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May 31. Tuesday, dew. fine about dawn N.E.  
to Cuddons in the evening.

June 1. Wednesday, dew fine, calm, out with  
the cart fair day & trade fair at home, to Cuddons  
in the evening.

June 2. Thursday, ship fast, calm took out some  
things to Papamui called at Triggs, up town 'N.m'  
& Brown's, to Boggis in the evening. Trade fair.

June 3. Friday, ship fast, by S.W. round by the  
racecourse, up the Kendall town coast, dull,  
Trade fair at home S.E. N. 10 m.

June 4. Saturday, fine, delivering potatoes & tele. com  
in the shop 10 m. A alarming fire in Ch. ch. some  
P. m. broke out in Matson & Tolles's Premises, & spread  
right & left carrying devastation before it, time 12.

Shop burnt & levelled to the ground, £12,000  
damage done, & only about £6,500 insured, the  
greatest losers are those who could least afford  
it, many things changed hands illegally, a good  
many light fingered gentles about, the Triangle  
was saved by great exertions, wet blankets covered  
over the City Hotel & water poured continually  
over them, the wind by S.W. the flames burnt

itself out on the North side stopping at Hereford  
street, & they were stopped on the South side by  
pulling down several places & clearing away the  
debris, an accident worthy of mention occurred, one  
fellow made himself very conspicuous, climbing  
about on the roofs of the houses & fastening ropes  
to the roofs, & whilst the building, where on fire  
he deserved to be well rewarded, the flames  
where got under about mid night, but the fire-  
brigade where about nearly all night. (Trade fair)

June 5. Sunday, frost fine, N.E. Ch. morning &  
evening, to look at the ruins 'N. m.' what a sight  
C. chimneys standing entire & pieces of timber & building  
half burnt, enough to make one sigh & hard times  
for many, well it is a lesson for Ch. ch. not to  
delay making reservoirs for water in the town  
The Council have fenced off the street, to prevent  
accidents at night.

& Brown's 'N. m.' & in Cookham house in the evening.  
June 6. Monday, frost fine calm, round the  
foot of the hills, late home, trade brisk to  
Cuddons in the evening.

June 7. Tuesday, frost fine, calm, delivering potatoes  
& flour, 2 m. up town to purchase some potatoes, rising

In Price, Trade brisk. To Cuddons in the evening  
June 8. Wednesday, fine. N. E. up the south track  
with the Cart, delivering goods, late home, to Cuddons  
in the evening.

June 9. Thursday, fine, stg N. W. 10. m. up town  
10. m. to Browns to Cuddons 11. m. Trade dull.

June 10. Friday, fine, N. E. delivering goods round  
the Racecourse, Trade dull.

June 11. Saturday, heavy rain last night, stg S. W.  
squally all day, delivering potatoes & etc. 11. m.  
in P. m. Trade dull. Getting orders ready for Monday.

June 12. Sunday, showery, S. W. Cold, reading all day  
a day to be remembered, as one of the most unprofitable  
Sabbaths I ever spent.

June 13. Monday, frost fine, N. E. out with the  
Cart delivering goods. To Cuddons in the evening.

June 14. Tuesday, ship frost fine 10. m. S. W. showery  
11. m. shifting enquire down to Browns &addock to  
delivering goods.

June 15. Wednesday, heavy squalls of hail snow rain  
S. W. to try to go out, in, writing to Mother, cold & dreary

June 16. Thursday, heavy squalls of rain stg S. W. out with  
the Cart round by the waterholes, Trade dull

June 17. Friday, heavy showers stg S. W. out with the Cart  
round by the Racecourse, home early, out on foot about the town  
for orders. Trade fair considering the weather.

June 18. Saturday, heavy showers S. W. out all 11. m. delivering  
orders. helping in the shop 11. m. getting orders ready for Monday  
Trade fair.

June 19. Sunday, <sup>ship frost</sup> fine. N. E. at home 11. m. round the town  
& to Browns 11. m. Ch in the evening, home with  
Packard.

June 20. Monday, fine, N. E. frost, out with the Cart,  
very successful, Trade brisk, late home

June 21. Tuesday, frost, fine S. W. Calm, shut up shop  
from twelve till 5. P. m. in to show respect for the Arch-  
deacon Matthias, who departed hence last Saturday  
& was buried to day, such a funeral, Canterbury never  
before witnessed. He was much respected.

Open again in the evening, to the Theatre, to see the play  
the Actoroon, life in Louisiana, played well, I enjoyed  
the evening very much. The scenery, first rate, house crowded

June 22. Wednesday, frost, fine, threatening N. E. out with  
the Cart round the waterholes, across the old river bed round  
by the Racecourse home, late home.

June 23. Thursday, frost fine stg N. E. showery in the evening,  
delivering potatoes & flour 11. m. down town 11. m. with

Shot Down & got my six shares transferred. Trade dull putting up books & adjusting accts.

June 24. Friday, showers from N.E. by down to the Heathstone valley with the Cart, Pil. expense as heavy as the ~~the~~ people round the East of the Town P.m. better success. The foundation Stone of the new Church in Latimer Square, Stone building was laid to day by the Lord bishop of Chesh.

The Freemasons were in attendance in full uniform. & to Cuddon in the evening.

June 25. Saturday, Showery, Ld. delivering goods & potatoes till two P.m. helping in the shop getting orders ready for Monday. Trade fair.

June 26. Sunday, Steady, big downfall of rain warm. fine P.m. big rain in the evening, reading 8.30 to Boggis P.m. to Ch. in the evening.

June 27. Monday, by S.W. big squalls of rain, Trade fair, round the foot of the Hills with the cart.

June 28 Tuesday, frost fine splendid day. S.E. stiff. Road up to Whiting for my patterns. delivering goods fine. Trade dull. getting orders ready for tomorrow.

June 29. Wednesday, frost fine calm big gale from N.W. 5 P.m. out with the cart round by the water holes & racecourse, wind done considerable damage out. Trade brisk

June 30. Thursday, frost fine, delivering potatoes & flour S.E. to Cuddon in the evening Trade fair

July 1. Friday, fine, S.E. out taking orders, took a load of dung down to Browns Paddock

July 2. Saturday, frost fine, S.E. out delivering orders. Helping in the shop, washing & cleaning up the place Trade brisk

July 3. Sunday, fine frost, by N.E. P.m. splendid day, up to Taylors to dinner, to Ch. in the evening & to Browns after.

July 4. Monday, frost. S.E. fine, out with the Cart to Alwells district, some late delivering potatoes. Trade fair, Brown, Poggis, Cuddon, Weasing, Lewis, & myself had a regular jollification in the evening till past midnight

July 5. Tuesday, frost in shop, S.W. threatening taking stock

July 6. Wednesday, fine. S.E. P.m. S.W. a.m. threatening round by the waterholes & racecourse, to Cuddon in the evening Trade fair

July 7. Thursday, fine, S.E. taking out orders Helping in the shop, Trade brisk

July 8. Friday, fine. S.E. by S.W. out for orders, putting accts bright, unpacking crockery, several breakages with toilet sets.

July 29. Saturday, fine S.E. Trade fair

July 10. Sunday. fine; threatening S.W. to Ch. a.m.  
to Boggis's in evening.

July 11. Monday, fine frost. N.E. round the Hallwell  
district with the cart. Trade fair

July 12. Tuesday, fine N.E. delivering potatoes & flour  
Trade fair

July 13. Wednesday, fine N.E. round by the Water  
holes & racecourse Trade fair.

July 14. Thursday, fine N.E. putting over plumes &  
bees in the shop. to Cuddons in the evening. Trade brisk

July 15. Friday, showery a.m. S.W. N.E. P.M. out for  
orders Trade dull wrote to mother & D. Steward  
fair.

July 16. Saturday, showery & wet. Trade dull, out with the  
Cart a.m. in the shop P.M.

July 17. Sunday, fine S.W. at ch. morning and evening, rode  
up to Boggis's P.M. to Cookham house in the evening, spent a pleasant  
evening.

July 18. Monday, thick fog. cleared N.E. round the Hallwell  
district with the cart. Trade fair.

July 19. Tuesday, fine, putting up my books etc. Trade fair

July 20. Wednesday, thick fog, S.W. a.m. N.E. P.M. round by  
the waterholes & racecourse late home Trade fair

July 21. Thursday, fine N.E. clearing away manure & rubbish  
from the back down to the Paddock. Teat is a small party at  
Mr. Wood's Riccarton in the evening, spent a pleasant evening  
looking over the mill & grounds, playing chess, Drafts & etc  
broke up the party at midnight, pleasant walk, home, beautiful  
& moonlight.

July 22. Friday, fine, N.E. out taking orders & etc Trade dull

July 23. Saturday, fine, N.E. delivering orders & etc, Trade brisk  
on the jury to enquire into the cause of the death of B. Ditty,  
a prisoner in custody, verdict natural death from execution  
brought on by Typhoid fever. & addresses forming on different  
parts of his body.

July 24. Sunday, fine, thick mist a.m. & sun early & late S.W.  
reading & etc to Mr. March's south Bell to sea & spent the evening

July 25. Monday, misty stuff N.E. out with the cart Hallwell  
District home late Trade fair, to Brown in the evening.

July 26. Tuesday, fine N.E. round the town, Trade fair getting  
orders ready for tomorrow

July 27. Wednesday, fine, N.E. cold round the waterholes &  
racecourse with the cart. to the mechanics

July 28. Thursday, fine, out taking orders & etc Trade fair  
Disappointments

July 29. Friday, fine showery S.W. out delivering potatoes

Let's taking goods to Auction

July 30. Saturday. S. W. Showery, by cold, Snow. out delivering orders, busy day, forty one notes not to bad other.

July 31. Sunday, S. W. fine Cold, at Ch. a.m. to Brown P.m. & stopped till late in the evening.

Aug. 1. Monday. fine, thp post of. N. E. round the Hallwell District with the cart, Trade fair. to Cuddons in the evening

Aug. 2. Tuesday, fine, S. E. <sup>part</sup> putting books to rights & making out bills a.m. delivering goods P.m. Trade brisk to Cuddons in the evening.

Aug. 3. Wednesday, fine post. S. E. delivering goods round by the water holes & Racecourse late home Trade brisk.

Aug. 4. Thursday, fine, S. S. E. hot day, down at Cuddons all day, putting books to rights & late Trade dull to Brown in the evening, late home.

Aug. 5. Friday, fine, S. E. round for orders Trade fair

Aug. 6. Saturday, fine S. O. P.m. Trade fair, delivering goods & etc.

Aug. 7. Sunday, fine S. E. lovely day, to Ch. morning Evening, to Brown P.m. & Evening

Aug. 8. Monday, fine, S. W. Showery in the evening round the Hallwell District delivering goods, to Brown in the evening, his poor little infant departed hence

4 a.m. from Stoppage of water.

Aug. 9. Tuesday, Showery S. W. cold out with the Cart a.m. getting orders ready for tomorrow. up to Cuddons & settled up.

Aug. 10. Wednesday, Showery a.m. commenced at noon in real earnest, to pelt down in torrents, not content. it commenced snowing & kept on continually up till about P.m. it came down thicker than I have ever seen it in N. L. D., & blowing from the S. W. it looked as if winter fury had broken loose at last, out all day with the Cart, round the water holes & Racecourse. home about 6 P.m. Mr. Brode up as far as Mr. Savill a.m. & home in the evening, & truly she had a benefit, it would have frightened many a younger girl. but no! she would have her own way, Cart half full of snow & the roads covered thick but how the scenery did remind me of Old England. We had a good game of snow balls in the evening at Cuddons.

Aug. 11. Thursday, Showery. S. W. posting up my books a.m. Cleared away the manure from the stable down to Brown paddock P.m. Brown's poor little pithamie was buried to day at the Ch. ch. cemetery. to Brown in the evening. Oh! fool that thought art, hast thou



not more command over thy self & thy feelings, that  
thou shouldst forget thyself & do what, thou dost after-  
wards regret.

Aug. 12. Friday, showery, S.W. out for orders a.m. putting  
chains together Jani. to Cuddons in the evening. Trade dull

Aug. 13. Saturday, big rain all day. S.W. miserable  
day. Trade fair, a few in town, getting orders ready for Monday  
& etc.

Aug. 14. Sunday, showery a.m. fine P.M. S.W. in Reading  
a.m. to Brown's P.M. & evening, this day I shall ever  
remember.

Aug. 15. Monday, fine, N.E. froth round the  
Haldwell district with the cart. Gave them all notice  
of my leaving the outdoor trade, next week

Aug. 16. Tuesday, fine, N.E. showery a.m. up to Mr.  
Dyby's. Feudall town road, for 12 cwt potatoes, getting  
orders ready & etc. for tomorrow

Aug. 17. Wednesday, fine, N.E., all quarters, round by  
the water holes & racecourse. Late home, up to Brown  
in the evening, (Kinnie) A day to be remembered a blight is  
cast over my life, I am an outcast, to a man without a  
friend; the world is a wilderness: "to err is human,  
to forgive divine"

Aug. 18. Thursday, down at Cuddons most of the day,  
fine N.E. & Lewis, went to a party at Mr. Wood's Hiccarton  
Mills, to the mechanics in the evening.

Aug. 19. Friday, fine N.E., delivering potatoes & getting  
orders, Mr. Bullock came up in the evening & we spent a nice  
quiet evening, playing cards & etc.

Received a letter from poor old mother she seems very down  
hearted, yes & well the way, after having lived in the old  
place over twenty years, to leave a place one has been so  
long accustomed to is hard.

Aug. 20. Saturday, the day commenced, with showers  
from S.W. about ten a.m. a powerful S.W. gale arose &  
cleared away the whole of it. delivering orders, helping  
in the shop to the repository, horses sold very cheap  
Trade dull

Aug. 21. Sunday, fine, N.E. to Ch. morning & evening  
walked up to Mr. Wood's mill with Miss Lewis.  
for a walk round the town with W. Richard after  
Ch. in the evening.

Aug. 22. Monday, fine, N.E., out with cart for the  
last time round the Haldwell district, I felt a  
repent as I thought when shall I ever go this  
round again.

7. Lewis, Cuddon & myself walked up to Mr Bullocks at St Albans, in the evening, & spent a pleasant evening, playing cards & etc. home at two o'clock in the morning.

Aug. 23. Tuesday, fine S.W. out for a drive with a party up the Lincoln road, to show him the house. Trade dull, up town at noon, in the shop P.M. to the Mechanics in the evening.

Aug. 24. Wednesday, fine, N.E. out with the cart round by the racecourse & water holes.

Aug. 25. Thursday. Showery. N.E. miserable P.M. Trade dull, sold the horse for 27 cash. To the theatre last night, Shakespeares comedy of King John & The Tumb Belle after piece the most amusing farce I have seen. John Halls acting was excellent.

Aug. 26. Friday, showery, S.W. delivering potatoes out for orders. Trade dull.

Aug. 27. Saturday, big squalls of snow & hail throughout the day, accompanied by strong gales of wind from S.W. a day to be remembered by new comers. Snow lying thick on the ground 2 mi, all gone before noon. Trade dull. none down in town, the

dullest week I have had for a long time.

Aug. 28. Sunday, squally S.W. cold & dreary, the place seem quite deserted, within reading most of the day.

At ch. in the evening, Rev. H. W. M. preached, his text was, "Agrippa said unto Paul though almost persuaded me to be a Christian." a very good sermon, well suited for the times.

Pacing Cassel Str. with D. Richard after Ch.

Aug. 29. Monday, ~~stop~~ squally a.m. Hail & snow. S.W. Trade fair in the shop all day, to the Mechanics with D.P. in the evening.

Aug. 30. Tuesday, ship frost fine by N.E. Trade dull, sold the horse, to Mr. J. Rankin, Lincoln Rd. for 27 Cash. up to Cuddons in the evening & settled up.

