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Constitution
of
Christchurch young Men's Literary Association

- (1) That the name of the society be the Christchurch men's Literary Association.
- (2) That all young men present (at the second meeting of the society) whether married or single giving in their names to the secretary and paying the first quarters subscription be members of the society.
- (3) That all future candidates be nominated at one meeting and balloted for at the next when a majority of votes in favour of the candidate, shall carry the election; Candidates not to be eligible under 16 years of age.
- (4) That the nomination of candidates may be either in writing or viva voce by two members but in either case without discussion.

(5) That the subscription be fixed for the present at two Shillings and sixpence per quarter.

(6) That there be a President vice-president Treasurer, Secretary, & committee of Management, to be elected in the first instance for six months and afterwards annually—

(7) That the president or vice-president be expected to preside at all ordinary meetings of the Society's, & in the absence of both a president be appointed by the members present.

(8) That the committee of Management do consist of the officers of the Society and six other members who shall have power at any time, on notice to report on matters which they shall consider of importance to the Society; four to form a quorum.

(9) That the Society meet weekly on Thursday evenings, from the 3rd of Sept. to the first of April, from 7.30 P.M.

untill nine p.m. & from the first of April untill the 30th of September from 7 P.M. untill 9. P.M.

(11) That the usual order of business be as follows on the chair being taken prayer be offered; the minutes read & put for confirmation; Candidates for admission proposed, & a ballot taken on nomination already made; reports from Committee of Management (if any) considered; the next subject for debate announced; the question for the evening called on & the debate taken; to conclude with the Doxology or a short Hymn.

(12) That twenty minutes be allowed for the opening speech or fifteen minutes if there are two opening speeches; & all the speeches ten minutes only, the Chairman may sum up after the opening reply & the votes shall then be taken & the members on both sides recorded on the minutes.—

(13) That there be four quarterly meetings in the second week of the months, of March, June, September, & December, at which the Treasurer a/c. shall be presented for audit - officers Chosen, & all vacancies, & all reports of the committee of management or other questions relating to the organization or management of the Society considered; but no member shall be nominated or elected.

(14) That the Society consist of Honorary & ordinary members.

(15) That all members who shall have attended fifty meetings of the Society & opened eight discussions covering a period of not less than eighteen months shall be entitled to Honorary privileges, provided that there are at the time of claim fifty members on the Roll.

(16) That the members thus elected shall receive a diploma, signed by the President, Vice-president & Secretary.

(17) Honorary Members shall enjoy all the privileges of ordinary members but shall be relieved from all compulsory duties.

(18) In order to ensure the proposed carrying out of the above rules the Secretary shall inform every member of his election forthwith & take the roll of the members present every evening.

(19) That the committee with the sanction ~~of~~ ^{of the} meeting of the Society have the power to create Honorary members other than are elected by the foregoing rules.

(20) That all subjects of discussion shall be sent into the general committee who shall arrange the same at their discretion.

(21) That a book be provided setting forth the Constitution of the Society that which every member shall subscribe to giving at the same time his address in full.

(22) That no member be allowed to speak & vote unless his subscriptions are all paid except one quarter (except by the Courtesy of the Chair).

Oct 20. 1865.

Log. Book No. 4.
Joseph H. Hastings

Oct. 20, Friday, fine, N. E. trade brisk, to St. Luke's School, to the teachers meeting, we met for the purpose of learning from each other, a clear way, in which to lay the truths of Salvation in Christ, before the children so that their little minds can grasp it. commenced by singing & prayers & the same at closing & I think we parted I think, well satisfied with having learnt something for our good, I enjoyed myself. filled up my log on my return home.

Oct. 21. Saturday. Showery, S. W. Trade brisk P. M. week average. Night Mail arrived.

Oct. 22. Sunday. N. E. 4. m. L. W. after 10 P. M. Showery to the School at nine rather thin attendance on account of the weather I suppose, time past pleasantly & quickly whilst I was explaining "that as in Adam all died so in Christ shall be made alive." to St. Luke's 4. m. Sacrament Sunday, to the school at two, not very well, & my class in consequence not so attentive as I should like to have seen them, thus showing that the fault rests with the teachers, that when a teacher does not fulfill his duty aright, the children at once notice the difference & become dilatory, after dismissal the library books were exchanged; the reel was

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." I gave them a short address on it, showing the consequences of breaking it; & the blessing to be derived from keeping it. Mr. Carpenter came in & dismissed the school. 100 children attended this afternoon, fewer on account of the weather.

To St. Michaels in the evening, Mr. Jacobs preached an excellent sermon, Hebrews 3 c & 12 & 13 following verses. I think he improves he seems to become more earnest ~~more~~ since this new sect the "Swedenborgians" have arisen in Christchurch; thus trials strengthen him & shows him more plainly his duty & ^{greater} responsibility; to Mr. Boggis's after. Received a letter from Oct 23. Monday, fine, ship frost, cut off the early potatoes, by G. E. Van. Trade fair. To the Town Hall in the evening to a lecture delivered by Dr. Foster, subject, Truth v. falsehood.

I must say that in my estimation ^{is} cleared - himself of all calumny which was cast upon him after a former lecture delivered on the same subject. He handled the subject very ably, & brought forward several instances in which he held it was not wrong for the one party to deceive another, or to tell the ^{the} truth, he argued strongly

that if a man's life, may be given up for the good of our country, so he believes, the truth might be sacrificed, for the same intent or to save life.

Holding an opinion that there are times & circumstances ^{in which} under which it may be justifiable to tell, or withhold the truth, or deceive others, not in words but in acts. I think it well to let these matters alone. For God is a God of truth & abhors deceit in any shape or form. What's wanting is that we want to examine ourselves each severally, that we deceive not others each to look to himself, & take the "beam out of his own eye." before he attempts to take out the "mote out of his brother's eye." For "man's heart is deceitful above all things & desperately wicked."

Oct. 24. Tuesday, fine hot, S.W. Stg at times. Sat. 4 P.M. N.E. 9 P.M. Trade fair, to the ^{Market} in the evening I had a yarn with friend "Cole." Oct. 25. Wednesday, fine hot a.m. S.E. S.W. p.m. heavy showers, Trade fair, salting down butter up Town P.M. at home reading & writing in the evening.

Oct 26. ~~Wednesday~~ ^{Thursday}, ship frost, S.W. a.m. N.E. p.m.
fine, putting yard boards & levelling it, up town &
made some purchases. Trade fair, at home reading
& meditating in the evening.

Oct 27. Friday, ship N.W. S.W. 8 a.m. & blew
a perfect gale from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. when it -
calmed down, Trade brisk.

To St. Luke's School in the evening, to practice singing.
There we met a small band, but great for good or
for evil. Getting more friendly, but I feel more ^{need}
of knowledge & now look back on time spent in
idleness with regret. To V.M.'s after & brought a return
drowest from them, all well.

Oct 28. Saturday, fine, N.E. N.W. 4 p.m. Sw in the
evening Showery Trade brisk. week above average.

Oct. 29. Sunday, fine, N.E. a.m. N.W. P.m. at
noon, Sw in the evening & Showery. to the school
as usual, Mr Carpenter is laid up unwell, attendance
fair, & I felt more confidence in speaking before
the children, I detained some of the children to
practice singing after school P.m. Very disappointed
to find that Miss Mallory one of our best teachers
is going to leave us, for a time at least if not

for good. I have felt ^{more} to day, my dependance on God
& to look less to mine own strength, & have found
much good from it. To St. Luke's a.m. to St. Michael's
in the evening home with friend Col in the evening
spent a pleasant evening. Text Ps. 116. xxxviii. 3.

Oct 30 Monday, fine, Sw a.m. N.E. p.m.
Trade fair. Salting down butter, for a walk in the
evening.

Oct. 31. Tuesday, fine, N.E. Trade for dull,
W. Sigby & friend Martin came in, in the evening
we had a long conversation on "prelection" he (Martin)
upholding it, myself opposing it, walked home with
them in earnest conversation all the way.

Nov. 1. Wednesday, fine N.E. Trade fair, to Mr C's
after tea, took Mr Boggs out for a drive, to Mr
Mollis in the evening, spent a pleasant evening.

Nov. 2. Thursday, fine ship N.W. hot Trade dull
to St. Luke's school & put the childrens library to rights

Nov. 3. Friday, fine, N.W. Sw in the evening
very busy, to St. Luke's school, Teachers meeting
for the purpose of explaining the scriptures. It made
me feel quite comfortable after the turmoil of the day

Nov 4. Saturday, fine N. E. Trade brisk, up early
& at it late. tired out. "To him that hath shall be given."

Nov. 5. Sunday, fine, N. E. lovely day to Ch morning
& evening & to school as usual, Miss Walling one form better
teacher, is about leaving us, she made her last appearance
this morning, I am very sorry. I took her class this afternoon.
& I heartily enjoyed myself with them, I riveted their attention
& some of them were in tears, I hope & trust God will bless
my endeavours to do good in the school, I like it more, I look
on it as a pleasant though arduous duty.

For a walk with Mr Jones (who is down again) around the domain
& to his domicile, I stopped to supper with, & had some
pleasant conversation with him & his friend Mr Kent.

Text at the school to day Act VIII. 37. "Missionary Sunday"
& I brought before their notice the beautiful translation
of the Ethiopian eunuch.

Nov 6. Monday, fine, calm shot a.m. N. E. P.m.
Trade fair. to Mr C's. & settled up in the evening.
& to Mr Paggis's after.

Nov 7. Tuesday, Showery at early Morn, S.W. fine
clearing windows & etc Trade fair

Nov 8. Wednesday, fine N. E. Trade fair
to the Town hall in the evening, to an

election meeting, leading speaker Habob Wilton
quite amusing, to hear the opposition to some of
his views, especially when the "Master & Servants
Act" came under his notice, the hiss & groans
& crying out of many in hall, was almost
unbearable but nothing daunted, he stood
up manfully & defended his cause; the resolution
was passed at the close with an amendment
"that although the present meeting assemble
oppose his (the orator's) views on the Master &
Servants Act, yet they tender him their sincere
thanks for upholding the "old ministry".
at the last meeting of the Assembly.

Nov 11. Thursday, fine S. E. Paines of Wales birth
day, & the Churchwardens like loyal subjects, made
a holiday of it to commemorate the event; taking down
butter & cleaning up our little room A.M. P.M. we
walked up to the Plough inn to see a match played
between the civilians & volunteers, (a cricket match
I ought to have said) the civilians came off victorious
by 30 runs. called to see Mrs Dalton, found all well &
place looking splendid splendid show for fruit.
to Mr Aldrich to tea, & did an hour or two's work

in the garden, home early to read & meditate.

Nov 10. Friday, fine, very hot, calm in: D. & P. m. Trade brisk for a long ride 35 miles; money hunting, round by the water-holes, & Cook's house on the coal track, & to the back of Waddens. home to Sea. After closing went to the school, to practice singing; spent a very pleasant evening.

Nov 11. Saturday, fine, Stg N. W. very hot & dust intolerable, S. W. after 4 P. m. quite pleasant & refreshing Trade brisk, week above average, for all the holidays.

Nov 12. Sunday, fine, D. & P. lovely day, school & Ch, as usual morning, afternoon & evening.

Text P. m. Acts. iv. 12 & x. 43, that grand confession of the Apostle Peter to his enemies, confession of Christ, undaunted, he stood before them all & said "Neither is there Salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." I pointed out man's need of a saviour, & showed them that "Christ & him Crucified." is sufficient, to save a man, if he will only, repent & believe, for we must believe before we can realise, the goodness, & merciful kindness of a long suffering & a just God, & then we wonder at it, & well we

may wonder! that God has done so much for man. To Mr. Mollis after Ch. in the evening, spent a pleasant evening with them & Mr & Mrs. Hodgson from Governors Bay & Miss C. Brown, ^{talking} on different subjects, Dr Foster's lectures & the coming Baraan over in Governors Bay being the chief topics. home by 12 o'clock since then retired to rest.

Nov 13. Monday, fine, very hot 75° in the shade Stg N. W. & dust blowing in continuous clouds, Trade fair, writing home in the evening.

Nov 14. Tuesday, fine, S. W. D. & P. after 3 P. m. Showery last night, Trade dull, up Town, to Symington & Peacocks, & purchased some, Crimean Shirts, for a walk with friend Cole & then on to Cuddons in the evening.

Nov 15. Wednesday, fine, hot, Stg. N. W. & very dusty S. W. at noon, D. & P. after 3 p. m. Trade fair clearing up the Brokers place, unpacking a hogthead of China, opened well & sound, up to the general in the evening.

Nov 16. Thursday, fine, with the exception of a hail storm at noon, S. W. nice day for the Agricultural Show, closed, posting up my books A. m. down to the show, called at Mr. Mollis on

Dec 18 Saturday, Mr. J. M. G. made call for
 Saturday but time old age coming on brought the
 week to an average.
 Dec 19 Sunday, Mr. J. M. G. after 3 P.M. at
 10:30, at school, at school, at school P.M.
 I felt much calmer, more relaxed & a greater desire
 to persevere on the work of teaching. Sat. Feb 23
 Feb 23. I talked them a question, where was your hand?
 asked them to consider it well, for if they were not
 cleared on this head, what good, they were receiving
 them down to hell; I said to understand is bring
 them to Christ, & I hope I may be an instrument
 in God's hands, to effect the saving of some of
 them souls.
 For a walk with friend Cole on the morning, to school
 after, & then notes that talking a while with friends
 & T. H. G. G. G.
 Dec 20 Monday, Mr. J. M. G. made call for
 Mr. J. M. G. P.M. 10:30. made call for
 in the evening
 Dec 21 Tuesday, Mr. J. M. G. after 4 P.M. at
 school, at home reading in the evening
 made call for, at home reading in the evening

Dec 17 Saturday, Mr. J. M. G. after 11 A.M.
 on the morning, quite engaged myself
 first been for year. from 2 to 4, to the Mr. G. by
 grounds, has many friends & from whom I had
 at each year, a great number of people in the
 time, says I think you will be well disappointed
 permission on last year, but the cattle, which
 the sheep & implements, was an im-
 to be contacted with my disengagement.
 from the much engaged & come down, to I had
 my way down, but found Mr. G. & Mr. G.
 I had
 He is able to meet for such a purpose.
 why is this? why are my duties changed? why are
 the things I was doing altered? & why have
 my duties altered? all of my soul's because my
 friends duties are satisfied in at having found a
 down

Nov 22. Wednesday, by S. W. Trade brisk,
Loaded L. W. Greenup's or rather Williamson's lot
Dray, from to Mr Sigby's with Frank in the
evening

Nov 23. Thursday, fine, N. E. up soon after four
breakfast before five, I walk with Frank to their
Dray near Sapham's mill, Hayley Park, Trade dull
Horticultural Show at the Drill Shed, went in
the evening. I quite enjoyed it, for then I saw many
things that I would not have thought "Nature" could
best of. All down the middle, where high stables
or tables covered, with flowering shrubs & plants in
full flower, around the side, sauce shrubs in pots
Floral devices, Bouquets, pauline blossoms, vegetables
of all descriptions, New potatoes Kidney & round, Ch. Ch.
carried the palm for them, receiving first prize for
each to the boys stood second, some very fine Hubbard
& cucumbers, brocolis, Lettuces, Globe artichokes & etc
also some fine Strawberries ripe.

to Mr. Mellett in the evening, chatting with him whom I -

Nov 24. Friday, fine, Saw a perfect hurricane
from the N. W. & the dust, was intolerable,
horsesmen having to turn their horses heads

to leeward during the gusts, Trade fair, to St.
Luke's School in the evening, practicing singing
Nov 25. Saturday, fine by S. W. Trade by
brisk, one of the best weeks I have ever had
over a cent. up to eight in the evening for a
bath.

