The Diary

Of

Thomas Scott

Written during the Voyage
from
London to Nelson
In 1875.
**On the Road to Havelock, New Zealand**

[p1] We started on Sunday Morning July 25th 1875 at 7 o’C from 32 St Vincent Street, Ladywood, Birmingham for New St Station. Two Boys going out for a walk agreed to carry the carpet bag to the Station, no conveyance of any kind being at that early hour about.

We got Tickets for Nuneaton and in an hour & a half from starting, we got to Mr James Walls’ (the R.O. of the District) our Son in Law’s. Eliza and the Children, Annie, Alfred, Walter, Edwin were delighted to see their Grandpa and Grandma. After Breakfast we went to (?) with Annie, Alfred and Miss M.L. Bowen who is to travel with us to Marlborough, N.Z.

The Revd. Pennington Preached an Extempore sermon from Matthew 4 c. 21 & 22. "And passing on from thence he saw other two brethren James & John his brother ... and he called them &c." It being St James’s day the Preacher gave a Biographical Sketch of James as given in God’s Word by the Holy Spirit, and spoke nicely and well, [p2] every one from the highest to the lowest being able to understand his language. This to me was highly gratifying, proving that in our Church of England we have many able & good men who know the truth and preach it faithfully. For Mr Pennington was one, and as a result Sunday Morning’s congregation in his Church was a large and appreciative one. Mr Wall was sitting with the children of Mrs Newdegate’s (M.P.) school in room of the master away for his holiday.

Monday & Tuesday (July 26 & 27) were spent at Mr Wall’s in fitting up one or two boxes for the journey & in drawing & colouring the house. One copy of which was to be sent to Mrs Paddison & the other to be left with Eliza. On Tuesday afternoon we visited the Revd. Mr Pennington of Coton & had a long conversation with him. He very kindly gave me a letter of Introduction to a Gentleman in Nelson and before parting prayed with us and for us that a good and safe passage might be vouchsafed us & that our Heavenly Father’s blessing might go with us.

Wednesday 28th. Left Nuneaton for Latimer Road, London W., at 10.30 a.m. Arriving at Mrs Cornwell’s at 2 o’c p.m. in safety. This was too late to attend on the Under Agent General W. Kennaway Esq., so wrote him to say I would call upon him the next morning in relation to the Appointment of Schoolmaster on Board the Ship "Mataura" for the three months during which her voyage would last. Wrote two or three other letters to the following friends who kindly assisted me. Robt Walker Esq., Maidenhead, Ed. Curtice Esq. in Catherine Street Strand, London, and to the Revd. James Yeames (?) of Kirkstall near Leeds. This last also sent me a letter of Introduction to the Wesleyan Minister of Havelock in the Blenheim and Nelson District. Miss M.L. Bowen who is to accompany us & Mr & Mrs Wall also gave me of their possessions, so that on the whole I found myself much better off than I anticipated I should be.
Thursday 29th went to see Mr Kennaway at the Emigration Offices, 7 Westminster Chambers, and got my appointment as Schoolmaster. He also gave me a copy of Instructions for such an Officer. The heads of which are as follows: --

1. All children between 5 & 14 years of age to attend, unless allowed to be absent by permission of Surgeon & Captain. [p4]
2. "The Schoolmaster at once to make out a Register of all children eligible to attend."
3. "The Captain with the Surgeon to appoint the place where School is to be held."
4. "School hours to be not less than two after Breakfast and two after Dinner daily, Sundays excepted. On Sundays two hours once in the day. The hours to be fixed by the School master with the concurrence of the Captain & the Surgeon."
5. "The Register of attendance to be daily kept, and shown to the Captn & Surgeon every Sunday morning. A Register of marks showing proficiency etc. to be also kept and to be shown to the Captain & Surgeon whenever required."
6. "An Adult class for single men to be formed of those willing to learn, but the hours of instruction not to interfere with the hours during which the Children are at School."
7. "All Books and School necessities to be in the Schoolmaster's custody. As also the Books for prizes to be given, after the arrival of the Ship at her journey's end, to most deserving. All unexpended materials with Registers, etc. to be delivered up, at end of journey, by the Schoolmaster." [p5]
8. "Should the Schoolmaster neglect his duties, the Captn with the Surgeon's concurrence may remove him and appoint another in his Stead. Should such a thing take place it would, at the end of the journey, form a Subject for enquiry."
9. "The Schoolmaster is exempt from all other affairs except those connected with his own."

Signed by Agent General Featherstone

From this time up to Friday the 6th of August we were back and forwards to the Depot at Brunswick Wharf Blackwall waiting for inspection by the Despatching Officer and Ship's Surgeon. At length on Friday, the above date all were ready and told off in Messes. As Schoolmaster I was told I should have a Cabin for myself & wife and a Mess to ourselves. The luggage was all put in a Barge two or three days before and would have been shipped but that our ship the "Mataura" was still [p6] in Dock and not quite ready nor yet near loaded. As a result another lot of Emigrants arrived at the Depot for the ship "Duke of Edinburgh" to be despatched same date as the "Mataura" and it can be better imagined than described how 400 men, women & children had to get along together in the large room of the Depot. The luggage and passengers for the "Duke" were actually sent off before us some two days causing some dissatisfaction seeing we were at the Depot some days prior. Mrs Scott had been ill several days with Bile or Liver complaint and was quite ill on Friday when we came on Board. However,
thank God she passed the inspection and today Saturday August 7th is somewhat better.

We have just seen the Government officials and gave up our half of the contract ticket and now 1 o’clock we are ready for Dinner. We are also Messed with Edward, Kate & the rest, instead of by ourselves. At 12 today the Rev W. Gadsden Church of England Seamans or Thames Missionary came on board and addressed the Emigrants giving several a New Testament each. He gave out Hymn 8 “Begone Unbelief” and based his address on the Text “For God so loved the World that he gave his only Begotten Son etc.”. He was listened to very attentively and all were edified. The Roman Catholics went on Deck and did not join in the service. A number of the single men and single women are also Romanists.

Dinner today consisted of Beef and Potatoes preceded by Soup. All good.

Order & discipline on Board and throughout the Ship is kept by a number of the men being told off as Constables. Two married men act as such for the single women.

Scrubbing the floor, sweeping it and keeping all clean has to be seen to by the members of the Mess in turns.

Last night our second on board was not spent amiss, lying quietly in the river opposite the Town of Gravesend we slept well and began to feel ourselves at last on Board the ship which we trust will land safe at Nelson on or about the beginning of November.

1st day. Sunday August 8th 1875
The River Pilot on board. The Ship unloosed at 3 a.m. & in company with the “Duke of Edinburgh” Emigrant Ship of 1180 Tons and about 250 Emigrants on board we were tugged down the river side by side. The tug taking the “Mataura” was called the “Chas Dickens” & the one with the “D of E” was the “Napoleon”. We soon outstripped the Duke, no doubt because being a lighter vessel and fewer passengers etc. The passage to the Downs was pleasant enough and so calm that we cast anchor and stopped all this afternoon. This gave us opportunity of rest and of just getting used to the ship.

Our Pilot left and so did “Chas Dickens” & another pilot for the English Channel came on board & took charge of the vessel. In the mean time the Duke came on and was tugged further down so getting ahead of us.

2nd Day. Monday August 9th
While we slept the vessel was got under weigh and in the morning we found ourselves tacking backwards and forwards down the Channel. The wind was against us and rather stiff but the Pilot had every sail set and the vessel was going at the rate of 11 knots an hour but our gain was not great because of the head wind. The sea after some time got rough and the swell heavy, the result was all on board were sick. Men, women and
children all succumbed, however as this was expected no one felt amazed. It was
something tho’ to see the great men on their knees paying tribute to Neptune.

We sang some of Moody and Sankey’s hymns on Sunday, but there were none ready or
willing to sing today. We passed a great many ships going different ways today.
Several steamers also and many small fishing boats which seemed like ducks swimming
on the tops of the waves. The men on board several of them waving their hats and
hands to us. Only two or three men escaped being sick and one or two of the girls.
Janet was not sick neither was I, but of course we were expecting it. Kate and Edward
were and so were Mr & Mrs Hughes. Mother very poorly.

3rd day. Tuesday August 10th
At breakfast time this morning found we had only got abreast of the Isle of Wight
which was to be seen to leeward. Letters to be got ready as the pilot would leave in a
few hours. Wrote three, one to David, one to Julia and one to Mrs Paddison for
Patty. So sick few had any dinner. It was pea soup day. I had some and enjoyed it.
The wind blew strong and a storm or something like it came on. All the extra sails were
taken in and the top square sail on each mast coiled. To see the sailors up so high with
the wind blowing so hard and the sails flopping and ropes flying about was something to
be surprised at. But the men did their duties. At night when I heard the men as they
pulled and hauled the ropes and sang their wonted “Yo heave oh”, I felt all was well.

The “Calypso” emigrant ship to New Zealand came close to us about 3 p.m. and two pilot
boats, one of which took our pilot off and with him our last lot of letters to friends at
home. All too ill for their dinner or tea. I laid down and so saved myself and about 7
o’c I went to bed. All this night the ship rolled very heavily. Pots and pans rolled about
and the noise and din together with the crying of the children was a thing not to
be coveted nor experienced often.

4th Day. Wednesday August 11th.
Not as yet ill, indeed I think now I shall escape. Janet not yet ill, she enjoyed the
voyage up to this. Kate & Edward better but still poorly. Mrs Hughes very poorly &
Patty ditto. I managed some breakfast. The wind is down but the ship still rolls.
There is a heavy swell but no great waves – I am told that at 2 o’c this morning we
were off the Eddystone Lighthouse, and we are now of course under the command of
the Captain of the Ship. The chops of the Channel are always said to be rough, but had
we a good breeze we should escape a good deal of this heavy roll. However, the men &
women seem better this morning and the children are as they always are under all
circumstances happy and playful. Jane very poorly. The Doctor says he will give out
some arrowroot & brandy today – six of the Ducks and two of the hens are found dead
in their pens this morning and thrown overboard. No doubt suffocated by their
close confinement. Six sheep on board still alive & well. Several seagulls following the
vessel & sailing along at the greatest east as fast as the ship watching for anything and
everything that may be thrown overboard. I was much struck yesterday with seeing close to the ship on top of a wave a “diver” (sea bird). It stood as it were on the water & flapped its wings as we passed by almost wishing us a fair voyage. I thought surely if this Creature out here can so rejoice, why should we repine.

Two ships homeward bound and with a fair breeze just passed by. We are still obliged to loll and roll about for want of a fair breeze. The sky all yesterday and today heavy for rain and murky, no sun, nor blue sky to be seen. All last night the fog horn was being blown at intervals, I suppose to warn other ships of our whereabouts and to caution them of our approach. Today is preserved meat day. Yesterday was pork & Monday was salt beef day. Not much of either eaten, and the remains are thrown as all other refuse, into the sea. Our provisions hitherto have been good, and plentiful, but the worst is the getting it and preparing the various utensils for them ready for each meal.

