

DIARY OF SIMON MORRISON

The "Admiral Boxer" sailed from Liverpool on 17/3/1854 and arrived at Melbourne on 13/6/1854 with assisted immigrants. The following passengers were noted:

Morrison, Alexander, Agricultural Labourer, from Inverness, Presbyterian, Literate, 41 years.

"	Jane,	from Inverness, Presbyterian, Literate, 41 years.
"	Jane	" " " " 13 years.
"	Agnes	" " " " Read only 11 "
"	John	" " " " 10
"	James	" " " " 7 "
"	Donald	" " " " - - 5 "
"	Grace	" " " " - - 1 "

This family went on their own account to the immigrants Home on the 26th June 1854. Among the unmarried males there was:-

Morrison, Alexander, Agricultural Labourer, from Inverness, Presbyterian Literate, 15 years. He went on his own account to Melbourne on the 27th June 1854.

Among the unmarried females was:

Morrison, Margaret, Domestic servant, from Inverness, Presbyterian, Literate, 16 years. She went with her parents.

DAIRY OF VOYAGE FROM LIVERPOOL TO AUSTRALIA.

December 8th 1852 - April 15th 1853 on "Confiance", a sailing vessel of 927 tons.

Master - Captain Joseph Price, bound for Geelong and Melbourne, Victoria Australia.

To commence his Journal, he recorded the names of his family and friends on September 27th, 1852.

Sandy and Jane's family.

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| 1 | Jessie married to John McKenzie | 6. |
| | John. | |
| 2. | Margaret married John McDonald | 7. |
| | James | |

3. Sandy
4. Jane
5. Agnes

8. Donald
9. Gracie

John & Eliza's family.

1. Sandy
2. John

Birth. Simon Morrison was born at Broomhill of Cawdor in the County of Nairn, Scotland on the 9th June 1825. Married to Grace Grant Macintosh, born at Forres, County of Elgin, Morayshire, Scotland, on the 21st October 1825. Marriage took place on September 25th 1846.

Issue. Augustus Henry Clarke Morrison, born at Torrich of Cawdor, County of Nairn, 19th August 1847.

Alexander Adolphus John, Born at Beauly, County of Inverness, on 17th January 1851.

Our parent's names -

Alexander Morrison, Broomhill, Cawdor.

Jessie Rose Morrison, Broomhill, Cawdor.

Alexander Macintosh, Torrich, Nairnshire.

Jane Mackenzie Macintosh, Torrich, Cawdor.

The Rev, Simon Fraser Maclauchlan is the present Free Church Minister of Cawdor, Nairnshire, and the Rev., Alex Mackenzie is the present Free Church Minister of Nairn.

Dated this day, 27th September, 1852.

Friends.

My respected friends at Beauly and vicinity.

The Rev, Alexander D. Mackenzie, Free Church Minister.

Mr John Chisholm and family.

Mr John McLennan and his family.

Mr J. Thomas Fraser and his wife.

Mr Corbet Saddler and family, Kenneth Charles and Elizabeth.

Mr Duncan Stewart and family, William Duncan and Margaret.

Mr Douglas and his family, Donald William and Helen.

Mr Simpson Garney, his mother and Georgina.

Dr Cormick and Betsy.

Mr Troun, Carpenter and his wife.

1852. October 7th Thursday I commenced my journey this day to Australia. We slept last night at my fathers house and took breakfast this morning with John and Eliza at . We then called at Wellhouse near Blarnagustin and bade farewell to my brother's family. We parted with my mother, Eliza, Jessie and John in the wood above the Free Church Manse. Our parting was sad and sorrowful. I hope we shall never forget each other. I will ever retain that parting scene as a green spot in my memory. I will ever remember my dear and affectionate mother with the gratitude of a son who owed much to the faithfulness of a kind, affectionate and tender-hearted mother. We parted with poor father at his own house. He is much failed and much bowed. Called on Mr Macdonald, John Mackintyre, Culeharry. Found the latter unwell and in bed. Got some honey from his wife which did good to my throat. Called at Croy and bade our friends farewell. Met poor Isabella and Granny in Petty. Got letter from them in haste from Mr Walcott.. Got to Inverness. Arranged with the Steam Boat agent for a passage to Edinburgh.