"Charity, devout, modest, easy, kind,  
Softens the high, & rears the abject mind;  
Knows with just hand & gentle reins to guide,  
Retrieveth vile shame & arbitrary pride,  
Not soon provoked, she easily forgives,  
& much she suffers as she much believes,  
Soft peace she brings whenever she arrives,  
She builds our quiet as she forms our lives.  
Lays the rough paths of peevish nature even  
& sows in each heart a little heaven." Mrs.

Aug. 31. Wednesday, fine, by N.E., Trade fair, busy  
P.m. up town, to the Council Chambers in the evening  
to hear the debate on the educational Bill.

Sept. 1. Thursday, fine, by N.E. busy, up town  
A.m. for a walk round the town in the evening.

A Fire Broke out at Joughusband's, Colombo St. tonight  
but it was got under without doing much damage

Sept. 2. Friday, fine, N.E. Trade dull, up town  
in the evening.

Sept. 3. Saturday, fine, threatening A.m. N.E. S.W.  
& commenced raining about nine P.m. Trade brisk  
in the evening

Sept. 4. Sunday, fine rain, cleared 4 P.m. without  
reading & singing, for a walk P.m. to Ch. in the  
evening, for a walk up & down our usual beat with  
D.P. & then on to his place for a few hours

Sept. 5. Monday, fine, N.E. Trade dull, Mr Bullcock  
came up in the evening, we spent a pleasant evening  
at Carol's. "Mirage" from London in to-day.

Sept. 6. Tuesday, fine, by N.E. Trade dull  
up to Brown's in the evening, to see the new arrivals  
they are all well & looking well. Spent a pleasant  
evening. up town P.m. to Dymington's & Peacock's

Sept. 7. Wednesday. Threatening, S.W. 6 A.m. N.E.  
P.m. Trade dull, up to Cuddon's in the evening, to square  
up, & then went for a walk up town, went into the  
Council Chamber. & sat there for some time  
Some of the remarks made by the members was quite  
laughable

Sept. 8. Thursday. fine, N.E. Trade fair for a  
walk up town, to Peacock's. round the town for  
a walk in the evening. to the Mechanics

Sept. 9. Friday, fine, N.E. Trade dull putting shops  
to rights & weighing up. to the Mechanics General, &  
took back his saddle.

Sept. 10. Saturday, frost fine, S.W. 4, Trade brisk  
busy day.

Sept. 11. Sunday, fine, stiff N.E. to Ch. morning  
& evening, to Brown's P.m. walked up to Riccarton  
mill with Miss Lewis; then round the S. belt to  
the cemetery, where I found Mrs. Brown jun., Miss  
E. & Mr. Brown, walked home with them, up  
to Brown's in the evening.

Sept. 12. Monday, frost, fine stiff N.E. N.W. up  
country, Trade brisk, for a walk up town in the  
evening to the General's.

Sept 13. Tuesday, fine, stiff E.W. 'a.m.' by  
between 8 & 9. 'p.m.' hot, trade dull, up town  
'p.m.' to Mr. Lymingtons, to make some purchases.

To the town hall in the evening to see the moving  
Diorama of the Burk & Wills exploring expedition  
it is well worth ~~any~~ the trouble of going to see  
it. The scenes are well painted, especially the  
later ones showing, the emaciated forms of  
Burk & Wills, as they lay in famines death  
grasp. & all caused through the neglect of  
duty by the party left in charge of stores  
at Coopers creek. Ah! what must the poor  
fellows have felt on their return from Carpen-  
taria to Coopers creek, to find that the last  
hope of preserving their existence, departed  
only a few hours before their arrival.

& they too exhausted to follow them up, being  
scarcely able to drag themselves along having  
already left one of their number behind who  
died from exhaustion & famine.

Sept 14. Wednesday, fine, E.W. Trade fair  
putting books to rights, up town to the General  
in the evening, home early, writing home.  
Showery last night

Sept 15. Thursday, fine, by S.W. 'a.m.' C. mid  
day, by E.W. after 4 'p.m.' Trade fair, posted  
a letter to Mother & a summary to Mr. Beuhane  
& Dias in the evening, spent a pleasant evening.

Sept. 16. Friday, shower last night, fine. S.W. 8.10  
4 'p.m.' Trade fair, weighing up for tomorrow. Up town  
in the evening, to the concert, the duets by Kohler Bros.  
on comets, & Mr. Woods on the flute, was far  
the greatest treat.

Sept 17. Saturday, fine, stiff S.W. Showery after  
5 'p.m.' very busy, tired, glad when closing time came  
up to Coudons.

Received a letter from Mother, she seems in very fair  
spirits, Ah! - what alterations a few years make,  
no news from Australia.

Sept. 18. Sunday, fine, S.W. 'p.m.' to Ch. morning  
& evening, reading 'p.m.' for a walk down the Avon after  
2 'p.m.'

Sept 19. Monday, fine, S.W. 'a.m.' by S.W.  
'p.m.' Trade brisk, for a walk up town with D.P.  
in the evening. & writing etc

Received a letter from D.A. Cottey. all well, &  
another little girl born to them three girls in  
succession. By S.W. Draining 9 'p.m.'

Sept. 20. Tuesday, frost, fine. S.W. a.m. h. & p.m.  
Trade fair, down to Ceaddons in the evening & settled  
up. Saw a specimen of a colonial wedding past  
to day, five carts. A lg. Red flag flying on a piece  
of hauling, with the union Jack in one corner  
on no 2, no 3. Bride & etc no 4, lumbermen & other  
ruff kinds of music no 5, men in ragged attire  
streamers on all.

Sept 21. Wednesday, frost fine by h. & p. Trade  
dull. to the mechanics in the evening.

Copy of a piece, out of the Evening mail for 20<sup>th</sup>  
A Blow that will strike home.

"Pigs Swill & Dripping. — The structures of the  
Canterbury press on the extravagance of our  
Provincial Government have, the public will be  
glad to hear, produced a result. — Mr. Tancock  
a member of the Executive Council, on passing  
the Hospital saw a man carrying away "Pigs  
swill"; which had been given him, this gratuity  
he ordered to be stopped. Mr. Palletton, not  
to be out done by the educator of our rising  
generation & no doubt, feeling the machinery  
of his government was in need of grease, stopped

the cooks perquisite of selling the dripping of  
the Hospital kitchen. The Public will thus see  
that they have two "Lots" watching over their  
interests, righteous in the smallest things."

The Anniversary of Poor Charlies accident.

Sept 22. Thursday, frost fine, by S.W. a.m. h. &  
p.m. Trade fair. up to Mr. Bullocks in the evening  
& had a quiet game of cards.

Sept 23. Friday, fine dew h. & p. stuff, c. evening, Trade  
brisk, weighing up & etc, for a walk up town in the  
evening.

Sept 24. Saturday, fine, by h. & p. Trade brisk.

Sept 25. Sunday, fine, h. & p. by in the evening.  
Cold, to ch. morning & evening, for a walk p.m.  
round the h. & p. of the town, with D. Packard, to  
his area,

Sept 26. Monday, fine, h. & p. Trade fair, to Brown  
in the evening, for a walk round the town after.

Sept. 27. Tuesday, fine. h. & p. up town p.m.  
to & E. Matthews & Co, & bought a line, Trade  
fair, up down in the evening, to the town hall  
to hear the Mettrials. I met Mr. & Miss B.  
I walked home with them & sat garning for some  
time

then back to the town hall & heard the finishing  
part of the Messiah.

Sept 28. Wednesday, fine, H. E. Trade fair  
to Miss Cameron's in the evening spent a pleasant  
evening.

Sept 29. Thursday, very equal from 8-12 at  
midnight, cleared S. D. & rained heavily for  
a short time, fine S. D. H. E. after 3 P. M.  
Trade brisk, 3 crates of Crochery & one case of  
clothing from L. E. H. & Co. came in today  
up to Mr C's in the evening.

Sept 30. Friday, fine, H. E., Trade fair  
up to Popping's in the evening.

Oct. 1. Saturday, showery last night 6 A.M.  
H. E. P. M. Trade brisk, for a walk up town  
in the evening.

Oct 2. Sunday, St. H. E., A fire broke  
out in Church, Cashel St., about 2 A.M., Burnalls  
ironmongery store, burnt to the ground Alton  
Edgway, Peacocks place was saved, from  
fire, but all the studs, cut away ready for  
hauling it into the street if it caught fire,  
No 2 engine was placed on the river as there

constant & good supply of water, was obtained  
otherwise several more houses must have gone.  
The volunteers were placed so as to keep  
off the crowd & the police guarded the property.  
It was got under by 3 o'clock & entirely  
extinguished by 4 A.M.

At 10 morning & evening for a walk round  
by St. Lukes Ch. & Victoria Bridge. P. M.  
to Brown's in the evening, & spent a pleasant  
evening.

Oct 3. Monday, fine, viz St. H. E. Trade dull  
for a walk up town in the evening.

Oct 4. Tuesday, fine, viz St. H. E. Trade dull  
to Cuddon's & settled up in the evening.

Oct 5. Wednesday, fine, viz St. H. E. Trade brisk  
for a walk round the town with W. P. in the evening.

Oct 6. Thursday, fine, St. H. E. Trade brisk, up  
town in the evening, soiree at the Town Hall.

Oct 7. Friday, fine, St. H. E., Trade brisk.  
up to Brown's in the evening spent a pleasant  
evening, to Hair's near the "Prince of Wales" Hotel, for  
an hour or so. after. up early gardening.

Oct 8. Saturday, fine by all quarters, up early gardening  
Trade dull. Showery after 6 P.M.

Oct. 9. Sunday, Showery, S.E. at 10<sup>h</sup> morning  
& evening, within reading P.M. for a short walk  
down the windmill rd. to Browns in the evening

Oct 10. Monday, Showery S.E., Trade dull  
taking stock, It shows a good balance this  
time, I ought to be more thankful than I  
am, to Cuddon's in the evening.

Oct 11. Tuesday, Showery, S.E. Trade dull  
up town. P.M. to Cuddon's in the evening

Oct. 12. Wednesday, fine, S.E. lovely day  
every thing looking splendid after the rain.  
Trade fair.

Oct 13. Thursday, fine, S.E. Trade brisk  
to Cuddon's in the evening

Oct. 14. Friday, fine, S.E. threatening A.M.  
Trade brisk, for a walk up town in the evening  
to W. Packards.

Oct. 15. Saturday, fine, S.W. <sup>sub P.M.</sup> Trade brisk P.M.  
Kept one at it late.

Oct. 16. Sunday, threatening stiff S.E.  
to 10<sup>h</sup> morning & evening. up to Mr. Taylor's to dinner  
& spent the afternoon, Mr. Marsh & Mr. Sny's Geo.  
Churnall came up P.M. walked home with

Mr. Marsh to tea, to Browns in the evening  
spent a pleasant evening.

Oct. 17. Monday, fine, S.E. Trade fair, to  
Cuddon's in the evening.

Oct 18. Tuesday, Showery, S.E. Trade extra  
dull, up town to Nathans & Symingtons to make  
a few purchases

Oct 19. Wednesday, fine, S.E. Trade dull.  
to Cuddon's & Baggis's in the evening.

Oct. 20. Thursday, fine, stiff S.E. P.M. Trade  
brisk, most in ready made's, up to Dix's in the  
evening, Mr. & Mrs. B. where their, for a walk down town  
with T.B. after <sup>June</sup> dull blowing dreadfully

Oct 21. Friday, fine, hot lovely morning, about 11<sup>am</sup>  
by Air from S.W. equal of rain, at noon the wind  
shifted to S.W. & blew a gale, & rain in  
torrents fell, a real old fashioned S. wester  
with a vengeance such a one as has not been  
seen in Canterbury for many a day.

Frank G. Come down to day, he is lookly poorly,  
suffering from rheumatism, quite a pleasure to see  
his old face again.

English Mail arrived, nothing of any importance  
from home

Oct. 22. Saturday, Showery a.m. cleared fine  
P.m. S.W. Trade brisk, closed late.

Received a letter from Mother, she seems to be  
down in the "dumps". Good news about the crops  
& etc.

Oct. 23. Sunday, ship frost fine, by S.E.  
To Ch. morning & evening, for a walk P.m. with  
F. B. G. up to the the Generals, round by the  
New Wettleton Chapel.

To Brown's in the evening, dull & overcast.

Oct. 24. Monday, fine. S.E., Trade fair.  
for a walk round the town in the town.

Oct. 25. Tuesday, stiff S.E. Calm after 11 a.m. by  
S.W. P.m. hot. Trade dull. To the Mechanics in  
the evening.

Oct. 26. Wednesday, <sup>fine</sup> S.W. S.E. after 4 P.m.  
Trade fair, to Dix's in the evening.

Oct. 27. Thursday, fine, S.E. Trade fair for a  
walk up town with F. B. G. in the evening.

Oct. 28. Friday, fine. S.W. by S.E. P.m. hot &  
dusty, Trade dull, up to Cuddons in the  
evening, up town for a walk.

Oct. 29. Saturday, fine, by all quarters, up early &  
out for a walk. Trade brisk, Merton, down to day.

Oct. 30. Sunday, fine S.E. by Showers after 4 P.m.  
to Ch. a.m. Mr. H. Torlesse preached, & an excellent  
sermon, beyond what I thought he was capable of  
preaching, on the ingratitude of Man toward his  
Maker.

Up to Mr. Digby's Fendall Town P.m. Stopped to tea  
spent a pleasant evening.

Oct. 31. Monday, Showery a.m. S.W. S.E. after 11 a.m.  
Trade dull, to the Opera in the evening, to see "Faust"  
an opera of five acts. I enjoyed myself well, but I like a  
theatrical performance far better.

Nov. 1. Tuesday, frost fine, S.E. Trade fair up  
town, to buy a few goods, to the mechanics & for a walk  
round town in the evening.

Nov. 2. Wednesday, frost fine by all quarters by S.W.  
some P.m. Trade fair, to Cuddons & settled up in the  
evening.

Nov. 3. Thursday, fine by S.E. Trade fair, up  
to Mr. Buntz in the evening.



Nov. 4. Friday, fine, W. by N. E. last night  
The town was visited today by a regular old fashioned  
N. O. A perfect Hurricane, & the dust intolerably  
so much so, that many had to give up & go home  
& Trade dull in consequence, for a walk round town  
with W. Packard in the evening. F. B. G. left to night  
homeward bound, to his old huts

Nov. 5. Saturday, fine N. E. Showery after some P. M.  
Trade Brisk.

Nov. 6. Sunday, Showery till 11 a.m. S. W. S. E.  
P. M. to Ch. morning & evening, within reading P. M.  
to Cooks-horn House in the evening,

Nov. 7. Monday, fine, by S. O. till 9 a.m. by N. E.  
P. M. Trade Fair. up town & to the General's in the  
evening.

Nov. 8. Tuesday, fine, by N. E. Trade Fair  
to Mr. Buntings in the morning

Nov. 9. Wednesday, fine. all quarters, Trade  
dull, for a walk in the evening.

Nov. 10. Thursday, fine, N. E. calmed P. M. &  
a heavy tempest arose, & let out all its pent up  
fury upon our devoted City. Trade brisk. for  
a walk with W. Packard in the evening

Nov 11. Friday, fine, all quarters, very rain S. W. after  
some P. M. Trade fair, up town, & then on to Cuddons  
in the evening.

A Gentleman came into the shop to day, that knew A. Cotton  
& Mr. C. & little ones, he told me some news, of which I was glad  
to hear.

Nov 12. Saturday, Showery P. M. from the west, wind N. E.  
Trade brisk a.m. dull P. M. in consequence of the rain.