What a change this afternoon. The wind fell and the swell lowered and at last we lay almost still on the water. A fog fell towards evening, the foghorn blown occasionally and the lead heard the deep sea lead so called. This calm provided urgent relief to the sick. All came on deck and lay or sat about. The children enjoyed themselves playing and running about and several had their teas on deck. Arrowroot and brandy was served out by the doctor to the sick, which was a treat and enjoyed. Nothing to do but to look out for the ships in the offing. Janet and I still escaping sea sickness - Mother better. Many of [p15] women said if they only knew what they had to go through they would never have left home. This evening has caused their recovery and we hope tho’ still not out of the Channel that the worst of the sickness is over. Several seagulls passed over and a number of ships and one steamer seen in the distance. Seabirds nearly all day. The Quadrant was used and the time proved at midday, the sun peeping out just then and only then. This evening delightfully calm, the water like a lake, only a swell heavy enough to cause a motion in the vessel different to yesterday when it was difficult to walk the deck and when the sea came in at the bows and through the anchor port holes by turns.

The cooking is good. And the means for it ample - a large condensing engine works doing to prepare hot water for washing up etc. All refuse and empty tins, boxes, and flour casks are thrown over. [p16] At 8 this evening the Start Point revolving light could be seen about 10 ft. above the water, showing we had made very little progress. All on deck, concertina played by one and a fiddle by another. One or two dancing. The children merry and happy. To bed at nine.

5th day Thursday 12th August
Up at 7. All getting ready for breakfast. Coffee this morning. A nice change. During the night the ship made good way. A nice breeze this morning & all going well. Sickness over. I am told we are therefore nearly lout of the English Channel. Got some of my
Apparatus from the Doctor viz: 1 Blackboard. 3 Tablet frames & Lessons & Maps. More
to come.
Made out a rough list of the Children & one list for the Purser of all between 4 and 12
months. There were 10 such.
Good breeze & not rough. Sun out occasionally. Saw several ships in offing. Between 12
and 1 midday, Rain & Wind. However Ship going along gallantly. Barque passed close by
in full sail.
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Towards evening we passed through a School of Porpoises swimming beautifully &
coming right up out of the water. A few gulls still with us and several Schooners going
our track soon overtook and passed. Six or eight Stormy petrels seen rising over the
tops of the waves, and very close to the vessel. They surely give sign and warning of
the coming Storms. Very black & murky-looking to windward, so I retire to bed at eight
o'Clock.
Sure enough the storm came on. Strong wind accompanied with rain sprang up suddenly
but I am told did not last long. Still long enough to raise the waves and cause the ship
to heave very much. The rocking & shaking of the vessel during the night & then
shipping of seas occasionally caused several to think they were going to be lost.
I went to sleep after committing myself & those I love with all the ships company into
the Care & Guardianship of Him who never slumbers nor sleeps.

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6th Day    Friday Aug. 13th 1875
Up between Seven & Eight. Sea calmer but the ship rolling a good deal. Sailing well in a
South South east direction. Still dull weather. No ship to be seen nor other indication
of life save that to be seen around us on deck several still suffering from illness.
As to myself quite well & getting quite used to the ship's roll. No sickness thank God.
A school of dolphins passed through this afternoon. Sea much calmer and wind gone
down. Two or three vessels to leeward & as many on Starboard. Seemingly homeward
bound. First Sunset at Sea. Bed at 8 o'Clock.

7th day    Saturday Aug. 14th
Nice morning. Sun shines and a calm sea. Up at 7 o'C.
A Barque & Screw Steamer coming up. The Barque has wind right aft and had every sail
up. I counted twenty three Sails. She looked beautiful. The Steamer came up soon
after & signalled. Our Captain replied. [p19]She proved to be the "Northumberland"
from Melbourne I was told. A passenger ship. T
he Mate says we sailed 160 miles yesterday and that 100 of them were in our favour.
Ship not going so well this morning. All sail up to catch the Breeze. Our course seems
to me to be due west. A board is promised to be put out with our Course marked
thereon & the number of Miles we go each day. All well this morning, thank God.
Board out & the following appears on it.
    Latitude 48° 30' North
    Longitude 8° 30' West
Distance travelled 124 miles.
This distance refers to the day’s run from 12 o’Clock Midday on Friday to 12 o’C Midday on Saturday.
Weather rough and rainy. The waves however not so high as I thought they w’d be.
One or two Vessels seen on the homeward track & a Barque on ours which we soon passed, but she came up again because of [p20] the wind dropping.
Again towards night the wind got up, and we soon shot ahead. The night was rough & stormy, but all well. Cleanliness the great requisite. To bed at 8 p.m.

8th Day      Sunday 15th.
Rained heavily at 5 o’C, fine again by 7. Breakfast as usual at 8.
The Bell rang for Church at 10.45. I had to officiate. Took the regular Morning Service. Read the Lessons for the Day. Sang one hymn & read a short Sermon. Service lasted about 45 minutes.
Captain wished it to close before 12 o’C so that he might have a look at the sun to ascertain our Latitude. Good attendance in the Saloon. The weather not being favourable to a Deck Service.
Attention & behaviour good.
Log at 12 today
Latitude 49º North
Longitude 13º West
Distance sailed 181 miles - from Engd 516 miles.
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The evening turned out rough & stormy. The "Petrel" flying about.
A shoal of Dolphins or rather Porpoises passed through. And a Barque signalled & spoke with by Capt with Flags.

9th Day      Monday 16th.
Passed a very rough night. The Ship rolled amazingly and the clatter & noise caused by all the Tin utensils rolling off the tables & then trying to get back again by the returning lurch was something to be listened to. Many could not help laughing at the din.
The ship was put on a more Southerly tack about 3 o’C this morning. All up in good time but a heavy sea and the ship rolling from side to side. No sea sickness but illness a little from the constant agitation & the late Sickness. Day wet & windy. Sea rolling.
I am afraid we shall not have the Latitude & Longitude today it being so murky that the Sun is hid. We are going South now.
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No sun but heavy rain all day. Mate tells me we sailed 140 miles yesterday, but only 59 miles went to our credit. Nothing to be seen this evening. Sky in west looks better.
Wind quite gone down. Every one down as well, in more senses than one.
About 5 p.m. we sighted a large Steamer evidently coming from America. We signalled her but she either did not or would not see our flags as she made no response.
A Barque soon after showed up to leeward but both were too far to be spoken to. Some of the Stormy Petrel again on the wing. The Wind rising & the ship making good way. To bed early.

10th Day Tuesday 17th.
Up at 6. Swell very heavy. The Ship rolled amazingly during the night. Everything went rolling from side to side. Plates dishes Cans & Buckets with their contents made terrible noises on the floor. Tea, Sugar, Rice, butter, Coffee etc. etc. got mixed in utter confusion & were as a matter of course irretrievably lost. Happily everyone enjoyed the sport, rather than feared. Confidence in the Ship, the Captain, the Crew & our Heavenly Father preserved us from panic or dread.
A Baby is reported as Dead this morning & is to be buried this afternoon. I am to read the Service at 4 o’Clock.
Issued this morning a prospectus of a weekly Magazine to be called The Mataura & to come out every Wednesday. The Mate & others have promised to contribute to its pages.
A Barque passed towards home between 10 & 1 o’Clock a.m.
At 4 p.m. read the Burial Service over & committed to the Deep the body of a Male child 5 months old the first born & only child of two of the Emigrants.
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This was the first burial at Sea I ever attended & ’tis strange I should at such be called upon to perform the part of Chaplain. It was something not soon to be forgotten. One or two vessels seen & a Stormy Petrel. The swell still very high.

11th Day Wednesday 18th.
Slept well during the night. Fine morning. Swell gone down & wind too. Sun shining. All the wanted Boxes got on deck. Every body very busy.
Jane not well. Doctor gave her Quinine. Said it was weakness.
Hardly going. Almost becalmed. A Vessel a head since sunrise & now 12 o’C. She is still a head.
Got ahead of this ship by 10 o’C pm. Lovely sunset and beautiful moon rising. Music & Dancing on Deck.
Engaged today in writing out Rules for the Captain in Case of Fire. Wrote One Copy.
To bed at 10 o’C.

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12th Day Thursday 19th.
Lovely morning. Wrote second Copy of Rules by 1 o’C today.
Log today at 12 o’Clock
Latitude 44° 06’ North
Longitude 16° 30’ West
Distance sailed 76 miles.
Distance from Nelson 13654 miles.
The following was given me yesterday by the 1st Mate or Chief officer.
Aug. 18th 1875 In Latitude 45° 17’ North.
Longitude 15° 44' West.

Distance from the Equator 2940 miles

Equator to Tristan d'Acuna 2350 miles

Tristan d'Acuna to Cape of Good Hope 1450 miles

C. of G. Hope to Tasmania....................5760 "

Tasmania to Nelson..............................1230 "

Total Distance  13730

Issued programme for Penny Reading on tomorrow evening Friday August 20th Capt. Gorn in Chair. Sea today calm as a lake. Beautiful night. Slight breeze & the ship going along nicely. To bed at Nine o’Clock. All well.

No ship or other vessel nor bird seen today.

[13th Day Friday 20th Aug.

Up at 6.30. Fine morning. Nice breeze. Ship going at 6½ or 7 knots an hour.

Latitude at 12 today 41° 39' North
Longitude " 17° 30' West

Distance run in 24 hrs 154 miles.

Distance from Nelson 13500 "

Wind strong & fair. Ship going well. Some Mother Carey’s chickens in our wake. Very much like the swallow or Martin.

Nice wind. Vessel going well. Bed 9 o’C.

[14th Day Saturday 21st Aug.

Lovely morning. Vessel going well with good breeze but much against us.

Log today at 12 o’C as follows :-

Latitude 39° 20’ North
Longitude 20° 50’ West

Sailed in the 24 hours 200 miles.
Distance from Nelson 13300 miles.

Captain gave me the Box containing School materials. Made out a list of same in Register 1st page.

The Reading took place on Poop this evening. Went off well.
15th Day Sunday 22nd Aug.

Beautiful Morning. Calm as a Lake. A Schooner seen Crossing in the offing.

Scrubbing & Cleaning today same as every other. Several cleaned themselves not thinking this would be required. But it is necessary. We are fast approaching the warm region.

All mustered on Deck at 10 o'C. Names called over by the Surgeon & all passed before him & the Captain. The Captain gave out the programme. A steadfast determination to carry out Cleanliness and Discipline etc.

A good congregation on Quarter Deck to Service. The Best attention. Several joined in the Responses.

Log at 12 today -

- Latitude North 38° 20' N
- Longitude West 20° 45' W
- Sailed in the 24 hours 70 miles.
- Distance from Nelson 13233 miles.

Young Mans Bible Class commenced in Steerage.

Read 1st Chapter of Acts & conversed on it. Intend to take Acts as a Course.

Bed at 8.