Nov. 26. Sunday, fine, N. W. Saw after 7 p.m.
to school as usual, to St Luke's a.m. I preached
in the evening, very good attendance at the School
P.m. Mrs Eldred & Miss Proggis came & taught
P.m. the small class, Miss Young, through illness
being absent in the afternoon. I will be for the
future, Text out of Gal. vi. 7. "Be not deceived
for God is not mocked; whatsoever a man
soweth that shall he reap." gave them a short
address on it, stopped after School to practice
a few Hymns. To Mr Brown in the evening
Nov 27. Monday, fine, ship fast, N. E. Trade
fair, clearing away old potato place & water
closet, preparatory to making an addition to the
Crockery, warehouse, Clarkson commenced
putting it up P.m. at home writing & etc
in the evening.

Nov 28. Tuesday, Showery, S. W. & P. O.
by G. Shifting goods: & etc. up Town P. m. to
get some things to make up an order for Fraw
at home in the evening

Nov 29. Wednesday, Showery S. E. up Town W. m.
Shifting goods & pulling down the old
Stair case. at home in the evening reading
& etc

Nov 30. Thursday, Showery, S. W. beautiful
rains, all nature seems refreshed. Trees, flowers
shrubs & etc, are all again rearing their heads
which before, were drooping for want of moisture
& the dry heat of the last three weeks of hot
weather. Out for orders & delivering goods.
at home in the evening reading & etc

Dec. 1. Friday, fine, lovely day, S. E. putting the
place to rights, up Town a. m. & P. m., Clarkson
finished, the addition & alteration.

To St Luke's School in the evening, Teachers
meeting, subject, "on the responsibility of Teachers."
Chapter 33 of Ezekiel, enjoyed myself much. I
like these meetings more & more.

Dec 2. Saturday, fine S. E. Trade brisk, well
above average.

Dec 3. Sunday, fine, by N. W. by 8³⁰ P. m.
To school & Ch. as usual To St Luke's Am. & St Michael's
in the evening, fresh quarter at the school, gave
out new cards & took in the old.

instead of addressing them, I read a few extracts out
of a small, on Missionary labour, which pleased
them well.

To Mr. Mallet's in the evening, spent a pleasant
evening with ~~rather~~ to him & "":

Dec. 4. Monday, by N. W. fine, unpacking
Crockery, Trade fair, for a walk round the
domain in the evening. I then saw a glorious
Moonrise, enjoyed myself & came back to
post up my books quite refreshed.

Dec 5. Tuesday, fine N. W. hot, by S. W.
& P. m. & gale of rain, Trade brisk, unpacking
Crockery to Cuddon's & settled up Monthly
of heaviest we have had yet.

Dec 6. Wednesday, fine, S. W. Trade fair
Clearing up the place & unpacking Crockery
To St Luke's School in the evening, putting school
books to rights, preparations for next sabbath.

Dec 7. Thursday, Showy, H. E., Trade brisk
unpacking, to St Luke's School in the evening

Dec 8. Friday, fine H. E. Showy in the evening
Trade fair meeting off Crookey, to St Luke's School
in the evening, to a prayer meeting.

Dec 9. Saturday, fine, H. E. Trade brisk, went above
average.

Dec 10. Sunday, fine, H. E., lovely day, to school &
Ch as usual, ^{judge} did not make his appearance, so I
conducted the school as usual P.M. Text out of Matthew
"My son go not into the ^{ways} paths of the wicked, nor enter
into the paths of evil men." "My son, if sinners
entice the conduct thou not." I explain these texts
to them & endeavoured to impress upon their minds
the necessity of avoiding intercourse with the wicked.
I, Mr. Mollis in the evening

Dec 11. Monday, fine H. E. Trade fair, up Town P.M.
unpacking Crookey & Tumbler, for a walk with
Friend Cole in the evening.

Dec 12. Tuesday, Trade fair, fine H. E. to Mr.
Mollis in the evening.

Dec 13, Wednesday, fine H. E. Trade fair
unpacking, to the school in the evening making
preparations

Dec 14. Thursday, fine day H. E., out for orders
a m. delivering them P.M., Trade dull, writing
home in the evening. Sent home another
draft to —

Dec 15. Friday, fine, extremely cool by H. E.
Trade brisk; to the school for attendance
on eye of the encampment, home reading after.

Dec 16. Saturday, very hot by H. E. Trade dull
Amusements of the settlement, Government
offices, Banks, & Papers closed, games open.
for a bath in the evening

Dec 17. Sunday, fine hot, H. E. to Ch &
school as usual, to St Michaels in the evening
The Judge came P.M. & examined the school
but refused to address the children or rather
"began to make excuses." to Mr Mollis, with him
whom I saw.

Dec 18. Monday, fine H. E. hot, closed, at
home 2 m. to Elphed's P.M. for a walk to the
Cemetery in the evening called at Mr Mollis on
my return.

Dec 19. Tuesday, fine, H. E. Trade fair,
putting up my books in the evening.

Dec. 20. Wednesday, fine, S. E. hot Trade brisk
down Town, P.m., to Mr. Mallett in the evening, I found my
love well & alone & better still, thanks be to the Giver of
all good, willing to enter into an engagement; I can heart it
was not done without a struggle, well its over so far & we
understand each other, & I feel, as though a heavy burthen
was lifted from off my shoulders, Him that heareth and
answereth prayer hath indeed heard mine; we parted late in
the evening, I sh. the comfort of feeling that one ^{find} ~~found~~
heart beats in unison with mine, Oh God, make me
more thankful for thy many mercies.

Dec. 21. Thursday, fine S. W. dull awful, out
for orders Am. delivering them P.m. Trade brisk, up to
~~the~~ Wholes, with Friend Cole & Pingle, for a bath in
his swimming bath, enjoyed much. felt quite refreshed
to Mr. Mallett after, & spent an hour & half with my beloved.

Dec. 22. Friday, fine S. W. hot, Trade brisk;
weighing up & etc late, for a walk up town in the evening
to see the show of meat, very creditable; some splendid meat,
of all sorts.

Dec. 23. Saturday, fine, S. W. hot. Trade brisk
at it late.

Dec. 24. Sunday, fine, ^{and} P. E. lovely day Showy P.m.
To School & ch. as usual, several of the Teachers absent
great inconvenience was the consequence. Left P.m. Job. —
"Neither is there any dayman betwixt us, that he might
lay his hand on us both." From this I pointed, how
man in ~~their~~ fallen state feel the want of some one
to be as a mediator between them & their God.
To Mr. Stewards in the evening, Colm to St. North, found all
as usual, except the little fellow, & he was very feverish.
enjoyed myself much.

Dec. 25. Monday, fine S. E. Christmas-day To Mr.
Harrington on Lincoln R. & spent the day, To the
Lunatic Asylum to ch. A.m. Mr. Lingard preached.
Spent a very pleasant day home early, & what did
I see & hear! why! our little peaceable, quiet,
dear "Aoon", a torrent of muddy water, rushing
along in hot haste to the sea, & heard of much
damage done by the over-flowing of the
"Waimakiri"; a portion of the overflow coming
down into the "Aoon" hence the cause of the
alteration, This was the highest fresh that has
been for a long time, the highest ever known by
any of the Settles, — a portaste of a probable future!

Dec 26 Tuesday, fine D. C. Trade fair, to Dr
Mollet's in the evening & spent a few hours with my E.
Boxing day, & Horticultural Show day, Friend Cole
& myself looked on, in the evening for a short time
Vegetables superior to the former show flowers not so.

Dec. 27. Wednesday, fine, D. C. out taking
orders a.m.: delivering goods "P.m."

6. 15 P.m. Started for Governor's Bay, where
I arrived 8 P.m.: I found Messrs. Hodgson,
Parson's & Pearson busily engaged, erecting
the booth for the Bazaar, found all well
quite excited now that the time was so
nigh, which would prove as to whether the
Bazaar would be successful or not.

Dec. 28. Thursday, ~~fine~~ Showy 5 a.m. S. W. fine
D. C. after 9 a.m. decorating the Tent, with evergreens
fixing flag poles & hoisting bunting, made an
Arch over the gate, at the paddock entrance.

P.m. The scene was enlivened, by the appearance
of several ladies, who soon attracted the appearance of
the ^{Marquee} Bazaar, with their busy fingers, displaying &
arranging, the fancy goods, & trimming the
Christmas Tree, which stood on one side of the Tent

busily employed making preparations till a late
hour in the evening.

Dec 29. Friday, Showy 5 a.m. S. W. cleared &
over'd N. E. before 8 a.m. an argued well for
the day, we commenced by hoisting the remaining
Flags, then came thing talk of decorating the
Tables on each side of the Marquee, with the good
things of this life, & of a truth they were soon
filled, with no sparing hand, Fowls, ducks
Pigeon pie, ham & beef, Mutton, Lamb, Spiced
beef, Salads, cucumbers, in fact all the heart
could wish for, on the other side, who arranged
cakes, fruits of all kinds, ginger beer, lemonade
& Tea & coffee, ^{which} was served out with a bountiful
hand; "Sixpence if you please." was the cry
for cups of dear coffee or any other drink
herein mentioned, over this stall presided
Mr. J. Moorhouse & Miss Brown, with occasional
assistance from Friend Cole or myself.
Messrs. Pearson, Cole & Munnings, had sole superintendence
of the provision department, & moreover no other
except those, who were selling for the firm
were allowed to sell, within enclosure

Masdamas, Potts, Hodson, Parsons & Miss Matthias
presided at the Fancy goods stall, Mrs P. Hodson
& Mrs J. Gibbie at the Christmas tree.

Cott & Co. Coach arrived from Chch, about 11 a.m.
Several other carts also came over, but the arrival
of the "Betsy Douglas," steamer from Lyttelton
changed the aspect of the scene, as she neared
the wharf & poured forth her living freight
all was excitement, people arriving fast, the
"B.D." made three trips to Port. about 2 p.m.
then when on the ground somewhere about 400
persons, all seemed to be highly gratified with
the opportunity thus afforded them of having
a good treat: provisions were soon at a premium
& moved off quickly when the craving of fasting
appetites when appeared, they then turned
their attention to the goods stall, & kept the
the ladies busily employed for some hours;
amusement when also provided, ballroom
set up, Aunt Sallie of course was on the
ground, Quits, ^{Quits} & balls, and another game
a favourite with the young, "Prising" in the
ring. But thirst must be satisfied, so a

general rush for Tea & coffee was the result, so
when I saw them at that stall sore pressed, I
betook myself to their side, to render what assistance
I could amongst the hot steaming coffee & Tea.
Then came a call for bread & butter; so eating &
drinking was the order of the evening.
A. 5 p.m.; ~~then~~ a ~~diminishing~~ diminishing process
commenced, first steamer left for Port soon
after Cott & Co's coach & Chch carts & horse-
men left the ground, 6.30 p.m. another steamer
load left for Port, in the meantime, an Auction
was held, at which the remaining stock on
hand, both of goods & provisions were disposed
of at fair prices, satisfactory to all, "Ho. ca"
& we were left with to ourselves, Governor
Bay people only remaining, when we sat down
in a sociable manner, some on the ground
or on any thing that would afford rest to the
weary bones, To a repast of raspberries & cream
Bread & butter, Cake & Etc, all heartily satisfied,
and well pleased, we departed to our several
homes. (if I may so call Mrs Parsons) on our
arrival, we sat down & counted the "Cash
^{about 9 p.m.}

And found the result more than realized our —
expectations, Total amt realized £105.0.0 and
netted about £160. — (N. W. after 4 P.M.)

We had a few songs after & all reced. & merrily as a
marriage bell; till ten o'clock, after prayers we
despered to rest.

Dec. 30. Saturday, fine, S. E., up, soon after four
on the top of Gjer's pass at five a.m. on my
way home, arrived in Church, 7 a.m., called
in to see Mr. Moller, to tell them of the successful
termination of the Bazaar.

Home at my post in time for business, but
Trade brisk, week hardly average, in consequence
of the dullness of the two days, on which I
was absent, tried out.

Dec. 31. Sunday, fine S. E., at school &
ch as usual; Lect. P.M. "God so loved the
world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that
whomsoever, believeth on Him should not
perish but have ever-lasting life," which I
explained to them, & tried to impress upon
them the necessity of coming to Christ, &
to think of the future the more as we were

just upon entering a New Year, so that they
might be the better able to combat with the evil one.
Mr H Tolesse preached at St Michaels in the evening
one of the best sermons I have heard for a long
time, I quite enjoyed it & felt as though I could
have sat there for hours listening to him. Lect.
"Redeem the time, for the days are evil." He pointed
out the necessity of our redeeming the time &
of leading new lives & doing all we can for
God; because the days are evil, Pestilences, plagues
& droughts, floods, & wars, surround us on all
sides; He pointed out how the world & Bible
agreed, as regards the time that now is. the "now"
& the reasons why the world had the most
followers, was because it offers present gratifications
whereas the Bible offers future glory, & the
world wants it "now." He spoke ~~off~~ especially
to the young, not to delay; not to drive it off;
not to defer coming to Christ till they were
old, showing what a fast hold the world gets
on man the older he gets, & how man clings
to it more & more, forgetting God altogether.

1866 Jan 1. Monday, fine S. E. cleaning up the place, salting butter & writing all day, general - Holiday being New Year.

The commencement of another year, a time for reflection as to how past opportunities have been made the most, to think of the past, to cast a casual glance back & to be thankful that again am I spared to see the commencement of another year, Shall I be spared to see ~~the~~ ^{its} close? is a question which time will prove, may I have strength sufficient for the day to carry me through, - of a truth! I have much to be thankful for, it has been a memorable year for me has '65. The commencement of a new life, the Sun of my life rose in the east & its genial rays, warmed my petals; made me open my bosom to its influences, & has made me doubly strong.

Jan 2. Tuesday, fine S. E. Trade brisk, to Mr Cuddon's & settled up in the evening

Jan 3. Wednesday, fine S. E. Trade brisk, to Mr Mollets in the evening, to see my beloved: who has arrived in safety from the bags, some swept pleasantly on!

Jan 4. Thursday, Showery about 2 a.m. & 1 P.m. the S. W. is hot, Trade brisk, out for orders a.m. delivering them P.m. To Mr Brown's bar: in the evening, & "thanks be to God;" got his consent, to our enjoyment, spent a pleasant evening, now I need walk, not as a thief in the night, but openly before all men, feeling assured that God's blessing is upon us, because of the way He has brought all this about & made me a happy man.