Nov. 13. Sunday, fine, by N. E. up early & walked over  
to Governors Bay to Mr. Parton's to Breakfast, road soft &  
boggy at places, I enjoyed the walk much, for all nature  
seemed to rejoice, after the late showers, the hill sides, decked  
with green, & the dark green foliage of the Bush formed  
strange contrast, (to what a forest of English trees would  
then the improvements around, both on the plains  
& also in the Bay, gladdened the eyesight, the  
wilderness <sup>turned</sup> into a fruitful garden, & the swamp at  
the foot of the hill which two years back was covered  
by a forest more of water in the summer, is now  
a smiling fields of corn, rejoicing the heart of the  
owners

The road over, altho is improved, & widened, especially  
the Governors Bay side, which is wide enough for a

For a day. For I was well, & the place looks splendid, a splendid show for fruit, & the garden since I clean the paddocks, show that the season suit them, by the abundance of grass growing in them.

We all went to Ch. a.m. The Bishop came over & preached to a full Ch. for the Bays, I saw many old. familiar faces some grown so that I hardly knew them & some show that, time & age is telling on them.

The Ch. is going falling into decay already, the ~~side~~ <sup>walls</sup> arising way, on each side, shored up by strong props of wood.

Mr. Dyer came over P.m. & to tea, we spent most of the afternoon singing, & a walk round the garden just before tea.

Spent a pleasant evening, sitting (the three of us after Mr. Dyer left) round a small table in front of the window looking out onto the harbour, talking over old scenes, times, gone by, & old friends far away. How quick time pass, as on the wings of the wind, when pleasantly employed.

Nov 14 Monday. fine, P. C. up by four & after taking a slight repast, started for Ch. Ch. arrived at Dyer's pass at five, & as I walked <sup>down</sup> the winding road; Ch. Ch. gradually came in view, sleeping calmly in the twilight of early morn, enclosing in fast repose, Gods greatest creatures, or it save

The birds, betokened, that the day had commenced. A glorious sight, as the sun gradually rose above the eastern horizon, as she threw her horizontal rays along the ground, throwing a lucid glare on all creation; whilst admiring this scene, smoke is gradually to be seen arising out of first one chimney then another, till it increased & the City became enveloped in a cloud of smoke, almost shrouding it from view, then might be heard the voice of man & the barking of dogs driving home the milk pails, the business of the day commenced, another toilsome week, weighed anchor, & may be a week, that will be remembered by many.

I reached Ch. Ch. 7 a.m., and was at my post at the usual hour; Trade fair, to the mechanics in the evening, to bed early.

Nov 15. Tuesday, showery, S.W., rather a dreary look out for many, who have far to bring their things to the show, that is to be held tomorrow. Trade dull, up town P.m.; for a walk round town in the evening.

Nov. 16. Wednesday, fine, lovely day, S. E.  
Closed at noon & went down to the Show, South  
end of Colombo Str. Well attended, more than  
than I expected to see, the show of horses  
was good, of Cattle good also, but very few  
shown, sheep well represented, the pigs  
did credit to the province as did also, several  
carts a waggons & sociable & etc, made at  
the Hollaway works, Kohler's band in attendance  
which was by far the greatest attraction on the  
field, when I left the ground, I went on to  
Latimer Square to see the volunteers at Battalion  
drill, small muster, & many of them regular  
drillers. To Mr Cuddon's to tea, after tea

We went up to the Generals, then on to the  
Town Hall to hear Thatcher, & truly I did enjoy  
the evening, some first rate songs in the insolvent  
court, Agricultural Society & the natives of the  
North, I was very amusing & Madame  
Villelli sang, exquisitely, she has a splendid  
voice.

Nov 17. Thursday, fine, S. E., Trade Fair, to  
Bunting in the evening. For a walk round  
Taylor's

Nov 18. Friday, fine, all quarters, Trade dull  
to Bunting in the evening.

Nov 19. Saturday, fine, S. E. S. E. S. E. Trade  
Fair, up early Gardening.

Nov 20. Sunday, fine, lovely day S. E. all nature  
on early morn seemed to rejoice, in the calm, lovely morn  
under a cloudless sky. To Ch. morning & evening  
down to Clarkson Brothers P. M. all well, all their  
land, is laid down with English grass, they take in  
Cattle & Horses. To Brown's in the evening, spent  
a pleasant evening.

Nov 21. Monday, commenced blowing a perfect  
Gale about nine last night from the SW & the clouds  
gathered blackness, & threatened to deluge us with  
torrents of rain, but it past off, quite calm early  
morn, came in S. E. during the day, two or three showers  
& came on to rain heavy about 8 P. M. SW.

up early Gardening, Trade fair, to Cuddon's in the  
evening, English Mail arrived, I received two  
letters one from Mother & one from John, & such  
his Carl & visit, poor fellow, he has trials many.

Young men look well to yourselves in the com-  
mencement of your Career that you repent not  
in after years.

Nov 22. Tuesday, Showery, S. W. Trade dull, up to Browns in the evening, then to receive a lecture about a report, falsely said to have been sent home by me. Troubles come not single handed.

Nov. 23. Wednesday, fine, Stg N. E. 8 m. trade fair, to the Mechanics in the evening.

Nov. 24. Thursday, fine, S. W. hot, trade brisk, to the Town Hall in the evening to hear Thatcher.

Received a letter from my Brother William a blowing up from him, for acquiescing, to propositions that I never saw: much; more acquiesced. <sup>m</sup>

I will do my duty in my place & time as far as I am able; I am like a City besieged, beleaguered & encompassing me in on every side, but for all that! in spite of all! I will raise the siege

Nov 25. Friday, ~~fine~~ Showery, S. W. trade dull to hear Thatcher in the evening.

Nov 26. Saturday, fine, N. E. trade brisk.

Nov. 27. Sunday, fine, stiff N. E., up early for a walk before breakfast, to Ch. morning & evening, within reading except 7 m. up to Kohlers gardens, for a walk up the Papanui road with Joe Gimsey in the evening

to Cuddon.

Nov. 28. Monday, fine, Stg N. E. & dusty, busy cleaning windows & cleaning up the Shop. Showery in the evening, to the Mechanics.

Nov 29. Tuesday, Showery, S. W. Trade fair, up to Gates's in the evening, on to Taylors. Lewis was over to day, I gave him a good talking to about his going on, I like him very well, but! I do detest his ways & manners.

Nov. 30 Wednesday, big rain last night, S. W. N. E. after 3 P. M. Trade fair putting chairs together, for a walk up down in the evening.

Dec. 1. Thursday, fine, stiff N. E., trade fair. to Browns in the evening.

Dec. 2. Friday, fine, N. E. Trade fair, to Cuddon in the evening spent a pleasant evening.

Dec. 3. Saturday, fine. stiff N. E. trade brisk or rather money easier.

Dec. 4. Sunday, fine stiff N. E., up early, to Church a. m. Home with W. Packard to dinner, for a walk with him after, & then up to Triggs's to tea & spent the evening, crops in all directions looking well.

Dec. 5. Monday, fine, str. S. E. Trade fair. To the theatre in the evening. To see Miss Cleveland or rather Mrs Vincent act as Leah & her husband as Rudolph. A piece that melts many to tears in after part, it is taken from the "German". In the after piece where she curses Nathan the school master who is an apostate Jew & a renegade, & then says as she casts down her dagger, "I have done - with - reve-n-ge." She falls into the arms of Rudolph & his wife & expires. Late home.

Dec. 6. Tuesday, fine C. hot a.m. str. S. W. P. m. & dust blowing up in clouds, almost enough to blind one. Trade fair. To Mr Cuddon's in the evening & settled up.

Dec 7. Wednesday, fine. S. E. Trade dull up town, to make a few purchases. To Brown's for a short time in the evening.

Dec. 8. Thursday, fine. S. E. Showery all day hot, Trade dull, putting Chairs together. To the theatre with Mrs Cuddon Mrs Revel & Miss B. To see Leah again. I could never tire of seeing that piece.

Dec. 9. Friday, fine S. E. str. Trade fair up to Cuddon's in the evening, bought up several things Tea, Beef &c.

Dec. 10. Saturday, a few heat drops fell a.m. by S. W. Trade brisk.

Dec. 11. Sunday, fine, hot S. E. a.m. calm at noon S. W. P. m. up early, to Ch. morning & evening for a walk 1/2 m. up to Mr. Wright's with Brown & Brothers. Confirmation held in the evening sixty two Candidates. Ch. cramed members had to leave, to Brown's after ch. spent a pleasant evening.

Dec. 12. Monday, fine by str. S. W. dust intolerable, Trade dull to the Mechanics, & to Mr C's in the evening.

Dec. 13. Tuesday, fine, by S. W. S. E. after 10 a.m. Trade fair to Mr. C's in the evening.

Dec. 14. Wednesday, fine, S. E. Trade fair writing home. To Brown's & went with him to see Leah. Tired of this sort of life.

Dec. 14. ~~Wednesday~~, Thursday, fine S. E. Ch W after 4 P. m. hot & dusty Trade by brisk to Mr C's in the evening. Posted a letter to Mr Brown Hayland & one to John, enclosing a draft on Mother - 10/6

Dec 16. Friday, Anniversary of the settlement  
commenced raining 10 a.m.; very heavy P.M.; by 1.15  
A.M. P.M. Dec in the evening, to Ch. spent some a.m.  
short service, after service the procession, "Volunteers  
in front clergy, school children, foresters, Masons  
& other orders, fire-brigade brought up the rear.  
proceeded down Cashel Str, up Colombo Str, to  
Cathedral Square, where the bishop of Chesh laid  
the foundation stone of the Cathedral, several  
Psalms & the Hallelujah chorus was sung by  
Musical Society, several Cheers were given for access  
to the building, when the crowds dispersed, & the marches  
up into Armagh Str, & then ordered to fall out,  
some of the companies are getting quite efficient  
in their drill. to Mr Cuddon's to dinner, cleared  
a little so we went to Latimer Square to see  
the sports soon after it commenced raining  
in torrents, which soon dispersed all from off the  
square, to Mr Boyce's to tea, then on to Mr Cuddon's  
& had a few games of Drafts, to the theatre in the evening

Dec 17. Saturday, fine h. e. trade brisk.  
very busy till night 11 P.M.

Dec 18. Sunday, showery, h. e. to Ch. morning  
& evening, within reading P.M.; to Mr. Bunting in the  
evening. Dec is ill in bed. very poorly.

Dec 19. Monday, for showery, h. e., trade fair  
to Mr C. in the evening

Dec 20. Tuesday, fine, stiff h. e. Trade  
fair, to the mechanics in the evening, on to Cuddon  
home with Eldred & his wife.

Dec 21. Wednesday, showery, h. e. Trade fair  
to the mechanics in the evening

Dec 22. Thursday, showery, h. e. Trade fair  
to Brown in the evening.

Dec 23. Friday, S. W., showery a.m. Trade  
fair, to the mechanics in the evening. round  
the town with Mr C. to Mr Boyce's in the evening

Dec 24. Saturday, fine h. e. Trade brisk  
very late. Christmas eve.

Dec 25. Sunday, fine, h. e. stiff. Christmas day  
to Ch. morning & evening, to Mr Eldred's to dinner  
& tea, spent a pleasant afternoon.

to Mr Brown's at adapt in the evening, spent a  
very pleasant evening, walked home with Miss Lewis.  
late home.

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 active 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. E. 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 a.m. morning & evening, finished 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

1865 Jan. 3. Tuesday, high Gale from W. a perfect Hurricane, it did considerable damage to property both in the ch. & Post houses blown down & chimney stacks, boats sunk & etc, it rained & rained about 2 p.m. & rained in torrents for a few hours. Trade fair, to Mr. C. & settled up in the evening.

Jan 4. Wednesday, fine, strong S.W. by 11 a.m. trade fair. Balanced assets & liabilities, quite <sup>by acct.</sup> satisfactory better than I expected. Mr B's in the evening.

Jan 5. Thursday, fine S.E. Trade Fair  
Carrying out Crockery in the evening, to Mr Baggis to settle up.

Jan 6. Friday, fine S.E. S.W. 9 p.m. trade fair to Mr Brown's team str in the evening.

Jan 7. Saturday, fine S.E. trade brisk, late for a walk up town after closing.

Jan 8. Sunday, fine S.E. sister as birthday to Ch. in. to Mr Digby's 7 p.m. stopped to tea to Mr Baggis in the evening.

Jan 9. Monday, fine, strong S.W. a.m., rained S.W. 7 p.m. by boat over to Post to a sale a Hargreaves, clothing & groceries. I enjoyed

the change much, home by six p.m., Trade fair to Mr C's in the evening.

Jan 10. Tuesday, fine, S.W. stiff, <sup>S.W. after 5 p.m.</sup> Trade fair to Mr Brown's team & spent a pleasant evening.

Jan 11. Wednesday, fine, S.W. S.E. after 11 a.m. Trade brisk P.m. to Mr Brewings, he is much better, to Mr C's, home with Mr B.

Jan 12. Thursday, fine, S.W. trade brisk. up to Mr Yalton in the evening, spent a pleasant evening.

Jan 13. Friday, fine S.W. Trade fair, for a walk up town.

Jan 14. Saturday, hot & sultry, butter-like air. & the very pores of one's skin seem to be parched from the effects of the oppressive atmosphere, very busy, especially P.m. & evening, late closed.

Jan 15. Sunday, hot over head, blowing from S.W. by hot, to Ch. 11 a.m. wrote home to my brother John went to Geo Chisnall's, Colombs Str 7 p.m. stopped to tea went to St Luke's Ch. in the evening, then on to Cookham house, & spent a pleasant evening.

My twenty fourth birthday

Jan 16. Monday, fine, S.E. Trade fair, to Mr Brown's in the evening.



Jan. 17. Tuesday, sleet till 10 a.m., heavy shower 5 p.m.  
wind by sea calm at times, first day of the races  
the Champion Jay. Success "Lady-bird," won the  
Champion & his "nip-see" come in second. Trade fair.

Jan 18. Wednesday, very strong S.W., a perfect hurricane  
Second day of the races, miserable day, the air  
literally filled with dust. Trade fair to Brown's  
in the evening.

Jan 19. Thursday, fine, S.W., last day of the  
races, Trade brisk. to Mr C's in the evening.

Jan 20. Friday, fine, S.W. a.m. about 2 p.m. a  
heavy Gale from S.W., swept air clear, dust intolerable  
a few drops of rain, it cleared the atmosphere &  
made it much cooler. to Brown's in the evening.

Jan 21. Saturday, fine, S.W. a.m. S.E. stiff 11 a.m.  
Trade fair, very late.

Jan 22. Sunday, fine stiff S.E. by S.W. in the  
evening, to Church a.m. to Mr C's to dinner, to Mr  
Taylors to tea & supper, spent a pleasant evening.

Jan 23. Monday, fine very hot, wind kept changing  
between S.W. & S.E. a.m. settled in S.W. from  
about 5 p.m. breeze S.W. to the evening, was  
quite a pleasing contrast to the day, splendid

& cool, Trade dull, to the Mechanics & Mr C's in  
the evening.

Jan 24. Tuesday, fine, stiff S.E., Trade  
very dull, to Brown's in the evening.

Jan 25. Wednesday, fine very hot, almost  
unbearable, by S.E. wind S.W. about 2 p.m.  
& increased towards evening, making it feel  
quite pleasant again. Trade dull, to Mr Cuddon's  
in the evening & brought some things up, we  
then walked up town, & went into Newton's  
Concert room, left it early, quite disgusted  
with the performance, it is a nice room  
& does the proprietors credit.

Received a letter from Sue, (wagga wagga S.W.),  
Fred & Sue & child's all well, & doing well.

Jan 26. Thursday, fine, by S.W. wind S.E. about  
11 a.m., very hot. Trade brisk, to Mr Brown's Senr. in  
the evening.

Jan 27. Friday, showery heavy. a.m. by S.W.  
Trade fair, to Mr Boggis in the evening.