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Programme of 1st of
The Readings

Poop Saturday 6.45 Capt Gorn
In the chair

Duett Accordion & Sax Horn Messrs. Johnson & Cole
Song Rocky Rd. to Dublin Mr. McCormack
Solo Violin Mr. T Scott
Duett What are the W. W Saying Mr. Wilson & Mr Barnes
Recitation Shamus O'Brien Mr. Tho. Brown
Song Nothing More Mr. Webster
Solo Concertina Mr. Pitts
Reading "Three Black Crows" Mr. T. Scott
Song Sea Song ?"Minute Gun" Mr. Wilson
Recitation The Lips etc. Mr. Beeling
Anthem God Save the Queen Audience

August 22nd 1875
Psalm for Day
13th of Trinity

1st Lesson
5th C. of 2nd Kings

2nd Lesson
3rd C of 1st Corinthians

Hymns
74
and
84

Sermon 2nd.
Matth", 5 C
16 verse
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16th Day Monday 23rd Aug.

Fine day. All up in good time. Wrote out from Doctor’s List the Names of all the Children between 5 & 14 who are to attend school. 40 in all. Of these 26 are girls and 14 boys.


Log today –

Latitude North 36° 37'
Longitude West 21° 15'
Sailed in the 24 hours 110 miles.
Distance from Nelson 13123 

Preparing books, Slates etc., for commencing School tomorrow. School on After Deck from 10 to 12 a.m. and from 2 to 4 in the afternoon.
Preparing the Magazine for Wednesday.
Two Schooners seen in the Distance.
Got a Lamp for my own use in my Caboose. To bed at 10 p.m.

17th Day Tuesday 24th Aug.

Issued 1st Number of the "Mataura" Mag.
Commenced school in Single Mens’ Department. 38 out of 40 attended. Not much done being first day.

Log today

Latitude 34° 34’ North
Longitude 22° 16’ West
Sailed miles 138
Distance from Nelson 12949

Saw two shoals of Flying Fish. Beautiful sunset. No ships. To bed at 9.30. Not very well all day.
18th Day Wednesday 25th Aug.

Nice morning. Ship sailing well. All sails set. Reckoned 25 or 26 of them.
The following was given me by 1st Officer Mr. Metcalf.

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School at 10. 39 present. Janet assisting.

Log today at 12 o’C

Latitude 32° 29’ North
Longitude 23° 3’ West
Sailed 133 miles.
Distance 12817 miles from Nelson.

First officer tells me we are in the North West Trade Winds. Some fish called by the sailors Squibs seen - one was caught on the Forecastle, but the sailor threw it into the sea again. Promised to save me the next or a flying fish caught.

Held a Class for Single Men in the (?)front - (Arithmetic) The Phosphoric appearances are very bright tonight all round the ship. Jane not well. To be at 9.50 p.m.

19th Day Thursday 26th Aug.

Fine morning and fine all day. Vessel going very slowly. All on Deck. Large Awning made [p31] during the forenoon to sit under from the heat of the Sun. School at 10. 39 present. Heat between decks 82° in the Shade. Hot work.

Log at 12 today

Latitude 30° 54’ North
Longitude 23° 50’ West
Sailed 106 miles.
Distance from Nelson 12711 miles

Programme for Penny Readings for tomorrow night ready.

Wind right aft. Two of the sheep found Dead this morning. ‘post mortem’ exam says they were struck on the back heavily. Lungs affected & hence death through Confinement etc.
No ship to be seen. Nor did we see any fish. Sunset rather cloudy. Going South west.
Bed at 9 pm

20th Day Friday 27th Aug.
A Beautiful Morning. Ship moving along but scarcely felt. All pretty well thank God.
Jane poorly owing to continued dysentery. Very weak in consequence.
School twice, all right.
One of the [p32] Emigrants family proved to suffering from the plague of Lice.
Everything had to be thrown over Board. It was singular to see the expression on the
Man’s Countenance when he brought up his bed & bed clothes. He never dreamt that he
had to throw them into the Sea but so it was. All had to go. And were it not so the
Captain said he would leave them on an Island, for which he wd be rather commended
for than otherwise. The Case caused a Consternation. All were more or less alarmed at
the idea of becoming Lousey.
Log today –

Latitude 29° 24’ North
Longitude 24° 25’ West
Sailed 100 miles.
Distance from Nelson 12611 miles

The Second Concert or Penny Readings took place this evening. The enclosed was the
programme. It passed off very well. More lively pieces required. To bed at 10 p.m.

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By the kind permission of Captian [1 of 2 sp. Mistakes in whole Diary!] Gorn
A Miscellaneous entertainment will be Given
On the After Deck Consisting of
Songs Readings & Etc.
On Friday Evening next to Commence at 6.30 p.m.
Mr. Scott, in the Chair.
Program
Solo...........Violin..........Mr. T Scott
Song...Good Old Jeff...Mr. Wilson
Song..................???????????
Log as follows :-

Latitude 22° 51' North
Longitude 27° 49' West
Sailed 243 miles.
Distance from Nelson 12208 miles.

Just after the service was over the Captain said to me “we are within the tropics Mr. Scott.” We sailed well last night. And so it seems. We may still make a good voyage & get to Nelson in 80 days.

[p35]

Read the 2nd Chapter of Acts with the Young Men today. About 10 in the Class. They seemed interested & several of them made remarks.

Going well all day. To bed early, not feeling very comfortable.

Up at 7.30. Fine morning. Ship going well. Saw several shoals of the so-called flying fish. They can evidently turn out of the straight course, but they do not flap the extended fin not even when going over a space of nearly 200 yards.
We passed a ship this morning going same course as ourselves at 5 o’C. when I was up she was far behind. School at 10.

Head very queer owing to the rocking motion & closeness below of the ship.

Log today :-

Latitude 18° 51' North
Longitude 26° 39' West
Sailed 242 miles.
Distance from Nelson 11966 miles.

Preparing No. 2 of “Mataura” Mag ’till 9.30 then bed.

[p36]

24th day Tuesday 31st August 1875
Fine morning. Wind gone down. Rolling a little more in consequence.
Got our Lime Juice served out & extra water because we are in Tropics.
School at 10. Some few absent.
Preparing “Mataura”. Jane a little better but obliged to keep her bed.

Very close below - 80° in the shade.

Two ships in the offing. One supposed to be the “Duke of Edinburgh”.

Log today :-

Latitude 16° 9’ North
Longitude 26° 45’ West

Distance sailed 162 miles.
Distance from Nelson 11804

Several sick again today.
At school this afternoon the Glass showed 82 in the shade.
The ship mentioned above proved to be the St. Leonard which left London two days before us. She is going to Wellington. We are gaining up on her fast.
The Capt\(^{\text{a}}\) sighted land at 12 o’C last night. The Cape Verde Islands. This he did to test his chronometers. Wind quite gone this afternoon. Some 12 ships were seen this evening. One signalled and replied. She was on her way home. Finished No. 2 of the Mataura and got to bed at 10 o’C. Very close. 82° in shade.

25\(^{\text{th}}\) Day Wednesday Sept. 1\(^{\text{st}}\).
Beautiful morning. Vessel going nicely but not very fast. Rocks a little. One or two cases of illness, but none serious. Doctor very attentive. School at 10. All well. At 12 today shadow very short indeed. We shall soon have the sun overhead. Some flying fish & one or two seagulls.
Log today :-
- Latitude 14° 13’ North
- Longitude 27° 5’ West
- Sailed 112 miles.
- Distance from Nelson 11692 miles
School from 2 to 4.
At 8.30 p.m. being quite dark a splendid meteor shot straight down from the heavens to within a few yards apparently of the sea. It came from about 45 or 50° above the horizon and about ½ way between Mars and Jupiter which had been shining out just before. It was the finest and brightest Meteor I had ever seen & the light given out was as much like the Electric as any I have ever seen.
Ship going nicely. To bed at 10 p.m.

26\(^{\text{th}}\) Day Thursday 2\(^{\text{nd}}\) Sept.
Fine morning. Some heavy rain during the night & early morn. Wind light, but the vessel going nicely. All well. A ship ahead. Proved to be the British Consul bound for Calcutta. Several others seen during the day. School at 10 to 12.
Log -  
- Latitude 11° 49’ North
- Longitude 26° 32’ West
- Sailed 150 miles.
- Distance from Nelson 11542 miles
[p39] School from 2 to 4. Getting out Programme for Readings tomorrow. Ship going well this evening. Winds light but good. To bed at 10 o’C pm. Thermometer at 80 all day below.

27\(^{\text{th}}\) Day Sept. 3\(^{\text{rd}}\) Friday
Lovely morning. Ship going along nicely. Seven vessels to be seen. One the St. Leonard which we saw a few days since. Signalled this morning to compare Chronometers – very close below 86° by Noon.
We are still favoured by the North East trade winds – we hope they will continue and so take us more speedily thro’ the Tropics.
Getting out Programme for tonight’s Readings & Concert. School at 10 to 12. Two or three absent.
Log today
Latitude 9° 48' North
Longitude 26° 30' West
Sailed 121 miles.
Distance from Nelson 11421 miles

[p40]
The ship ST. Leonard came close to & some of the Officers came on board the Mataura. Invited to attend the concert & Readings tonight. They left intending to do so. Some fun caused by the sailors throwing empty bottles at each other & showing each other their surplus stock of provisions such as Ducks, Fowls, Pigs etc. The St. L. I am told left London some four days before us & here we are in Mid Ocean becalmed and returning courtesies & compliments with each other. All very nice. But we would rather be driving along.

Six or seven ships to be seen. Saw also some flying fish & one or two birds. At the Readings this evening we had the Capt & some 13 or 14 passengers from the St. Leonard, beside the two boats crews. They enjoyed themselves very much and just as the meeting closed the rain came down as it only can & does in the tropics. It continued very heavy 'till nine o'C when they left. We got up on Deck as well as we could & gave them three hearty Cheers as well as could be given under the circumstances. The St. Leonard had dropped astern, and as the boat shoved off the Capt of the St. L. from the stern of his boat lit a large Roman Candle or other firelight which shone bright in the surrounding darkness & gave a brilliant finish to a very pleasant evening's entertainment. To bed at 10 o'C - the rain having ceased.

Ship "Mataura"
3rd Readings & Concert
Sept. 3/75
Mr. Kennedy Esq.
S.S. in the Chair

Programme

Duett Accordion & Horn Messrs. Johnson & Cole
Song Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep Mrs. Edridge
Song Old Plaid Shawl Mr. McCormack
Song "She is far from the Land" Miss Ryan
Solo Concertina Mr. Metcalf
Song The Blighted Garden Mr Foster
Song "Robinson Crusoe" Mr Johnson
Recitation "Casablanca" Mrs. Beeling
Song Mother Kiss Me Now Miss Ryan & Miss Brandt
Song Mr. Wilson
Duett "Matrimony" Mr. & Mrs. Edridge
Song ??

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Mr. Kennedy Esq.
S.S. in the Chair
[p40a and b] appear to be the names of families with children's ages in years and months. James Wall thinks it is shillings and pence, but that doesn't explain the 'mos.' Also – there are at least 58 children's names on this list. It is very difficult to decipher.

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28th Day Saturday Sept. 4th 1875

During the night we had some heavy rains & sudden storms. The ship went along well. This morning very wet & stormy. Sails taken in on top. Sky black & threatening. All obliged to be below. Thermometer 84° between decks. No School.