Jan 5. Friday, fine S. E. cool, Trade brisk, to Mr Luke's school. P.m. & met the Teachers, & held a prayer meeting, & the time so spent, quite relieved me, I quite enjoyed myself & seemed doubly warmed in my wrestling with God.

Jan 6. Saturday, fine, N. E. Trade fair, average week late in closing.

Jan 7. Sunday, fine, S. E. & very hot, N. W. P.m., to school & ch. as usual, P.m. I read some extracts out of a small work on Missionary Labours instead of addressing them, after at Library Sunday, late home in consequence. After ch in evening, went to Mr Mollets & spent a pleasant evening with my host. Very shower last night

Jan 8. Monday, h. w. fine, by hot mercury 110 in
the sun & shade, taking stock, Trade by dull till
evening, bush for awhile, for a walk in the domain
with friend "Coli" in the evening to Mr Kropp's after.

Jan 9. Tuesday, fine, h. w., clearing up the place
Trade fair, working up stock, up down 7 p.m. within
writing in the evening.

Jan 10. Wednesday, fine, h. e. Trade fair bush
to Mr Mollet's in the evening with E. time whiled
away apace

Jan 11. Thursday, fine h. e., Trade dull, carrying
out goods in the evening, to Mr James' spent
the evening

Jan 12. Friday, fine, h. e., SW in the evening
Trade fair, working up stock up's, to St.
Lukes School, teachers meeting; good attendance
to see E. after.

Jan 13. Saturday, showery a.m. h. e., Trade
fair, wind above average

Jan 14. Sunday, fine, h. e., by S.W. after
11 a.m. SW, 10 p.m. To ch morning & evening
as usual to school, text in the afternoon at Luke
xiii. 32 24 v.s. addressed them for about ten minutes

on it. After ch. in the evening, I went for a walk -
accompanied by my B. to the cymetery, called at
Mr Brown's on our way back to Mr Mollet's, Mrs.
M. unwell, & Mr Mollet soon retired & left us alone in our
glozy to get supper together, a foretaste of the future.

Jan 15. Monday, fine, h. e. Trade fair, over to Port.
To get settled for butter; bought a case of Currants,
Saw friend Ponsford, Mrs. P. unwell. also saw
Constable, he is looking remarkably well. home 6 p.m.
within writing to Mother & John (& sent them also
a Press & Lyttelton Times Summary.) in the evening.
my twenty fifth birth day.

Jan 16. Tuesday, fine, h. e. Trade brisk, first day
of the Race; Mr Brown Sen. came in the evening.

Jan 17. Wednesday, fine, h. e. Trade brisk, to Mr.
Mollet's in the evening, late. "Kapai"

Jan 18. Thursday, fine by hot h. w. busy
packing up goods for H. Greenup, but delivering goods
in the evening accompanied by friend Coli, to
Miss Barker's after.

Jan 19. Friday, hot, h. w., by S.W. at times
much damage done to corn, by SW after 6 p.m.
Trade fair, to the school in the evening prayer meeting

Jan 20. Saturday, S.W., steady rain from 2 am
cleared to wald moon, & oh! how pleasant
after so long a drought, to again walk for on
the moist earth & inhale the cool atmosphere,
every thing looks brighter & happier, Trade dull
in consequence; week far above average

Jan 21. Sunday, Showery, S.W. slack attendance
at School, At School as usual To St Lukes, a.m.
Text at School 8 m. 1 Kings 18. 21 u. "Why halt,
ye between two opinions, if the Lord be God,
follow him, & if Baal follow him." Endeavour
to point out the different Masters. & the consequences
arising from such service. To St Johns in the
evening, & heard Rev ~~W~~ preach an excellent
sermon, Text "Be not overcome of evil, but
overcome evil with good." & he bore down
majestically on all alike, no respect of persons
fighting on; knowing that, good is sure ulti-
mately to overcome the evil; ⁱⁿ Mr Brown's offer
& then on to Mr Mollets.

Jan 22. Monday, Showery. S.W. trade fair
To the Town Hall in the evening, accompanied
by my beloved & Miss Pope, To the Oxford

Parsonage Concert, & heard some excellent music
& singing, Mrs. James Fitz Gerald, Rose, White, ~~W. C. C.~~
& Thomson, Lang, the germ of the evening was a song
"To here the gentle Lark." By Mrs. Fitz Gerald,
accompanied by an Obligato by Mr Wood on his
flute. We enjoyed ourselves much, accompanied Miss
Pope home & then we returned to Mr Mollets to
supper, Vale Rooms.

Jan 23, Tuesday, slight misty rain, S. E
cold 8 m. Trade fair. To Mr. Cuddons in the evening

Jan 24. Wednesday, Showery, S. W. Trade dull
To the Town Hall in the evening To hear Mr.
Fitz Gerald, address the Electors of Chesh, as
requisition influentially signed & numerous, was
presented to him to stand as a member for ~~Chesh~~
of the House of Representatives for Chesh. As
Mr Welles health would not permit him to
stand. To Mr Fitz, took this opportunity of
addressing the electors, he made a long lucid
speech of two hours length, and I think every
man left the room, better satisfied, both with
the place & the future prospects of W. L.
I intend keep a copy of the speech in "memorium"

Jan 25. Thursday, Showery ^{Sw} am. Cleared 8 m S.E.
out getting & delivering orders, to Mr Mollet in the
evening, & spent the evening with my b. & d.
"gaily goes the ship when the wind blows fair."

Jan 26. Friday, fine S.W. my boy came about 7 P.M.
Trade fair, to the school treat at the College 11 m.
& marched St Luke's school children 170 about onto
the ground, with flags flying & when we arrived
we gave three hearty cheers before we broke off
to play, we heartily enjoyed ourselves so far as
games when concerned, but the sea was a
miserable get up then not being sufficient for
the children.

Jan 27. Saturday, Showery. S.W. Trade
fair week average

Jan 28. Sunday, fine, S.E. to school & ch
as usual, text 11 m at the school Prov. 2
& 4.5 b. To St John's in the evening, I heard
Rev. Haw preach an excellent sermon on the
sea verging, to Mr Brown to sea, for a walk
down the "Avon." after ~~the~~ ch. & called to
see Mr Ape. home to Mr Mollet 9 m &
spent ^{two} a few pleasant hours together.

Jan 29. Monday, fine, S.E. Trade fair, cleaning
windows & etc. for a walk round the domain with
Eldred 4 m in the evening

Jan 30. Tuesday, fine S.E. Trade dull, within
in the evening reading.

Jan 31. Wednesday, fine S.E. heavy shower
last night from N.W. against the wind.
Trade dull. To see my "beloved."

~~Jan 32.~~ Feb 1. Thursday, fine, S.E. & N.W. Trade
fair;

Feb 2. Friday, heavy shower N.W. Trade dull
within reading in the evening, on "Lick Lick."

Feb 3. Saturday, Showery S.W. S.E. P.M.
Trade brisk, weekly below average.

Feb 4. Sunday, fine S.E. To school twice
missionary Sunday, not ch a.m. because I
felt too unwell, to St John's in the evening
Text "And eat for the journey is too
great for you." an excellent sermon.

To see Mrs. Nee after, she was confined during
the week, a fine boy, & the mother doing well
& called in to see the old people after & then
on to Mr Mollet. very unwell.

Feb 5. Monday, fine, N. E. Trade fair, up
Town & made some purchases of crockery
P.M., writing to Hannah in the evening.

Feb 6. Tuesday, fine, N. E. Trade fair, for
a walk with Friend Cole in the evening.

Feb 7. Wednesday, fine N. E. Trade bust, to
see my beloved in the evening.

Feb 8. Thursday, fine N. E. Trade fair, to
the General's in the evening.

Feb 9. Friday, fine, N. E. Trade bust, to St
Lukes School in the evening Prayer meeting
to Mr Brown's Sur after.

Feb 10. Saturday, fine, N. E. Showery in the
evening, Trade bust week average.

Feb 11. Sunday, Heavy rain, St. S. W. to school
morning & afternoon to St Lukes 11 a.m., to Mr Brown's
in the evening & then on to my beloved's, spent a few
pleasant hours.

Feb 12. Monday, fine. Sw lovely day after
the rain, Trade fair, writing home in the evening

Feb 13. Tuesday, fine, N. E. Trade dull a.m.
bust P.M. for a walk up Town in with F. W. Greenup
to Miss Barker's in the evening

Feb 14. Wednesday, fine, by St. S. W. about 3 a.m. S. W.
Trade dull, up Town P.M. To see my beloved in the evening
after going, to ch at St Michaels, Ath. Wednesday, &
services will be held, on every Wednesday throughout
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Feb 15. Thursday, by N. E. fine N. W. 11 a.m. by
St. S. W. 8 P.M. Trade dull, to the Mechanics
Institute, in the evening, the first meeting of
the Literary Society for this season, about
14 members present, subject, "That on the
whole Goldfields are not beneficial to a country."
Mr Mc Nichol, opened it with a lengthy speech
dwelling much on the immorality existing
on Goldfields, Mr Abel & myself took the
opposite views, the rest who spoke were in
favour of the Goldfields, Dr Foster summed
up very ably & on it being put to the vote
the result was 7 to 3 in favour of
Goldfields, & he (Dr Foster) congratulated
the Society, on success attendant on their
first meeting, for they showed, that when they
had an interesting subject to debate, they
could contend in it as ably as ever.

Mr Mead's after, Mrs Mead, getting on nicely
& the little one improving very fast.

Feb 16. Friday, fine shown or two during the
night, fine S.W. Trade brisk, to the school
in the evening, & found no teachers present,
so went to St John's ch. just in time to
hear the close of Mr Hau's discourse, for
a walk, with three of the teachers, round
the domain after.

Feb 17. Saturday, fine N.E. Trade dull, for
a Saturday, week, good average, settlement
above average.

Feb 18. Sunday, dew fine N.E. lovely day, to
ch & school as usual, text Pm. from Prov's
13 ch. 13 v. I drew two separate pictures of
characters, the one, who did & the one did
not keep the command, & the end of
each, & tried to impress on them the value
of the bible & the good ends to which it leads.
To St John's in the evening Mr Hau preached
an excellent sermon, on our Saviour's
temptation, for a walk after with my
E. - Mr Brown not well, nor Mrs ~~Mead~~

Feb 19. Monday, fine, N.E. Trade fair, to Mr
Digby's Linn. In the evening.

Feb 20. Tuesday, fine, N.E. Trade fair, to the
Town Hall, to a meeting, arranged for the purpose
of allowing the candidates (to in number) to
explain their views to the public. Candidates for
nomination of as members of the Provincial
Council for the City of Ch. ch. Very amusing
meeting especially towards the ~~close~~ close.
The meeting was broken up by Mr Travers
persisting in speaking not according to
rule, & the meeting determining not to hear
him dispersed.

Feb. 21. Wednesday. fine S.W. by stg last night
Trade fair, to Mr Mollat's, in the evening. Mr
Mollat as well, spent a pleasant evening.

Feb 22. Thursday, fine N.E. Trade brisk, out
for orders Am. To the Mechanics in the evening
meeting of the Literary Society, debate on
classics or rather on classical education,
the speaker casting vote, decided in favour
of the openest views that a "classical education
repays" the time spent in acquiring it. to Mr
Pogge's in the evening after.

Feb 23. Friday, fine N.W. hot, Trade dull,
to St John's in the evening, to hear a lecture, by
Mr Hau, subject "Allowed be thy name."

to Mrs Brown's after Mrs Brown, very ill. Emma thin

Feb 24. Saturday, fine, N.W. S.W. after some rain.
N.E. in the evening, Trade dull for Saturday
week average.

Feb 25. Sunday, showery calm E.S.W. am.
fine N.E. P.M., to School & ch as usual, St John's
am. St John's in the evening.

Text at the School Prov. x. 240. explained to
the them the fears & hopes of the wicked &
righteous, show in the end of all things, the
hopes of the wicked all fly & their fears stand
forth a bold reality, the contrary with the
righteous, their fears vanish & their hopes
will be more than realized. for a walk to
see Miss Barker after ch. in the evening, ac. go.
by my "Sina". Mrs Brown about the same.

home party, Emma is at home

Feb 26. Monday, fine S.E. Trade fair, falling
down better & etc am. to Mrs Cuddon's in
the evening

Feb 27. Tuesday, fine S.E., Trade fair, ^{dusty} so
Miss Barker's in the evening, called on to see Mrs
Brown on our way, I found her better.

Feb 28. Wednesday, fine, S.E., dusty, Trade
dull - to Dr Mallett in the evening. with my ls?
& Horticultural Show of the Season. very good
show of both fruit & flowers.

Feb 29. Thursday, showery P.M. S.E. am. N
P.M. by St. Trade fair, 1 day of the Supreme
Court, Mr Syer over, he's on the jury.

Feb 30. to the Literary Society Meeting at the
Mechanics in the evening Dr Foster in the chair
subject "Is Chronology true?" opened by Mr Murrell
ably supported by Mr Nichol. Newton & others,
the opposing parties carried the day for a time
but on Dr Foster's stirring up (he speaking
much in favour of it) I voted in favour of L &
against.

Feb 31. Friday, SW, showery, Trade
fair, at home in the evening Mr Syer &
Mr. Thompson present.

Feb 32. Saturday, fine, SW. cold in the
evening, Trade fair week above average.

Apr 4. Sunday, fine shower last night
fine, S. E. To school as usual, Missionary
Sunday, I Quarterly Sunday, new cards
given out & old ones gathered in, Mr Jones
came in 11 P.M. To St Luke's 9 A.M. To St
John's in the evening text "Let us be hardened
by the deceitfulness of sin." Mr Hoar preached
an excellent sermon, for a walk after, called
at Mr Brown's on our way to Mr Mallet's, found Mr B's
much better, Mr Mallet better, spent a few pleasant
hours with my beloved

Apr 5. Monday, fine, S. E. Trade fair clearing
up the place, dusting etc, to Mr Cuddon's &
settled up monthly Te in the evening.

Apr 6. Tuesday, fine S. W, hot. Trade fair
up town 9 A.M. posting up books 1 P.M.
To St Luke's school in the evening Marking
the cards & entering the books.

Apr. 6. Wednesday, fine, S. E. Trade fair
To Mr Mallet's in the evening, spent a pleasant
evening with my B's -

Apr 7. Thursday, fine S. E. Now after
4 P.M. Making out bills till 11 A.M. up to
Mr Cuddon's. For the purpose of going with
him to look at some land about 30 miles
up. Put the Old Horse too, & into the cart
put our Capes, rug & Blankets, Rope for horse
& a basket, containing something to replace
the dinner man, for craving appetites know
at the vitals, at 10.1 P.M. we started, ~~we~~
drove quietly on, up the Niccarton road, -
admiring, the brilliant green verdure around
made there to by the late rains; on up the
South road, till we came to Shands track
which branched off at an angle more southerly
as the G. South road, runs about due west,
roads good especially the track, as that was
a good beaten one, in its natural state,
on through the old Dry River bed, where
once the mighty Waikariri, spread on in
its way to the sea, country adjoining, very
dry, road here for a few miles Lay two
is formed, & a coating of layers of shingle
to the chain spread on it.