Received three letters from home, ~~at~~ from Mother,  
James & Andrew, Jimmie's was very amusing  
& enclosed his card de visit, how altered, how

improved, quite the "Young Man". Things going on much as usual, Mother living at Old Joyner's school house, all well "sound in wind & limb"  
Jan. 28. Saturday, fine, by Sw. S. C. "m" trade dull a.m. brisk after "noon". F. Quilter was with me leading me a hand, to Mr. L.'s after closing

Jan 29. Sunday, fine, lovely day, N. C. up early & walked over to Mr Parsons' Governors Bay to breakfast found them all well, & also Mr Brown sen. & a Mr Cole from Suffolk, lately arrived, a nice pleasant fellow, we all went to Ch. am, I went on after Ch to see Mrs Hodgson. She is looking well & the same jolly old lady, Mr Hodson was over in Church with Miss Jessy Brown, a match brought about strangely. what a short month will bring forth, & that month a turning point in her life.

I spent a few very pleasant hours with Mrs H. Parted between 2 & 4 P.m. & wound my way back to Mr P.'s. to tea. I rested myself, time passed pleasantly on, & half past seven came when it was quite time for me to take up my staff & walk, so I bid all adieu, & hastened homeward. Plenty of fruit

especially the New Orleans plums, some of the branches loaded to the ground.  
But with what different feelings I returned in; — Self-doubt reigned triumphant, as I clambered up the hill, as I descended, contentment <sup>reigned</sup> ~~reigned~~ <sup>reigned</sup> its <sup>right</sup> ~~right~~ I toddled on, & the distance seemed nothing, & when I reached the plains below I felt "all as chirpy as a bird."

I hastened into town, turned down St Asaph Str to Mr Brown's where I found Mr Brown & Judge & ~~Mr~~ <sup>Mr</sup> ~~John~~. I stopped about an hour had supper & let them know by far fetched phrases & saying that I knew the secret, I left them about 11 P.m. I arrived at my own home safe & sound, thankful that I had ~~where~~ a place to lay my head in.

Jan 30. Monday, fine N. C. Jimmie's 21<sup>st</sup> birth day. Trade dull, to Mr Roggie in the evening

Jan 31. Tuesday, fine. N. C. Trade dull, cleaning windows & putting shops bright, Quilter with me all day, to the mechanics in the evening

Jan Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, fine, Calm morning stiff S. C. 11 a.m. settled into a steady N. C. P.m. Trade fair. to T. Brown in the evening.

Feb 2. Thursday, fine, h. e. trade dull, to Mr Cuddon's in the evening & settled Monthly Acct.

Feb 3. Friday, fine, h. e. h. d. p. m. hot, trade dull, weighing up for tomorrow to Mr Poggio's in the evening

Feb 4. Saturday, fine, vj hot. h. w. Trade fair, late closed.

Feb 5. Sunday, fine, vj hot, stg' h. w. to Ch morning & evening, to J. Brown's p. m. for a walk with Quillen after ch in the evening & back to the Generals.

Feb 6. Monday, fine, a light S. West. cleared the atmosphere last night, pleasant day, stg' h. e. p. m. Trade fair, for a walk up Down with Mr. C. in the evening.

Feb 7. Tuesday, fine, h. e. Trade dull, money coming in faster, to Mr Brown's St. Raphael's in the evening.

Feb 8. Wednesday, fine, h. w. hot miserable day, by fire, on the Whately Road, burnt down three shops & part of malt house belonging to the St. Nylors Brewery. Trade dull for a walk to see the late fire in the evening

Feb 9. Thursday, fine h. e. trade dull, to Mr B's in the evening.

Feb 10. Friday, fine, h. e. Trade dull, to Mr Cuddon's in the evening

Feb 11. Saturday, fine, h. d. a. m. h. e. p. m. trade fair, money coming in steadily. late shut.

Feb 12. Sunday, fine lovely Day by h. e. to ch a m. to W Packards to dinner & tea, for a walk down to Clarkson Bro's & back p. m. to St. Luke's in the evening, the singing vj good especially an Anthem from the 44 Psalm "Hear my prayer" I was thrilled & almost melted, by those beautiful sounds, (Mr M<sup>r</sup> Cardle lead,) the singing was magnificent for the time the world seemed lost to me so intent was my ear to catch ev'ry sound as it flew past me, a Heaven on earth; what must it be in Heaven itself; a pleasant dream; but of short duration, like all earthly enjoyments. Mr Jacobs preached a vj good sermon.

Home direct after a quiet walk round the cemetery, I wrote two letters home

Feb 13. Monday, fine, h. e. Trade fair, from Crates Prockery in of Easton & Empire, to the New

Town Hall in the evening, to hear a lecture on  
Flirtation by Mrs Covert, a good sensible lecture,  
a great deal of truth in it, & some very good advice  
given to both sexes, interspersed, with interesting  
anecdotes, & spoke of women's influence over man  
throughout all ages, up to the present time &  
even now, her influence is felt, & cautioned  
both sexes against flattery, more especially the  
weaker sex. She has traveled a great deal in  
her time & seen a great deal, & appears to be a very  
clever woman.

To Mr Proggie after, poor Quilte, is by bad inflam-  
mation of the lungs, from catching cold, & sat  
up with him all night, no words can describe  
my feelings, as I lay down alongside him on his  
bed, (in my dayly attire) listening to his troubled  
breathing, thinking what poor mortals we are,  
how soon laid low, we may awake in the morning  
full of health & then six nights sets in, we  
may be laid on a bed of pain, & perhaps our  
last. Years seemed to come & go during those  
hours, thoughts carried me back, to my childhood  
& tried to read the future, but that's impossible.  
posted two letters one to Jimmie one to W. Stannard per

~~left early~~ Feb 14. Tuesday, fine, by day am N.C.  
after 10 am, left early, Frank a little better.  
Trade fair, unpacking crockery P.M. W.M. B. in  
the evening, Frank better, stopped with him  
again, not so restless, taken quite a favourable  
turn.

Feb 15. Wednesday, fine, N.C. Trade fair  
putting up crockery, cleaning windows, marking  
off etc.

Feb 16. Thursday, fine, N.C. Trade dull,  
clearing up the place, to Dr Gaylors in the evening  
all well.

Feb 17. Friday, fine, N.W, very hot, quite  
oppressive, Trade fair, weighing up. for a walk  
with Dr. L. up town, to see Frank, he is much  
better, back, & had a good cold bath, before retiring

Feb 18. Saturday, fine, N.W, stiff & W at noon  
N.C. after 2 pm Trade very brisk the second best  
Saturday I have ever had. for a walk up down in  
the evening.

Feb 19. Sunday, fine, N.C. To ch. morning  
& evening, to Mr Beutings P.M. & Dolea, he is very much  
better, looking quite jolly again

I saw then a "first rate" book, title "Proverbial — Philosophy, A Book of Thoughts & Arguments, Originally Created; By: Martin Farquhar Tupper Esq., of Church Oxford." If I can I will purchase one — similar, spent a pleasant afternoon, for a walk in the evening.

Feb 20. Monday, fine, a.m. by S.W., very steady rain P.m., trade fair cleaning windows, to the Generals in the evening, Frank Penuch better, received a letter from mother, she is now living in my old school house on Geymer Hill. she has two rooms to her self, & seems quite accoriled & comfortable.

Feb 21. Tuesday, showery a.m. S.W., things looking quite refreshed, all nature seems to rejoice, after the rain, it will do a vast of good. Trade dull, putting books to rights to the mechanics in the evening.

Feb 22. Wednesday, fine, S.W. Trade fair putting books to rights. to Mr Brown's in the evening.

Feb 23. Thursday, fine, S.W. Trade brisk to Mr Auddons in the evening.

Feb 24. Friday fine, calm a.m. S.E. - N.W.

Trade dull, 15 m. l's in the evening.  
Feb 25. Saturday, fine, S.E. hot. S.W. P.m. S.W. after 10 P.m. Trade fair, for a walk up town after closing, good news from the west coast.

Feb 26. Sunday, fine, S.E., to Ch. a.m. up to Viggo Papanni the rest of the day, & spent a pleasant day. Joe & Miss Grimey were there.

Feb 27. Monday, fine, S.E., trade fair posting up my books & making out bills, up town to 1 P.m. in the evening.

Feb 28. Tuesday, fine, S.E., trade brisk, to the Generals in the evening.

~~Feb~~ Feb. 1. Wednesday, fine, S.W. a.m. S.W. 11 a.m. S.E. P.m. very hot & oppressive, trade dull, up town.

Feb. 2. Thursday, fine, S.E. hot, trade fair, to S.W. l's in the evening.

Feb 3. Friday, fine, S.E. Trade dull, to the theatre in the evening to see Mr Dillon act as "Pizmicus" never before have I ever seen any acting to equal his, the after piece, "Cool as a Cucumber" went off well, enough!!

March 4. Saturday, fine, S.E., S.W. & S.W. P.M.  
Trade brisk, tired out, good week.

March 5. Sunday, fine S.E. to Ceb. morning &  
evening, for a walk with Quilter round the domain  
& then on to the Cemetery P.M., for a walk up  
Colombo St. in the evening & then to the 'Generals'.

March 6. Monday, fine, S.E., trade fair, to the  
Theatre in the evening to see Dillon's "Macbeth," disappointed  
late home, to Mr. Co's to supper.

March 7. Tuesday fine, S.W. very hot a.m. S.E.  
P.M., trade fair. to the 'Generals'.

March 8. Wednesday, fine, S.E., big rain after 10  
P.M. Trade fair, took Mr. Eldred to see "Hamlet"  
in the evening, Mr. Dillon's Hamlet, was splendidly done  
& well sustained throughout, & Mr. Dillon's "Aspidochelone"  
was splendidly done. late home

March 9. Thursday, showery, trade dull, S.E. to  
Mr. Co's in the evening.

March 10. Friday, showery a.m. big rain last night  
S.W. Trade dull. For a walk up down, to Mr. Co's  
in the evening

March 11. Saturday, fine. S.E. Trade very brisk  
well pleased, for a walk up down after closing

March 12. Sunday, fine S.E. to Ceb. a.m. for  
a walk with Quilter to Mr. Digby's, P.M. & stopped  
to tea spent a few pleasant hours, which past  
quickly on, & are gone!

home early to the Generals, in the evening.  
March 13. Monday, showery from S.W. (P.M.) by S.W.  
Trade brisk, up down a.m. The town seems all alive  
with diggers, & the whole furniture shung at their backs  
passing through on their way to "Chitiki," to the great  
"Canterbury gold fields, a New "Eldorado." So at  
last! Canterbury can boast of her gold fields, she  
has received an additional spur to help her on  
when she most needed it, & if the fields are prolific  
& continue so! Canterbury will vie with Atago  
itself, for she has waster resources, but! if! it turns  
out a shiver Doe! woe! be to the men of Canter.

March 14. Tuesday, fine, S.E. Trade brisk, to  
the Browns in the evening. He is about to start  
a store at the loai-tohi gorge.

March 15. Wednesday, fine S.E., trade fair, to  
the Theatre with Quilter.

March 16. Thursday, fine shower from S.W.  
trade fair, to Dix's in the evening

March 19. Friday, fine, N.E. Trade dull, up town, 9. m. full of diggers, for a walk round town, in the evening.

March 20. Saturday, fine, by stiff, shifting between N.E. & S.W. hot. Trade brisk

March 21. Sunday, fine, S.W. to Ch. a.m. for a walk with Quilter up to see Capron at St. Albans. & stopped to tea, Colonial life, "in truth it is" <sup>roughly</sup> ready, home early dissatisfied with having spent my Sunday in the way we have done, & read a sermon ere we retired to rest.

March 22. Monday, fine, N.E. Trade dull, cleaning windows & etc. within reading in the evening

March 23. Tuesday, fine, by S.W. N.E. 9. m. by up town a.m. Trade fair, the rush still going on to the Akitiki. up town to the Generals in the evening.

March 24. Wednesday, fine, N.E. threatening Trade dull, up town a.m. to see Atkinson & to tell him, that his horse, had run away, & broken both the shafts off & upset everything, no injury done to horse

to see Mr. Brown in the evening, spent a pleasant evening, chatting away, the whole time, passing jokes, & telling short anecdotes which made their sides ring again with laughter (Miss J. B.) was there) bid them adieu about ten P.M.

March 25. Thursday, showery calm a.m. P.M. the wind freshened from the S.E. & the <sup>rain</sup> battered down continually, one continued steady rain, Trade such as reminded me well! of the time when I first opened, when I knew not what to do to pass time away, reading & etc. J. Grimsey came in I stopped to tea, & so time whiled away, & night drew nigh apace an evening, like unto a winter's night, a bright fire on the hearth, & one sitting contentedly by, perusing down incidents of passing events, to be read in after years by those that are to come reading most of the evening

March 26. Friday, fine <sup>N.E.</sup> Trade brisk, up to the Generals in the evening

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, <sup>well</sup> 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, <sup>Wm. Taylor</sup> lecture at the Town Hall, subject. — St Paul & his times. 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



tired of listening, for three hours, without a note the words fell from out of his inexhaustible storehouse, he is well versed in scripture & scripture history, he has traveled throughout the holy land, visiting most of the places of interest mentioned in the gospels, so that he was the more interesting, he closed up with singing a pleasant song.

Feb 29. Wednesday, trade fair, fine, H. E. calm a.m. to Mr Brown's in the evening, talking over news from the diggings, & lectures & etc, till a late hour, home! & to rest!

Feb 30. Thursday, fresh, fine, H. E. P.m. trade fair, up town & made some purchases at L. E. H. & P. & Co., a.m. to the mechanics in the evening to look over the home papers.

Feb 31. Friday, fine, H. E. calmed down towards evening, & blew strong from the N.W. after 11 P.m. trade fair, weighting up & getting ready for Saturday. In the evening we swept the chimney, & scrubbed out our little room, & quite a spree over it.

April 1. Saturday, fine, by H. O. sailed to N. E. towards noon. busy, up down hunting up money a.m. closed late, & shop in nice dress

April 2. ~~Friday~~<sup>Su</sup>nday, fine, fresh, lovely day, by H. E. breakfast early, cleaned up & walked up the Lincoln N. to spend the day, at Dr Harrington. We went to the Asylum, to hear Mr Dolesse preach; A very nice sermon, from a portion of the Gospel for the day, "he that believeth these things shall never see death." He explained it well, & the right meaning of it, & said that there was three kinds of death, 1<sup>st</sup> spiritual death, meaning those who lived on in sin, never caring for their souls welfare, who are in a sense dead, though yet living 2<sup>nd</sup> natural death, meaning the period of our existence when the soul leaves the body, when it puts off mortality, & puts on immortality. in this part he pictured two death bed scenes one of a worldly man, & another of a man whose sole dependance was in his God. 3<sup>rd</sup> Immortal death & damnation the worst of all, because all hope is flown.

the one implied by the text. I exhorted all present, to escape that death by embracing the truths of the Gospel & believe in the Saviour.

All in simple, plain language, suitable for those present, & such as could be understood. Stopped to Sacraments. Back to Mr Harrington's to dinner, spent a pleasant afternoon, walking round his farm & talking about different things. Lectures, different books, & authors & etc & of the prophecies in the Revelations. reading in the evening out of the Leisure hour, bid them adieu ~~etc~~ mine, & returned to my old domicile, well pleased & satisfied in having spent the Sunday, again as of old in the old country.

Apr. 3. Monday, fine, N.E. Trade fair, taking Stock till late in the evening.

Apr. 4. Tuesday, showery a.m. S.W. up town a.m. making up Stock book, to Mr Cuddons in the evening.

Gravenquest held on the body of W Simpson

at the Hospital, <sup>Gravenquest</sup> Foreman of the Jury, poor fellow he had evidently something going ~~holly~~ on his mind, to propell him on to such a deed, the cutting of his own throat with a razor, & the deliberately holding the wound open with his own hands, a frightful gash some 4 1/2 in. long, severed his windpipe & right jugular vein. He attempted the night before to drink some poisonous lotion but was prevented by the nurse, this & other evidence, showing that he was not delirious, but quite sensible during the time he was there from Thursday till the following Monday; he wanted to have his will made for he said he had not long to live." why should he say that? sick persons generally look at the bright side & "hope against hope." he had doubtless been thinking of committing suicide, & that made him look despondent. We brought in a verdict of ~~premeditated suicide~~. "Felo-dei"

Apr 5. Wednesday, fine. S.E. Trade, fair, making up ap's. to Mr Cuddons in the evening.