Took tea to Uncle John's house. Met Capt.Mackintyre there. Left about 9 o'clock in the evening for steamer. Parted with brother Sandy, John Mackenzie (Jessie's husband), Mr Fraser, Isabelle and Granny. Got safely aboard and sailed about 10 O'clock. Gracie soon got seasick. An insane woman from Ferrintosh annoyed us very much. We lay at night at Invergordon. 8th Friday. We sailed from the above port today about 7 o'clock. The sea got very rough. We did not call at Nairn or any of the intermediate ports. I was on deck and got a passing glimpse of Nairn and my dear native hills, fields and woods. I won't forget the sight. The day continued stormy. we were all very sick. Arrived at Granton pier about 9 o'clock next morning.

9th October. Saturday. Got to Edinburgh by train. Called on Mr Gray, 38 York Place. Found him very kind. Gave me 3 pounds. Went to Glasgow this afternoon by the train. Arrived at Aunt Shaw's 64 Ring Street, Glasgow about 7 o'clock. Found her very kind. Remained with her till Tuesday morning. Found Isabella very kind also. Saw Mary Falconer and heard that Mr Black is going to Australia.

12th October. Tuesday. Left Glasgow this morning by the "Princess Royal" steamer for Liverpool. Had a most delightful passage all the way. Arrived at Liverpool next morning about 9 o'clock. Went to Birkenhead and presented my Embarkation papers at the Depot. The "Prescilla" sailed without me. I have to wait for another vessel.

25th October. Monday. I received a quite unexpected letter this morning from my dear friend Mr Gray, Edinburgh, enclosing a Post Office Order for

another 2 pounds, 5 pounds in all. I had a most severe attack of dysentery today. I took some Brandy and Ground ginger which relieve frequently. December 8th. Wednesday. This day we left Liverpool for Australia, at twenty minutes after noon. The evening was beautiful and our sailing very pleasant. I dispatched my last letter from England to my brother John. I had no postage stamp but enclosed sixpence. We are tonight pretty well - no sea sickness as yet. I am now eight weeks in England. From the morning of Thursday 9th. till the morning of Sabbath 12th we were tempest tossed in the Irish Sea. Almost the whole of our passengers were seasick. Such another scene of confusion and noise I never did witness. The moaning of the sea, wind and sails and sailors without, the rolling and strolling of water kegs within formed a combination of the most inharmonious sounds imaginable. I did not feel much seasickness. I think the best way to avoid seasickness is to keep the stomach pretty empty. Gracie was and is still suffering from the effects of the storm. All the poor females are moving about like spectres. They need medical aid.

12th Sunday. Was a beautiful day and the sea quite serene and the surf glossy. I read much of Barmesan, the Revelations and also the Memoirs of that burning Mr Cheyne of Dundee. Felt much comforted in reading the above Works. Got a good night's rest. Poor boys doing well.

13th Monday. Today we got round Holyhead and into the English Channel. We are now speeding Southwards. The passengers are recovering from their seasickness. Appetites are quickened and rations are devoured most heartily. The quantity of food allowed on board is quite sufficient, but the system of cooking is really bad. Beef, pork, and rice are very badly cooked. The Captain seems most anxious to do all he can for the comfort of the passengers and the happiness of the migrants. The surgeon is most indefatigable in his endeavours for the same object. The last point of land I saw in Britain - Snodden Hill.

23rd Thursday. We had very stormy weather since the 13th. inst. Passed through terrible gale on the 16th. The ship decks rendering her a scene of dismay. A rivulet of salt water kept running in and out all day. The sailors were constantly drying the decks with swabs. Gracie very poorly. A great deal of seasickness, one death on board that night - a baby. Dear little lamb, its tender frame could not stand the roughness of these seas, its little spirit took flight in the midst of the storm and tempest - from this tempest-tossed Ark to that Ark of safety and serenity into which nothing that shall hurt or destroy shall ever enter. Another babe has since dropped away. The

proud waves are now singing the "Requiem". May we all be prepared for our solemn call. I held out wonderfully well till the 20th when I was laid up and fevered. I got some medicine which blessed twice and today I feel much better. My trouble must have been generated through fatigue and severe cold. We are now speeding on towards warmer regions. On Tuesday 21st, the Latitude was 49 degrees. 30 N. deg 1 W.

25th Saturday. This is Christmas Day - the first Christmas Day I ever spent at sea. Had for dinner Salt Beef, Biscuit and Plum Pudding. Dear Alick was very severely scalded with a jug of hot tea. He is recovering nicely. Applied sweet oil and flour to prevent inflammation. Wind in our favour today. Divine Service read today. We are now 17 days on our voyage.

26th Sabbath. We encountered a terrific gale today. The sea rolled like mountains. The ship laboured very much. No man could stand at the wheel. The helm was lashed and the vessel drifted whither the wind and waves liked. The sea swept the decks from stem to stern. On the morning of the 27th. we found ourselves in the western part of the Bay of Biscay. In 10 days we went 400 miles south. Adverse winds every day.