Stopped at the "Wheat Sheaf." To get "a wet." & wind the Hounimal, the "Wheat Sheaf" stands just at a three wheel, & just at the back of the house stands a blacksmiths shop, a barn to the left & round we called in at Alford, a Scotch Farmer, about two miles further on, He has 150 acres all in cultivation or in grass, divided into 15 acre paddocks. The house (nine roomed, built of cob, is situated near the center of the block, along side a pond, which is full of water some months in the year, up to the house from the road is a long straight drive, planted on either side, with Blue gum, Poplars, willows & other kinds of trees, a quarter of a mile on length, we stopped & rested the old boy (I gave him a feed) for about an hour, & then we started on our journey, country improving in quality as we neared the Selwyn, we soon came to what was but two years back an impassible swamp, & a year or two anterior not scarce a house to be seen for miles, but now what a change, drains cut, road formed corduroy where required, & now being metalled

Thirty yards across, & on each side homesteads dotted about, & around them, one years produce — stacked & partially thatched, quantity plainly showing the quality of the ground. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating Mr Jones." quite true, & here is plainly shown what swampy land once drained will throw out let the season be ever so dry. Just before reaching the Selwyn we passed over several creeks, with a good flow of water & two sandhills, to the left lies a large block of about 2,000 acres belonging to Mr Gould of Cokham house, on it a good homestead, consisting of house in a garden, stable, sheds stock yard, sheep yard, & stack yard, the land being subdivided into large paddocks in different stages of cultivation, some in grass some crop just off it, some just broken up ready for sowing, & some burnt & prepared for breaking up, & a large quantity in its natural state, we crossed the Selwyn at a very picturesque spot, three streams at the cross, two small & then the main, but of flax & fern in abundance, we pushed up, surprised

To find the road formed for a long distance,
the land still giving evidence, that man's
industrial hand, has been at work, homesteads
& stacks in all directions, passed by Gardner
& Mr Woodman, on our right land improving
the further from the river, so the left, was to
be seen the reflection of Lake Ellesmere, about
four miles distant the intervening land, being
all bought, & a great deal ^{of it} occupied.

We drove along for about four miles from the
river "steering" S. W. 1/2 E. when we came to
a road running N. W. by W. called Blackler's
road, so named because the owners name
of 700 acres on the south side of the road
& is Blackler, formerly a contractor living
near Chesh, his eldest son occupies a portion
of it 150 acres, this road (a chain road)
is half formed by the debris from a wide
ditch cut on the side, about 20 men are
now employed on the west end cutting it.

The "old boy" looking up fast; only, think!
why I declare, the old rascal, won't go, no you
may wip, his spine up, so out we got & led

^{him} To the end of our journey, Ah! well, so you may, &
evidently this proves it, you may lead where you
cannot drive." At the journey's end, what's the
time? Six o'clock. - not so bad, about 30 miles
in let me see 1. 2. 3, 4 1/2 hours travelling, well
done "old boy". He seemed glad enough, for he
brightened up, & changed his downcast look
to one of contentment, no doubt he felt faint.
We soon took him out, & unharnessed & fed
the "old boy". and then we began to feel the
cravings of fasting appetites increasing on
us, so we betook ourselves, to the house of
Mr Taylor, owner of the land & homestead
yea! all that is thereon is his.

Mr Taylor, has taken up his abode here about
18 months, & the "grass has not grown under
his feet," but shows, that the hand of diligent
maketh rich.

He has put up a nice room, timbered house, comfortable
place, & stables, six stacks of corn, land 200 acres
most of it fenced & about 1/2 broken up, the lower end
is very swampy, but as the fall is great, the
drainage will not be difficult.

We sat talking about sundry things, till past 10 P.M. We had intended to make a 'shakedown' in the sitting room, but this our hostess would not think of, but prepared her own room for us.

Mich. 9. Friday, Stg. N.W. S.W. after 1 P.M.

Slept sound, up early 20 minutes after 5. & then off we went accompanied by Mr Taylor, to look at some land at the back of his, but we found it too swampy. After breakfast, we went out due N.W. across 200 acres belonging to Mr Liddon, let by him to Mr Hobbs. To look at a block of about 500 acres of untroughed land, very good if very good land, but difficult of access & if anything rather too swampy boggy being 5 to 6 ft deep with peat.

Back to Mr Taylor's about 11 A.M. Caught the old horse & fed him, dined abit, replenished ourselves with a 'little beer,' & then commenced about 12 A.M. our journey homewards. about 5 miles on, we stopped because we thought that from the peculiar screeching of the rear wheel, something wrong. As out I got. 'Grip word, if the wheel ain't rate bad, W.C. what shall we do, how is it to a blacksmith?' You 5 miles

very near, W.C. 'How far to the next?' You about Ten miles W.C. Ah well, we must go on; As up we jump & off again on our journey, in the river we stopped for the purpose of cooling the wheel, drove into deep water, & whilst waiting, I doffed my clothes, & into the water sprang, quite elated with the opportunity of having a swim, just as I got out & commenced wading. The wind changed round to the S.W. quite a change in the temperature, which told on me & made me feel quite stiff, but a little wine soon set me straight on we drove again, following our track back to chob, nothing of interest occurring, we arrived safe & sound at home about 5 P.M. tired & hungry & Mr Brown's sur, after ch. at St. John's. found all well.

Mich 10. Saturday. fine S.W. trade fair, week about the average.

Mich 11. Sunday, fine N.E. To school & ch as usual. Mr Jones came to the school in the afternoon & took my class whilst I marked the cards & gave them to the children. To St. John's in the evening discourse "The Character of Joseph." an excellent one too, He (Mr Han) never seems at a loss, his faith & firm trust in his God, carries him through

To Miss Parker after ch, with my beloved, I heard some news, but yet I can hardly call it news, for it was expected that was. "I am engaged to Miss Parker." ^{said} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{last} ^{of} ^{the} ^{under} ^{stone} as that lady left the room, I congratulated both on the event, ^{with} much happiness & more suitable matches I have not seen, I so thanked my - beloved, to Mr. Hollett, calling at Mr. Brown's on our way, and spent a few hours very pleasantly.

12th Mch 12. Monday, fine by N. E. S. W. after 10 a.m. trade dull. To St Luke's School, Mr. Dudley, Junr, addressed the children on Missionary labours & adventures, their dangers & difficulties to encounter. He also gave a description of different Islands in Malacasia, & of the manners & customs of the natives; fruits & products & etc. The children were very attentive & were much pleased & interested.

11th We opened the boxes, sum total £8. 4. 0/2 collected in our large school boxe the childrens small boxes & a balance of last year £3. 10. 0 from Mr. Jones who was present. very good for the Luke's meeting broke up about nine 1/2 m.

13th Mch 13. Tuesday, fine N. E. trade dull, to St Luke's school in the evening, to readjust

the library & write a new catalogue, three lectures present.

14th Mch 14. Wednesday, fine N. E. trade. Fair & Mr. Greenup down to day, he is looking remarkably well, to see my beloved in the evening, time sped apace. (^{looked out} for the Miss books for the school)

15th Mch. 15. Thursday, fine N. E. hot trade fair To St Luke's in the evening to finish the library to friend Cole's after.

16th Mch 16. Friday, showery. S. W. trade fair Brought home the Miss books 150 books and £8. 2. 1. Prayer books, Reference Bibles, Testaments & Story books, Picture cards & etc, to be given out next Sunday.

17th Mch. 17. Saturday, fine, N. E. Trade fair, week below average. I accented - explained - cleared up - ^{fairly} ^{well}

18th Mch. 18. Sunday, fine, N. E. So ch. & school as usual, gave out the Misses to the children, in the afternoon, about 150 present, Mr. Carpenter came. 3 1/2 m. We were 1/2 an hour over the time, the children most of them I believe were pleased & well satisfied. Their pleasure in gratifying their little desires, to see their faces light up by radiant smiles on the receipt of their prizes, I hope that they may

derive good from, the prices given, they all being useful prices.

So St John's in the evening, a very nice sermon "We Pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God." He spoke of a committed responsible position, as an ambassador, spoke of their mission; pointed out how reconciliation can be obtained; and the consequences of refusing to be reconciled, truly it is a delight to listen to him, "We" went to Mr Mead, found all well the little one looking well & growing nicely, he looked in his glory, being sole occupant of a swing Bassinet if I may so term it, made by Mr Mead, & a very good contrivance. Called in at Mr Brown's on our way to Mr Mallet's, where "we" spent a few hours pleasantly together.

March 19. Monday, fine S.E. Trade fair, to the General's in the evening, arguing for some two hours, on per centages & profits.

March 20. Tuesday, fine S.W. Trade fair Salting butter & lets up down P.M. To the School in the evening writing Catalogue & preparing the Book for keeping Library Accounts in.

March 21. Wednesday, fine, S.W. 8 & 9 P.M. Trade fair up down P.M. To Mr Mallet's in the evening, spent a very pleasant evening with my B.....

March 22. Thursday, Showery, S.W. G.W. for a few hours at mid-day, Trade fair, writing in the evening.

March 23. Friday, fine S.W. Trade break, to St. John's in the evening, to hear Mr Haur's lecture on "Forgive us our Trespasles as we forgive them their Trespasles." Most excellent, showed how prone we are to think we have forgiven others, & yet look on them as indebted to us. To Mr Brown's after.

March 24. Saturday, fine, S.E. Trade break week about average,

Received two English letters one from John & the other from James. The one a sound, good, commonsense letter yet more, it showed a spirit of resignation to the divine will of Him, who ordains all things, all of which I was glad to see, - that was from John, he seems still undecided, awaiting the opening up of a plain path of duty.

The other from Jim, lacked all the other plainly showed John to feel, well might his future look gloomy.

for apparently, the present was all in all to him, accompanied by a regretful spirit, as regards the past. It was an amusing letter, well written, but it lacked substance, when finished it left a void, a desire unsatisfied remained. One thing I gather from them is, though far from them yet am I present some times on their thoughts.

March 25. Sunday, fine, S. E. & W. by very hot and oppressive, to ch. & sch. as usual, text P. m. Psalm 139 & 17200. on Gods manifold mercies & loving kindness to us. Library Sunday also, & all the lady teachers absent P. m. but we managed well.

Confirmation held by the Lord Bishop (Harper) of Exeter at St Michaels about 0.15 took upon themselves the responsible words, before taken by others for them may they have strength from above to help them to keep them.

To St Johns in the evening, text from Micah, "what shall I do to please my God, showing that we must give ourselves to God, we ourselves must be the sacrifice, nothing else will do."

For a walk accompanied by my beloved & Miss Pope round the Domain after ch. & we heartily enjoyed

the walk, back to Mr Mollet's. (lovely calm moonlight night). Spent a happy evening.

March 26. Monday. fine. V. E. Trade fair, sitting out & clearing up the place, to Mr Poggi's in the evening & paid my rent.

March 27. Tuesday. fine. S. W. Trade fair, to Mrs Brown's Ser. in the evening.

March 28. Wednesday, fine, S. W. Trade visit to Miss Frestons wedding, Married also am by the venerable Archdeacon of Exeter, at St Michaels ch. Mr E Freston to Miss Phoebe Lewis. both of that Parish, my beloved was bridesmaid. Mr Fount (Freston's cousin) groomsman, to Mr Woods vicar, to breakfast; when a very nice repast was laid before the guests, & hearty gutters was done to the viands, after which the usual toast on such occasions, when given I responded to when we went for a walk round about the grounds, & spent a few hours very pleasantly. The Bride & Bridegroom left at 3 P. m. we that is, Mr Brown saw Miss Brown the groomsman & myself left at 4 P. m. then I'm, to Mr Brown to sea, on to see Miss Barker & Cole in the evening.

March 29. Thursday, fine, lovely day. h. e. Trade
built, to Mr. Boggs' in the evening to bed early.

March 30. Friday, fine, threatening, the sea after
some a.m. up early, (Good Friday) day's holiday.

Breakfast over by half six a.m. & ready for a
journey, walked down to old Morgan's livery stable
in Hereford Str. Mr. Collins' Hotel, & then got two
horses, saddled & ready for active duties, on the
back of one, the (Morgan) "searched" his boy, and
away we start went to Mr. Mollet's, Colombe Str.
where I arrived at 7.35 a.m. five minutes before
time of appointment, discharged the boy, have no
longer any need of his services, & put the horses
into Mr. M.'s yard; till my beloved was ready.

7.45 a.m. She is ready; "Is it a quiet horse?" —
"oh! yes" said I. so up she jumped, when after
arranging ^{the} habit & turning iron, we started off,
on our journey to Governor's Bay. a lovely morning
& calm, but the bright red of early morn, portrayed
something, & that something we were not long
in finding out, for just as we commenced
climbing the hill, on looking to the sea, we saw
as it were — a huge rolling mass, stretching

from the hills on which we were, to the bright
Backbone range of the Island. The wind light S.W.
& increasing. "Is it going to rain or is it only wind?"
I thought; & judging from appearances, & the manner
of its coming on, I settled in my mind, that it was
wind, & off a truth it was, for it increased, till
it blew almost a gale.

How we enjoyed ^{the} their climbing the old hills;
mounted on willing "mustangs" beautiful scenery
around; & two loving hearts; — so near — hearts beating
with emotions similar, both young, both happy.
& both thankful, to Him who gave all these blessings.
The howling of the winds in the bill top & sounded
pleasantly in our ears, as it whistled passed
whispered of the power of Him who governs them.
On we went, our hearts full, our senses too much
employed by surrounding objects; (which, exchanging
glances plainly told); but that "unruly member"
was idle, only breaking out occasionally in ad-
miration,

On our way, we saw where fires had raged, devouring
in their unrelenting flames, the all, that the
earth had on its surface, some more recently

than others, plainly shown, by the blackness
of the residue, that the slaves consumed not.
We reached Mr Parsons about 9.30 am. "hung" our
horses up to a gate, & walked down to The house
where we found Mr Parsons, (Mr. P. we met at
the Stockyard & he walked down with us). all well
& I delivered my message from his Majesty & then
we fell into a conversation which lasted till
about 11 am. when we parted with the intention
of pushing on to Mr Woodson's for dinner.

The Cauler round we enjoyed much, the New vicarage -
close to the little Stone church nearly completed, built of
Timber. Mr Potts too is making an alteration, he has pulled
down the centre of the House, & is now building a nice
Stone one, the Stone from Quarries on Deal Island &
we at the back of his house.

We soon arrived in sight of our destination, when we let our
horses walk quietly down the hill, & while we talked of
the prospect on view. when we reached the flat we
started off at a gentle canter, which soon brought
us to the house, where we received a hearty reception.
Found all well, hung the horses up to a post, gave them
a feed of oats, & then left them alone in their glory.

Our tongues were kept busy all the time first, compliments
exchanged, questions asked & answered, & then we dropped
into general conversation, on electioneering, trade, weather
fruit, Barabar. Etc, Etc.

