

March 25 Saturday, shower at noon, rest of the day fine, by SW a.m. S.E. P.m., trade fair, Quilton, came up P.m. for a walk up town with Capon after closing.

March 26 Sunday, by heavy rain a.m. by SW, stiff about 11 a.m. & cleared the atmosphere of some of its superabundant moisture.

At Ch. morning & evening, up to Brown's P.m. Emma is back from Wigley's, she is looking well & stout, spent an hour & half very pleasantly & then bid them adieu & went on to Cookham house & Lea, how well then (Mr. Steward) — little one looks, a plump jolly little fellow quite a pleasure to behold him, spent a pleasant evening, returned after supper about ten P.m. with "do not be so great a stranger in the future." Mr. Geo. Whinnall was confined this morning of a daughter.

March 27 Monday, fine lovely day by SW almost calm, S.E. after 3 P.m. trade fair, to the Generals, to settle my Rent etc & etc Received a letter from Mother & her likeness enclosed, also one from W. Stannard

Junior, & his 'Cate Seviril', he looks pale & careworn for one so young, My Mother is looking Ald & Grey, I also received a letter from Lirrie in Melbourne, from the long lost one, at last all well & doing, ^{well} good news so far from all quarters, from poor old Ben in far off Canada & his fine little ones, through home news from Mother

March 28 Tuesday, fine. S.E. trade fair, went with W. Packard to hear Mr. Taylor, ^{Wm. Taylor} lecture at the Town Hall, subject. — St Paul & his times. 1st he spoke of "the thorn in the flesh." giving us his opinion of it, he says it is not a literal thorn, nor any ailment of the flesh, but the thorn was the trials, troubles, necessities, vicissitudes, & persecutions of the Church, that he prayed so earnestly, for the removal of it. 2nd he spoke of the different routes of St Paul, & pointed them out on a large map for the purpose, & next of the genealogy, & then of his persecutions & brought forward many interesting anecdotes to illustrate, the meaning of certain points under notice, so that his oracles never