Friday. Today I commenced school. Distributed books and formed the children into classes

1853. January 1st. This commences another year and another important period in my history and in the history of all aboard. We have begun this year on the sea. May it be a prosperous year to all spiritually and temporally. I wish all my dear relatives and friends a Happy New Year and many, many returns of the same,

2nd Sabbath. Spoke to homeward bound ships today. We are now 25 days at sea. Lat. 40 deg. 35 N. A splendid breeze today. Our gallant ship is ploughing the Main in right good earnest.

3rd. Monday. The sea is full of interest now. The waters are phosphorescent and teeming with porpoises. They keep in the wake of the ship and beautiful fishes they are. We are now in Lat. 38. N 6' from Madeira. The weather is getting much warmer and the days much longer. died since we left Liverpool. One birth on board. All others and infants doing well.

4th. Tuesday. Beautiful weather, the sky cloudy and the breeze steady. We are making considerable progress southward and westward. Our Latitude is 35 deg. 25. N. We are in the Latitude of Gibraltar 36 deg. N. Gave out slates and copy books today to such as are anxious to learn. Wrote a catalogue of Library Books and posted it to the Hold stanchion. I fixed a Register for the readers. Poor little Alick is still weak.

* 6th Thursday. Still progressing toward the South West. Passed the Salvagees Rocks. I examined them with a telescope. They are a vast sea of lava evidently formed by a recent eruption. No sign of life on the rocks - very little grass. Some sea fowl seen sitting in solitude on the low ledge. Dangerous navigation at night. Many sunken reefs. The above date reminds me that it is Christmas Day old style at home. I wish all my friends a happy Christmas. The weather is getting warm, the wind balmy and the air elastic and very invigorating. The "Confiance" made 196 miles in one day lately. She sails well. Captain Price is a general favourite on board. Another child died today and was buried tonight this is the 6th death on board since we left Liverpool 29 days ago. There have been three births. Alick has a blister on tonight with mustard. Lat 28 deg. Long 16.N

7th Friday. In sight this morning of the Peak of Teneriffe. 12,236 feet above the level of the sea. It looks bold, blue and beautiful in the distance. It rises in the form of a cone. The sides are very steep. It is a half-extinct volcano. Smoke is still issuing from its summit. The whole of the Canary Group is volcanic. Passed Comero and Terro Palmas was very distinctly seen. We could discern the lights in the windows on shore. All these islands are very high. They were all covered with clouds to a considerable depth. The voyage now really enjoyable. The weather is so delightful - no oppressive heat. Fine breezes every day. We are making splendid progress. Our gallant ship is

dashing onwards in noble style. She has made great progress during the last week. In 24 hours she made 222 miles.

10th Monday. Today at 12 o'clock we entered the Tropic of Cancer. Lat.23 deg. 28.N. Long 20 deg. 40. W.

11th Tuesday. Still going on at a rapid pace. The breeze is always strongest at night. The ship is going sometimes at the rate of 10 miles an hour, quite steady. All the adult passengers are quite healthy and enjoy the voyage very much indeed. We are now 34 days at sea. There have been 8 deaths and 4 births. The poor children have suffered much. Little Alick is rallying a little. The inflammation in his lungs is gradually getting better. The ocean is now splendid with the dazzling reflection of the sun. I now observe a great apparent change in the Northern heavens. The north Pole star is fast sinking in the North and strange stars are appearing in the South. How brilliant and beautiful the stars appear in these low Latitudes. Today we had a fine view of porpoises. A large shoal of them kept a race with the "Confiance" but soon

tired of the game and retired. School going on now in right earnest. About 70 attend. Lat. 19 deg. 52 N.

15th Saturday. Since Tuesday last week we have been going at a rapid rate, 2 deg. 2 1/2 or 3 deg. each day. We are drawing nearer and nearer the Equator. Today we are in Lat. Long. The sea is beautiful. Its surface undulates slightly like one of our Scottish lakes. Shoals of tropical fishes accompany the ship. Flying fishes are seen now in great numbers. I saw a flock of "Mother Carey's Chickens". They look like common swallows. They are brown and very swift in the water. We have seen no sharks as yet. The weather is getting very warm but not oppressive. The heat at night ranges about 80 degrees. Fahrenheit.