Log today Latitude 8° 10' North
Longitude 25° 34' West
Sailed 115 miles.
Distance from Nelson 11314 miles

This afternoon a large school of Porpoises were seen. They leaped out of the water by 10's & dozens accompanied by a fish called the Thresher. This creature turned twice over during the leap out of the water in a very strange way. But all seemed to enjoy themselves. There must have been some 400 or 500 of them at least.

Four ships were to be seen on the Starboard and one on the Larboard side. A few flying fish were seen. Sky heavy & threatening with heavy showers at intervals. To bed at 10 p.m.

[p42a]

Ship Mataura
Sept. 10th 1875
The Fourth of the Series of Readings with the Kind Sanction of Capt. Gorn will take place this Evening
J Binnie Esq. in the Chair.
Programme subject to alterations.

Galop-Accordion

Song “O what a day we are having”
W Foster
Miss J Burns
Mr T Scott
Miss M Ryan

Recitation “Paddy Blakes’ Echo”
Mr. T Scott

Banjo Performance by an Artiste” (first appearance)

Programme

Solo Concertina

W Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. Schofield
Mr. Brown
Mrs. Osborne
Mr. Wm. Connell
Miss J. Connell
Mrs. Wilson
Mr. P Connell
Mr. Edridge
Mrs. Osborne
Mrs. Wilson
Mr. P Connell
Mrs. Osborne
Miss J. Connell
Mr. Wm. Connell

Beautiful Isle of the Sea” Mrs. Burns
The Dark Moore

Chair will be taken at 6 o’clock prompt.
Tea taken as a matter of course in the Comparative Degree - prompter.

[p42b]
29th Day Sunday Sept. 5th.
Quite a calm this morning. Mustered at 10 on the Poop. All well. Heat oppressive from its closeness. The St. Leonards close by again. Signalled asking the Capt. to dine - declined. Service at 11 on the Poop. Not so many present. Jane very poorly still.
Log today
Latitude 8° 37' North
Longitude 24° 51' West
Distance sailed 95 miles.

This shows that we actually were short of our yesterday's distance by 27 miles - in fact becalmed. What wind we had was head wind and hence the result.
Young men's Bible Class at 3.30. Read the 3rd Chap of the Acts. Another large shoal of immense porpoises going past between 4 & 5 o'c as sluggishly & as slowly as the very water itself. As if they were influenced by the weather & so when stormy they swim like the storm but when calm as this evening they are just as calm. The Capt. said they were courting. It seemed so from the perfectly listless way they gambolled and went along with noses poked up out of the water. I never saw anything like it before. Heat below 85°. To bed at 9.30.

30th Day Monday Sep 6th.
Fine day. Ship going, but not many knots an hour. Wind fair. A ship ahead.
School at 10 to 12. No school in the afternoon. Place being thoroughly scrubbed.
Jane not very well. Doctor attending her. Heat very oppressive 86° between decks.
Log today
Latitude 7° 36' North
Longitude 23° 52' West
Sailed 63 miles.
Distance from Equator 456 miles
Distance from Nelson 11273 miles

Jane very poorly. Sheer weakness through being so often sick. Nothing lying in her stomach. Doctor very attentive. To bed at 10. Jane very poorly all night. Up at 7. Jane a little better.

31st Day Tuesday 7th Sept.
My Birthday. I thank God for His Mercies to me for so many years. I pray He may continue them to me & mine. Hitherto the Lord hath helped me! Ebenezer! Ebenezer!!
Doctor permitted me to have no school today because of Jane's illness. He is preparing the Hospital room for her up on Deck. I trust her removal there will be for good.

Log at 12 today

- Latitude 6° 20' North
- Longitude 23° 14' West
- Distance sailed 80 miles.
- Distance from Nelson 11193 miles

Trying to prepare the "Mataura" for tomorrow...... From the Equator 380
Jane removed nicely and already a benefit is accruing from the changes thank God. Preparing Mag. A ship & [p46] some few flying fish seen today. We had during the day & last night several heavy showers. The ship is according to the sailors in the Doldrums. Bed at 10 p.m.

32nd Day Sept. Wednesday 8th 1875
Fine day. Ship going well but the wind right ahead driving us too far to the Westward. Jane very poorly. Up with her all night. Apparently better but very ill.
School from 10 to 12. Mrs. Hughes helping me instead of Janet who is waiting on her mother.

Log today

- Latitude 4° 56' North
- Longitude 23° 04' West
- Distance sailed 110 miles.
- Distance from the Equator 296 miles
- Distance from Nelson 11082 miles

School in the afternoon.
A meeting was held amidships with [p47] the following resolutions were carried. Jane had to be moved at once this evening out of the Lying in place as one of the women was ready to be confined. Done nicely & by 10 o'C p.m. A fine son was ushered into the World very nearly on the very Equator!!!
33rd Day. 1875 Thursday Sept. 9th.
Fine day. Edward & Kate sat up with Jane all night. I slept alone. Jane a little better today. The sickness has left her but her head not so well. Still I am hopeful & trust the Lord will speedily restore her. Doctor very kind.
School all day. Not doing much. The closeness & rocking not very conducive to much progress in school.
Log today at 12
Latitude 3° 32' North
Longitude 24° 55' West
Distance sailed 98 miles.
Distance from the Equator 212 miles
Distance from Nelson 10999 miles
By this it seems we lost yesterday 14 miles. This is still good for our position so near the Equator.
Quite becalmed tonight. The first officer explained the colour? to me & showed me the goodness of God in causing the Clouds in our Sky just here.

Ship Mataura
Sept. 17th. 1875
The Fifth of the Series
of Concerts will
take place this Evening.
Capt² Gorn
in
the Chair.
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Programme
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Solo "Accordian" W Johnson
Song W Keine
Song Mrs. Burns
Capt² Gorn
Recitation " Wm. Tell" Annie Entwill
Song Mrs. Foster
Song Miss M Ryan
Song The Doctor
Reading W Cole
Song Miss Burns, M° W° O'Connell
Song McCormack
Recitation Mrs. Bealing

Song Mrs. Burns
Song W Foster
Song Miss M Ryan
Song W P O'Connell
W Binney
Song W McCormack
Song Miss M Ryan
Finale Solo on the Concertina Willetcalf
Bass Solo Belfry Tower

The Chair will be taken by Captn Gorn
at
6.15 p.m.
Admission
As formerly
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Juise Superimo

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thereby screening us from the burning heat of a tropical sun tho' still causing a heavy damp atmosphere to pervade & that feeling of lassitude & weariness to all. I asked him if he saw any analogy between this and the Pillar of Cloud which David in the Psalms declares covered the heads of the Children of Israel while travelling thro' the desert. He had not. Was pleased and made a note thereof.

Sitting up with Jane.

34th Day    Friday 10th Sept. 1875
Fine morning. Jane a little better I hope. Her medicine not quite got rid of.
Perspired freely, but her tongue is still much furred.
Put up Programme for Concert tonight - Mr. Binney to take the Choir - 6 o'C prompt.
School at 10 to 12. Sun bright. No shadow. Or rather when standing under the sun your shadow is beneath your feet and short as can be.

The clouds look fleecy and beautiful. First officer says they indicate the Trade Winds. We are looking for these, as the wind we have had these few days has been directly ahead. Still tis' a Mercy we have not been becalmed - we are going tho' not all in our right course. Still it keeps us cool and looks better.

Log today at 12 as follows:-
Latitude 3° 17' North
Longitude 23° 32' West
Distance sailed 98 miles.
Distance from the Equator 197 miles
Distance from Nelson 10984 miles

The concert this evening went off far better than was anticipated and gave fair satisfaction. It was almost all of the Emerald Isle however.
Conversed with Mr. Binney about New Zealand afterwards, and to bed at 10.
Jane somewhat better I think. I thank God and take Courage. May our God love us all.

35th Day    Saturday Sep. 11th 1875.
A fine morning but cloudy. Ship sailing along well, but wind still ahead.
Jane a little improved, but still wandering. I trust her improvement by God's help will be permanent, but her weakness is great. Got her a cup of nice Coffee from the Steward which she enjoyed. Doctor called soon after 
Log today :-
Latitude 2° 24' North
Longitude 20° 44' West
Distance sailed 173 miles.
Distance from the Equator 144 miles
Distance from Nelson 10932 miles
No school today - conversed with Mr and Mrs Binney and showed her the Patchwork Quilts, specimens etc.
Stayed up till midnight to see the Southern Cross but did not, so went to bed, at 12 p.m.

36th Day Sunday Sept. 12th.
A very fine day - Jane better this morning. Edward very unwell with neuralgia - Mustered [p52] at 10 on the Poop. Service at 11. Not so many present. Tried to Chant but failed.
Sea calm and light wind wafting us along.
Log today at 12 :-
Latitude 1° 59’ North
Longitude 19° 38’ West
Distance sailed 98 miles.
Distance from the Equator 119 miles
Distance from Nelson 10904 miles
Jane not so well this afternoon. Very close and hot. Young Men's Bible Class in Steerage. 1st Lesson (?)impriso
A Barque to Leeward. Sailing in same course as ourselves. Ship prepared for the N E Trade wind but it has not yet commenced. Still we have not been becalmed tho' our Course has been somewhat retarded. The nice gentle breezes have kept us cool and on the whole in better health.

37th Day Monday Sept. 13th
School at 10. Heat below 84°.
Log at 12 today :-
Latitude 1° 10’ North
Longitude 20° 54’ West
Distance sailed 113 miles.
Distance from the Equator 70 miles
Distance from Nelson 10854 miles
A beautiful evening and splendid moonlight. Ship going about 3 miles an hour.
Captain says he wants the patience of Job, and that there must be someone on board causing us to have so many of these headwinds. Thinks we may cross the line tomorrow about 2 o’C pm. But the wind is still blowing from the point we want to sail to.
Mrs. Binney returned me the patchwork quilts and said she would have a couple. The Capt® said he would take three.
Jane still very weak. To bed at 10.

38th Day 1875 Tuesday Sep. 14th
[p54]
A fine morning and good breeze. Ship going well but Three Points too far to the west. Should we continue the Capt says we'll fetch the River Plate or Plata. He never experienced so continuous a head wind as we have had since we started. Indeed we had only two good days (?)run (?)wind and they were not so extraordinary. No ship to be seen. A kind of Gannet flies about. And a few flying fish. School at 10 to 12. Heat 82°

Log at 12:-
Latitude 0° 16' South
Longitude 22° 49' West
Distance sailed 143 miles.
Distance from Nelson 10711 miles

It appears from this that we crossed the Line this morning at 8 o'clock. We did not expect to do so till somewhere about 2 pm. But the sun at twelve decided the question. We are therefore now in the Southern half of the Earth's surface and no longer in connection [p55] with our old Home.

The Child of a R.C. emigrant has died this evening, the mother is making great lamentations.

A Beautiful moonlight Night, but the wind still persistently keeps in the South, so that we are obliged to run west much out of our right course.


39th Day Wednesday Sept. 15th.
[In the gutter - 2nd. Death. Mr. Brosnan's child. (A boy)]

Nice morning. Ship running W. towards coast of Brazil owing to Wind being still against us. Funeral at 7 o'C. The Doctor reading the R.C. service on the Poop. The R. C.'s kneeling around. Death is a solemn thing whenever or wherever it takes place. But no where can it be more so than on Board Ship in the midst of the wide ocean. This is the second Baby's funeral since we started.