Apr. 6. Thursday, fine S.W. Trade very dull

to Mr Brown in the evening.

Apr 7. Friday, fine, S. E. Trade fair, for a walk up town in the evening, called to see the General.

Apr 8. Saturday, fine, S. E. Trade dull a.m. bust after 2 P.m. fair week. average

Apr. 9. Sunday. Fine lovely day S. E., went up to Joseph Grimley's & spent the day, called at Don Driggs' coming home. Stg N. W. after 6 pm.

Apr 10. Monday, fine, S. W. Trade fair, down to Brown's Paddock, with Mr C. to dress half a ton of Rice, borrowed a dressing machine of course, we ran it threw once, it took all the dust out & most of the weevils, (a small insect which devours the rice & when any numbers exist do ~~considerable~~ considerable damage) to the Generals in the evening

Apr 11. Tuesday, fine S. E. a.m. S. W. P.m. Trade dull, to Mr Brown's Carpenter Room Str in the evening spent a pleasant evening

Apr 12. Wednesday, fine, S. E. w. stiff a.m. S. W. about three pm. round to N. N. E. for night Trade fair putting my books to rights, to the mechanics & changed my book set reading till eight eleven &c.

Apr 13 Thursday, by N. W. S. E. after 10 a.m. Trade fair. up town P.m. to Peacock & Co. to Mr Brown's St Alaph Str in the evening, spent a pleasant evening, though disappointed in my intent.

Apr 14. <sup>2nd</sup> Friday, fine, S. E. lovely day, go to morning & evening, for a walk up the Hills with Frank P.m. to the Generals in the evening.

Apr 15. Saturday, fine, stiff S. W. after 10 a.m. Trade brisk, rather dull in the evening

Apr 16. Sunday, fine, S. E. a.m. Stg S. W. 1 pm. to ch morning & evening, within reading P.m. to Mr Bruntings in the evening.

Apr 17. Monday, fine lovely day, Stg S. W. general Holiday, down to Hillsborough, where the men Ho of Ceauter have formed a camp, wherein, those who have volunteered to serve their country, have dwelt since Saturday, last, for the purpose of inculcating them to their duties; About 330 Volunteers on the ground including the Cavalry fifty in number they went through their martial, exercises & manouvres, with great steadiness & precision

especially at the time, when the supposed enemy  
were routed, & the foot formed into Companies  
opened out, to let the Cavalry charge through;

The Cup was won by No. 1. company No. 1. —  
coming in second, the winner was chaired &  
carried into the encampment amidst the hearty  
cheer of his comrades.

Home about 4 P.M. Stayed at Mr Brown's to tea  
& accompanied them to the Concert at the Town  
Hall in the evening. Mr White's solo - in Italian,  
Mr Wood's solo - on the Flute, & Mr Birmingham  
died on the violin, were loudly cheered, even so  
much, that we were not satisfied, & would  
have a repetition, I spent three pleasant hours  
back to Mr Brown's where we sat chatting over the  
events of the day, till night unto the small hours

Apr 10. Tuesday, fine, S. E. cool nights, Trade  
fair. To Miss Cameron's in the evening; where  
I received a hearty reception, two other ladies &  
a gentleman, the hours past pleasantly, chatting  
away on different subjects, telling anecdotes,  
after supper, the Miss Camerons, sang a pretty  
song together, the eldest sang seconds,

the other visitor left in eleven, but I stopped on  
till night twelve, altogether, (it is a long since I  
have) enjoyed myself so much.

Apr 19. Wednesday, fine, S. W. N. E. after 4 P.M.  
sw again & P.M. threatening, up to Mr Taylor's before  
breakfast, Trade Fair.

F. L. & myself went to the Mechanics, in the  
evening to hear Mr Doyne lecture, on that most  
interesting subject, (to all who reside or take  
any interest in the Province of Carter) on  
~~Bridging~~ Bridging the Rakia, showing the great  
superiority of an iron over a wooden bridge &  
the utter <sup>impossibility</sup> of building a wooden bridge over the  
Rakia, & showing plans of his intended bridge  
& told us the manner, in which the cast iron  
cylinders are sunk, <sup>showed</sup> & also a new invention of  
his, for the purpose of preventing the re-  
vibration of a loaded bridge injuring the  
cylinders, a very interesting lecture, much  
useful knowledge disclosed, & well delivered.  
Mr Doyne received a vote of thanks from  
all present at the conclusion, when most  
of those present availed themselves <sup>of the opportunity</sup> of looking  
over Mr Do's elaborate plans of the bridge.

Apr. 20. Thursday, fine, S.W. Trade fair  
to Mr Moggis' in the evening

Apr. 21. Friday, fine, stg S.E., calm 5. P.M. SW  
after, trade dull, to Mr L's in the evening.

Apr. 22. Saturday, S.E. fine, trade dull a.m.  
wisher towards the close of the day, so much  
so, that it revived one downcast spirits &  
made one fell stg again.

Apr. 23. Sunday, light showers, S.W. stiff P.M.  
to Ch. Morning & evening, rode up to Dr Hanning  
P.M. sat chatting away till eight & a.c. had  
tea & then returned to my old domicile.

Dr Jacobs preached a very good sermon in  
the evening. to the Generals in the evening

Apr. 24. Monday. stg S.E. a.m. calm at  
noon S.W. & living calm p.m. Trade fair for  
the weather, writing in the evening

Apr. 25. Tuesday, showery, S.W. Trade dull  
cleaning up Crocker's warehouse making paper  
bags & etc.

Apr. 26. Wednesday. fine. SW. S.E. a.m. trade  
fair, cleaning windows & etc.  
to a Parish meeting at St Michael's School

room in the evening, a meeting to receive from  
the church-warden, the Aye of the past year,  
& to elect, church wardens, ten vestry men, school  
committee, & church property trustees. the Aye look  
healthier than last year. But the Aye want  
to be kept different, to <sup>be</sup> kept separate, so as to  
show how the different funds stand.

Why! Why! art thou so dilatory oh! church of England  
that thou shouldst be behind other denominations.  
Gird up thy loins, & gather strength from every  
sleep not; but push on, & the liabilities will  
depart from thee, & the cries of thy creditors shall  
no longer be ringing in thine ears; then wilt thou  
be able the better to withstand the attacks of thy  
Goes.

News arrived of Morgan's death; a bandit of  
old standing New South Wales, a rascal whose  
crimes if written in rotation, would make a  
long & fearful roll, the thoughts of them would  
shake, & ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> sin stg nerves to quiver.

The Victorians have shown how they treat  
bush rangers, they are not allowed to live  
long in their territory, He was only over the

frontier three days, before he was placed "hors de combat." His time was come, the long sufferings of his Maker were stayed, & a just vengeance fell upon him; He lived by arms & perished by arms.

Apr. 27. Thursday, showery last night, fine W. & Trade brisk, to Mr Ludlow's in the evening.

Apr. 28. Friday, fine by day W. & Trade fair for a walk round town in the evening.

Apr. 29. Saturday, showery, S.W. about 11 am. Trade fair, average week.

Apr. 30. Sunday, rain heavy at times S.W. by gusty. to St Michael's, morning & evening.

Bishop <sup>of Malabar</sup> ~~of Malabar~~ preached a very good sermon on the loving kindness of a Merciful Saviour, He not only gave willingly, but gave twice, twice in one day after his resurrection He said, "Peace be unto you."

& again "Peace be unto you." & again eight days after when all his disciples were met together, to those men of little faith who: so short a time back, were scattered for fear of the Jews, even to them "Peace be unto you." & they believed & straight

forward they were altered men, they gathered strength daily, & went forth strong in faith regardless of consequences, to "Preach Christ & him Crucified." & said, delay not, but repent for there are limits even to the long suffering of a merciful Saviour.

to Packard's to Dinner & Tea spent a pleasant afternoon. to be in the evening Bishop of Dellington

preached, on the disbelief of the Gospel, saying "that if it is wrong, then all is a lie, the apostles & all good men up to the present time have been striving to forward an untruth, if so; an unbeliever can but say that much good has come out of it; would men suffer death, suffer persecutions, suffer hunger, & toil on for a cause if that cause were a lie; -

Believe it who can! Could so much good, so many good deeds, so many kind & loving feelings, such lasting friendships, as that borne for one Christian brother by another; could all this I say be brought about by a lie, by an untruth, - believe it who can!

Showing that if such were the case; man's existence is no more to him than that of a brute beast.

May 1. Monday, by S. D. Trade dull  
to Mr Cuddon's in the evening

May 2. Tuesday. ship from H. E. Trade  
bush, cleaning up the yard, & making a  
place to store potatoes in, to the Theatre in  
the evening. "A new way to pay old debts"

May 3. Wednesday, fine H. W. Showery P. m.  
finishing, potatoe store, to Mr Co. Tolles's  
Sale P. m. things went very high, to Mr  
C's in the evening & settled up.

May 4. Thursday, fine, S. D. a. m. by P. m.  
finished roofing in potatoe store, to Mr Tolles's  
Sale at noon, & purchased a few books  
Shakespeare's works, Travels in Australia,  
Mechis on farming & the Memoirs of the  
Rev. Jackson. Trade fair down town P. m.

May 5. Friday, fine. H. E. Trade fair, rode  
round by the water-holes, to collect some old  
outstanding a/c's. Bought some potatoes, I  
enjoyed the ride very much, many improvements  
on the way more land under cultivation trees  
much grown, & so altering the appearance  
of many places; successful so far as —

arranging for settlement, bought some potatoes of  
some 2 one, — the one I most wanted to find — I  
could not find; home about five P. m. & after  
feeding the mare & taking a slight repast my "own  
bed." I rode up to Papanui, to Joseph Grimsey's, to  
what's generally termed a "House warming."

I spent a pleasant evening, about 14 there, Mr  
Munk had his violin, & on which he played  
several lively airs which added greatly to the  
pleasures of the evening; well! I hope he, <sup>J. G.</sup> will  
prosper, I have not much doubt on my mind  
but that he will, I bid all adieu about 12 past  
eleven, arrived in Christchurch as the town clock  
struck twelve, & after feeding the mare, I retired  
to my old domicile, tired & stiff, to rest  
my wearied limbs, on my old flannel bed;

May 6. Saturday, showery heavy rain P. m.  
by H. E. Sw. after 3 P. m. Trade dull in consequence  
but an average week, up down P. m.

May 7. Sunday, showery, S. W. stiff.  
to Ch. Morning & evening, within reading  
P. m. I to the General's in the evening.  
The Bishop of Waiapa preached in the morning

the text, out of Daniel, subject, the growth of  
Christianity, & the increase of that mighty  
kingdom which, was or is, - to over-throw  
all the others. It commenced from the time of  
the prophecy, & showed the gradual progress  
of the ch. to the present day, & said that now  
even now towards the later end, the devil will  
try his utmost, & leave nothing untried,  
that lies in his power to over-throw it, but!  
he: - shall surely fail.

The Bishop of Malinesia preached in the  
evening, a very good sermon, how I wish we  
could have such men in the ch. what! -  
an alteration, there would be no falling neither  
in the congregation nor contributions, we want  
more stirring, energetic men than we have at  
present.

May 8. Monday, fine, S. W. trade fair  
to the mechanics in the evening, to look over  
the home papers nothing of any importance  
in the them, further than the likelihood of  
war with America, which would, fall solely  
on our - poor shoulders.

I received a letter from that old Lady, my mother  
& her son John, even my brother, one whose hand  
is often staid, from writing to his brother Joseph.

May 9. Tuesday, fine lovely day, by S. W., N. E.  
after 5 P.M. The Greyhound arrived yesterday, thus  
adding another glut, to our already over stocked  
labour market.

to a walk round town in the evening, & looked  
in at the generals on our way back; (one &  
Dutton I mean)

May 10. Wednesday, fine, lovely day, trade  
fair, Mr Cole from Governors Bay, came in to  
tea, he is much better.

May 11. Thursday, fine, by S. W. B. E. after  
5 P.M. & by heavy rain till eight o'clock. Trade fair  
reading & writing in the evening

May 12. Friday, fine, S. W. out money -  
hunting a.m. successful, posting up my books  
P.M. Missed 21 Hats, supposed to be stolen  
value 3/10; a lesson learnt, but dearly paid  
for. To the theatre with Mr C. & F. L. we enjoyed  
ourselves much, pieces "No money" & "Fault  
heart never won a fair lady." late home



May 13. Saturday. Fine, by S. O. N. E. P. M.  
Trade fair. Bish at times average week

May 14. Sunday. Fine, by S. E. more meeting  
towards night. In Ch morning & evening, the  
Bishop of Wellington preached A. M. & a Rev.  
Gentleman in the evening, very good sermon  
in the morning text "The grace of God is  
manifested."

For a walk round the domain P. M. & up to  
the Generals in the evening

May 15. Monday, by S. N. E. last night

N. W. P. M. Fine, hot. Trade fair, making paper  
bags. to the down hall in the evening, to a Missionary  
meeting, The Bishop of New Zealand, Waiapu &  
Bishop Patterson of Malaisia. A very interesting  
<sup>meeting</sup> Bishop Patterson, <sup>spoke to the assembly</sup> entered into the details  
of the Malaisian Mission, work done & work to  
be done, & progress of the work, interspersed with  
interesting Anecdotes, & accounts of visits to the  
different Islands, & into the causes of the outrages  
committed by the Natives on the white men  
Bishop of Waiapu, next, spoke of the early  
Missionary work, amongst the Maoris & of

the progress of the gospel amongst them.  
Bishop Selwyn, of New Zealand, spoke of the  
duties of Mothers to train their sons for the  
good work, & complained of the great want of  
Men for the Ch. showing their excuses, & as  
an opposite <sup>case</sup> told us of one case in which an  
aged man gave his eldest son his mainstay  
to the Lord, to forward the good work; & then  
spoke of his early travels in New Zealand, & brought  
in some very interesting anecdotes of his early  
~~travels~~ <sup>travels</sup> ~~sojournings~~ amongst a race of Cannibals, &  
also of the present times, relating to events that  
have occurred during this unhappy war.

He also spoke well of the fidelity of the Native  
Clergy, how well they stood to their posts, ready  
to give up their lives rather than neglect their  
duty, & said we must not be discouraged  
because of these misfortunes, but think that the  
Almighty will bring good out of these evils.  
& that never as now, did those on duty feel  
the need of all their strength, <sup>he said</sup> & one Native  
said that he believed, the Church would  
progress the better because of these persecutions.

for he said, in older times the church was sorely persecuted but came out of the fire more purified & stronger.

The Rev. Archdeacon, Mansell, one of the translators of the Holy Scriptures into the Moari language, the <sup>then</sup> Right Rev. the Bishop of Waiaapu. Made a short speech saying that he felt he had but little to say; after the able manner in which the former speakers; had expressed their sentiments on the subject of the meeting & only briefly ran through the progress of Missionary work up till the present time, the Bishop of Ch. Ch. then <sup>pronounced</sup> ~~said~~ the Benediction & the assembly dispersed. ~~well~~ satisfied, in having spent a pleasant evening.

May 16. Tuesday, fine, S. S. E. Trade fair to the General's in the evening to settle about enlarging the ship & etc, we agreed to take ten feet more, & make the addition at our own expense. posted a letter to John & me & Mother

May 17. Wednesday, fine S. S. E. S. W.

after 5 P.M. Trade dull, up town a.m. Mr Cole came up in the evening, he has got a situation at — Lorington House, went for a walk up town with him, saw Mr Deering with the General saw him safe into the Theatre, & Mr C. onto the "isford" & then we continued our walk round the environs to the East home, writing in the evening

May 18. Thursday, fine, S. W. Trade fair. for a walk round town P.M. to Mr C's in the evening

May 19. Friday, fine, a.m. S. W. S. E. P.M. Showery hail storm & dry rain after S. W. about 8 P.M. within trade fair. reading & learning some of Shakespeare's works in the evening

May 20. Saturday, Showery, a.m. S. W. Ship first early morn. Trade fair, average week a little under, for a walk up town with Mr Richard.