I have lost sight of the "Plough" and many of our Northern stars. The Pole is very low. The "Seven Stars" are in our zenith. "Sirius" appears very high on the meridian, the Moon will soon be vertical. It sheds a flood of light, so silvery on the ocean. Little Alick is getting much better. The Dr has stopped giving him any more medicine. I feel quite well. Thanks to the Great Disposer of events for all his loving kindness to me. We have not spoken to any ship since the inst. We have not seen any homeward bound vessels since. We seem solitary and alone on this great boundless waste of waters. Passed the Cape de Verde Islands this week. Did not see any of them. The Captain thought he caught a glimpse of Bonavista. Passed the cluster to the eastward. We have now attained our greatest elongation westward from Greenwich and are making direct Southing for the Line. The Northern Trade Winds are getting weaker every day and also more variable, always the case on nearing the Equinoctial. The Sun rises now in all its tropical splendour. It is really a splendid sight to see the Monarch of Light appearing on the horizon in the morning and shedding a flood of glorious light on earth, sea and sky. Sunset is also a truly delightful scene in these Latitudes. The disc becomes by refraction so much more magnified, the sky so much more lurid and the zodiacal light so luminous as to make the whole scene really grand. The rapid motion of the earth causes a very short twilight.

We have had now five births - no more deaths. He who rules and reigns in Heaven and earth spare our numbers and grant us speedy passage towards our desired haven.

17th Monday. A very hot day. The sun is quite hot today, very little wind. All the passengers are perspiring most profusely. Last night was fearfully hot. Temperature in the aft part of the ship about 90 degrees today. Yesterday was a most delightful day. We had Divine Service on deck. Two women very

ill on board - both mothers. They are rather better today. Had no school on this account. Yesterday 8 deg. 16 This is dear Alick's birthday, he is now two years of age. He is getting much better but is still weak and fretful. 18th Tuesday. Weather very hot. Scarcely any clothing bearable, either by day or by night. We sleep with a thin sheet over us. We are nearing the Line. Yesterday 7 deg. 21 Today it is 5 deg. 52. I observed a large number of blackfish. They had a curious motion in the water, just like a bream, swinging upwards and downwards. I have seen some Dolphins, they are beautiful fishes. They can be seen at a great depth in the clear saline water of the North Atlantic. Today we buried in the deep the eleventh child since we left Liverpool. Poor little things death has thinned out their numbers considerably. Little Alick is getting along nicely. I hope he will recover from his severe illness.

19th Wednesday. Today we have the first tropical rainy day since we crossed the Tropic of Cancer. It rains tremendously in these latitudes. It pours down in floods. We collected a good deal for washing. It is so soft and pleasant. All hands are engaged today in washing clothes. Sailors are at the washing tubs. A few spouts were seen today. The sky is very dark, the temperature is a good deal cooler, air still and heavy.

A considerable difficulty in keeping a free circulation of air. A machine has been constructed for driving a current of cool air through the ship. It resembles a barn fanners. I hope we shall feel the benefit of this atmospheric machine.

I have learned to use the sextant nicely. I take altitudes of the sun and moon with great ease and exactness. I seldom differ more than a few minutes from the Captain. I am glad to say he still continues a great favourite with all. I never met a more humane, gentlemanly man than Captain Price. His heart's desire is to do all in his power for the good of one and all of his passengers. His attention to the sick and infirm is praiseworthy to the highest degree. Anything that can contribute to the comfort of a single emigrant is promptly attended to by him either personally or by his orders. Lat 5 deg. 16.

20th Thursday. Very heavy rains during the night and today. Very hot. We saw some very fine porpoises. They came alongside the ship squirting water with their huge caudal fins. To the amusement of the passengers they leapt out of the water like a salmon. They breathe by a large opening in the head. The inhalation of air is like the noise made by the suction of a huge bellows. I lay down last night on

deck and in a few minutes was asleep. I felt no harm from my nap though the moon was shining brightly at the time. The Queen of night shines splendidly in these tropical regions. She dims the lesser stars completely. Sirius and Aldebaran still show their brilliant and scintillating light. I have now lost sight of many of our Northern stars. The North Pole is completely sunk from view. The weather was so very cloudy today that I could not take any sights. The lightning in these regions is very brilliant. We have had very little thunder.

21st Friday. Very hot today. The thermometer was 90 degrees between decks. Every person is shading from the fearful heat of the sun. The sea is a molten mass of moving, heavy glass. Scarcely a breath of air this forenoon. We are truly in the position of the "Ancient Mariner":

"Day after day, day after day
We struck nor wind or motion,
As idle as a painted ship
Upon a painted ocean."