Jane sick but a little better. Still showing bile. Doctor says he will fumigate the various Berths. This is done with Sulphur. We don't like it. [p56] No School today in consequence.

Log today:-
Latitude 1° 49' South
Longitude 24° 44' West
Distance sailed 149 miles.
Distance from Nelson 10678 miles

Jane very unwell this afternoon. Doctor very attentive. Preparing the Magazine. Several shoals of Flying Fish and one or two birds seen. No ship seen all day. The vessel has a good breeze and sails well. We hope to make up our lost time yet and perhaps reach our destination in the 90 days. Beautiful moonlight night. To bed at 10.30

40th Day Thursday Sept. 16th

Fine morning. Ship going well. The wind still blowing from the point we want to sail to. We are consequently running fast towards the Brasilian Coast.
The Capt\(^\text{a}\) says we'll fetch the River Plate.

Jane much better this morning. I pray God it may be the turn to convalescence.

School at 10 a.m. Several of the Children laid up. One with St. Vitus's dance.

Others with Hooping \[sp.\] Cough and one or two helping their mothers.

Log today at 12 :-

- Latitude 2\(^\circ\) 21' South
- Longitude 26\(^\circ\) 22' West
- Distance sailed 173 miles.
- Distance from Nelson 10526 miles

Ship sailing well. We are in the beginnings of the S.E. Trades, but 'tis rather ahead. No ships, nor bird, nor even flying fish to be seen. Several longing for land. The Magazine issued this morning - No. 4

Jane better and progressing but shaky. To bed at 10 tired.

41\(^{st}\) Day 1875, Friday Sept. 17\(^{th}\).

Fair morning. Large Rainbow close by the ship at 6.15. Not up in time to see it. Stiff breeze and ship going well direct S. West. Occasional swell but motion of vessel not distressing. All seemingly happy. School at 10 to 12.

Log today :-

- Latitude South 7\(^\circ\) 13'
- Longitude 27\(^\circ\) 33' West
- Distance sailed 185 miles.
- Distance from Nelson 10354 miles

School from 2 to 4. After school prepared programme for Concert. A ship seen in the offing. Evidently homeward bound. Too far off to sent home the numerous letters prepared for that purpose. We must give up such hopes now.

Concert this evening pretty successful. The Schoolmaster in the Chair. Capt\(^\text{a}\) Gorn Mr Binney and the Doctor took part. This was the fifth and the Capt\(^\text{a}\) thinks will be the last. To bed at 11 o'C.

42\(^{nd}\) day Saturday 18\(^{th}\) 1875.

Fine morning. Ship going along well. At least 8 Knots an hour. Jane better. No school today - not inclined that way. Writing an article for the "Mataura" on the Annular Eclipse of the (?)moon. 28-29 of this present month.

Eliza's Birthday. 35 years today.

Log today :-

- Latitude 10\(^\circ\) 3' South
- Longitude 29\(^\circ\) 7' West
- Distance sailed 195 miles.
- Distance from Nelson 10184 miles

Sat in with Jane all day not being so well.
A Bird, by the sailors called a “Boatswain” because it has a long pointed tail like a Marlin Spike, or some such thing flew over and around the ship, causing all to look up. It is a large bird, between a seagull and Gannet at least so it seemed to me and of a greyish white on the back, white beneath. This was all we saw, till night came on when for the first time we beheld the Southern Cross “Crux Australis”. An article on this Constellation was given in last Wednesday’s Mataura by Mr. Barns 2nd Mate who is this time writing an article on “Orion”. He says he will take up the Constellations as subjects for forthcoming articles.
To bed after practicing Music for tomorrow at 10.

43rd Day  Sunday Sept. 19th 1875
Up at 7. A fine morning. Going about 8 knots. Mustered at 10 on Quarter Deck. Capt’n & Doctor goes round the Berths first and examines. Called to ask how Jane was. Hoped she (?) would mend (?) as the colder weather came on. She was very poorly all night.
Log today:--
Latitude 12° 43′ South
Longitude 30° 14′ West
Distance sailed 181 miles.
Distance from Nelson 10023 miles
Young Mens’ Bible Class from 3.30 to 5. About 8 attending - Read Acts 4 chap v?
Drew a plan of the Constellation Orion for Mr. Barns. Fine evening. Going about 8 knots an hour. To bed at 10 o’c.

44th Day  Monday Sept. 20th.
Fine day. Not going as fast as yesterday. Jane not so well. Doctor says she must have a tonic. An appetizer ?? ?
[p61] The School at 10 to 12.
Log today:--
Latitude 15° 20′ South
Longitude 32° 21′ West
Distance sailed 162 miles.
Distance from Nelson 9866 miles
By this it seems we have reduced the thousands. We hope soon to say we have gone half-way. Yesterday a whale was seen spouting away some 4 miles distant. Jane very poorly. Went on the Focastle and saw the “Southern Cross” pretty well. It was lying on its side very much and did not strike me as so fine a Constellation as I expected to see. To bed at 10. Up four or five times during the night with Jane. Held no school in the afternoon.
45th Day  Tuesday Sept. 21st.
A nice morning. Ship keeping a better course, but not going so very fast. Up at 6.30 am to see some Whales but did not. They were gone by the time I got out and had finished their spouting.
Log at 12 :-
\[\text{Latitude } 17° 54' \text{ South}\]
\[\text{Longitude } 32° 14' \text{ West} \quad \text{[They have stopped heading West now]}\]
Distance sailed 165 miles.
Distance from Nelson 9701 miles
Jane had a little dinner today for the first time these several weeks. I hope 'tis a good sign & that she will speedily recover. She suffered much last night with the wind in her stomach.
School from 2 to 4. Fine evening. Little to see but sky & water. To bed at 10.

46th Day  Wednesday 22nd Sept.
Going due S\(^{\text{th}}\) since yesterday or nearly so.
Jane better this morning thank God. School at 10 to 12. All going well.
Log today :-
\[\text{Latitude } 20° 12' \text{ South}\]
\[\text{Longitude } 32° 43' \text{ West}\]
Distance sailed 142 miles.
Distance from Nelson 9559 miles
[p63] A Bird called the Booby" came flying about the ship causing great commotion for a few minutes. Whales seen but as yet I have neither seen nor heard them spout. No School this afternoon.
Young men washing and scrubbing out their department. Glad of this.
Had Jane up & made her bed more comfortable.
Getting the "Mataura" Mag: ready 'till late. Got to bed by 10 o'clock.

47th Day  Thursday Sept. 23rd.
Fine day. Ship going about 7 knots. S.E. Trade Wind. Not very strong.
Emigrants Boxes all up again this morning. Many of the things are much mildewed - boots especially. No School in consequence.
Log at 12 :-
\[\text{Latitude } 22° 51' \text{ South}\]
\[\text{Longitude } 32° 13' \text{ West}\]
Distance sailed 162 miles.
Distance from Nelson 9397 miles
Preparing programme for tomorrow night & [p64] School.
Fine evening. Ship sailing 8 Knots an hour. To bed at 10.
48th Day Friday 24th 1875
Lovely morning. Going about same as last evening 7½ or 8 knots an hour. School 10 to 12. Jane much better.
Log today :-
  Latitude 25° 14' South
  Longitude 30° 55' West
  Distance sailed 160 miles.
  Distance 9237 miles from Nelson
School 2 to 4. Fine weather. Programme out. A ship seen in the offing going same course with us. Found to be going to Batavia, Java. Passed her far ahead during the night. I just saw the top masts far behind at 7 next morning.
The sixth Concert went off pretty well this evening. Doctor Kennedy presiding. The days & weeks are passing very rapidly now & we all begin to think so.

[p65]
49th Day Saturday 25th 1875
Up at 7. Jane passed a better night. I was only up twice to see to her.
The wind down, but what there is, right in our back. All the sails set across the ship as near as can be. The swell beginning to be felt & the ship rolling.
No school. A lad ill & about being placed in the hospital.
Log today :-
  Latitude 27° 12' South
  Longitude 29° 13' West
  Distance sailed 141 miles.
  Distance from Nelson 9096 miles
We were out of the tropics yesterday & as a consequence the Lime Juice & the extra supply of water got stopped. The Capt this morning in better spirits because the vessel was now sailing in her proper course and he says he still hopes to complete the voyage in 90 days.
Practised the Chants and Hymns for Service tomorrow.
Ship rolling. Wind down but still going fairly. To bed at 10.

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50th Day Sunday Sept. 26th 1875
Log today :-
  Latitude 28° 56' South
  Longitude 28° 26' West
  Distance sailed 115 miles.
Jane much better this morning. I trust her recovery is now at hand.
A Cape Pigeon (so called) at one o'C seen flying around the ship in the midst of the storm of wind & rain. No log today, seeing no sun was to be seen.
The R.C. girls will not meet with us, but remain in their quarters & go through their prayer. Of course they do not as they cannot celebrate Mass, which is the only legitimate Service.
Thunder & lightning & heavy rain during the night. The wind veering about to every point of the compass. Ship rolling heavily. No Young Men's' Class today.
To bed at 8 o'C. A little sad.

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51st Day Monday 27th Sept.
[In the gutter - 3rd death. Mr. Entwell's child. (a Girl)]
Rough morning. Wind strong from S.W. Up at 7.30 and had to get ready quickly as I had to read the funeral service over Mr. Entwell's little girl which died last evening. This is the 2nd Burial at Sea at which I had to act as Minister. Not so striking as the first. It shows how we soon get accustomed to death even on board ship. The poor father & mother must have felt it. Not more than 7 or 8 present.
Wind growing stronger up to 12 o'Clock when the Maintop Sail was split in pieces by the wind. The sailors soon got all right again & the ship is going fast under closed reefed sails.
Log today at 12 :-
Latitude 30° 54' South
Longitude 26° 44' West
Distance sailed 148 miles.
Distance from Nelson 8834 miles
Large number of birds following the ship.
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A ship ahead of us (a Barque) with only 5 sails set & running before the wind. Mr. Entwell whose child was buried this morning fell & we fear broke his leg. Mr. Phaire, Doctor's Assistant, going for the bandages also fell & sprained his ankle also. The pole to which one of the boats was fastened broke & another had to be put in its place. The rolling from side to side of the Pots & pans was something to witness.
One of the Cape Pigeons so called dashed against the rigging & fell in the sea. The others swarmed about it directly. Cannot say whether it was killed or only stunned.
One of the children died about 10 pm. The father very strange seemingly not quite right. His name Daller.
The sea was very rough. The ship rolled fearfully & the utensils of all kinds kept high Carnival. Bed at 8

52nd Day Tuesday Sep. 28th.
Very rough this morning. Passed a very [p69] rough night.
[In the gutter - 4th Death. (Daller's child) a boy 32° S 25° W]
Vessel heaved & rolled terifically. Shipped several seas.
Jane not so well. Everybody out of sorts. Numerous birds in our wake.
Daller’s child buried at 11 o’clock. This is the 3rd over which I have read the Burial Service.
A very large flying fish caught on the Focastle. It was bought of the sailor for 2/6 and the fins were given me. I am trying to dry them.
Log today :-
- Latitude 32° 5’ South
- Longitude 25° 2’ West
- Distance sailed 112 miles.
- Distance from Nelson 8762 miles
Yesterday afternoon one of the sheep pens was tumbled right over. Had to be got back & lashed. Water came down the Young Women’s department & caused a stir amongst them. Still all they do is to sing “Oh! What a day we are having”.

