

The Town, past the Railway  
Station & fell in with Mrs. Meap &  
Miss Morrison, went to a Restaurant  
& agreed to have Ham & Eggs for  
Tea. Afterwards fell in with some  
more & we went & all had tea  
together for 1/6 ea. Then we left.

The women & had a drop of Whiskey  
strolled about, fell in with them  
again, all of us went to an Hotel  
& finally went on Board together  
for 1/6 per pound.

At night a great many were the worse  
for drink & could hardly help  
keeping from fighting, going to  
the show, I did not go to bed till  
1.30 the next morning. Mr. Fran  
got quite fresh, also Mr. Purdee  
I spent 10/6. The first news we  
heard when the boat came across  
from Hobart was that Rharboun  
was taken & General Gordon killed  
Bought Samaritan news wherever was  
an account of the Rimutapu,  
& it was very well puffed up.

Friday Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>

Cousin, Ella's examination,  
hope she will be successful.  
The breakfast tables were very  
thinly attended, some of the  
passengers were hardly sober &  
the majority of them had bad  
heads. The stumpy man promised  
to give Uncle a thumping as soon  
as he was on his legs, I need  
hardly mention that stumpy  
was hardly sober. However one  
of the sailors came down, in  
an excited & drunken state  
& after a bit of sparring, stumpy  
can't take it & floored him.  
It took about six men to take the  
sailor up stairs. The short man  
had cut his head in the fall  
& it bled profusely, & that  
covered him. There were several  
bottles of beer drunk but it  
passed off quiet. A young fellow  
he occupied the bunk vacated