I amused myself this morning by trying how far down in this smooth water I could observe a large piece of chalk. I found I could see it distinctly at a depth of 70 feet. Wonderful transparency. The white of the chalk is changed into a most brilliant green. I took an observation today and found the latitude to be 4 degrees 18 at 258 deg. miles from the Line. We still have 38,000 gallons of water on board. 13,000 gallons have been consumed in 44 days. The taste of the water is getting very bad. The Captain has ordered charcoal to be put in a small cotton bag and put in the kegs for the purpose of purifying the liquid. Alick is getting on very well indeed. Gracie complains of rheumatic pains, a general complaint on board. It is bought on by excessive heat. Skin eruptions are also general.

22nd Saturday. Poor Mrs Brooks died very suddenly this morning about half past one o'clock and was buried at half past two o'clock. She has left six children. 3 boys and 3 girls. Mrs Noble is fast approaching her latter end. May she prepare for the great change. Death at sea is very solemn. We have had a good day today, a good breeze and a cloudy sky. The lightning was particularly brilliant this morning. I observed the Southern Cross for the first time. It is a beautiful sight. The stars are four in number. They are the most conspicuous objects above our present horizon. The Plough is completely gone now.

Mrs Noble died this afternoon and was buried almost immediately after decease. It is requisite to do so in Tropical regions. Mortality takes place so

suddenly. Her husband appeared perfectly callous. She left three very young children. We lost five of our number this week - a solemn call. May the Lord impress our cold and indifferent hearts.

23rd Sunday. A delightful day. Service on the poop. In the afternoon we had a prayer meeting led by the Captain. He read a long portion of the Rev. Richard Boal's "Saints Rest". Spoke to a Dutch vessel today bound for Rotterdam. She sailed from Batavia on the first of November, lay for 14 days at the Cape of Good Hope and met us on Lat, 2 degrees 39 N. One of the passengers and the First Mate came on board the "Confiance" and the Captain received the strangers with many welcomes. They were in Port Phillip and Adelaide. Gave wonderful tidings about these colonies. Labour very high and in good demand. Ships without crews and commanders. Letters were forwarded by them to Rotterdam. All the passengers gave them a salute on leaving the "Confiance" it is really a treat to meet and exchange kind words with our fellow creatures on the wide and solitary main. Lat. 2 deg. 48 N.

25th Tuesday. A breezy morning. We are going at a fast rate in a S.E. direction. It is very refreshing to enjoy the cool and invigorating air. We hope to be angles into the South East Trade Winds in a short time. We are now 48 days at sea.

26th Wednesday. We are now 49 days at sea. If we had fair winds during the above lapsed period we would be gliding towards the Line. We could not take any readings today, the Sun was quite clouded from our view.

27th Thursday. Still going Southwards and Westwards. Now in Long 24 deg. Have been five days reaching for the South East Trade Winds. We have gone along the parallel of 2 degrees and 3 degrees for many miles and could not get into them.

28th Friday. Spoke to a homeward ship today. She sailed from Mauritius or the Isle de France 37 days ago. She had a fine passage. We gave her as many particulars as we could by signals. Another child has died today. Thirteen children have died since we left Liverpool and two adults.

29th Saturday. At long last we have got the S.E. Trade Winds. They are blowing strongly. A great deal of rain today. We passed the Equator today. Some of our passengers expected to see the Line but they found their mistake.

30th Sunday. Blowing very hard this morning. Course South West. Ship going very fast. Doctor very poorly today. I had to act for him as Chaplain to the Church of England part of our migrants. Had our afternoon meeting on the

Poop deck. Read one of Rev. M.N.McCheyne's sermons. The people were very attentive. Lat. 1 deg. 25 S.

31st Monday. A fine morning. A steady breeze blowing. We are making for the South West very quickly. When the "Confiance" has a fair wind she goes in right earnest. Lat 3 deg. 25.S. The S.E.Trades are much stronger and colder than the N.E.Trades. This is owing to the vast extent of water in the Southern Hemisphere over which these winds blow in their passage from the South Pole.

1st February. Tuesday. A charming day. The wind blowing fresh and balmy from the west coast of Africa. This is a day of confusion on board. All the luggage is taken up from the Holds for inspection and airing. Clothes, boots and shoes badly destroyed by moths, rust and damp. Silks are perfectly destroyed. It is folly to bring fine things unless they are hermetically sealed in tin boxes. Lat.5 deg. 55.S We are not far today from the coast of Brazil, South America.