May 21. Sunday, Ship first, Showery a.m. fine P.M. dry S. W. Made over to Governors Bay, with Mr Cole, a pleasant ride, for all the threatening aspect of the clouds above, because in the West the far west, shrou forth, brighter clouds which betokened, a brighter morn.

Things all tell a tale, what of? - that old winter hath laid his hoary hand upon the southern Hemisphere, they all! more or less show, that, ~~thou~~ he reigneth, he reigns with a strong & powerful hand, to which all nature, even man himself must succumb, & yet it is a blessed season, that season when, mother earth rests from her labours & sleeps on, & gathers strength from rest; till the warm rays of a Spring Sun, ~~to~~ awakens her, & forthwith with redoubled vigour, she does her duty, a tale! no secret, for it is told by nature; by the lovely shades of green, which delights the eye; & makes all the animal world to rejoice on a Spring morning.

We stabled the horses, at Forster's accommodation House, & walked on to meet Mr & Mrs Parson as they came out of Ch, we met about half way, & walked on back together, we received a warm reception how pleasant, to have such friends, where, one; after the weary toil of business can go & spend a few pleasant

hours, time passed pleasantly & quickly on. we found them both well; three o'clock came, time to be starting, they accompanied us part of the way to Forster's, when we parted, bid them adieu, & were soon in the saddle, on our homeward journey. The road over, although rough, & soft & boggy is now wide enough for dray traffic, Mr Brown's dray, I believe is the first that has ever been up it, (to meet Mr Hodgson's at the top.) We reached Ch. Ch. about five, & after leaving our horses at their several stations; we met at the old residence my old domestic, where after replenishing the dinner man, we went to Ch. I heard a very good extemporary sermon preached by a Rev - from one of the Northern provinces. Walked ~~home~~ to the "Oxford" with Mr Cole, & then returned home & was not long ere I to my bed, did go.

May, 22. Monday, fine, by h. c., by h. w. d. m. Shower in the evening, Trade fair, walked up to Whitings, up the Lincoln road, to get in an ape owing to us, successful, called at Mr Daylor's on my return, found Mr Daylor

letter & getting about, but one of her daughters  
laid up. Reading & writing in the evening  
May 23. Tuesday, fine S.W. Trade dull, reading  
Shakespeare in the evening.

May 24. Wednesday, stormy, ship fast, by shower  
a m. st. S.W. taking up trees & making potatoe  
pit, a.m. Cleared up, & rode up to Papanui to  
Mr. Southam's wedding, about two miles on the  
Forewood Rd. About thirty or all assembled in  
a large room some twenty four by 12 ft. Every  
thing nicely arranged, after breakfast, the usual  
toasts were given & responded too, every thing  
passed off evenly & well, we went for a walk  
down the paddocks whilst the room was being  
~~cleared~~ cleared, when we returned, invigorated  
by the cool breeze, to dancing; time passed  
merrily on, the ladies were for the merriest  
part of those assembled; but gradually  
the reserve on the <sup>part of the</sup> gentlemen fell off & all  
joined in heartily, after tea, some dancing  
& singing, when I to get off singing  
resited a dialogue out of Shakespeare between  
Brutus & Cassius & also took up Lament

which were well received, as was also a song  
by Miss Southam; we all heartily enjoyed  
ourselves; the Bride & Bridegroom left about  
past one, but that made no difference  
we kept it up till the small hours; supper  
at past 1 o'clock, & then at it again till near  
three, never, since I landed on Tealands shore  
have I before enjoyed myself so much, the  
Bride the bridesmaids & all the single ladies  
occupied me not. ah! its a brief hour, but  
how it reminded me of times gone by  
in Old England, reached home about past  
three. but sleep favoured me not, nothing could  
tempt the Jovial God to sway mine eyelids  
down, fairy forms were continually dancing  
before my vision

May 25. Thursday, heavy rain a.m. showery P.M.  
S.W. Trade fair. for a walk up down in the evening  
English Mail arrived.

May 26. Friday, fine, S.W. Trade fair, to the  
Mechanics in the evening to look at the some papers  
received a letter from Mother, all well, no news of  
importance

May 27. Saturday, fine, calm, trade dull a.m.  
bush P.m.

May 28. Sunday, fine lovely day, lg S.E.  
to Ch morning & evening, Mr Jacobs preached  
Mr Cole came to dinner, for a walk with  
him, round the Domain, whilst old Frank  
cooked the dinner, back we came, smelling  
the savoury meats afar off, even before  
we came to the house, which made our keen  
appetites keener still, so that what we  
left, would have been but a sorry feed.  
For the most abominable pest a man  
can have, that of a rat. After we had lost  
our appetites, we went for a walk accompanied  
by Bill Higby, round by the cemetery, &  
Swamp back by Lockhart's bridge & C &  
W's Brewery, & to Down belt, called in to  
see Mr Mease, found them all well; we all  
separated & departed to our several homes;  
us, to our gloomy domicile, no fire! no hot  
water! & what's worse no tea! no time to  
make any; because the <sup>time</sup> for Ch was nigh  
within reaching after.

May 29. Monday, fine, calm, trade a-w-full  
dull, nothing doing, & yet hoary frost! has  
not gotten his hold upon us; no! its want  
of money! ah! that's it, — to circulate through  
the colony. To the theatre in the evening, after  
making poor old F. comfortable, & replenished  
his inner man. what with? why, comfloc  
& rum, to be sure.

May, 30. Tuesday, fine. S.E. trade dull, to  
Mr. Guddon's in the evening, cracking jokes with the  
General & his lady. Frank better. The rum did him good.  
so it did!

May 31. Wednesday, fine, S.E. lg. almost calm  
trade dull, down town after closing, to to Packard's  
spent a pleasant evening playing cards & yarning.

At June 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, showery a.m. S.W. up  
early & down to Mr Brown's far end of Tuarua the  
to tell him of the death of Miss P. Taylor.  
Mr. T. called up between 5 & six o'clock a.m.  
Trade fair, to Mr Taylor's in the evening with some  
dark Merino & etc for mourning, found them  
sadly cut up. Then to J. Brown's, in the evening  
to see how it fared with him, found all well

June 2. Friday. fine, almost calm by h.e. —  
trade dull. to Mr Cuddon's in the evening to settle  
up the months acc.

June 3. Saturday, fine, by h.e., trade fair.  
to the court, about the hat affair, a man was seen  
by the a sergeant selling hats similar to those I  
lost, arrested him on suspicion, adjourned till  
Monday next. Average week.

June 4. Sunday, fine. S.W. stg 1<sup>st</sup> m. up to  
a Fairbanks Lincoln St. to spend the day  
Spent a pleasant day, home about nine P.m.  
wet walk home came on to rain about past  
eight. Miss Taylor buried today at the Scotch  
cemetery.

June 5. Monday, fine, h.e. trade brisk  
to Court again, dismissed not sufficient evidence  
to convict him. up to Mr Cuddon's in the evening

June 6. Tuesday, fine. h.e. trade dull, for a  
walk down town with Mr. Cole. in the evening

June 7. Wednesday, fine, h.w. trade dull.  
wet evening, within reading & etc.

June 8. Thursday, ~~fine~~ fine, S.W. trade  
brisk, to Mr Eldred's with some things. He is  
removed to Thimble Street, in St Luke's Ch

June 9. Friday, frost, fine, calm, trade brisk  
posting up my books. up town P.m. to the General's  
in the evening, & cut up a pig for him.

June 10. Saturday, sharp frost, by h.e. P.m. trade  
dull, brisk J.m. Above an average week

June 11. Sunday, frost, fine a.m. by h.e. P.m.  
came up St. 3<sup>rd</sup> m. blew a gale, showery, to Ch  
A.m., walked up to Mr Higby's Fudall Town Road  
P.m. & stopped to tea. home about 8 P.m. up to the  
Generals.

June 12. Monday, heavy rain from S.W. stiff breeze  
cold & dreary, trade very dull in consequence.  
up to the Generals in the evening

June 13. Tuesday, cleared about midnight & frost  
Calm, by h.e. P.m. Trade fair. to G's evening

June 14. Wednesday, light frost, fine lovely day  
Calm a.m. by h.e. P.m., trade brisk, up down P.m.  
I got a draft to send home

June 15. Thursday, <sup>frost</sup> fine, calm trade fair  
posted a letter to John & a summary to Mother  
to the Generals after.

June 16. Friday, stg S.W. at mid night  
fine by S.W. Trade fair, to to Packards  
in the evening

June 17. Saturday, frost, whil. fine calm  
trade very dull a.m. brisker p.m. week  
average, settlement about.

June 18. Sunday, frost, fine lovely day, by 11.  
to ch a.m. walked down to Mr Dix's place of chch  
to his private residence, a comfortable good house  
of three rooms nice garden, with a creek running  
through the midst of it, strageyard stable, &  
orchard several small paddocks, in all about  
seven acres, once the residence of a certain  
bachelor named Hayler, I stayed to tea & supper  
& spent a very pleasant evening, home about 10 p.m.

June 19. Monday, showery a.m. fine p.m. saw  
Jy, trade fair, to the Generals in the evening

June 20. Tuesday, shp frost, trade, none, not  
worthy such a name, vj dull, showery in the evening

June 21. Wednesday, frost; fine, by h.e., trade  
dull, vjng up goods against a better day. to Mr  
Brown's in the evening to see his little one, it's a little  
gal, a fine healthy child; spent a pleasant evening

June 22. ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday, big showers -  
strewout the day, cleaning & dusting front  
window, up town p.m. to the Bank & N  
Lynington. trade very dull

June 23. Friday, h.e. cold evening trade fair  
to the theatre in the evening, with Mr & Mrs Faultham  
Jr. Miss Faultham, spent pleasant evening, but  
my appetite for the theatre, is satisfied, it's an  
amusement I care not for.

June 24. Saturday, h. h.e. a.m. h. w. p.m. quite  
mild, trade very brisk, about the second best  
Saturday I have had. week above an average

June 25. Sunday, fine, h. h.e. h. w. up  
in the back country, to ch morning &  
evening, for a walk round by St Alban's a  
suburban district lying h. h.e. of chch, roads  
bad; accompanied by F Quilter & Mr Cole  
walked part of the way home with Mrs &  
Miss Faultham after ch in the evening.

June 26. Monday, fine, h. h.e., h. westerly  
inclined vj mild. p.m. to Gould & Miles's  
Sale in Colombo Str. things fetched a good  
price, walking about town with my friend  
Cole, & called into the Generals as I came  
home. Received a letter from Luc, Cottet.

June 27. Tuesday, by all quarters h. westerly  
inclined, fine, mild, Posting up books &  
clawping up potatoes, up town p.m.

Had a tooth drawn out, since here I have  
been within reading in the evening

June 28. Wednesday, heavy shower about 5 a.m.  
by N. E., up town at noon to Alports sale, & bought  
a few things to Peacocks P.M., to the General in  
the evening & settled up for rent & etc. Trade fair  
June 29. Thursday. Fine, frost, threatening by all  
quarters, up town & cleared the things at Alports & am  
Trade fair, to the Town Hall, & a Conversation  
given by the Young man's Literary Association  
it was a great success, the Hall was crowded  
so much so, that it was all but impossible  
to look at all the works of Art, oil & water color  
paintings, photographs, drawings & etc of  
Architectural & engineering designs, we were  
further entertained by speeches given by his  
honor & Dr Justice Gresson, the Rev. Arch. Jacobs  
Mr Fitzgerald & Dr Foster, the president of the  
association, & culminated at intervals, by  
pieces of instrumental & vocal music,  
Dr Foster's speech was the speech of the evening  
one which would do no disgrace to the speaker  
to deliver before the highest assemblages

in the old country, refreshments in the old town  
Hall; it was very hot & close for want of more  
ventilation; This will doubtless encourage the young  
men to persevere, in their endeavours to improve  
their intellect, for the public have thus shown  
that they appreciate, & <sup>their efforts</sup> will encourage them to  
their utmost. The assembly broke up about  
Ten P.M., & all apparently, so far as looks  
go satisfied, with what they had seen & heard  
Friday June 30. heavy rain & W. Trade dull  
within reading in the evening, up to Cookham  
House & paid my insurance for the ensuing  
year from June 30 1865 to June 30 1866.

July 1. Saturday, fine frost, S.W. Trade  
Bright, week above the average.

July 2. Sunday, fine showery last night  
cleared 8 a.m. fine day, very cold, to 4th morning  
& evening, to Mr James's to spend the day  
spent a pleasant afternoon, for a walk  
to the cemetery P.M.

July 3. Monday, fine, by S.W. clamping  
up gutters a.m. up town P.M. Trade dull  
posting up my books, up to Brown's carpenter.



not at home, called in to see Mrs. Tho. Brown  
on my way home, she is up & quite herself  
again & the little one, is improving fast;  
spent a pleasant evening; home 10 P.M. repeat

July 4. Tuesday, fine, ship frost by S.E.  
taking stock, trade dull, up to Mr. Cuddon's  
& settled up in the evening, the heaviest settlement  
we have had, is the Generals after.

July 5. Wednesday, ship frost fine, S.W.  
P.M., carrying out things early a.m. trade  
fair, putting books to rights, for a walk  
up town in the evening

July 6. Thursday, fine, by S.W. by S.E.  
after 10 a.m. a big tempest arose about 4 P.M.  
& the wind arose from the S.W., & the clouds  
poured rain, hail, & lightning, & the heavens  
artillery pealed forth, through space, a tempest  
such a one as we have <sup>not</sup> had in chch for two  
or three years, trade fair, putting accounts to rights  
quarter slightly above the average, up to Mr. C's  
in the evening

July 7. Friday, showery, S.W. a poor fellow was  
killed by lightning last night near Leasers place on

the Moon, trade fair, up to Mr. Eldred's in the  
evening

July 8. Saturday, fine, frost, by S.W., trade fair  
dull for a Saturday, down to Mr. Packard's late in  
the evening, with some goods

July 9. Sunday, ship frost S.E. cold. <sup>fine</sup> at ch-  
morning & evening, for a walk up to Capron's P.M.  
within reading in the evening.

July 10. Monday, ship frost, fine, S.E. hot at  
noon, trade fair up town a.m. & again P.M.  
money hunting, walking about town in the evening.

July 11. Tuesday, frost, fine dull day, trade  
fair, up town, a.m. cleaning up the place P.M.  
up to James's in the evening.

July 12. Wednesday, fine, trade dull, printing  
tickets & etc. posting up books. to H.B. in the evening  
received a letter from Mother all well, & a  
very interesting one from W. Sturmand junr.

July 13. Thursday, showery, by all quarters.  
trade fair, posting up books & etc. writing  
home to Mother & a long despatch to the  
Sturmand in Answer to his.

July 14. Friday, ay showery, by N.E. trade dull in consequence, reading at home in the evening.

July 15. Saturday, showery by N.E. trade fair. average week.

July 16. Sunday, showery, N.E. with morning & evening, for a walk P.M. within reading in the evening.

July 17. Monday, threatening S.W. by trade fair, down town P.M. to the mechanics in the evening.

July 18. Tuesday, fine, frost, by N.E. trade fair Mr. Iyer came over to tea, went to the theatre. He stopped all night. "changes."

July 19. Wednesday, fine, by N.E. trade fair brisk. to the General's in the evening.

July 20. Thursday, <sup>fine</sup> fine, by N.E. Trade brisk to the Literary Institute in the evening, & heard a long argument, subject "That England is the most warlike (Nation) civilized nation." some warm discussions on the subject, Dr. Foster, their President, summed up, & the show of hands or rather the majority of

hands, was for the affirmative.

Altered our N.E. window, made a ladder for the interior to show clothing on.