In the afternoon we took a walk round the garden, what
a pleasure, to be able to walk round & enjoy such a
prospect, it's true the greater part of the glory of the
garden was gathered, but still a few trees still hung
laden, with that delicious fruit, which our Mother
Eve partook & fell. It various in size, colour & flavour
still all delicious, more so from being fresh from nature's
stock.

We sauntered around for some time locked arm in arm, each
enjoying it more because of the presence of another, of one
dearer than all besides, it was a sight that Kings might
have looked on and envied.

Trees much grown, in fact, the entire aspect of the
garden is changed by the rapid growth vegetation.
When we returned in we found two ladies & two gentlemen
from Northwithin, after having partaken of it repast
designated by the word "Tea". we thought it time
to be on the move for a return. The horses were
soon ready; The wind, cold, rubbing in, giving pass

but above, the sun was moving slowly & majestically
towards us & the moon, whose disc was now plainly
to be seen several degrees above the horizon.

~~He~~ ^{He} rapped in an extra habit, belonging to Mr. W.
& myself clad in an over coat belonging to me
less a personage than Mr. W., well prepared
for our journey, saluted out, parting salutes
exchanged, a last adieu, & into our saddles sprang
& gaily cantered down the road, across the flat;
& pulled up into a walk up the hill side.

We went on walking & cantering as the road permitted,
talking of the past, present & happy future,
when we met Mr. W. Parton, we pulled up & had
a short chat of course, but time pressed, & night
came on apace, so adieu! adieu! & on we go again
heartily enjoying the ride, up Percival's gully, we were
sheltered from the breeze & thought it dying, but on
reaching the pass, it still blew in strong
gusto, but plainly showing that its force was
spending.

Further on we saw a reflection high in the sky
a reflection of what, - is it? - can it be? - yes! it is -
a fire, - where! - in Chile! - so we thought as a -

remorseful feeling shot through our bosoms, where is it?
was a natural suggestion & the uncertainty made us
dull, to the sight of all but that, to think of only that.
Sometimes it appeared far off, some times near, sometimes
high, as on a hill, at another as it were in ~~the~~^{the}
middle, ^{Chile} we hurried on, silent & thoughtful, for uncertainty
made imagination busy. On reaching the plain we
broke into a canter which brought rapidly Mr. Chel
before entering the suburbs, - the fire had gone out & we
were busy talking, when, all at once her horse stumbled
& fell into his knees, ^{but} was soon up; how admirably
she kept her seat, - fearless, only anxious to know
if the horse had hurt its knee, we arrived at Mr
Mollitt about eight, & our minds were soon set finally
at rest by learning that the fire was not in that way
news of a fire had reached town.

I took the horses on to Old Wigan, & was soon back
by the side of my ~~bed~~ & stayed for about an hour
& half, when feeling wearied we parted, & I was soon
rapped in sound repose in a place with a the
found title "Home."

March 31. Saturday, V. C. fine. Trade brisk, week
above the average, for all the Holiday.

Apr. 1. Sunday, fine. S. W. To School & church as usual; Mr Hau preached an excellent sermon at St Luke's in the morning, subject the "Cross of Christ." It was our Missionary Sunday, so I read a few extracts on Missionary labours & etc, in the afternoon & encouraged them to persevere, in collecting all they could for so good a cause & to try & outvie St Michael's School. I quite enjoyed myself.

After school I walked part of the way home with Mrs White, & called to see Mrs M Freestone.

Then found my beloved, Mr Fountain, Dicky & Seide. All well, & they seemed to be enjoying themselves much, for the table was decked with wines & delicious fruits, - but I fell out of my element it being Sunday evening.

After tea, we all went out in the garden & enjoying the cool refreshing breeze for a time, we then returned in, Frank soon left, having an appointment.

Presently a neighbour called in & asked Mr Freestone to go for Dr King's so off they all started leaving Mr Freestone, Emma & myself, we spent the time talking & reading, lines of poetry composed by Mr Freestone, on their return, Mrs Meris was

talked & soon practical experiments were tried & W Dicky sent me to sleep; "Sunday evening." ~~ought~~ will not this cry out against me, for I myself alone was to blame, what an example; crucifying by God's death. We soon left, but with what feelings, happy feelings were gone, & misery reigned, made the more so from the pain caused my beloved, we walked home in silence, Poor girl how I felt for her & pitied her, & yet I. - I had done it all, I prayed - & that prayer was answered for both our spirits were calmed, & we parted quite happy again. But this night is a lesson & a warning ^{against} Sunday visiting, for the spirit suffers & convulses, would not let the body rest.

Apr. 2. Monday, fine N. E. Trade fair, salting butter & etc. To McCuddin's in the evening & settled up our monthly A/c's. This quarter returns still show an increase.

Apr. 3. Tuesday, big rain last night, S. W. Clear'd early, & was a pleasant day, Trade fair visiting, in the evening, clearing windows & etc, To day.

Apr. 21. Wednesday. Fine. G. C. Trade fair. up
Town & made a few purchases at N. Springfield.

To the Town Hall in the evening accompanied by my
beloved, to hear a Lecture on Electro-biology & to
see a course of practical Mesmeric experiments, —
delivered & made by Capt Wilton, the Lecture
was a general account of the Lecturer's practical
experience, a history & to speak, commencing from the
circumstances, place & time, in which he was convinced
of the effective power of Mesmerism; bringing many facts
to prove the truth of Mesmerism, "Facts are stubborn
things & speak for themselves; but something else
was about to speak louder, yea, it did speak,
& that was, Successful, practical experiments,
upon the sensitive persons of gentlemen who
kindly came forward & place themselves under
the manipulation of the Lecturer; Time will
not allow of a full detailed account, suffice it to
say, that by hearty laughter & rapping of feet, the
audience showed (more especially by their looks
of astonishment) that they were convinced that
there was "a something in it," that it was not
all humbug." Whether it is, it is a great &

wonderful power; useful if applied for relief of
pain, & equally dangerous if trifled with.

The meeting broke up or rather the experiments
came to an end; when the assembly dispersed to
~~our~~ their several homes, "we" to Mr Mallet's then
to talk over with Mr M. the wonders worked &
performed by Mesmeric influence on Sensitives.
up late.

Apr 3. Thursday, fine G. C. 11.15 P.M. very hot.
Trade brisk. To St Luke's School in the evening, to
a Teachers meeting convened by me, for the purpose
of forming a Constitution & drawing up a set of Rules
for the guidance of the Teachers & general management
of the School, after the Rules were passed & made
law, we elected the officers & members of the Committee
& then we formed a set of Rules & passed
them for the proper management of the School
Library, & elected a Librarian & two Assistants.
A copy of the Rules will be found at the end of this
book. we dispersed after nine P.M. &
I called in to see Mr Mason but on my way home
found all well; stopped chatting for a while on
Mesmerism & its effects, then on home, to bed & to sleep.

Apr 6 Friday. fine S. W. Stay at home & study
Trade brisk. up town to make purchases at
Peacock & Co. 11 a.m.

Go to St John's in the evening to hear Mr Han
lecture, subject "The Parable of the Sower."
a very good, interesting lecture, he spoke of it as
"the Parable." the first, the ground work of all
the others. & he bade us to look after our
fallow ground, to prepare it for the seed, &
when the seed is sown to cherish it, & to water
its growth carefully; we are indeed stewards in
a sense & we shall have to render an account
as to whether the best has been made of the
ground allotted to us.

At home writing often.

Apr 7. Saturday, Showery last night, S. W. a.m.
N. E. P.m. Trade brisk week above the average.

late in closing. Hail in the evening

Apr 8. Sunday, ^{the prof.} fine, Sw a.m. Did not come down
Blow St. N. W. in the evening. To school and
Ch. as usual, P.m. after lessons, I read the Rules
out to the whole School. Library Sunday,
late home.

When I arrived at Mr Morris' Sur. I found Mr & Mrs
Hodson there both well, Mr Hodson soon left for
Governor's Bay. We all went to ch leaving house
without an inmate. Just at the close of the
Second lesson the clasp of the fire bell, ^{was heard} (the sound
of which is always unpleasant, was then more so,
a quack doublet went through the bottom of all
present, for who could tell but that its at my
place." so I thought, so I felt, so with many
more I went out to ascertain its whereabouts,
on nearing the corner of St Asaph & Maulestree
Sts, it proved to be a yard fence, so I hastened
back to ch. my return satisfied others, & on the
return of more, the congregation again settled
quietly down, listening intently to a most in-
teresting sermon, preached by Mr Han, from
Job 22 & 14 rule; He pointed out the different
clouds that shroud this fair world of ours,
also those that darken a country, families
& individuals, & asked us to explain the cause
if we could for he could not. He then said that
we must not look at the cloud, but try to look
behind it, & then we should see the source of

being & just God at the wheel, guiding the machinery, he then explained caused by saying that often objects too much doctored on, are often removed, for God tries to work for the saving of souls & not for the bodies comfort, some very useful lessons were to be learnt from the sermon & a warning issued from it, as it were a still small voice, whispering in ones ear, to live nearer to God, to live more for God & to try to please him in our daily walk; or we may expect that warning to come upon us, thick clouds to cover us, to gather in blackness; till light at last be altogether excluded.

To Mrs Brown's after ch. stopped to supper & then on to Mr Wollers found them well, spent a few hours enjoying the society of her most dear to me.

Apr 9. Monday, S. E. Showery P. m. & w. after 4 P. m. Trade fair, up down & m. within writing in the evening. To James.

Apr 10. Tuesday, S. E. fine, lovely day, Trade fair, posting up the books, at Home writing in the evening to John.

— To Joseph Heine Esqr. —

— Musician —

"Childlike Interpreter of Heaven,
While to fast on, at folk's most
yet that is God what God had given,
Who triumphed on triumph's last."

The common light which us surrounds
Is darkness to that light whose trace
We catch in those enchanted sounds,
And in the music of thy face.

And she who blends her notes with thine,
And hath, oh! more than eyes for thee,
Reflects a radiance more divine,
I have caught our mortal eyes can see;

Behold a music more than all,
Which yet a deeper spirit controls —
The music of a loving heart,
The music of two married souls.

J. C. Gay. Breton

179. Macquarie Street
Sydney Aug 20. 1865

From the Sydney Morning Herald.

The above named Musician is blind, & I believe so from his birth; yet is he an excellent in his art, so much so, as to attract places in the shade all others, for his perception of music is so good & so rare, as almost to electrify his hearing, making him listen, with bated breath, as if afraid to lose the faintest sound of such harmony of instruments.

Apr 12. Wednesday, fine, S. W. Trade fair, To Mr Miles, Sale, Colonel Dr North, things went very high, I bought a clock, skeleton under glass door top To Mr Wollers in the evening. Time flew, & it was late ere we parted.

Apr 13. Thursday, fine, S. E., Trade fair, to Mr Miles again, but bought nothing. Grammar To St Michael's school in the evening. A parents meeting; The meeting was adjourned till Sunday

next, on account of the paucity of attendance of
the Parishioners, to Mr Mollitt's after, & took the clock
then for safe keeping.

Apr 13. Friday, fine S.W. Trade fair, posting up my
books & making out bills. Mr Brown & my beloved
called in the afternoon. To St John's ch in the evening
to a lecture by Mr Han on the Parable of the Candlestick.
a very good lecture.

To Mr Mollitt's after to talk over with my beloved. Some
courts, that lie before, having come to a three choice
in life, I felt although I wanted advice as to which
court to pursue, came home in good spirits.

Apr 14. Saturday, fine, S.E. Trade dull for
Saturday. work below average.

Apr 15. Sunday, fine, S.E. To school as usual, to
St Luke's a.m. text at school P.m. Prov 20c. 12. 13c.

To the Wesleyan chapel in the evening, accompanied
by my beloved, to hear Mr Buller's farewell sermon
to his congregation, it was affecting but not in the
extreme. I had thought to have seen more feeling
expressed by the congregation, on such an occasion
as the farewell meeting with one who had been
for six years their pastor. To Mr Wood's after

for a short interval & then on to Mr Mollitt's. Spent a happy
evening.

Apr 16. Monday, fine S.E. Trade fair. Spinning
the quick fence adjoining a.m. posting up my books P.m.
To the Town Hall in the evening, to a meeting
(a challenge meeting) betwixt, "Hoorhous" &
"Travers" called by Mr Travers, to give opportunity
for a fair discussion of his "Land-Scenes" The meeting
was very amusing, for then when the champions, (not
puzilistical) but champion orators, at "hammer &
Sledge" Streamt issuing forth both amusing &
galling, much of the iniquitous system of preemptive
rights was brought to light, & one "gent" who rose
in the Hall in answer, ~~was~~ was forced to go onto
the platform, to answer, & lo! & behold he did,
- yet he did, give an answer equivalent to yes!
This was, that "he was cultivating land held
~~under~~ ^{on} lease from Government at 2^d per acre per,
which land is preemptive-right land." the excuse
he made was that he was "improving public
property." I did not stay to the close, but that
I know that Travers' coming forward, has
opened up & laid before the public many glaring
facts.

Apr 17. ~~to~~ Tuesday, fine, S. W. by str. a.m. -
Trade dull, & St Michael's parish meeting in the
evening, I discuss the payd ways, & means of getting
out of our present difficulties, & resolutions only
where pass, so great was the discussion as to the
root of the evil, 1st that the parish should be actively
cavalled in order to obtain subscriptions, for the
purpose of liquidating the ^{parish} debt, and that the result
should be reported to a meeting to be convened by
the Archdeacon at some future date. (Mr March)
& 2nd That in order to prevent a recurrence of the
financial difficulties, which have arisen in the parish
of clrch. it is desirable to divide the parish, ^{part & parcel}
both carried, after some discussion as to the advisability
of electing vestrymen at this meeting, it was decided
to adjourn till Friday ^{evening} next. Late Report Rev.

Apr 18. Wednesday, fine, S. W. in P. W. after 11 a.m.
I Blew a gale towards evening, & dull hole in
clouds & masted, sometimes in the dim light almost
deceiving the eye as to whether or not a fine rayed.
to Mr Trade fair, to Mr Mollitt in the evening &
spent a pleasant evening.