2nd Wednesday. Today we are eight weeks at sea. We will have a long voyage of it but we should be thankful we are spared. We are not certain but we may have to put in at the Cape of Good Hope for some stores. We may look for arrival, it all is well early in April. I have seen lots of Medusa or Sea jellies. They are beautiful creatures. The sailors term them Portuguese Men of War.

5th Saturday. Since Wednesday, the 2nd, we have gone on very well. The weather has continued very fine and the general health of the migrants very good. The Trades are blowing smartly. We get a slight squall now and then which cuts away our regular wind and gives us a plunging deluge of rain. Today we are in Latitude 16 deg. 2 S. The sun becomes vertical to us at noon. I looked for once at the Monarch of Light right above my head. Today our shadows become perpendicular to our bodies. We were this week within one day's sail of the coast of Brazil, South America. We are going South at the rate of 120 - 180 miles a day.

6th Sunday. A delightful day. I rose early and read long at both Gaelic and English. I hope I shall never forget the language of childhood. Had our Sabbath meeting as usual on the Poop. Read one of Mr McCheyne's celebrated discourses. Text. Rev. 7th Chapter, Verse 9 to the end. "The Great Multitude" is the title of the sermon. I am glad to say that our meetings are well attended and much relished especially by our young women. May many of them be gowned like Lydia of old. They are getting good

instruction every morning from their protectress, Mrs Mictur. She has a Bible Class every morning in the "Females' Room" Lat. 18 deg. 33.

7th Monday. Fine day. A strong breeze and a good morning. Ship going smoothly and quietly through the water. Whooping Cough is getting rife among the children. The adults are in very good health. Indeed some of them are getting very stout. Idleness and pretty good living are no doubt inducive to corpulancy. I am in the good old stereotyped state.

8th Tuesday. A very fine day. Great heat from the sun and very great stuffiness in the between decks. This morning we were alarmed by cries of "Fire. Fire" from the cabin. The Captain was engaged in rubbing some turpentine upon some beds below which were swarming with bugs and in doing so he used a candle which caught hold of the capour of the turpentine and blazed up in an instant. He had the presence of mind to throw a blanket over the flames which extinguished them at once. Thanks be unto God for His merciful preservation of us all. This morning we have passed South of the Tropic of Capricorn and entered into the South Temperate Zone. Lat. 23 deg. 49 S.

9th Wednesday. Another exceeding hot and scorching day. Met up today with an American ship engaged in the Whaling fishing. Six of the crew came on board the "Confiance" to get some medicine for one of their seamen who was then in a dying condition. Dr Jeffs would give them none. He has no bowels of compassion for any person. They were at sea 28 months, were as far South as 70 Lat. and made a good fishing. Captain Price gave them some tobacco and they gave him one of their whaling harpoons. Our course is now S.E. Lat. 25 deg. 6 S.

19th Thursday. A strong gale from the East overtook us this afternoon. The most of the sails had to be taken in. One of the sails gave way with a most terrific noise. These gales are very dangerous. They spring up suddenly and unexpectedly. It was very rainy and foggy all the forenoon. Had no observation today. Went at a rapid rate the last 24 hours. 3 p.m. The gale is over and the sails hoisted again. Thanks be to God no damage has been done to the ship or to any individual on board. There are now 18 weeks since we left dear home and 9 weeks yesterday since we sailed from Liverpool. May we all arrive safely.

11th Friday. A strong breeze this morning which brought us considerably to the East and N.E. The weather is getting rather chilly again. We require our blankets at night. The sun shone brightly today. Got an observation at

midday. Lat. 26 deg. 18. S. We are going to the Eastward. Our watches were 17 minutes slow today.

12th Saturday. Very fine day .Ship going on her course. S.E. It makes all glad to find her course the right way The seamen put on such grim faces when they see the ship's head turned the reverse way. I hope we shall be at Geelong if spared in about 6 weeks hence. We have had up to date 17 deaths and 9 births. Alick has quite recovered from his protracted illness. He has now his appetite wonderfully restored and his good seems to do him good. Gusty is getting on very well. He has stood out first rate. He never complained much since we came on board. 28 deg. 29 S.

13th Sunday. A terrible day. A fearful gale sprang up during the night and continued to increase in violence until this day at 12 o'clock. The ship went at a fearful rate fortunately in the right direction. Rain fell during the gale in streams, rushing over the Poop and deck in floods and pouring down the hatchway in volumes. We are all in a most deplorable state, wet from above and below. I do not think there was a dry bed in the whole ship. The sea was a most sublime sight, as far as the eye could see, it rolled mountains high. The ship rolled in a most uncomfortable manner. No observation today.