July 21. Friday, frost, fine, by S.W. trade dull weighing up & etc. up to see Ge. Chittall in the evening, spent a pleasant evening. all well, & little one growing nicely.

July 22. Saturday, frost, fine, N.E. trade brisk, Mr. Iyer came in the evening, walked down to Mr. Brown's found all well, & Mr. & Mrs. Hodgson there, he looks, rather thin & pale, but she is looking well, left Mr. I. then I came home, Mr. Iyer, came in, just before closing time, & stopped for the night. week above the average & one of the best settlements we have had.

English mail arrived.

July 23. Sunday, frost, fine, N.E. lovely day, to Ch. morning & evening. Mr. Iyer & Cole came to dinner, after dinner we accompanied Mr. Iyer to the foot of the Hills & then bid him adieu I back to town, up to Mr. James's in the evening received a letter from John, making enquiries about my adopted country.

July 24. Monday, fine, threatening, E. S. E. trade  
fair. Down to Packard's in the evening, to sympathize  
with him, on the loss of his best earthly friend "his  
mother." The loss seemed too great for <sup>him</sup> to realize  
yet it is hard to realize, & we seem to be in a  
dream, awaiting the time of awaking, to see if it  
really is so or not. He has received several  
sympathizing letters, which seem to soften grief.  
She seems to have died happy, & therefore - why sorrow,  
where there's hope, she is removed from further trials  
by our Heavenly Father, & now she is reaping her  
reward, she seemed pleased to find a heart so sorrow  
with him; yea! it does lighten grief, when a living  
heart, unburthened its troubles to another, & two sorrow  
together. "weep with those that weep."

July 25. Tuesday, stormy rain S. W. trade dull in  
consequence, making paper bags & tickets, to the  
Mechanics in the evening.

July 26. Wednesday, showery, S. W. trade dull,  
Frank was taken by bad last night, & continued  
in bed all day, cold in his stomach, which caused  
him a great deal of pain & made him reach & vomit  
excessively. within reading in the evening.

July 27. Thursday, squalls of hail, rain & snow  
S. W. cleared towards evening & commenced freezing  
trade very dull, to an Inquest at the Hospital  
A. M. <sup>held</sup> on the body of Joseph Drounce. He died from  
the effects of a gun-shot wound in his right thigh  
& mate of his was in act of shooting some duck  
flying over head, when in moving, he caught his  
foot in the rope of the tent, which brought him  
to the ground, in falling, he upset Drounce, the  
gun immediately went off & entered the poor  
fellow's thigh, the muzzle being so near, as to  
burn his browers, the entered just above his  
knee on the outside & came out just below the  
groin. He was quite sensible & not a murmur  
escaped his lips. The accident happened on  
Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, ten miles this side of  
Browning's pass, in the gorge of Kaitika, & it was  
I was a week before she reached the Hospital,  
which he entered on Saturday last, on Sunday  
Dr. Orrin & Steadman, saw that the chance of  
saving his life was by amputating his leg  
at the hip joint. which operation was successfully  
performed, & he was progressing favourably till

yesterday morning, when one of the ligatures gave way  
& he died from loss blood, before it could be  
stopped. The amputating at the hip joint, is  
an operation, very difficult & dangerous, & I hear  
from good authority that only 175 cases are on  
record in world, that have survived it.

To the Literary institute in, the evening, subject of  
discussion, "Which is the Greatest Poet Milton or  
Shakespeare." it was very short, & the Chairman, showed  
the ridiculousness, of comparing the two, as they  
were, both masters, Milton's, works being of a higher  
order, & truly majestic works, in an entirely different  
style, & seldom he stopped to write a play or  
Comedy, Now Shakespeare shows his greatness  
in the contrary direction, in writings which appeal  
to the feelings at once, & in words suitable for all  
kinds of occasions, they are like two Commanders, one  
of land forces, & one of a fleet, two different sciences  
entirely. To Brown after.

July 20. Friday, by ship frost, fine, G. S. E.  
Trade fair to James's in the evening

July 29 Saturday, frost fine, G. S. E. Trade bust  
much average.

July 30. Sunday, frost, fine, G. S. E. to Ch. morning  
& evening, two fresh Clergymen, preached, the one  
in the morning, was a very nice young man, -  
Interim preacher, "Old" Frank G. came  
down to day looking much better & as jolly  
as ever, walking about in the evening.

July 31. Monday, fine G. W. dust blowing in  
by shower P. M. up town P. M. Money banking  
Trade fair. To the theatre to see an amateur  
performance, in aid of the funds of the "Licensed  
victuallers association, enjoyed myself much.

Aug 1. Tuesday, frost, by ship G. W. last  
night about 2 o'clock & by shower, fine G. W.  
Trade dull. To Mr Cuddon's & settled up.

Aug 2. Wednesday, frost fine, G. W. a very big  
squall from S. W. about 5 P. M. dust almost  
blinding at the commencement, cleared in  
the evening, to the General's.

Aug 3. Thursday, P. W. Showery, Trade fair.  
To the Literary institute, in the evening. & by  
paying 76 & signing the Rules, I am now  
a member.

July 4. Friday, <sup>part</sup> fine, S.W. Trade brisk  
to sea, to Packard in the evening.

Aug. 5. Saturday, <sup>part</sup> D.E. Trade fair, average  
or rather above, the average week, commenced  
raining about 10 P.M. S.W.

Aug 6. Sunday, <sup>part</sup> showery, S.W. to Ch. a.m.  
accompanied F Greenup up to Mr Digby  
P.M. & stopped to sea, home about 12 past six  
when he donned his clothes & put on his  
old outriggers, & I walked a short distance  
with him on his homeward journey, to the  
Generals after.

Aug 7. Monday, ship frost, <sup>d.</sup> fine, trade  
dull, to Mr Brown at Adaph Street in the evening.

Aug 8. Tuesday, ship frost, fine. S.W. trade  
dull. to Bullbrook in the evening.

Aug. 9. Wednesday, frost, fine. S.W. Trade  
dull. to R. James in the evening.

Aug. 10. Thursday, frost, fine, S.W. a.m.  
H. C. P.M. Trade dull, to an Esquelt held at  
Deering, Antique Str, on the body of a child  
about five weeks old, perished died from  
natural causes, with a rider throwing

flowers on the Graunmother, for negligence, both  
in feeding & in keeping the child clean.

To the Mechanics in the evening, to a meeting  
of the Literary Society, meetings in future to  
be held, in the upper room of the Mechanics  
institute. on Friday evenings, the debate  
was, "that a Limited Monarchy is better  
& a republican form of Government," about  
seven members, spoke for the L. Monarchy  
& two against, Dr Foster summed up, vj  
ably & then put it to vote & it was  
carried by 19 to 6 votes in favour of the  
Limited Monarchy.

Aug, 11 Friday, frost fine, S.W. hot  
trade brisk, to the Town Hall, I joined a  
class under Capt. Wilton, to learn how to  
acquire a mesmeric influence over others  
for one guinea, for six nights one night in  
each week, wednesday nights, to the Generals  
after.

Aug 12. Saturday fine, S.W. dust blowing  
hot, trade fair, week rather below average

Aug 13. Sunday, frost fine, S. E. stiff, to City morning & evening, for a walk P. m. with my friend Cole round the domain, writing to Mr. Cotte in the evening.

Aug 14. Monday, fine hot, stg S. W. dust in abundance almost blinding, a foretaste of summer, Trade fair, writing to Jms. in the evening.

Aug 15. Tuesday, frost fine, S. E. Trade fair up town 2 m. posted a letter to Jms & one to the General in the evening.

Aug 16. Wednesday, frost fine, S. E. Trade dull to the Mechanic's, upper room, to Capt Wilson's mesmeric class, first lesson, more like an introductory lesson, explaining the power of mesmerism its uses & etc. rather disappointed.

Aug 17. Thursday, <sup>thp</sup> frost fine, S. W. Trade dull to the general in the evening.

Aug 18. Friday, <sup>thp</sup> frost fine, S. E. Trade dull to the Literary Institute in the evening, Debate "That it would be beneficial to spend large sums of money on the west coast road at once" Mr. C. Cuff opened it in the affirmative, it

could hardly be called a debate because <sup>all</sup> concurred with Mr. C. in his opinions.

Aug 19. Saturday, frost, ~~f~~ showery S. W. fine P. m. Trade fair, average week,

Aug 20. Sunday, frost, fine S. E. to City morning & evening, for a walk round the domain with my friend Cole, prior to dinner, spent the afternoon & evening at Mr. Marsh's Townbelt South, they are blest with a daughter & a nice little thing she is to, English Mail arrives in Port late.

Aug 21. Monday, frost, fine S. E. Trade fair. At home reading & etc. in the evening.

Aug 22. Tuesday, frost, fine, S. E. Trade dull to the Town Hall to see some Drawing room performance, by Mr & Mrs Harding, & several vocal & instrumental pieces of music, for the benefit of the library of the Mechanics institute.

Aug 23. Wednesday, frost, fine S. E. Trade fair over to Port to a sale, things went well, to Capt Wilson's class at the Institute in the evening, my sceptical views gradually disappearing, a great <sup>deal</sup> of good I believe is to be done by curative Mesmerism.

Aug 24. Thursday, fine, <sup>W. & N. E.</sup> dusty, trade fair, to the Mechanics in the evening, & then on to the Generals.

Aug. 25. Friday, fine, S. E. by trade dull up down 'Aun' saw Mr Parsons in at Leamington House, she is looking well, things going on much as usual over in the Bays.

To the Literary Societies meeting in the evening, debate "Is an untruth justifiable under any circumstances". Mr Seater opened it in the negative very ably for a young man, holding out that under no circumstances can it be justifiable, Dr Newton, opposed, verily, not willingly, but to cause a debate, he brought forward several instances in which it might be said an untruth might be justifiable, which were refuted by others, either by showing that they were not untruths, or by showing that they were unjustifiable. Several got up & spoke on the opposing side to the opener but the arguments were most in favour of the opener's views, & taboring the matter either secularly or scripturally; after Mr Seater's defence of his subject, Dr Parless who took the chair in the absence of the President &

vice-president) summed up, & at the same time giving it as his opinion that there are, or maybe extreme cases in which an untruth may be justifiable, He then put it to the vote when it was carried by a majority of two that "an untruth was unjustifiable under any circumstance". For a walk down to the beach, & sat chatting some time on the subject.

Aug 26. Saturday, W. S. W. fine & dusty trade fair, week average.

Aug. 27. Sunday, fine & commenced raining about 8 a.m. calm, till 11 a.m. viz. S. W. & wet all day, to Ch. morning & evening, within reading. pm & evening

Aug. 28 Monday, showery till 6 a.m. by S. W. trade fair. to the generals in the evening

Aug. 29. Tuesday, fine, S. E. by trade dull, to the Volunteer concert in the evening, & I never before have seen the hall so full, literally crammed performance very good, & well received, & prolonged in consequence, well nigh unto the small hours in it came to a close.

Aug 30 Wednesday, fine, Northw. trade fair to Capt Wilson's melodic class in the evening

I think we have found dear enough for what little knowledge we are likely to obtain from him, for I am still sceptically inclined, but I will not judge, till after the six lessons have been given.

Aug 31. Thursday, fine N. E. trade fair, to Wotton's Colombodra South after closing & spent a pleasant evening.

Sept. 1. Friday, ~~fine~~ N. W. changed to S.W. about 10 a.m. Shower, trade fair, to the Literary Institute in the evening, I heard but did not join in a very interesting debate, subject, "that the Colonies are a source of national weakness to Great Britain." open by Mr. P. Symington very ably; I opposed by Mr. Kepron, & many others only two beside Mr. S. being in favour of the views in question after Mr. S. had replied, Foster came up very ably & only putting it to the vote, it was carried by 17 to 4 against the opener's views.

Sept 2. Saturday. Ship post. S. E. fine, trade brisk, week above the average.

Sept 3. Sunday, showery, S. W. cleared 10 a.m. fine S. E. from 10 to the morning & evening, to W. Packard's to Simmer Dec. for a walk after Ch.

Sept 4. Monday, fine, calm a.m. by N. E. P. m. trade fair, to Wotton's to settle monthly Acc't.

Sept 5. Tuesday, fine, S. E. S. W. after 5 P. m. showery, trade fair, to Mr. Brown's Lur's with friend Cole in the evening, to the General's with W. S. after

Sept 6. Wednesday, ~~fine~~ very rain a.m. cleared P. m. S. W. to Capt Wilson's class in the evening more interesting this time. trade fair

Sept 7. Thursday, ship post fine N. E. trade fair P. m. to Brown's in the evening.

Sept 8. Friday, by ship N. W. last night, S. W. showery after 6 P. m. at home in the evening trade dull.

Sept. 9. Saturday. Showery S. W. trade dull a.m. brisk P. m.

Sept 10. Sunday, showery. S. W. up to Wotton's I spent the day. what walk home.

Sept 11. Monday, showery. a. m. cleared P. m. S. W. trade brisk, to Eldred's in the evening

Sept 12. Tuesday, fine, S. E., trade brisk, to the General's in the evening.

Sept. 13. Wednesday, fine, S. E., S. W. after 5 P. m. trade fair. to Capt Wilson's class, several members operated on each other with success.



Sept 14. Thursday. Very rain, Strg S.W. a regular old fashioned S. wester. Trade dull in consequence writing home in the evening.

Sept 15. Friday, fine a.m. Showery after 3 p.m. S.W. Very fall of snow up country. Trade fair to the quarterly meeting of the literary institute, the minutes of last meeting were read & adopted & a financial statement made or rather given by the treasure, which were adopted, & show, that the finances of the society, are healthy, after which we had a very warm discussion, about, adopting a new code of laws, to be drawn up by the committee which amendment was lost by a majority of one. A resolution was passed that all members who do not pay their arrears of subscriptions, before the next two months, their names shall be struck off the roll, several other amendments were set aside, & one passed for the reading of essays in future as well as debating, after singing the doxology we dispersed.

Sept 16. Saturday, Showery S.W. Trade fair week above the average.

Sept 17. Sunday. Showery P.M. N.E. rain from N.W. to Ch Morning & evening, to Eldred's P.M. & to sea. to the generals in the evening.

Sept 18. Monday, fine N.E. Strg, trade fair putting up potatoes to 1/2 in the evening.

Sept 19. Tuesday, fine, N.E. Strg N.W. P.M. & dust in clouds flying about. Trade fair filling up potatoes, for walk with friend Cole in the evening, to James's. Colombo Str.

Sept 20. Wednesday, showery last night, S.W. fine, Trade fair, filling & picking our potatoes. The last night of our series of ~~lectures~~ lessons on metempsychism, & the most interesting of all.

Sept 21. Thursday, fine, N.E. Trade fair - to the generals in the evening.

Sept 22. Friday, fine, N.E. Trade fair, to Brown's Store Colombo Street in the evening.

Sept 23. Saturday, fine, lovely day, N.E. Trade fair, week average.

Sept 24. Sunday, fine, Strg N.E. cloudy & cold Trade over to Governors Bay, with friend Cole & back 7 P.M. found all well & things much

forwarder that each side, things looked lovely  
budding, forth, in spring's beautiful green;  
beautiful & bright, contrasting with the dark  
evergreen foliage of the bush & the bright yellow  
tint of the gorse hedges, (being in full flower)  
& again in the gardens, early spring, begins to  
show herself in the budding & blossoming of  
the many fruit trees, & in Mr P's garden. I again  
saw my little Russian irises in flower.

To Ch. with Mr & Mrs P. & Miss E's. who is staying  
over there, on to Mr Hodgson's to dinner & spent  
a few pleasant hours, chatting on innumerable  
topics, the greatest being about the barabar that  
is to be shortly, the proceeds to go towards  
erecting a parsonage, back to Mr P's. to tea, felt  
reluctant to leave so soon, but night drawing  
nigh apace, we bid all adieu & returned to this  
our City. On arriving I accompanied my friend  
to his lodgings & stayed to supper, & to ended the  
day.