Apr 19. Thursday. fine. S. W. Trade by dull
clearing up ^{the} crockery place. & getting orders ready
to the "Mechanics" in the evening, meeting of
the Literary Society, subject of discussion, "that
the reformation under Henry the VIII. was more
political than religious." Mr Shelton opened
it in the affirmative, he was of that opinion because
it was brought about, through the desire of a
Monarch, to gratify a sensual appetite, & through
Wolsey's determination to revenge himself on the
Pope, for being ^{himself} twice thrown out of ^{his election for} the Papal
Seat, by another being elected, he considering
himself adequate to fill it. Several argued for
& against it, I opposed it on the grounds
that no "political" reformation was brought
about it was a "religious" one, it's true it caused
an active str amongst those engaged in politics
at that period; but they were driven on by
a strong under current of religious feeling in
the multitude, whose minds were gradually
becoming enlightened & they ^{never} see that ^{passion} aimed
too much to carnal aggrandisement,
Many also had read the bible, & had heard

great family of mankind, not them of what they could
do for each other. I also gave a little more of the
definition which is given in Genesis, as a "man of regard"
I gave it in her paper the whole behind of the
some time advising them to make the best use of
the opportunities now afforded. Thus, for a time
I could come when they see what I have to go
forth on life, & then believed would there be
who go forth with Christ in their hearts.
I also found on the evening last Feb. 11. 1795, he
evidenced steadfastly as being firm who is
available. "The evidence is by long before us
practical faith, as carried out by states.
May God will his (Christ's) evidences for the
fulfillment of the spirit of Christ.
Apr 23. Monday, not a.m. calm & very ^{pleasant} and clear
Avered that this ^{is} an ^{interesting} by. made dull
for Tom Diggly came on the evening, what a talk!
be successful in what! almost enough to be
believe: but to it was, at least - He'd been
whether it is true. - In sudden death at
Grand Locomotive has victims, without assuming
them. Healed are those ordered who are ready for

If the described carrying out of the information
if on January, & they do they began to see that
they could think for themselves better than the
people could think for them, do we see that
the people refuse also (to speak) for the
changes in things could not have done as
he did, against present opinion. It follows
I turned up very early, & when it was put in
the vote I voted for & against the question.
Apr 20. Friday, the first. fine. made with fine
in in kindred. listening. quite early, before 10 o'clock
to be found on the evening, on to the 20th after
Apr 17th/18th we stayed there, found all well
Spent a short time chatting away, & saying
many a hearty laugh. Some writing after.
Apr. 21. Saturday, fine. R. O. made with.
week average.
Apr 22. Sunday. fine. R. O. shower coming &
settling between 2. 19 p.m. from 8. 15. calm
to about 2 ch. about, last P.m. at the school
Apr 24. 11. 12.5. Judge said I am I am that
"Judge" endeavored to impose on their minds
them duty to each other, as brethren on the

The summons, the tale so to speak is that
Mr & Mrs Gibbs, accompanied by Mr & Mrs Peunty
went last evening on to the Wesleyan chapel
& hear Mr Buddel their new minister preach.
She seemed quite well & in excellent spirits,
when!— soon after sitting down & before the
service commenced, she was taken with a
fit of coughing, & went into the vestry, her
friends went with her & also thence to
say Mr & Mrs James also Mr & Mrs Mea, when
then I went out to her, but all human
help was unavailing, a place was prepared
for her, & she was requested to fill it; so in
abt. half an hour from entering the chapel
she was a corpse. How strange. — then to
die, in a house of God, on a Sabbath
evening & surrounded by most of her family.
But how sudden! what a warning voice
is here, how loudly it calls! how it echoes
through the innermost chamber of the heart
& it penetrates to a man's soul, in language
of "Are you ready?" yet we may all say
"am I ready?" Should a request so sudden

be sent forth for our lives. Doubtless! —
but we see it not; God's loving hand has
done ^{it} He had some wise purpose in view,
which we know not, & "For He moves in a
mysterious way."

I went in the evening to the house of affliction
to try and comfort them, I saw her in her
coffin, Oh! how happy, how serene that face,
as though the corpse, rejoiced, because the spirit
had found a lasting resting place, it looked
so heavenly. What a comfort to think, a spirit
which so late had its abode in that now
cold & stiff corpse, is now in heaven, where are
loud rejoicings, "Hosanna to the Son of David"
another spirit added to the host of the Lamb
to rejoice & never more to suffer. Had a few words
~~Home~~ I left them, pointing them to the Great
Comforter; & I trotted home thinking on this
mournful bereavement; to my home I then
sat down to record it amongst other
memorials.

Apr 24. Tuesday. Fine & C. Trade fair
up from a.m. at home reading in the evening

Apr 25. Wednesday, fine, S. W. Trade dull
To hear Mrs Digby's funeral, in the afternoon
she is buried in the Wesleyan cemetery.

How sad & mournful, is a procession, of black objects
following with downcast looks, a large black hearse,
The very sight of it, sends a thrill thro one, not
one of delight; but one of sorrow for human nature
is human nature, so generally, a sigh escaped, as
the mind is suddenly turned, from ordinary business
& thinks for the moment of "death." Yet still the
speaks of sympathizing hearts, it tells of hearts
desirous to the last to do all that can be done, &
to show a last respect to the quiet dead.

Stayed at Mr Digby's to see, Mr Buddle the new
Wesleyan Minister also stayed till eight seven, just
before leaving he read a chapter & engaged in
prayer, & then spoke a few words of comfort
to the sorrowing ones. Mr Digby went home with
Mrs M^r Jones. I stopped for the night.

Apr 26. Thursday, fine, dew. S. E. Trade brisk
To the Mechanics, not sufficient in attendance
for a debate so we dissolved the meeting
At Mr Brown's sur. after found all well.

Apr 27. Friday, ^{fresh} fine. S. E. Trade fair, to St John's
to a lecture, delivered by Mr Hoare, on one of the
parables, accompanied by my B. — called in
to see Mr Brown sur. on to Mr Mallett's after, spent a
few hours pleasantly together.

Apr 28. Saturday, fine, Stg S. W. allmost equally
at times, & dull, (as it were summer,) terrific
Trade brisk, week average

Apr 29. Sunday, fine. S. W. To School as usual,
To St John's a.m. To the Wesleyan Chapel to hear
Mrs Digby's funeral sermon, we called on
at Mr Digby's on our way home, to Mr Mallett's.
(at home) we spent a few hours very pleasantly.

Apr 30. Monday, fine S. E., down town at noon
to Mr Dix's for dinner, Trade dull, resting up my
books. at home in the evening.

May 1. Tuesday, Showery Stg S. W. Trade fair
making up eye's & etc.

May 2. Wednesday, Showery last night, ^{Apr fresh} S. W.
fine, Trade dull. To Mr Mallett's in the evening
Spent a pleasant evening, to Mr Mallett's after.

May 3. Thursday, first fine, S. E., Trade
fair, To the School, Prayer meeting in
the evening

Met Mr Cuddon at Mr Baggis' & settled abt.
dissolution of Partnership, to dissolve on 4th
June, I am to take the business, to pay Mr
Cuddon, $\frac{1}{2}$ the net assets, stock to be taken at
cost price & Books at they stand, & improvements
 $\frac{1}{4}$ down. $\frac{1}{4}$ three, $\frac{1}{4}$ six & $\frac{1}{4}$ nine months
bearing $12\frac{1}{2}$ % interest. (Signed & witnessed by
Mr Baggis)

May 4 Friday, fine fresh, N.E. Trade fair
to Mr Mallett after closing, on to Mr Brown's care

May 5. Saturday, frost fine N.E. trade built
week average.

May 6. Sunday. ^{ish} fine, N.E. P.M. To ch & school
as usual, Missionary Sunday, gave out 11 -
Missionary Boxes, alt. Teachers subscription
Sunday. Lost John in the evening, to Mr Brown
Sun. after on to Mr Mallett.

May 7. Monday frost fine N.E. Trade fair
to Mr Baggis in the evening.

May 8. Tuesday. frost fine, S.W. Trade
fair putting books weights & etc, went
& had my likeness taken, to Friend Cole
in the evening.

May 9. Wednesday, fine, N.E. Trade fair, to
Mr Mallett in the evening, spent a few hours very
pleasantly.

May 10. Thursday, fine, N.E. P.M. cloudy, Trade
built, out for orders a.m. carrying them out in
the evening after closing, Mr old Frank, started
all in a hurry for England this morning, news
came from Melbourne that the "Great Britain"
sails on 15 instead of the twentieth so
that his only chance of catching her was
by going by the "Alabama" from Port to-
day. I am sorry to part with him, but
I think he is in the path of duty.

May 11. Friday fine. cloudy. N.E. P.M. Trade
dull, busy up & getting things straight for
tomorrow. Lost John in the evening, to hear
Mr Hoare lecture, on to Mr Brown's care after.

May 12. Saturday, fine, N.E. Trade very
 brisk, Tom Sigby came & helped me. week
average

May 13. Sunday, fine, N.E. Showery after
8 P.M. To ch & School as usual, to Mr John
in the evening, to Mr Brown's & Mr Mallett after

May 14. Monday, fine N. E. Trade fair, salting
butter & cleaning up the Shop, to Mr Mallett's after.

May 15. Tuesday. fine. N. E. Trade fair, wrote
home to Mother & sent "our" Cards de visites.
to Mr Proggis after.

Gov. Joe Digby was accidentally killed today at
Maccarton. A wagon ran over his stomach &
caused all most instant death. How sudden.
Poor fellow, if unprepared how awful, to be
called momentarily to stand before his Maker.

May 16. Wednesday, thpy, frost by but a.m.
by S. W. S. W. in the evening Showery, Trade
dull, to Mr Mallett's in the evening.

May 17. Thursday. fine. S. W. threatening,
Trade fair, out for & delivering orders, to Mr
Mallett in the evening.

May 18. Friday, fine, N. E. cold Trade dull
to St John's in the evening, to Mr Brown's
at 10 o'clock in the afternoon.

May 19. Saturday, fine, N. E. Trade built
trunk over.

May 20. Sunday. fine, N. E. to School & ch
as usual to Mr Digby's to dinner, to Mr Brown

after ch. in the evening & on to Mr Mallett's,
May 21. Monday. Showery N. E. Trade dull up
town P. M. at home writing in the evening.

May 22. Tuesday. fine N. E. Trade fair, to Mr
Mallett's in the evening.

May 23. Wednesday. Showery S. W. N. E. after
3 P. M. out for & delivering orders, at home
in the evening.

May 24. Thursday. Showery calm a.m. high
rain S. W. P. M. rode over to Governor's Bay early
to Friend Cole's wedding, held at Mr Parsons's, the
ceremony of "tying up" took place in Governor's Bay
ch. My beloved was Brides maid, & I was groom-
man, the Bride Miss Barker, went over last Saturday.
Mr Parsons had a splendid "spread" for breakfast.
we enjoyed ourselves much, Mr Parsons being as
lively & full of jokes as ever.

May 25. Friday, oh! my word still wet, the rain
coming down as if it meant it & the wind angry
with all impediments in its onward progress.
no use of thinking of facing the hill today
so we settled down to amuseing ourselves by
reading, singing, sitting, card playing & etc

Time will prove as to whether Moorhouse's policy will stand the test of time, I fear, but I do hope those fears may not be realized. To Mr Mollet's after I spent a pleasant evening with my beloved.

May 31. Thursday, fine, N.W. hot, Trade fair out for orders & delivering them, at home writing in the evening.

June 1. Friday, fine S.E. Trade dull making preparations for Stock taking, at home posting up books in the evening.

June 2. Saturday, fine ^{good} N.E. Trade with week average, clearing ready for dissolution. We this day signed an agreement, to dissolve the partnership without existing between William Cuddeon & myself, witnessed by Herbert Couper, So dissolve this day, I took it to the different papers for advertising it. week average

June 3. Sunday, fine fresh, S.E. to school & ch. as usual, to Mr Mollet's after.

June 4. Monday, fine S.E. taking stock from morn till past Ten P.m., tired & weary

June 5. Tuesday, Showy, heavy rain & strong S.W. last night, S.W. by today, working up stock getting out book debts & etc till a late hour.

June 6. Wednesday, fine S.E. opened today on my own the Trade fair, settled up with Mr Cuddeon, paid him $\frac{1}{4}$ out assets down in cash & shared in Provincial investment & Loan Association, & gave him acceptance for the remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ three quarters, ~~behave~~ respectively three, six & nine months, with interest at $12\frac{1}{2}$ % per annum,

Down Town P.m. to Peacock & Co's & made some purchases & to several other places. To Mr Mollet's in the evening, spent a few hours pleasantly with my beloved.

June 7. Thursday, first fine, calm by S.E. P.m. out for orders & m. delivering them, P.m. to St Luke's school in the evening to a praying meeting.

June 8. Friday, first fine S.E. Trade fair to St John's in the evening Lecture the Parable of the Ungrateful Servant. To Mr Brown's serv. after

June 9. Saturday. Fine S.W. by P.M. calm
in the evening. Trade brisk.

June 10. Sunday. S.W. heavy rain, to ch & school
as usual, both ch & school thin.

Mr Hodson's little one was christened to day
at St Michael's ch by the Rev Jacob, names
Jesey, Anne. To Mrs Mollits in the evening.

June 11. Monday, frost fine S.W. Trade fair
busy cleaning up & etc, at home reading in the
evening.

June 12. Tuesday, fine frost, N.E. lovely day
Trade fair, at home reading & etc in the evening.

June 13. Wednesday, frost, fine S.E. Trade
fair, up Town purchasing. To Mrs Mollits in the
evening. Spent a pleasant evening.

June 14. Thursday, frost fine, out for order
6.30 Trade fair, to Mr Brown's house in the
evening.

June 15. Friday, ship frost, fine S.E., up
Town 6.30 To chose paper & etc, Trade brisk
Mr Williamson's dinner, order to make up.

My beloved came in the evening to look over the
new house. To St John's in the evening to

Mr Boggie's after.

June 16. Saturday, frost fine, S.E. Trade brisk.
week above average.

June 17. Sunday. frost fine S.E. To ch & school
as usual, Library Sunday, to Mr Brown's after
ch. in the evening reading & etc, spent a few
pleasant hours previous to leaving.

June 18. Monday. frost, fine S.W. Trade
dull cleaning up & suspending lamp glasses
salting butter & etc. To Mrs Mollits & Mr Brown
in the evening. Home after writing home to Mother
but the usual 'Raft'.

June 19. Tuesday, frost fine, S.E. Trade
fair, up Town & foot some Crockery
at home putting it to rights in the evening.

June 20. Wednesday, frost slight, ~~S.W.~~ S.E.
S.W. at 4.30 P.M. blew a gale at times
Trade dull, ^{order} ~~putting~~ weekly order executed
& delivered. 4.30 P.M. To the concert at the
Town Hall in the evening, to hear the
"Messiah" we enjoyed ourselves much -
late home.

June 21. Thursday, St. N. changed to S. W.
abt 5 P.M. & blew a gale at times, Trade fair
to the Land office, for a Timber License for
Williamson. at noon, executing & delivering order
to St John's in the evening, to Mr Brown after
June 21. Friday, fine S. W. St. last night
& very rain. posting up books & etc. a.m.
to the School, committee Meeting, passed
3 additional Rules, No 12. 13. 14. to regulate
the marking of the childrens cards after
some general conversation & the passing of
a few resolutions we parted abt nine P.M.
June 22. Saturday, perfect gale from S.W.
the winds I think I have felt since I've
been here, all night long softened down
towards daylight very rain all day, trade
dull in consequence, week fair average.
June 23. Sunday, fine S. E. to the School
as usual, to St John's in the evening, Mr Brown
preached from "He that is not with me is
against me, & he that gathereth not with me
scattereth." a most excellent sermon,
to Mr Brown's after & read with Emma, two

letters from home one from Mother one from John that
I received yesterday, all well & John seems quite
settled as regards emigration, & settled down in
the old country. his was a very nice letter, but
sad news was in Mother's of S. Hales taking to
his old course again. we spent a few pleasant
hours together. To my home came abt 10 P.M.
I joined Mr Hales' Bible class this evening & I hope
to receive much benefit from it as I have by God's
help from his preaching.