14th Monday. Gale over. Sea rolling high. Ship going fast before the wind. Lat.33 deg. 21.S. The ship has sailed 500 miles during the last two days. saw an Albatross today. They are very large sea birds. Lots of sea birds are following the ship. Strong wind today. Very Cold at night. Seasickness again. Whooping cough is very bad amongst the poor children. Another child died. The poor children are suffering.

15th Tuesday. This has been a delightful day. The sea was lowering again after the recent storm. All the sailors are engaged in getting the rigging tightened. The strength of the wind shook the masts very much. God our berth quite dry again. Feel more comfortable now. The passengers are thinking very long for Geelong. I fully expect we shall be another six weeks before we can get to our journey's end. Met today with a large shoal of Dolphins. Harpooned one but lost it. They are such beautiful and playful fishes. Our latitude is 34 deg. 33.S. and our course South East. We will not call at the Cape of Good Hope.

16th Wednesday. A very fine day and very favourable. There has been a fine brisk breeze all day wafting us to the South East. The sailors are putting on new sails. :at.35 deg. 13.S. Some cases of Diarrhea have broken out since the gale. The Doctor attributes this to the water which came in at the hatchways. Anything to find a fault.

17th Thursday. We are almost becalmed today. The ship was tacked about 12 o'clock last night and has been going to the South and West since. Our Latitude today is 35 deg. 21.S. Very little Southing since yesterday. The Doctor is doing all he can to gain favour with the emigrants. He is giving the women Porter, Sago and Arrowroot to make them look well by the time we reach Geelong. Gracey has come in for a share of the Porter. He promised her three days of it and I think three days of grace has been granted. He has enough of acuteness in him to gain the esteem of the unsuspecting migrants. He won't cheat me or Captain Price. We have fully weighed him already and found him wanting. I am perfectly satisfied we shall have a tremendous row at the end of the voyage. He tries to make us believe that he has a great deal of influence with the Commissioners but we cannot and will not give credit to all we hear from Dr. Jeffs. I hope we shall be abreast of the Cape this day week.

18th Friday. Very little wind today. Made little progress since yesterday. It looks very like rain. I am afraid we shall have a long and tedious voyage. The water and most of our other provisions are getting badly tainted. I hope we shall have a sufficiency of bread and water to last us to the end of our voyage. There were 140 casks (large) of water on board when we left Liverpool. Captain Price tries to make all the migrants as comfortable as circumstances permit of. Indeed he often works for days caulking the ship's seams to prevent any water coming into the berths. Still he cannot please the Doctor. His temper is very mercurial almost as much as the thermometer. I wish, O I wish we were all done with this miserable member.

19th Saturday. A very fine day but the wind is against us all day. Our Latitude is 37 deg. 45.S. It is getting very cold at night. It is as cold with us now as in the North of

Scotland in the blistering month of November.

20th Sunday. A very fine day. We had a good strong breeze all day. Met in with a barque from Liverpool bound for Hong Kong in China. She left Liverpool on 29th November, went to Cork and sailed thence for the Cape of Good Hope. Captain Price spoke for some time to the Captain of the Barque. He had very bad weather in the Irish Sea. The name of the vessel was the "Flying Childers: Today we sighted the distant and solitary island of Tristan de Cuna. Tristan is a very high island a mile above the level of the sea. It can be seen at a distance of 75 miles. It was a relief to the eye to look at its blue summit towering above the surface of the ocean. These islands are inhabited by the English. We would have called but the wind drifted us too

far North of the Group. The weather is getting very cold especially at night. Our Latitude today was 37 deg. 10.S. Long. 12 deg. 7 W., We are still upwards of 39 degrees offing being abreast of the Cape of Good Hope. The passengers are all pretty well. Ten children have been born on board since we left England and 17 children have died.

21st Monday. This is a most charming day. The sea is full of the most beautiful Algae or Sea Plants. They are formed into large clusters and float on the surface. The predominating colour is red. They seem to derive their nourishment from the water. Some of them are shaped like the tail of the swallow. I rose today early to observe the stars of the Southern heavens. How magnificent the sight. The whole expanse of the Southern heavens is richly studded with the most beautiful constellations. The "Milky Way" galaxy is seen in these latitudes in all its full perfection. No wonder that Sir John Herschell said it looked like gold dust scattered on the background of the heavens. The planets, Venus and Jupiter shine with great brilliancy. They are very near each other at present. "The Heavens God's glory do declare, the skies His handwork preach. Lat. today 35 deg. 58.S. It is now quite calm.