Sept 25. Monday. fine, B. E. A westerly inclined  
after 3 P.M. trade fair, to the mechanics in the  
evening, to hear a lecture by Dr Haast our

geologist, "on the west coast of this province".  
very interesting, but one lecture does not give a  
lecturer sufficient scope for so vast & interesting  
a subject; & I think the Dr. managed it with  
considerable ability; he entered into the geological  
meteorological & botanical features of the country,  
& gave a geographical description of the coast.  
A large panoramic view of Hokitiki was also  
on view, showing the townships, shipping lying  
in the river, also the sandy beach & bar, it being  
taken at low water, several wrecks being seen in  
the foreground, & showing the dense bush, which covers  
the country even to the water's edge, & the snow  
capped mountains in the background, forming  
a magnificent contrast; such scenery as is  
not to be seen in <sup>any</sup> other part of the world.

The chairman Mr Sheath gave a vote of thanks  
to the Dr. on behalf of the assembly, when  
the meeting dispersed, I saw my friend safe  
home & then called at the general's on my  
way home.

Sept 26. Tuesday, fine, B. E. Showery P.M. S.W.  
G. trade fair, to Mr Mollet's in the evening

Sept 27. Wednesday, fine, S.W. a.m. S.E. P.m.  
by S.W. after nine P.m. foggy, trade fair, to see  
the Californian Circus in the evening. quite satisfied  
with once seeing the "Marvellous Lights."

Sept 28. Thursday, fine, S.E. Trade fair, to Mr  
James's with Filadot Cole & had a few rubbers of wrist  
in the evening

Sept 29. Friday, fine S.W. up early digging for  
Celadon, Trade fair, within in the evening.

Sept 30. Saturday, fine a.m. showery P.m. S.E.  
S.W. rain. Trade brisk, week above average

Oct 1. Sunday, fine lovely day, S.E. to Ch  
at St Luke's a.m. & St Michaels in the evening

to St Luke's Sunday school, both morning & evening  
Mr. Jones gave his farewell address to the children  
in the afternoon, & many burst into tears, they  
presented him with a testimonial & three books  
as "acknowledgement for his services, as their  
Superintendent, for three & half years, & he introduced  
me as their future Superintendent, it is a  
responsible undertaking, & I hope I may have  
strength, to carry it out as it ought to be.

Oct 2. Monday, frost fine, S.W. taking stock  
Trade brisk, to Mr Cuddons in the evening.

Oct. 3 Tuesday, frost, fine, S.E., S.W. P.m. & heavy  
shower, & a few claps of thunder, trade brisk  
up down P.m. to Brown's team Str. East in the  
evening.

Oct. 4. Wednesday, fine, S.E. by S.W. at noon  
heavy tempest 3 P.m. & rain in torrents S.W. trade  
fair, to Mr Cuddons to settle monthly Accts.

Oct 5. Thursday, frost, fine, S.W. a.m. S.E. P.m.  
Trade fair, to a meeting at St Luke's School;  
a farewell tea meeting given by Mr Jones, spent  
a pleasant evening, busy at work

Oct 6. Friday, fine, a.m. by S.W. P.m. S.W. after  
3 P.m. heavy shower trade fair, to C James's in the  
evening with an order. Spent a pleasant evening

Oct 7. Saturday, fine, S.E., Trade brisk week  
above an average. Butter in abundance  
Oct Mr Dyer called at dinner time he is looking  
care worn, poor fellow.

Oct. 8. Sunday, fine, hot & oppression, to mid day  
between St Luke's & St Michaels. to Ch Morning & Evening  
to St Luke's a.m. & St Michaels in the evening

X  
To St Luke's Sunday School, morning & afternoon, we  
open the school at 9 am: prayers at 10 past, hear  
their lessons, collect & texts of Scripture, & then  
they read a chapter & the teachers explain it to  
them, close by singing one verse of some hymn &  
then to church, similar in the afternoon, till  
three when I heard them say a text given out  
last Sunday, & then gave them a few words of  
explanation & advice, closed the school at 4 past  
three, by singing & then prayers, when those so  
disposed went home & the rest stopped to  
get books out of the library, which belong ex-  
clusively to the Sunday School, they return them  
at the expiration of a fortnight, & then get fresh ones  
On my way home I met friend Cole, & returned  
with him to tea, & then to bed. & so next Sunday  
I suppose I shall take active steps as a substitute  
for a walk with Mr Jones after ch & then on  
to the General's where we sang a few hymns &  
spent a pleasant hour, & then to supper.  
Oct 9. Monday, fine H.C. in the eve, after noon  
trade brisk, selling down butter & making  
paper bags & etc. in the evening.

Oct 10. Tuesday, fine, H.C. showery after 6 p.m.  
filling up potatoes a.m.; cleaning up & etc, trade  
dull, to St Luke's School, to put the library in order  
& write a catalogue of the new books, & the children's  
names in a book & the numbers of the books given out.  
Mr. Haunden & two other teachers were present; we  
dispersed about 10 p.m. raining fast.

Oct 11. Wednesday, driving rain H.C. Trade  
fair, delivered the potatoes to Wilson Corn Factor.  
Received two letters from Home, the English mail  
is very behindhand this time & the cause I have  
not yet heard assigned. One from Mr. Otter & one from  
John, he seems bent on going to Australia, so much  
so that whilst writing to me, he forget himself  
& was ~~speaking~~ writing as if in Australia, but he was  
soon called consciousness, & appended "or rather" to  
alter what he was saying in accordance with the  
place. writing home in the evening.

Oct 12. Thursday, fine cool, H.C. in the eve, G.H.W.  
P.m. Trade fair, clearing up the place, to the Mechanics  
in the evening.

Oct 13. Friday, showery. I.W. Trade fair, to  
St Luke's School, to practice singing with the  
teachers, for Sunday singing, spent a pleasant evening.

ended with prayer, the first prayer I have ever made before others.

Oct. 14. Saturday, fine S. E. Trade brisk. week average

Oct. 15. Sunday, fine, v. hot. S. W. to the school morning & afternoon, v. hot. Lukes in the morning & St. Michaels in the evening, v. good attendance at the school in the afternoon. ~~The~~ Carpenter is beginning to grow weary of opening & closing the school, for he neglected coming to close it. after dismissal, all the teachers & the larger boys & girls stopped & practiced a few hymns. we got on very well indeed, I hope to derive much good from taking upon me these new duties, for we cannot teach others without learning ourselves & we must learn before we can teach, & it will occupy my mind, I keep the evil one at bay, I have great need of improvement & look upon it as an ordering of providence, that I should take the superintendency of the schools at St. Lukes. & may I have strength to fulfill the important duties aright, for a walk with Mr. Jones in the evening.

Oct. 16. Monday, fine A. M. S. W. hot. L. W. rain after 3 P. M. Trade dull, at home reading in the evening, smiles "Self help".

Oct. 17. Tuesday, showery day at times S. W.

Trade dull in consequence, helping Mr. Cuddeon to put up a stable for a horse, in his yard. for a few hours, cleaning windows & etc, other part of the day.

Oct. 18. Wednesday, showery, S. W. up town I bought some things, at Peacock & Co's & R. Symingtons, cleaned up & went to a farewell tea meeting at Birmingham Room Cathedral square, given by Mr. Jacobs to Mr. Jones, about 40 present at tea, after tea the things were cleared off away & the room set in order, for the meeting of the institute at St. Michaels, at a quarter to 8 the Bishop took the chair, & after the singing of a hymn by the choral class, his honour, related what he had seen & done on the west coast, & pointed out the great need of at once using means, for administering to their spiritual wants, also telling us what had been done & the plans for the future, he stated that some on the west side of this province, were willing to guarantee the passage money of a Clergyman to the coast, & also said that from the general desire for a Minister to come amongst <sup>them</sup> "the bishops" thought that the gold fields ~~at~~ would soon support their own Clergy, He proposed sending two, one

as head, to be a resident at Hokitiki & the other to  
preach throughout the diggings, anywhere & at any fitting  
opportunity. Not forgetting to mention the salaries required of  
three hundred a year. After some more singing Mr Jacobs  
proposed that a list be established in Ch. for  
the selling of the books of the Society for promoting  
Christian knowledge, which was duly seconded & passed  
& a committee elected consisting of several Clerg., &  
the remainder from the laity; & Mr Jacobs, gave a  
testimonial to Mr Jones, for his services; for the services  
so ably & efficiently carried out for the good & welfare  
of St Luke's School. After Mrs F. Gerald & Mr Hayward  
& Rev. Wilson sang, some pieces of sacred music,  
Mr Wood also played some overtures on his flute  
very ably, when after singing "God save the Queen" the  
meeting dispersed, about 10 past Ten ~~pm~~ I accompanied  
Sup. Mahip one of the teachers part of the way home  
& then returned to my own domicile.

Oct 19, Thursday, fine, S. E., helping Mr. put  
up his stable, trade fair brisk in the evening  
to Mr. Mallet in the evening, & spent a pleasant  
evening.

The death of a young man at sea.

In memoriam

By A. E.      A. J. B.      E. E.  
To distant New Zealand, across the wide Ocean,  
A noble ship started from England & bore  
A youth whose heart throbb'd with conflicting emotions  
As he looked once again on his own native shore.

To one yet so young, scarce sixteen summers mumbering,  
Life seemed as a dream which would never cease to flourish,  
But ere long his soul from the arms of death slumbering,  
Had passed "to the land which our mortal may know."

Oh! little thought he, when from England first started,  
He was leaving the home of his childhood for ever,  
That by death he'd be snatched from the friends he had partied,  
And borne far away, where there's sorrowing never.

Yes, like a dream's whisper, comes forth from high Heaven,  
The awful command, "Thy soul wanted of thee,"  
To thy maker then give it, by whom it was given —  
A dream which we sometimes too often may see.

Around the couch gathering, friends vainly regretting  
That the spirit from earth to soon must take wing;  
But faster & faster the sun goes west on setting,  
Till at last the soul soared to its Saviour & King.

Scenes that on earth appear noblest & fairest,  
Are as soon changed to death as the morning to night,  
For a friend whom to day, we prize as a thing rarest,  
To-morrow has flown like a bird from the sight.

## The old Chartist

By Geo. Meredith

Whatever I be, Old England is my dam!  
So there's my answer to the judges, clear.  
I'm nothing of a fox, nor of a lamb;  
I don't know how to cheat, nor how to leer:  
I'm for the nation!  
That's why you see me by the way side, here,  
Returning home from transportation.

II.

The summer in her bath, this morn, I think.  
I'm fresh as dew, & chirpy as the birds:  
And just for joy to see Old England wink  
Thro' leaves again, I could harangue the birds;  
Isn't it something  
To speak out like a man when you have got words,  
& prove you are not a stupid dumb thing?

III.

They shipped me off for it; I'm here again.  
Old England is my dam, whatever I be.  
Says I, I'll tramp it home, & see the grain:  
If you see well, you're bring of what you see;  
Eye sight is howing  
If you're not given, I said, to gluttony,  
Such talk to ignorance sounds as sawing.

IV.

You dear old brook, that from his Grace's park  
Come bounding! on you run near my old town:  
My Lord can't lock the water; nor the lock,  
Unless he kills him, can my Lord keep down.  
Up, is the long note!

I've tried it to: - for comfort & renown,  
I rather pitched upon the wrong note.

V.

I'm not ashamed: not beaten still my boat:  
Again I'll rouse the people up to strike.  
But home's where different politics join most.  
Respectability the women like.

This form, or that form -  
The Government may be hungry pike,  
But don't you mount a Chartist platform!

VI.

Well, Well! Not beaten - spite of them, I shout;  
& my estate is suffering for the Cause. -  
Now, what is your brown water-rat about,  
Who washes his old poll with busy paws?

What does he mean by it?  
It's like defying all our natural laws,  
For him to hope that he'll get clean by it.

VII.

His seat is on a mud-bank, & his trade  
Is dirt: - he's quite contemptible; & yet  
The fellows all as anxious as a maid  
To show a decent dress, & dry the wet.

Now it's his whisker,  
And now his nose, & ear: he seems to get  
Each moment at the motion bicker!

VIII.

To see him squat like little chaps at school,  
I can't help laughing out with all my might.  
He peers, hangs his fore-paws: bless the fool,  
He's bobbing at his frill now! - what a sight,  
Licking the dust up,  
As if he thought to pass from black to white,  
Like parson into lawny bishop.

IX.

The elms & yellow reed-flags in the sun,  
Look on quite grave: - the sunlight flecks his side,  
And links of bindweed-flowers round him run,  
& shine up doubled with him in the tide.

I'm nearly splitting,  
But nature seems like seconding his pride,  
& thinks that his behaviour's fitting.



X.

That isle o' mud looks baking dry with gold.  
 It is needle-muddle that works out & in.  
 It really is a wonder to behold,  
 & Makes me feel the bristles of my chin.  
 Judged by appearance,  
 I fancy of the two I'm nearer Sin,  
 & might as well commence a clearance.

XI.

And that's what my fine daughter said:— she meant:  
 Pray hold your tongue, & wear a Sunday face.  
 Her husband, the young linen draper, spent  
 Much argument thereon:— I'm their disgrace.  
 Bother the couple!  
 I feel superior to a chap whose place  
 Commands him to be neat & supple.

XII.

But if I go & say to my old hen:  
 I'll mend the gentry's boots, & keep discreet,  
 untill they grow too violent, — why then,  
 A warmer welcome I might chance to meet:  
 Warmer & better  
 & if she fancies her old cock is beat,  
 I drop upon her knees — so let her!

XIII

She suffered for me:— women you'll observe,  
 I'm't buffer for a cause, but for a man.  
 When I was in the dock, she showed her nerve:  
 I saw beneath her shawl my old Tea can  
 Trembling.... she brought it.  
 To screw me for my work: she loathed my plan  
 And therefore doubly kind I thought it.

XIV

I've never lost the taste of that same tea:  
 That liquor on my logic floats like oil,  
 When I state facts, & fellows disagree.  
 For human creatures all are in a coil;  
 All may want pardon.  
 I see a day when every pot will boil.  
 Harmonious in one great Tea-garden!

XV

Be wout the setting of the Dandy's day,  
 Before that time! — He's furbishing his dress —  
 He will be ready for it! — & I say  
 That you old dandy rot amidst the cress, —  
 Thanks to hard labour! —  
 If cleanliness is next to godliness,  
 The old fat fellow's Heaven's neighbour!

XVI.

You teach me a fine lesson, my old boy!  
I've looked on my superiors for too long.  
And small has been my profit as my joy.  
You've done the right while I've denounced the wrong.  
Prosper me later!

Like you I'll despise the sniggering throng,  
And please myself & my Creator.

XVII

I'll bring the linen-drafter & his wife  
Some day to see you: taking off my hat.  
Should they ask why, I'll answer: in my life  
I never found so true a democrat.  
Base occupation  
Can't rob you of your own esteem, old rat!  
I'll preach you to the British Nation.

Farewell!

Sept 13  
1844

Farewell! if ever fondest prayer  
For others weal would on high,  
Time will not be lost in air,  
But waft thy name beyond the sky.  
'Twere vain to speak, to weep, to sigh:  
Oh! more than tears of blood can tell,  
Then wrung from guilt's expiring eye,  
Are in that word - Farewell! - Farewell!

These lips are mute, these eyes are dry,  
But in my breast & in my brain,  
Awake the pangs that pass not by,  
The thought that ne'er shall sleep again.  
My soul nor deigns nor dares complain,  
Though grief & passion there rebel:  
I only know I loved in vain -  
I only feel - Farewell! - Farewell!

L. B.

"Why does the letter R hold an enviable position?  
— Because it is never found in sin, but always  
in temperance, industry, virtue, & prosperity.  
It is the beginning of religion & the end of war."

"We spend the present in lamenting the ~~past~~  
happiness of the past: & while we do so, the  
present becomes the past, to be again in turn —  
lamented."