53rd Day Wednesday Sept. 29 1875
Morning rough but not so bad as yesterday. Ship going well. The Capt. however dissatisfied. He says this morning he is superstitious enough to believe there is some evil genius on board because the wind keeps so persistently ahead. I tell him to blame the sun & moon as they are in conjunction today & that as soon as the Eclipse is over all will go right. In all his journeying this way he has never experienced such a continuance of Head Winds.
Jane very poorly during the night. Obliged to have the warm flannel & turpentine on her stomach again.
Large numbers of Cape Hens & Cape Pigeons in our wake. A couple of Albatrosses also sailing along with us. Indeed all the Birds seem to sail & not to fly. They simply keep their wings spread and allow the wind to act upon them as on the sails of the ship with this difference - they can go as easily against the wind as with it. No apparent difficult or exertion on their part.
Log today at 12 o’Clock :-
- Latitude 33° 29’ South
- Longitude 22° 08’ West
- Distance sailed 168 miles.
- Distance from Nelson 8662 miles
Getting the Magazine ready but found I would not be able to get it out before Saturday, so posted up a postponement thereof. Reading “Alice Lee” till 9 o’C. When I went to bed Jane somewhat better. No Eclipse seen.

54th Day Thursday Sept. 30th 1875
Fine morning. Sea calm, wind entirely gone down. Ship rolling & sails flapping. A few birds about. One of the Cape Pigeons was caught by a bait at the end of a string. We examined it. Its beak has on each mandible a strong shield-like covering. It has also a rather large nostril. Its eyes have no particular colour surrounding the pupils. Brown, if any. Its feathers were very thick. Its wings large and nicely marked, Brown with white speckles on the back. White all
underneath. Its feet three-toed & webbed. It ran about upon the deck for some
time, but did not attempt to fly. The sailors say it cannot, indeed any of these
seabirds are alike unable to rise from the deck. After writing on a bit of calico
"Ship Mataura" Sept. 30th 1875 we tied it around its neck and flung it overboard
again. It soon found the use of its wings. We watched it for some time but the
chances are against its being caught again. The Mother Carey's Chickens are
nice little birds. They are black with the exception of a mark of white just
before the tail. They are not to be taken by a bait, but some Cotton threads let
flying along from the ship's stern will get entangled in their wings & they [p73]
are sometimes so taken. Some of the birds are called Whalebirds by the
Sailors. They are black above and white beneath. This seems to be the order of
all these sea birds. White bellies with black or brown above.
Capt. says I shall have to read the funeral service over him if this weather
continues. A dead calm just now.
Log at 12 :-

Latitude 33° 58' South
Longitude 21° 25' West
Distance sailed 100 miles.
Distance from Nelson 8615 miles

This shows but a little on our course from yesterday - as out of the 100 miles
we cannot claim above 50 of them. Well "So Mote it be."
Another Child died this evening making the fifth since leaving London. (Daughter
of Mr. Anderson)
Jane not so well owing to Medicine no doubt. To bed at nine o’Clock.

55th Day  Friday October 1st 1875
Fair morning. Ship going well. A fair wind arose during the night and all sails
[p74] were set. [In the gutter – Fifth death. Mr Anderson's Child (girl)]
Going at 8 ½ knots & expecting to be going shortly at 10 or 12.
Mr Anderson's Child was buried or rather Comitted to the Deep at 7.45 this
morning. I had to officiate. This makes the fourth I have read the funeral
service over. School from 10 to 12. Parents glad to get rid of the children.
Log at 12 today :-

Latitude 35° 26' South
Longitude 19° 44' West
Distance sailed 121 miles.
Distance from Nelson 8614 miles

We have now got the fair wind we have long wished for & hope it will continue
with us some time. The 1st Mate gave me the following - "Oct 1st The Island of
"Tristan d’Acuna" 374 miles distant "Gough" Island 564 miles distant. The wind
has freshened and we are going at 12 knots an hour.
Getting ready the Magazine and to bed at 11 o’Clock.
56th Day   Saturday Oct. 2nd 1875

A rough morning. The Cry "Land ahoy" caused a number to be up before six. I jumped up & soon got on the Poop. We were just passing between "Tristan d'Acuna" and "Inaccessible" Islands so called. This latter appeared a large black, rough looking hill, say about a quarter of a mile long & from 3 to 400 feet high. Its width I could not see. "Tristan d'Acuna" I could only see a little of. Its headland jutting out, low in front & rising to a great height behind.

The mist and cloud prevented us having a good view. I was hastening back to Cabin when a heave of the vessel threw me violently on the Quarter Deck. I fell very heavily on my left shoulder blade experiencing a most terrible shake. The [p76] Doctor, Capt\(^2\) Mate (Mr Barns) and Mr. Binney were with me directly. I was greatly afraid & so were they that I had broken my left arm, but thank God, the shake was all. Now when writing this 3 hours later I feel very sore across my shoulders but am thankful 'tis no worse.

The Captn. Tells me "D'Acuna" is inhabited. A number of the inhabitants of St. Helena finding they could live no longer on that island because of the great changes in the Shipping department - their chief support being derived from ships calling for water, vegetables etc. Now almost done away with through Steamers - have lately emigrated to Tristan. But then he says 'tis a bare existence and what a life that must be when men become satisfied with such. He (the Capt\(^3\)) was anxious to sight this land as should he today get good Latitude and Longitude he would be able to correct his course to a Mile.

[p77] There was a third Island named Nightingale's Island, but I did not see it.

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Jane very unwell this evening. Kate & Mrs Hughes sitting up till 12 o'C pm with her. I abed unable to turn or help them or her.

57th Day   Sunday 3rd Oct.

During the past night the rolling of the ship was dreadful. Everything was tumbling about & Commotion ruled the ship and everybody in it. Wind gone down & sea calm but a heavy swell causing the ship to roll heavily sometimes.

Jane much worse - Cannot discharge her urine. Doctor obliged to draw it from her. She is ever since in a very comatose state.
Church from 11 to 12 in the Saloon.

Log today: -

- Latitude 38° 53' South
- Longitude 8° 06' West
- Distance sailed 171 miles.
- Distance from Nelson 8118 miles

Young men’s Class from 3.30 to 4.40 No. 2 (?) Minipress.

Jane in a very comatose state all the evening; the Doctor ordered a Blister at back of neck etc. Kate & Mrs. Hughes sitting up with her till 3.30 in the morning. I then got up. There was a change for the better & I pray God she may still be spared. Doctor visited her at 4 o’C & got ready some boiling water & we made her a strong cup of tea.

58th Day 1875 Monday Oct 4th.

Fine morning. Wind fell in the night. Ship rolled heavily. Wind right aft & getting up again. Numerous birds accompany us. The Albatross, the Cape [p79] hen, the Molly Auk and Mother Carey’s Chickens and Cape Pigeons. Attempts were made to catch some, but no go.

School from 10 to 12.

Log today: -

- Latitude 39° 03' South
- Longitude 5° 28’ West
- Distance sailed 127 miles.
- Distance from Nelson 7990 miles

Jane improved thank God. This at 1 o’clock. After school at 4 she does not seem so well. I pray God may spare her still - I trust in Him. Yet not my will but His be done! Kate and Mrs. Hughes sit up till 2.30 am. Mrs. Lawrence takes their place till 6. I get up and help to turn Jane in bed from her side on her back. She has had a restless or rather a hard night, her breathing being short and spasmodic. The turning evidently brought the crisis - I can see her eyes glazed & death in her face, but I still hope. Janet & Kate came.

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Seven o’C and we can see that all our hopes are gone. The Doctor recommends as a last resort to Dry Cup her on the Back but I do not agree, and my poor Dear Jane breathes her last without one sigh or groan at 8.15 o’clock on the morning of

59th Day  [boxed] Tuesday Oct. 5th, 1875.  

A day of sorrows and lamentations but thank God of no repining against His Divine Will.

I tear myself from her, to see her once more when laid out. And at 4 o’C p.m. She is consigned to the Deep. Captain Gorn read the whole Service & nearly all on board attending the funeral. May God help me.
Log at 12 o’C today :-
  Latitude 39° 27’ South
  Longitude 2° 03’ West
  Distance sailed 154 miles.
  Distance from Nelson 7836 miles

60th Day  Wednesday Oct. 6th 1875
Ship going well Say 10 knots an hour.
I rise sad & sorrowful mourning my loss. Kate Edward & Janet come to arrange
& settle my cabin.
  Latitude 39° 27’ South
  Longitude 2° 22’ West
  Distance sailed 207 miles.
  Distance from Nelson 7622 miles
Did not stir out all day.

61st Day  Thursday Oct. 7th
Fine cold day. Ship going well with a good breeze. Stayed in my cabin all day.
Wrote out a Memoir of Jane and drew a Map to show the place where her poor
body was committed to the Deep. Endeavoured to subdue my feelings & submit
more resignedly to my Heavenly Father’s will. All the rest well.
Log today was :-
  Latitude 39° 27’ South
  Longitude 7° 08’ East
  Distance sailed 217 miles.
  Distance from Nelson 7410 miles

62nd Day  Friday Oct 8th. 1875
A nice looking morning. Up late. Ship sailing well. Wind South West. Sunshine
and rain. Such is life. Today sunshine and next day rain, but blessed be God He
reigns and has both the Storm and Calm, the Sunshine & tempest in his Keeping
& He causeth both to descend on the Just and on the Unjust. O for His Holy
Spirit to enlighten and bless me in the Midst of the trials & difficulties of this
life. Amen.
Log today at 12 o’C :-
  Latitude 40° 33’ South
  Longitude 11° 16’ East
  Distance sailed 208 miles.
  Distance from Nelson 7202 miles
Preparing No. 7 of the “Mataura” for next Wednesday.
63rd Day Saturday Oct 9th.
Fine day. Ship sailing well but rolling. Did not go on deck till evening. Preparing Memoir of Jane, Map etc. Captain told me we had passed the Meridian [p83] of the Cape & he hoped we should have this weather & breeze the rest of the way.
Log today :-
Latitude 41° 20' South
Longitude 16° 25' West [Probably he meant East]
Distance sailed 239 miles.
Distance from New Zealand 6963 miles
Shoulder rather painful. Kate got some liniment & rubbed it for me before I got up & when I got to bed again at night.
Service to be held in future in the Saloon.