June 25. Monday, fine stiff N. W. Trade dull.
cleaning & dusting window cleaning up & etc.
Received a letter from one who has remained silent
for so long a time that I wondered what had
become of him. all well the ice broken,
let's hope the show will proceed & never may
let's allow old frost time to ice us over now.
to Mr Wollitt in the evening, to meet my
beloved, spent a very pleasant evening.

June 26. Tuesday, N. W. on an inquest at
the Hospital a.m. on poor Jibbs who poisoned
himself by taking laudanum whilst in a
state of intoxication. Laveling earth & gravel

on the foot path in front, trade dull, to Mr
Hoare's Bible class in the evening, all 16
present, I think by God's help I shall profit
much from these meetings, I learn to night a
much better plan of reading & studying Scripture
We commenced the 1st of Romans & got through
as far as the 17^v. We read the chapter
through & then glanced through each verse &
spoke of what most caught our attention
& then we look at it verse by verse in a
critical point of view & lastly in a devotional
to try & find out all the lessons meant to be
taught by God when His Holy Spirit inspired
the penman of Him that wrote the Epistle,
we broke up about 10 o'clock Travis

June 27. Wednesday, fine. N.W. clearing up
yard & putting up a packing fence at the back, to
Mr Brown in the morning & found my beloved
suffering from influenza & head cold, very unwell
so much so as to keep her bed.

June 28. Thursday, fine. N.W. Trade fair, getting
order ready sent them out P.M. leaving gravel
in the yard A.M. To St John's in the evening

To Mr Brown after, my beloved much better, up & busy with
his needle.

June 29. Friday, fine N.W. stiff, posting up my books
A.M. leaving gravel P.M. & tying up goods for tomorrow
Trade fair. To Mr Hoare's in the evening.

June 30. Saturday, N.W. fine, trade brisk
week fair quass. late to bed

July 1. Sunday, fine. S.W. To School & ch. as
usual Library Sunday, late home, called at Mr
Mollett on my way to Mr Brown's. To St John's in
the evening ch. crowded & Mr Hoare preached a
most excellent sermon from 1 Corinths 1 ch. 30 &

July 2. Monday, fine. S.W. Trade fair. To
Mr Mollett to read, at home writing in the evening.

July 3. Tuesday, fine, frost. S.W. Trade
fair, Salting butter A.M. To Mr Hoare's Bible
class in the evening, went through the close of
the 1st chapter. Through St Paul's admonition
to the gentile world. Home writing to you after

July 4. Wednesday, fine. ^{good} S.E. Trade dull
cleaning windows A.M. out for order P.M.
to the school to a prayer meeting in the evening
called at Mr Hoare's on my way home for my beloved.

July 5. Thursday, frost fine N. E. trade fair
getting orders ready, Dr W. Williams' Lawyer
I got my ~~deed~~ deed, of Lease of those Premises
situated at the corner of Montreal Str &
Oxford Terrace west ch. ch. To the Down
Hall at noon & took at some splendid
sketches of ^{the} alpine scenery of our adopted
land. To St John's in the evening & a lecture
to Mr Brown after

July 6. Friday, the hour frost, fine trade
fair, cutting & making Carpet (Mrs Lyell's & my
deared) To Mr Tho Brown's Litchfield Street
in the evening.

July 7. Saturday. fine day. N. W. E. warm
trade brisk work average late.

July 8. Sunday. fine, N. W. E. hot. to school
& ch. at usual, To Mr Ho Colid to sea & then
out my beloved, To St John's after. Mr Hoare preached
a most excellent sermon, from Rom. vi. 3 & 4 v.
on Baptism & its benefits. To Mr Brown after

July 9. Monday. fine N. E. Trade fair, sold
6 Pairs of buttons at 7 o'clock a.m. delivered & paid for
making tickets 10 m. To Mr Mollett in the evening.

July 10 Tuesday. Showery, N. E. vij living at
times, Trade dull to Mr Cohen's sale in Colons
Str. I bought a round table, to Dr Barker's to
give notices for a marriage certificate, To Mr Hoare
at noon for a licence, for two ^{single} ^{clerk} ^{in the evening} ^{clerk} ^{in the evening}

July 11. Wednesday. fine S. W. Trade fair, out
for order 10 m. To Mr Brown's St Asaph Street
in the evening.

July 12 Thursday. fine S. W. Trade fair
getting up orders & etc. To St John's after
to hear Mr Hoare lecture on the Parable of
the rich Man. To Mr Brown after.

July 13. Friday. fine with exception of one
or two light showers, making up books & putting
things to rights in the evening.

July 14. Saturday, fine N. E. Trade very brisk
work above average.

July 15. Sunday, fine N. E. to school & ch
at usual, to Mr Mollett in the evening to sea
To St John's after. Mr Hoare preached a most
excellent sermon from the parable of the
sixth chapter of Genesis. ^{was in good}
^{time}

July 16 Monday. Showery S.W. Steady down
fall P.M. putting things to rights & salting butter
writing in the evening to Mr. Colley.

July 17 Tuesday. Very rain S.W. Trade dull
putting up books & etc. to Mr. Mallet's Mr
Brown's P.M. also to Taylor & Co for an
American stove, to Mr. Hoare's Bible
Class in the evening.

July 18 Wednesday. Showery. S.W. out for
order P.M. to Mr. Brown in the evening.

July 19 Thursday. Fine fresh N.E. Trade fair
delivering order putting down carpet & etc.
to St. John's in the evening.

July 20 Friday. Fine Trade dull out for
order P.M. to Mr. Taylor to Sea, to Mr. Mallet
in the evening.

July 21 Saturday. Showery N.E. Trade
dull in consequence, went below aways.

July 22 Sunday. Showery N.E. to ch. & School as
usual. to Mr. Brown's after ch. in the evening.

July 23 Monday. Fine, N.E. Trade dull, cleaning
up the house, down to St. Asaph Street in the evening.
Spent preparations being made for what! ha!

very beloved well & in good spirits.

July 24 Tuesday. Fine N.E. Trade dull, putting things
to rights, down town both at a.m. & P.M. went to St. Asaph
& got the Marriage certificate. a.m. & to Court & Summons
Geo. Russell. To St. John's vestry, to Mr. Hoare's bible
class, very good attendance & deeply interesting meeting.
to Mr. Brown's after, & then found hearts fluttering with
anticipation of the coming week. home late, after arranging
for the morrow.

July 25 Wednesday. Fresh. Fine N.E. lovely day
a finer than could not be for taking place of an
event, a memorable one, even my union in happy
wedlock with Emma eldest surviving daughter of Mr
Thos Brown of Ch. Ch. This interesting, & all important
step of my mortal career, took place in St. John's
Ch. The ceremony of marriage being performed by
the Rev. J. O'Brien Hoare, 'incumbent' between
10 & 11 a.m.

I awoke up that morning, conscious of a great change, but
it turned almost a dream, can it be real? but I soon
found to my joy it was even so, yet. - I have actually
secured that most inestimable of gifts from God,
even a good wife, a choice gift, choicer than rubies

whose reflection; will gladden more than ten thousand good.

Seven years ^{ago} today I parted from one I shall love on earth, my Mother, & now, without forethought on our part (I put the plural here to show neither I nor my wife ever gave it a thought) it being the seventh anniversary of a great step in my life, to now a greater change than the distant one had come over us.

Miss Jane Brown, was bridesmaid, my "best man" so to speak, was Mr. Packard, we walked to church. breakfasted at Mr. Brown's, the afternoon was occupied by tying & directing packets of - you know those small parcels tied in white paper with white satin ribbons, & then sent as mementos to friends, & other duties incumbent on the event. After tea, - (My old friend H. B. Jewett came to tea) we arranged ourselves around the roomed, & a scattered conversation ensued, broken by an occasional riddle, or by the ruffling of little Mary ^{and} Fanny Brown's little girl on the floor, which made certain sounds to relax & contract, so as to place the face in that form commonly called

a laughing face. Then a few songs helped to relieve us, & the evening passed pleasantly on, & time which "waits for no man", pointed with ^{the help of} a certain piece of machinery on the mantle piece to an hour getting on towards midnight, so with packed up traps after bidding adieu all present & receiving certain & many wishes from all, we "man & wife" took our departure & came into our own house, or home, now made happy, now made comfortable, who can know who can enjoy the pleasure of a comfortable home? He more than one who has known the want of it, "Calmness is sparkling" & for thee.

July 26. - Thursday. Ship first fine N. E. ^{weather} out for orders 2 m. P. M. getting them ready, what a change every ^{thing} all ready at meal time & a kind loving little wife to welcome one to the table, at home in the evening. (I think that will be more often the case than hitherto).

July 27. Friday. Ship first fine N. E., Trade fair. busy getting things ready for tomorrow, at home writing & etc. in the evening.

July 28. Saturday. fine. N. E. Trade fair. week average,

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July 26. Thursday. Ship first fine N. E. ^{sublime} out for orders 8 m. P. M. getting them ready, what a change every ^{thing} all ready at meal time & a fine young little wife to welcome me to the table, at home in the evening. (I think this will be more often the case than hitherto).

July 27. Friday. First fine N. E. Trade fair. busy getting things ready for tomorrow, at home writing letters in the evening.

July 28. Saturday. fine. N. E. Trade built week average,

Shakes of hands & congratulations almost
innumerable came to our lot to day, some
remarks were very amusing.

July 29 Sunday. fine H. E. To School
Sch at usual, came home after school
in the morning I read several pieces out
of "Things New & Old." To St John's in
the evening, called at Mr Brown's house,
stayed on our way home.

July 30 Monday fine H. E. Trade dull
Salting butter & clearing up the place, to
see Mr Mallet in the evening. To see
some wax-work figures in the Town Hall
of certain notorious characters, perfectly
disgusted we left them & halted home.

July 31. Tuesday; fine. H. E. Showery,
Trade dull, writing & etc. To St John's
vestry bible class, very interesting meeting.

Aug 1. Wednesday fine post H. E. Trade
fair writing, went out for orders, Mr & Mrs
Cuddon & Mr Proffit came in the evening
I too spent a jolly evening - a plate

Aug 2 Thursday. post, fine H. E. Trade fair
getting orders ready making out Bill & etc
Mr & Mrs Me - Mr & Mrs Me came in the evening
Spent a pleasant evening. My wife's birth day
Anniversary four years. Many, many happy returns.
Aug 3. Friday, Sw. Showery. Trade fair, at home
in the evening, Mr & Mrs Brown came in the evening.

Aug 4. Saturday. fine. H. E. Trade brisk work
about average, up late.

Aug 5. Sunday fine H. W. To School at usual
To St Michael's a.m. To St John's in the evening
Showery Sw.

Aug 6. Monday, fine. H. E. Trade Dull. To Mrs.
Latter Proffit in the evening. To H. W. in the evening

Aug 7. Tuesday, fine. H. E. Trade fair, Salting
butter a.m. down town P.m. Mr & Mrs White's James came
in the evening

Aug 8. Wednesday, foggy a.m. Sw fine H. E. a.m.
Trade fair out for orders P.m. to the School, Leaches
Prayer meeting in the evening, pleasant evening, to Mrs
Wheat for my wife on my way home stopped to
supper

Aug 7. Thursday. Showery N. E. Stg. Trade fair getting older ready. Sent them out P.M. at home in the evening.

Aug. 11. Friday. fine N. E. Trade fair, at home in the evening. Mr & Mrs Corbett came and spent a short time with us in the evening, & enjoyed their company much.

Aug 11. Saturday. fine N. W. Trade dull & mi briskened up towards night such above the average.

Aug. 12 Sunday. fine Showery S. W. To school & ch. as usual, To Mr Brown's for tea from the school P.M. after ch. in the evening, Mr Hoare preached from the ^{parable of the} builder & the soldier, an excellent sermon. filled with advice, comfort & warning; he said "Blessed indeed is he who built on the pinnacle on his tower before death comes." & pointed to the two courses to choose, it's either to build the tower, or to meet a just God send & all this mighty host.

Aug 13. Monday. fine N. E. Trade fair, money coming in better, & Mrs Mellis in the evening spent a pleasant evening.

Aug 14. Tuesday, fine S. W. Trade fair writing L. E. To Mr Hoare's Bible Class in the evening, held at the Chancel end of the ch. on account of the numbers present.

Aug 15. Wednesday. Showery last night, & a mi S. W N. E. & m. out for order P.M. Trade fair, at home writing in the evening.

Aug 16. Thursday. fine frost. N. E. Trade brisk. Lost John's in the evening, to him Mr Hoare lectured on the parable of the lost Sheep. home writing after

Aug 17. Friday. fine N. E. Trade brisk, at home in the evening

Aug. 18. Saturday. fine N. E. Trade brisk, week above average, up late, vj cold.

Aug 19. Sunday. fine ship frost, N. E. To school & church as usual, Mr Hoare preached an excellent sermon from "Let us be thankful for all things at all times, to God our Father." He showed us how thankless we are, how that thanklessness sends yea! it bluded in our eyes, showing itself the plainer as we grow old in previous dispositions & a continual uneasiness occasioned by a dissatisfaction with all around. He showed us that let us be deprived of all earthly comforts, that we have much to be thankful for, if not bodily, spiritually.

for have not we God to be thankfull for too for
the gift of his son, & of eternal life thro.
him if we believe in him. we exhorted, encouraged
& persuaded all (not excepting himself) to live
a more thankfull life, in the future.

Aug 20. Monday, fine a.m. sty h-w dull
showing, wind S.W. abt 4 p.m. Showery after
Trade dull, at home writing in the evening.

Aug 21. Tuesday, fine, h.c. Trade dull,
S. St John's in the evening to Mr Hoare's bible
class

Aug 22. Wednesday, fine, h.c. Trade fair out
for orders a.m. at home in the evening.

Aug 23. Thursday, fine, h.c. Trade fair -
getting orders ready for sending out a.m.
sent them out p.m. To St John's to hear
Mr Hoare's lecture, of "the lost piece of silver."

Aug 24. Friday, fine, h.c. Trade fair, to Mr
Cole's caladonian road, north down Bell
for my beloved in the evening found all well

Aug 25. Saturday, fine, h.c. Trade dull
for a Saturday, week average, tired & wearied.

Aug 26. Sunday fine h.c. to School &
Church as usual, to St John's in the evening,
Sermon berehial & his times. at home after

Aug 27. Monday fine h.c. Trade dull
blestness up after tea, at home in the evening.

Aug 28. Tuesday, ^{partly} fine by gusty sty h-w wind
S.W. abt 4 p.m. lg shower after 5 p.m. Trade
fair, at home in the evening, posting up my
books & marking the Childrens Cards of St Lukes
School, & entering them in a book.

Aug 29. Wednesday. frost, fine Calm brook
of the day, lg S.W. p.m. Trade fair, out
for orders p.m. at home in the evening.

