & Mrs Cuddon, Miss B & Miss Merton  
& three little ones, to see the regatta, never  
before in Canterbury, has so many travelled  
by rail before, literally crowded, we arrived all  
safe & sound, mounted one of the spurs, to  
have a good view, How pleasant after being  
enclosed in a close shop, to feel one self at liberty  
in the free open air "I felt as chirpy as a bird"  
How beautiful the hill side looked, with the numbers  
of groups scattered (w<sup>h</sup> thick in some parts) about  
seeming to be making the best of it, we saw two  
or three boat races, but we were too far see well  
Kohler's Band was in attendance & played some  
lively pieces. Mr Cuddon & the Childa<sup>n</sup> returned home  
soon after three o'clock. I led myself strolled behind  
& went to look at the tunnel, we went up to  
the heading, but the air was so oppressive we  
were soon glad to retire, we returned to Chel<sup>sea</sup>  
by the five o'clock train, arrived at home by six  
tired out, to Mr C's to tea & spent a pleasant  
evening.

Dec. 27. Tuesday, fine, lovely day, B. E. Closed  
P. m., trade dull, to Kohler's Gardens, to see the  
Flower Show, w<sup>h</sup> fair for the Province, good attendance  
saw the colours presented to the Volunteers by Mrs  
Bealy about 3 P. m. in the Cricket ground adjoining  
Kohler's, most of them are very awkward at their drill  
to the concert at the New Town Hall in the evening  
with the Browns to hear the rehearsal of Handel's  
Messiah, I enjoyed myself much, late home

Dec. 28. Wednesday, fine B. E. trade fair, to the  
Mechanics & then on to the Generals in the evening.

Dec. 29. Thursday, fine B. E. trade w<sup>h</sup> dull, to Mr C's  
in the evening.

Dec. 30. Friday, fine B. E. trade fair, to Mr P's  
in the evening.

Dec. 31. Saturday, B. all quarters, trade dull a.m.  
bright P. m. & evening, to Mr C's after closing time.

1865. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday, B. E. Showery in fore  
from 12 w. to 4 w. morning & evening, dined with  
W. Packard & spent the evening with him.

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Monday, fine lovely day, B. E. taking  
Street. General Holiday, to the Generals in the evening