64th Day Sunday Oct 10th.
Rough & Cold. Snow fell before Muster & while we were on the Poop. The Captain dismissed us hastily. Last evening a Whirlwind passed just astern of the ship. Had it caught us we are told we should in all probability have lost masts & rigging, but our Captain steered from it and just escaped so sad a disaster.
Service in the Saloon from 11 to 12. Not many in attendance. The [p84] majority are dissenters and do not care for the Church of England Service. Hence the low attendance.
A large flock of Mother Carey's Chickens indicating wind & storm. Other birds in our wake.
Log today at 12 o'C :-
Latitude 42° 10' South
Longitude 21° 17' East
Distance sailed 223 miles.
Distance from Nelson 6740 miles
Reading with Kate, Edward, Mrs. Hughes till bedtime. Could not sleep all night.
Ship rolling greatly. At times Hail, Rain and Storm.

65th Day Monday Oct. 11th
Not up till 11 o'C. Arm painful but getting better. Sun shining but very cold. Ship rocking but sailing pretty well.
Latitude 43° 10' South
Longitude 26° 35' East
Distance sailed 241 miles.
Distance from Nelson 6500 miles
Snow storms squalls etc. prevailed. Topsail & Stay sail carried away.

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66th Day Tuesday 12th
Fine morning - Sea High - Good breeze. Ship going about 12 knots an hour. Went to the Poop & tried to estimate height of waves. Sea birds enjoying the storm.
Captn. In poor humour. Says 25 days like this would land us in Nelson. Hope so...
Latitude 43° 33'
Longitude 32° 27'
Distance sailed 258 miles.
Distance from Nelson 6242 miles
Engaged putting No. 7 of the "Mataura" ready. To bed at ten.

67th Day Wednesday Oct 13th
Called up at six to see the first Iceberg. It was really a grand sight.

Like an island in the distance, beautifully shaded, white & black. We passed in about an hour. Several others cropping up to windward but the cold too severe.

[In the gutter - Icebergs seen between 43° & 44° South & 34° & 35° East.]
This one was passed about 1 o'Clock p.m. And when first seen had the most avid appearance of a Lion that could be imaged. The Head & Face was perfect, but as we came up this appearance was lost & a (?)cloudy cliffs (?)are /one /over ensued. The above is the view as we passed it & seemed to have a Bay within. The Doctor termed it Binney's Bay from the Cabin passenger and I named the North head Gorn's Head & the South Kennedy Point - from the Capt & Doctor.

Latitude 44° 02' South
Longitude 37° 19' East
Distance sailed 213 miles.
Distance from Nelson 6029 miles
The iceberg above is about 150 ft. high.
Large numbers of Mother Carey's Chickens, Cape Pigeons, Molly auks & Seagulls still accompany us. 'Tis a very pleasant sight to see them fly & skim the tops of the waves.

The Captain told me that last night we were dodging about between great masses of floating Ice - Not less than 300 or 400 of them were met with & caused him some anxiety & he did not go to bed till 5o'C in the morning. Some of the sailors who had been several times this way this day never saw an iceberg on this course before. Round Cape Horn of course they are common enough. Read to Kate Ed. & Mrs. Hughes. Bed at 10.

68th Day. Thursday Oct. 14th.
Fine cold day. Wind North West. No icebergs nor floating ice, but the birds still with us. Vessel going very fairly.

Latitude today 44° 21' South
Longitude 41° 54' East
Distance sailed 199 miles.
Distance from Nelson 5830 miles

Reading again & to bed at 10 o'C.

[p88]
69th Day 1875 Friday Oct. 15th.
A fine morning. Ship rolling terribly & not going very fast. All the sails were taken in last evening except one on each Mast as the Glass had gone down and a storm was expected. It was rough and several seas were shipped. Mrs. Peverill was prematurely confined in the Hospital last evening of a little girl. The child lived till this morning. I am told it is dead and Mrs. P herself very precarious. Her husband has his hands full having two to look after, the youngest only 8 months old.

Log today
Latitude 44° 28' South
Longitude 44° 12' East
Distance sailed 143 miles.
Distance from Nelson 5687 miles

Very cold all day. Kate's fingers swelling with chilblains. She had to have her ring filed in two so as to get it off.

Mrs. Peverill despaired of by the Doctor.

[p89] To bed at ten after reading for an hour to Kate Ed. & Mrs. Hughes.

70th Day. Saturday 16th Oct.
[in the gutter - Mrs. Peverill died Mother. Carter died Child]
A fine cold morning with occasional snow. Ship going before the wind & making fast for the Crozet Islands. These the Capt wishes to see & then we shall get into a little warmer clime.
Poor Mrs. Peverill soon followed her little babe. She died last night, so did Mrs. Carter's little girl and at 7.30 this morning the Captain read the Burial service over them and committed them to the Deep. Poor P is to be pitied with his remaining two babes. I did not get up till. Had my arm rubbed by Kate & then had a good sleep after breakfast.

Log today

| Latitude 45° 23' South |
| Longitude 51° 22' East |
| Distance sailed 273 miles. |
| Distance from Nelson 5414 miles |

Very cold with occasional snow storms.

71st Day 1875 Sunday Oct. 17th.
Fine but cold. [p90] Snowing at 10 so no Muster.
Church at 11 o'C to 12 in the Saloon. Nice & warm. Heated with charcoal furnace swinging from ceiling. Young mens' class to be held this afternoon.

| Latitude 45° 20' South |
| Longitude 57° 06' East |
| Distance from Nelson 5763 miles |
| Distance sailed 251 miles. |

Read for an hour in the evening and got to bed at 10.30.

72nd Day 1875 Monday Oct. 18th.
Fine but cold. Good breeze from the South West. Ship good ?well. Loud Squalls during the night causing the ship to run North of her course. The Captain says some 40 miles.

Log today

| Latitude 45° 15' South |
| Longitude 63° 04' East |
| Distance sailed 261 miles. |
| Distance from Nelson 4902 miles |

Copy of Log Extract relative to Mrs. Peverill's Confinement, Death & burial.

"Ship "Mataura" Oct. 14th 5.30 pm.
In Latitude 54° South Longitude 43° 28' East. Sarah wife of George W Peverill gave birth to a female child, but which only lived till the following morning. Oct. 16th at 0.45 a.m. Latitude 45° 10' South Longitude 48° 30' East. Died of Ruptured Uterus caused by premature labour, Sarah, Wife of George W Peverill aged 34 years. At 7.30 a.m. Latitude 45° 12' South Longitude 50° 05' East performed the burial service on the remains of the above." Robt. S Metcalf Chief Officer:

Poor Peverill - he is to be pitied.

Reading and to bed at ten.
73rd Day    Tuesday Oct. 19th.
[in the gutter - Arbuckle died child]
A fine cold morning, snow & frost.
Another Death. One of Mrs. Arbuckle's children. The Chief Officer read the
Burial service over it at 7.30 a.m. The child had been ailing some time.
Did not get up till late. Ship rolling a good owing to the wind being directly aft.
The Captain pleased.
   Latitude 45° 16' South
   Longitude 69° 36' East
   Distance sailed 280 miles.
   From Nelson 4620

[p92]
74th Day    1875 Wednesday 20th.
A cold fine morning. Some snow & hail. Ship going well. Wind aft.
   Latitude 45° 36' South
   Longitude 75° 41' East
   Distance sailed 259 miles.
   Dis' From Nelson 4363 miles.
Mrs. Cudd was confined last night. I am told the child was dead.
The Mag. not yet ready. Post 'till Saturday.

75th Day    1875 Thursday Oct 21st.
[in the gutter - ?? John McCormack died (14 Mos.])
A nice day. Somewhat warmer. Most of the emigrants on Deck in consequence.
Ship doing pretty well, with a fair wind.
Log today
   Latitude 45° 45' South
   Longitude 80° 41' East
   Distance sailed 212 miles
   Distance from Nelson 4151 miles
Getting the Magazine ready. Reading till 9.30 & then bed.

76th Day    Friday Oct. 22nd.
A fine morning but cold. Snow on deck. Ship making progress. ??????
[p93]
Log today
   Latitude 45° 50' South
   Longitude 86° 42' East
   Distance sailed 253 miles
   Distance from Nelson 3898 miles
Preparing "Mataura" No. 8 all day. Reading 'till 9.30. Bed at 11 o'C.
Brown's child died this evening.
77th Day 1875 Saturday Oct 23rd.
[in the gutter - Mr. Brown's child buried]
A fine cold morning. Everyone late in getting up. Breakfast stopped by Doctor & stringent orders given about rising. Mr. Brown's child buried at 7.30 a.m.. The Captain read the Service. I got up at 8.30.
Log today
  Latitude 46° 00' South
  Longitude 92° 04' East
  Distance sailed 221 miles
  Distance from Nelson 3677 miles
Looking out hymns for Sunday.

78th Day Sunday Oct. 24th.
Rather murky. Ship rolling heavily but going at fair speed. Service at 11 o'C.
[p94]
Log today
  Latitude 47° 00' South
  Longitude 97° 48' East
  Distance sailed 249 miles
  Distance from Nelson 3429 miles
Reading and to bed at 10 o'clock.

79th Day 1875 Monday Oct. 25th.
Cold & frosty. Ship rolling heavily at times.
Mrs. Tremain confined of a daughter during the night. Said to be premature.
Single men's concert tonight.
  Latitude 47° 20' South
  Longitude 102° 21' East
  Distance sailed 154 miles
  Distance from Nelson 3275 miles
Large albatrosses two or three still in our wake. Several other birds like seagulls. Some Cape Pigeons & Mother Carey's Chickens. Ship going about five knots an hour. To bed at 10 p.m.

80th Day Tuesday Oct. 26th 1875
Dull cold morning. Ship rolling heavily. Not up 'till 10 o'C. Drawing map of our course.
[p95]
  Latitude 47° 25' South
  Longitude 106° 17' East
  Distance sailed 173 miles
  Distance from Nelson 3102 miles
Walked on Poop with Mr. Binney. The Single girls in disgrace because some of them lit and were smoking cigars down in their sleeping apartments. To bed at 10 o'C.
81st Day 1875 Wednesday Oct. 27th.
Day fair. Wind strong from Northwest. Ship going well. All sails set. A sea coming over now & then & wetting those in the way of it to the skin. All speculating on the probable distance travelled.
Log today
  Latitude 46° 58' South
  Longitude 112° 58' East
  Distance sailed 278 miles
  Distance from Nelson 2824 miles
Drawing a map of Voyage or rather course & marking the Distance run every week. Reading and to bed at ten.

82nd Day Thursday 28th. 1875
Log today
  Latitude 46° 44' South
  Longitude 119° 16' East
  Distance sailed 270 miles
  Distance from Nelson 2554 miles
Reading. Writing a resume of the weeks. To bed at 10 p.m.

83rd Day Friday Oct. 29th.
Fine day. Ship sailing 11 knots an hour.
Log today
  Latitude 47° 00' South
  Longitude 125° 19' East
  Distance sailed 249 miles
  Distance from Nelson 2305 miles
Attended a concert in the Single Men's department at 7 o'C. To bed at 10

84th Day 1875 Saturday Oct. 30th.
Fine morning. Almost dead calm. Ship rolling about. Wind evidently changing. Captain says calms here are most unusual.
  Latitude 46° 57' South
  Longitude 139° 00' East
  Distance sailed 152 miles
  Distance from Nelson 2152 miles
[p97]
Several birds caught & brought on Deck but let go again after due examination.