Aug 30. Thursday, fine, h.c. Trade dull
getting & sending out orders, making out
bills & etc, to Mr Mallet's in the evening

Aug 31. Friday, fine, h.c. Trade brisk
up down p.m. I made a few purchases, getting
things weighed up for tomorrow, at home in
the evening.

Sept 1. Saturday fine h.c. Trade brisk
week average. Mr Mr Woodson & the
"Pikainini" came over to stay for awhile

Sept 2 Sunday. Fine N. E. To School
& ch. as usual, to St John's in the
evening. Mr Hoare preached an excellent
sermon from "If I regard iniquity in my
heart the Lord will not hear me."

To Mr Brown's Littlefield Street after.

Sept 3 Monday, fine N. E. Trade dull
receiving in goods, up town ordering goods
a.m. at home in the evening. Mr Wadston
left for the Bay.

Sept 4 Tuesday, fine N. E. Trade
dull. To Mr Hoare's class in the evening.

Sept 5 Wednesday, N. W. S. N. E. Trade
fair, to St Luke's School, quarterly
Committee meeting, in the evening, elected
John Librarian & assistants.

Sept 6 Thursday, fine N. E. Trade fair
busy sending out orders & etc, at home
in the evening, writing composing invoices.

Sept 7 Friday, fine N. E. Trade brisk.
at home in the evening.

Sept 8 Saturday, fine S. W.
& dull almost intolerable, especially

between 6 & 10 a.m. Trade fair, went away
for a bath in the evening.

Sept 9 Sunday, fine S. W. To the School
a.m. but had to return, not feeling well, at home
morning & afternoon, to St John's in the evening
Mr Brown preached, on the apparently contradictory
doctrines of justification held by St Paul
& St James, a vast subject & the basis of
a good sermon, but we were disappointed,
at home & to bed early.

Sept 10 Monday, fine N. E. Trade dull, cleaning
up & etc, to Auction Sale, at Dickman's
Cathel Str. & got a few things p.m.

at home in the evening
Sept 11 Tuesday, fine N. E. Trade fair
to Mr Hoare's St John's in the evening
a very interesting class meeting.

Sept 12 Wednesday, fine S. W. N. E.
Trade dull, out for orders a.m. at
the school monthly prayer meeting
& though few attended, yet was it a
pleasant meeting, & I quite enjoyed
it.

Sept 13. Thursday, fine 9 a.m. h. & p.m.
Trade! don't mention it; is it trade well
if that when trade indeed, I'd na ha
much more oil, for dull it was a
time enough for 'clivie and nails.'

For a walk round the Domain in the twilight
of the declining day, pleasant it was &
invigorating too, for all the senses were
gratified thereby.

Sept 14. Friday, a show of rain a few
drops fell & made the parched earth
rejoice, only to be disappointed by the
mirage, for it had passed off & still
the Dry weather carries the sway, &
I. w. a.m. N. E. p.m. trade brisk, at
home in the evening

Sept 15. Saturday, Showy last night
fine h. & p.m. trade brisk, week a little
below average.

Sept 16. Sunday Showy till 9 a.m. fine
lovely day N. E. to ch. I sch. as usual
Mr. Hume preached an excellent sermon
from "God forbid that I should glory

save in the cross of Christ."

To Mr Brown at Waghstn for awhile after.
Sept 17. Monday, fine N. E. packing eggs
& butter for Hokitiki, Trade fair!
at home writing in the evening to Mr the
& James.

Sept 18. Tuesday, fine h. & p.m. trade fair,
cleared a good amt of surplus butter & eggs
at a fair profit, at home in the evening

Sept 19. Wednesday, fine h. & p.m. Trade
dull out for orders, To Mr Mollers in the
evening. Mail in, news conflicting.

The Manu-gatapan Murders, Berpes
Loy, Kelly & Sullivan for the Murder
of poor Old "Battle."

Sept 20. Thursday, fine h. & p.m. Trade fair
received a letter from John & a note from Mother
enclosed a likeness of John and also of
youngest old school house Hoke where
Mother lives. at home in the evening

Sept 21. Friday, N. E. inclining to N. W.
Trade brisk, at home in the evening
posting up my books!

Sept 22. Saturday, Showery. S. W.
How pleasant the perfume arising
from refreshed vegetation & ^{mistletoes}
earth, on arising this morning, a
perfume almost forgotten because of
the continued draught "the long looked
for come at last." Though sparingly
yet acceptable, for the atmosphere
~~what~~ cleared & cooled & a fresh start
given to almost exhausted nature,
So help her efforts to cloth the
earth with the beautiful lively green
of early Spring. Trade fair rather
bitter than of late, week above average

Sept 23 Sunday, S. W. Fine to school
& ch as usual Mr Harper Archdeacon
of Wetland preached at St Luke's & in
St John's in the evening Mr Harris being
absent both good sermons. Mr Brown's
after ch. on our way home.

Sept 24. Monday S. E. Showery
Salting butter, trade dull, to the poor
hall, in the evening to a conversation

given by Mr Dobson Provincial Engineer
at which he gave a summary of his
previous lectures on different branches of
engineering, delivered free to the schools
engineers & artisan & open to the public
by payment of one shilling, at home by
mail, writing in the evening after.

Sept 25 Tuesday. S. E. big showers
fell at intervals during the day, & the
struts made by vegetation are marvelous
the ground being full of heat, being
now moistened, acts almost as the hot-
bed, forcing & bursting the tender shoots
of trees, shrubs, flowers, & vegetables, making
the violet to rear its tiny head, as
if pleased with the supply of beverage
incompatible with its existence, the crocus
with yellow hue, contrasted by the delicate
bunble, yet graceful snowdrop, all
tell a work is going, showing evidence
of a summer approaching. Trade dull
out to a few places in town, at home
reading in the evening.

Sept 26. Wednesday fine S.W. trade
dull, up to the Bank a.m. to Peacock, &
made a few purchases & sold my salt
butter for $\frac{1}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ at home reading in
the evening.

Sept 27. Thursday, S.W. threatening
trade fair, to Mr Stewart's Colombo
St. North spent a pleasant evening
we returned abt 10 P.M.

Sept 28 Friday, fine N.E., trade
bills at home in the evening posting
up.

Sept 29. Saturday, showery till abt
mid a.m. trade fair rather dull
for Saturday, week average.

Sept 30. Sunday showery last night
fine S.W. to school & ch. as usual
Mr Brace preached an excellent
sermon, on the similarity of the
mission of the Prophets & of
Ministers & of the similar reception
shown ^{fit} by the Braclites & priests
& Chittans, to Mr Brown in our way home

Oct 1. Monday, fine S.E. S.W., trade
fair, to Mr Wollett in the morning

Oct 2 Tuesday, showery last night
L.W. fine lovely day, one big
shower abt 10 a.m. up town 4 P.M.
Trade fair, to Mr Hoare's bible class
interesting meeting & rather prolonged
opinions differing

Oct 3. Wednesday fine N.E. trade dull
out for Obed's P.M. at home in the
evening.

Oct 4. Thursday, showery S.W. up town
a.m. on business for Williamson & Co. but
getting an order ready for them & the weekly
order Trade fair, at home in the evening

Oct 5 Friday, fine S.E. S.W. ^{morning} trade fair,
getting weighed up for tomorrow, at
home posting up & making out bills in
the evening

Oct 6 Saturday, fine, post N.E. trade
very brisk & money coming in earlier
week above average for all the dullness
of trade. Posting up in the evening.

Oct 7. Sunday. fine. N.E. to School.
I ch. as usual, to Mr Thompson's Salisbury
St. to dinner & tea with my wife.

Mr. Hoare preached an excellent sermon subject
"Schadrach, Meshach & Abednego, & Daniel: their
character, faith & example, & lessons to
be learnt from them all treated on; with
an earnestness & devotedness, surprising.
Called in Mr Brown in our way home.

Oct. 8. Monday, fine. N.E., trade fair
with at times, salt & packing butter for
the "well" also eggs, but Mr Mollie & children
come to tea & spend the evening.

Oct 9. Tuesday, fine. N.E. Trade fair
big order for Hokitiki "Call", to Mr
Hoare's Bible class in the evening
Received a letter from "Luc" in Waggawaggas
all well.

Oct 10. Wednesday. fine. St. N.W.
Trade very dull, out for order 'a.m.'
at home reading & etc in the evening

Oct 11. Thursday. fine St. S.W.
Trade dull, getting order ready &

sending them out, putting Shop to rights
& etc. at home putting up in the evening.

Oct 12. Friday, ^{fine} N.W. St. Trade fair, to
to Packard's, ^{Miss} sister has arrived from England
to tea & spend the evening
with Mr M. enjoyed ourselves much, left
after Ten P.m. on our way we found that
the Waimatiriri had again broken bounds
& like an untamed colt is quite un-
manageable, it has broken through the bank,
erected to stay & turn its further progress
in the direction of Ch. Ch. and has come
through our City again, at a higher level
than last Christmas. alarming the inhabitants
especially those in the vicinity of the river
late to bed in consequence.

Oct 13. Saturday, ^{fine} calm by wind various
round the compass settling in N.E. P.m.
Calm evening, very busy, big order of butter
& eggs in, work above average.

Oct 14. Sunday, ^{fine} Ship white frost, N.W.
hot & oppressive, to school as usual to
St John's both morning & evening, to Mr
Brown in the evening on our way home

Oct 15. Monday, fine N.W. Trade brisk
to the volunteer concert in the evening.

Oct 16. Tuesday, fine N.W. Trade fair
to Mr Howard's bible class at St John's in
the morning, after on to Mr Pipes Colombo St.
for Mr M, home late

Oct 17. Wednesday, fine N.E. Trade ^{dull}
putting up books & on out for order P.M.
at home writing & reading in the evening.

Oct 18. Thursday, fine S.E. Trade fair sending
out orders, to Mr March's after closing, Mrs M.
went soon after dinner, spent a pleasant evening

Oct 19. Friday, fine N.E. Trade dull -
weighing up for tomorrow, at home in the evening

Oct 20. Saturday, fine N.E. Trade brisk, well
average.

Oct 21. Sunday, fine S.W. To school &
ch. as usual, left Lakes in m. & St John's P.M.

Oct 22. Monday, fine N.E. Showers P.M. to
C.C. Aikman's Auction. Am. to see Sarah Peters
one of my scholars P.M. the very ill poor little
thing, to the lecture at the Town Hall in
the evening with my wife Mr Howard, lecturer,

subject "Martin Luther." an excellent lecture
in which he spoke of the man & character, career
& etc. Late home

Oct 23. Tuesday, fine N.E. Trade dull, to
Mr Howard's bible class in the evening
to Mr Mallet's after.

Oct 24. Wednesday, Showers P.M. N.W.
Trade fair.

Oct 25. Thursday, fine N.E. Trade fair
to St John's in the evening to the opening of
the Organ by the Bishop.

Oct 26. Friday, fine N.W. Trade fair,
weighing up for tomorrow ~~at home~~
in the evening. To the quarterly Parish
meeting at St Michael's School room in
the evening, plenty "sparring" abt separating
the parishes of St Luke's & St Michael
but nothing definite arrived at.

Oct 27. Saturday, fine N.E. Trade fair
well average.

Oct 28. Sunday. Steady rain & almost
I might say calm by E.W. a splendid
downfall, from 7 a.m. the whole day

So school & church as usual, to Mr
Thomson's to dinner.

Oct 29. Monday. fine, N. E. Trade fair
to the mechanics to look at the papers
at home in the evening.

Oct 30. Tuesday Trade brisk fine

Oct 31. Wednesday N. W. " fine
A out for orders a.m.

Nov 1. Thursday, fine Trade fair, delivering
orders & etc.

Nov 2. Friday, fine Trade brisk, to a
lecture in the evening, subject "The
Carille" delivered by Dr. Adam Scotts
Minister. interesting

Nov 3. Saturday, N. W. fine Trade brisk
big meal of butter & eggs in.

Nov 4. Sunday. fine, S. W. So. Church
School as usual & a rare preached
an excellent sermon in the evening.

Nov 5. Monday, fine N. E. am Nov
P. m. Stz, salting butter & packing eggs
am. Trade fair at home in the evening.

Nov 6. Tuesday. fine, N. E. a.m. by N. W.
S. w evening, fire last night 1 P. m. &
burnt the Free hotel & shops & Cookham
house destroying abt 35,000 £ worth of
property.

Trade fair, at home in the evening ^{unlucky}
Nov 7. Wednesday, fine S. W. a.m. N. E. P. m.
Trade fair, at home potting up & writing
in the evening.

Nov 8. Thursday. fine N. E. Trade fair
delivering orders, at home in the evening

Nov 9. Friday, fine S. W. threatening
Agricultural Show day, could not go
Trade brisk, at home in the evening
Mr & Mrs Mee came to Sea & spent the
evening

Nov 10. Saturday, fine N. E. Show day
in the evening, trade dull for Saturday
week above average.

Nov 11. Sunday, S. W. Show day a.m. fine P. m.
So School & ch as usual

Nov 12. Monday, fine N. E. Salting butter & etc.
Trade fair for a walk in the evening

Nov 13. Tuesday, N.W. fine trade
dull up town for Sunday purposes to
St John's Bible Class in the evening.

Nov 14. Wednesday - fine S.E. Trade fair
P.M. to St Luke's school, I gave a farewell
Sea to Mr Cotton who is about to go to Australia
as a missionary, most of the Teachers present
Mr C. & my class also. after Sea whilst
the table was being cleared we had a game
of Blind man's buff, after being arranged ourselves
round the table & set to work, humming
R.R. Chaps. Lutes, Bays & etc, readings,
telling tales till nigh 10 P.M. we gathered
the things together abt eight pounds worth
including some money over & above things
bought, I presented them to Cotton & to another
young man from the school also going, as
soon as could be divided, after we sang a
 hymn. I had prayers & parted to our
Several homes

Nov 15. Thursday Showy last night.
N.E. Trade fair up early to get things home
from ^{the} school & sweep it out, at home Mr Brown's

in the evening

Nov 16 Friday Showy S.W. Trade fair,
butter down up town P.M. 1st lot new cheese
in 11 cotts at home writing posting up in the
evening.

Nov 17. Saturday, foul heavy S.W. business
fair week average.

Nov 18. Sunday, fine S.W. N.E. 11 A.M.
to school & ch. as usual.

Nov 19. Monday, fine N.E. Trade fair.
at home in the evening. Talking butter

Nov 20. Tuesday, fine S.E. Trade fair
up town 8 A.M. & 1 P.M. to the Bible
class in the evening, to Mr Mees on
my way home for my wife.

Nov 21. Wednesday, fine N.W. Hy, Sw
at 4 P.M. N.W.E. in the evening, my
bot L. Muddy. up early to Mr Taylor's &
had a good feed of Strawberries & got
a bucket of Green peas; to Mr Mollat
in the evening, trade brisk.

Nov 22. Thursday, fine, N.E. N.W. Sw
P.M. Trade dull weighing up & etc

at home in the evening received a
letter from home, from Mother new
letter.