85th Day Oct. 31 1875 Saturday Sunday
Fine day. Ship going fairly. Mustered and Service in the Saloon. Captain showed me his Chart of Voyage this time and also last year comparing them.
Log

Latitude 45° 59' South
Longitude 134° 21' East
Distance sailed 230 miles
Distance from Nelson 1923 miles

Reading in the evening and to bed at 10.

86th Day 1875 Monday November 1st.
Fine morning. Wind aft, but gone down. Ship rolling rather heavily. Numbers of birds still following us. Several large Albatrosses among them and quite a flock of Mother Carey's Chickens.

Latitude 46° 00' South
Longitude 138° 51' East
Distance sailed 180 miles
Distance from Nelson 1743 miles.


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87th Day Tuesday Nov. 2nd. 1875

Latitude 46° 14' South
Longitude 143° 11' East
Distance sailed 170 miles
Distance from Nelson 1573 miles

Wednesday
Latitude 45° 45'
Longitude 147° 37'
Sailed 187
D to Sail 1393

Thursday
Latitude 44° 39'
Longitude 152° 21'
Sailed 217
D to Sail 1176

Friday
Latitude 43° 29'
Longitude 157° 10'
Sailed 217
To Sail 950

Saturday
Latitude 42° 46'
Longitude 162° 18'
Sailed 228
To Sail 489

Sunday
Lat 42.2
Long 167.52
Sailed 249 Miles

------ 249 to Cape Farewell.
The Cathedral area can be seen in the right middle distance. Trafalgar St. South where the Scott’s lived is to the right in the valley behind that.
Summary of items of genealogical interest appearing in the Journal of Mr. Thomas Scott, which was written on board the sailing ship "Malaura" that sailed from London to Nelson, N.Z. covering the period 25 July 1875 to 7 November 1875.


Page No.
   Eliza Jane was Mr. Scott's eldest daughter, 1st child.
   James Wall & Eliza Jane Scott had four children by 1875 i.e. Annie, Alfred, Walter and Edwin.
   James Wall was the Registration Officer for the Nunston Registration District.
   Mr. Pennington & Mr. M. L. Brown mentioned.

2. Mr. Pennington, Mr. Newdegates (M.P.) School.
   Mr. Paddison & Eliza Jane Wall receive a painting (?) of the Wall family home.

3. Mrs. Cornwell's (lodging house?) 5 Timnes Rd, London W.
   Under Agent-General (for Emigration?) W. Kennedy
   Robert Walker Esq; Maidenhead Esq; Earles Esq of 12 Katherine St, Wand; London; Rev. James Yermes (?) of Kirkstall near Leeds; Mrs. M. L. Bowld; Agent General

4. Featherstone (at the end of the list of schools, mention duties)
   Emigration Dept. Brunswick Wharf, Blackwall.

5. The ships "Duke of Edinburgh" and "Malaura"
7. Kate is Thomas Scott's 4th daughter and she married Edward E. BRIDGE on 9 April 1874.

8. 9. Shakes try boat, "Charles Dickens" or "Napoleon".

10. Mrs. John Hughes (Kate + Edward + M'st. Jn. + v. W.)

11. Janet is M'st. Scott's single daughter aged 16 yrs.

    (Mother is M'st. Scott's wife — Jane CROKER)

12. David is M'st. Scott's son John David Scott who remained in England. Julia is another daughter who also remained in England and descendants live in Dorset. Mr. TADDEON and Patty — see p. 2.

13. Ship "Ballymore".

14. Patty appears to be a daughter of M'st. Hughes or is in some way associated with Mr. TADDEON.

15. Eddy stone Lighthouse


17. Barque in full sail past the Malawra.


19. Steamer was the "Northumberland" from Melbourne. First indication of latitude + longitude and distance travelled + this information continued daily until the end of the voyage. Another Barque outbound bound.

20. Flag signals sent by near by Barque.


22. Large steamer from U.S.A. passed. Also a Barque bound.

23. Mr. Welch on board — a boy (child) of Wetherfield.

    Arranged to produce a week magazine.

24. "Malawra" Captain was Captain Gervis.

25. Names of people appearing on the concert programme:

    - Johnson, John
    - Mr. McCormick, J. skirt
    - Mr. O'Donovan
    - Mrs. Burns, Thomas Brown, Mr. Webster, Mr. Pitts.
Details

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37 A schooner sighted.

40 40 children on board; between 5 and 14 yrs.

26 girls and 14 boys.

29 Note dated 2 pm 16 Aug. Discharged Mr. Simpson Tidcot off "The Start".

30 In the margin: 1st issue of the "Heralds" Magazine.

32 Problem of life on board.

33 People appearing on 2nd Concert Programme: -

Mr. T. Scott (chairman), Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ayliffe

Mr. Foster, Mr. McCormack, Mr. W. A. Biddle;

Mr. Brown, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Foster, Mr. Osborne;

Mr. Locke, Mr. King; (on the back of the listing is part of another programme, three names can be read:

Mr. T. Scott, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Ayliffe.)

36 Lime juice and extra water served. Two ships in the offing, one supposed to be the "Duke of Edinburgh" but proved to be the "St. Leonard" bound for Wellington.

37 Cape Verde Islands sighted. 12 ships sighted.

38 Splendid Meteor shot.

39 440 Several vessels seen including the "St. Leonard".

40 This is the back and front of a loose page which appears to contain a list of the children attending school and the costs in respect of them.

41 I have tried to work out the information from the original (which is in very poor shape): -

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2. Louisa
3. Albert
4. Jessie
41 People at the 3rd Concert: P. Kennedy, Johnson;
Bole; Edridge; Mc Cormack; Mrs. Ryan; Metcalf;
Foster; Bealing; Miss Brandt (?); Wilson.

42 Four ships to Starboard and one to larboard (Port)

43(b) People at the 4th Concert: J. Binney; Johnson;
Foster; Miss J. Burns; T. Scott; Miss M. Ryan;
Mrs. Sheffield; Brown; Mrs. Osborne; William
Connell; Wilson; King; Miss J. Connell
Mrs. P. Connell; Edridge; Mc Cormack; Mrs. Burns

46 The Doldrums. Mrs. Hughes.

46(a) People at the 5th Concert Capt. Gorn; Johnson;
Kemm; Mrs. Burns; William & Annie Edridge;
Foster; Mrs. M. Ryan; Mrs. Burns; William O'Connell;
Bealing; Brown; Binney; Mc Cormack; Metcalf.

47 I wonder who gave birth to a son?!

48 Edward & Kate = Edward & Catherine Edridge.

51 Mrs. Binney.

52 A Barque to Port on same course.
53 Mrs. Binney.
54 Crossed the equator 8am on Tues. 14 Sep 1875
55 Mrs. Brosnan's child (a boy) died
56 Off the Brazilian Coast.

58 Ship seen - hoseward bound - Capt. Gorn Mc Cormack
Eliza's birthday (18 Sep) - 35 years old (She is Thomas
Child's eldest child & my grandmother)

59+60 Mrs. Burns 2nd Mate

64 A ship seen heading for Batavia in Java.

Doctor Kennedy.
A bad cold and went to be placed in hospital.
Line juice and extra water supply stopped 25 Sep 1875.

67. Mr. Estwell's child (a girl) died 26 Sep 1875.

68. A Barque, a head of steam. Mr. Estwell
Mr. Phaire doctor's assistant.

A child died about 10 pm 27 Sep 1875. It was
the child of Mr. Deller (a boy).

70. Eclipse 28/29 Sep 1875.

73. Mrs. Anderson's daughter died 30 Sep 1875.

74. 374 miles from "Tristan d’Acuna" 1 Oct 1875.

75. Ship passed between "Tristan d’Acuna" and "Lascarillo" islands.

76. Mr. Barnes, Mr. Blinney

77.Kate Catterm EDRIDGE M‘Hughes

80. Jane CROKER, wife of Thomas Scott died
8:15 am. Tuesday 5 Oct 1875. Capt. Gem
read the service.

81. Kate + Edward EDRIDGE Janet Scott.

82. Passed the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope
on Sat 9 Oct 1875.

84. Kate + Edward EDRIDGE M‘Hughes.

86. Icebergs sighted 43°5 + 34° E.

87. Kate + Edward EDRIDGE M‘Hughes.

88. Mrs. Peverell premature confinement Oct 11th.

89. little girl lived a few days till Oct 15th.

90. Mrs. Peverell died the night of 15 Oct 1875

91. Mrs. Carter's girl died the same night

90-91 Copy of entry in ship's log re Mrs. Peverell

92. Mrs. Budd confined 19 Oct 1875 still-born child (1)
8.

Debils

92 In margin Joseph John McCormack died 21 Oct 1875
age (?!) 14 months.

93 Mr Brown's child died 21 Oct 1875

94 Mrs Iwarra confined of a daughter (premature)
during the night 24 - 25 Oct 1875

95 47°25' South (further south) 26 Oct 1875
106° 17' East (almost due south of Fremantle West Bay)

98 On Wednesday 3rd Nov 1875 the ship was
due south of Tasmania. Lat 45°50' South
Long 147° 37' East.

By Sunday 7 Nov 1875 the ship was 249 miles
from Cape Farewell, which places the ship in
the Tasman Sea about 170 miles west of
Greytown, New Zealand.

This concludes the Journal by Thomas Scott and on
separate sheets I have prepared further genealogical
information which may be of interest to others who may
be related to Thomas Scott.

James H. Hall
9 June 1889
Appendix 3 Ship Details

The Mataura.

Formerly the Dunfillan—An Early "Freezer."

The Mataura, under the name of Dunfillan, was launched in 1868, from the yards of Aitken, Glasgow, and purchased by the New Zealand Shipping Company in 1874. She was a full-rigged ship of 853 tons, and was the first of this company's ships to be fitted up with Harkin's patent dry-air refrigerator. The Mataura, however, was not the first vessel to load meat in the Dominion, as stated by many writers. The distinction of carrying to London the first cargo belongs to the Dunedin, which was loaded at Port Chalmers by the New Zealand and Australian Land Company, and sailed from that port on February 15, 1882.

The Mataura At Port Chalmers.

The New Zealand Shipping Company then fitted up the Mataura, and she sailed with the second cargo from Dunedin on June 12, 1882, in command of Captain Greenstreet. Both cargoes arrived in splendid condition. In the following year the Mataura came to Auckland and took away that port's first shipment of frozen meat. She sailed on May 26, 1883. The cargo was shipped by Fisher and Co., butchers, Queen Street.

How familiar sounds the name of Captain Greenstreet, who was one of the first to have command of a steamer in the New Zealand trade, when the day of the sailor was doomed! Captain Greenstreet was an exceptionally fine seaman, and was very popular with the thousands of passengers who came to New Zealand under his charge.

The Mataura on the passage to Nelson in 1875 brought out 216 immigrants, 75 of whom were for Nelson, 40 for New Plymouth, the remainder for Marlborough.
and Westland. A very anxious time was passed by Captain Gorn when in latitude 44\textdegree\ south, when sailing through a large number of icebergs.

*She completed 13 voyages from London, as given below:*—

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