22nd Tuesday. A lovely day. A fine breeze blowing very well from the North West. Our course is South East. We felt it nice and warm today. The weather here reminds me of our Northern summer. Lat 36 deg. 11.S.

23rd Wednesday. This has been a most delightful day. The wind is blowing very steadily from the South West. The ship is going directly before the wind which renders her motion very steady and agreeable. Death is still thinning our numbers. Today we committed to the Deep the remains of Frederick Ridge, a nice little boy, the son of my mess mate, aged 2 years and 7 months. This is the 18th child who has died on board since we left Liverpool this day 11 weeks. (77 days) We have had now 20 deaths and 10 births. Our Latitude today is 37 deg. 12.S. Alick is rather unwell today.

24th Thursday. A very foggy dull day. The wind is not very strong but we are going on our course. Had to give up school today on account of the dampness of the Poop. Could not see the Sun today.

25th Friday. The weather is getting very cold and damp, foggy and rainy. The Captain has now determined upon running the Ship; up to 45 degrees Latitude in order to get strong wind from the South West. Our Latitude today is 38 deg. 41. S

26th Saturday. A fine day A good strong wind blowing. We are gliding very fast through the ocean. The greatest danger we have to look out for now is floating islands which abound in these latitudes. Two men are kept every

night on the look out. Icebergs are sometimes drifted as far North as the Cape of Good Hope. Today we passed the meridian of Greenwich and have gone 1 degree Eastwards. We have now 144 degrees of Longitude before us. We have been 80 days, a long time certainly. Lat. 39 deg. 41.S. Long 1 deg. E. 27th Sunday. A fine breeze today, We had a splendid wind all night. The ship went at the rate of fully 9 miles an hour. From midday on Saturday to noon of today she has gone over 222 miles. I think, she will if all is well, be at Geelong at the beginning of April. Our position today is Lat 49 deg. 49.S. Long. 5 deg. 14.E.

28th Monday. We have now seen the last day of February on the briny ocean. How grateful we ought to be to the Disposer of all sublime events for his mercy and loving kindness. Many of our number have to sing of mercy and judgment. We have many hard-hearted men and women amongst us. The poor children are the sufferers. A great number of them is very ill with Whooping Cough. The cold weather is not in favour of this illness and I much fear that many of them will not get better until they get to land. Alick is very fretful and peevish but I trust he will rally his illness. Lat.41 deg. 9 S. Long.9 deg. 19 E. We had a most splendid day today. The whole expanse of sky looked so fleecy and such fine blue windows interspersed with the cloudy strata as rendered the whole scene truly delightful.

MARCH.

1st.Tuesday. A very prosperous day. The wind is high in our favour. The ship is going at the rate of 9 or 10 miles an hour, Lat 41 deg. 40 S. Long.13 deg.33 E. We fully expect to be abreast of the celebrated Cape of Good Hope tomorrow.

2nd Wednesday. our expectations fully realised in regard to the Cape. We found that we had passed the stormy promontory in good time. Our Lat. 42 deg. 5 S. Long. 18 deg. 40 E. the Cape Longitude is 18 deg. 28 E. We passed the Cape about 300 miles to the South. the "Confiance" has been running 216 miles on an average since she entered the East Longitude on Saturday last. The winds are very strong at night; cold, very cold.

3rd Thursday. A strong gale blew all this day from the North West. Towards night it freshened and by midnight it blew very hard indeed. The ship was put under double reef topsails. Our greatest speed attained today, viz. 11.5 miles per hour. Lat 41 deg. S. Long 23 deg. 26.E.

4th Friday A fine day after the gale yesterday and last night. Our position today Lat. 41 deg. 58 S. Long. 28 deg. 37 E. The ship has gone over 230 miles of Longitude during the last 24 hours. Wind from the South West. Very cold.

5th Saturday. A fine day, winds moderate. We have done a good week's work, I think we have gone over fully 1300 miles. We have gone 216 and 200 miles during days of this week. Good sailing certainly. I hope the 31st March will not see us far from Geelong. Lat 41 deg. 59.S. Long. 30 deg. 22 E.

6th Sunday. A very dark, dull, foggy, rainy day. Had a pleasant meeting in the afternoon. Read McCheyne's affecting sermon on the "Call of Abraham". Gen. Ch 12

"Get thee out of the country and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house into a land that I will show thee". Felt much affected by the reading of the sermon. God grant that it may be blessed to as many as heard it. On the previous Sabbath I read McCheyne's sermon on the "Ark". O, it is an admirable sermon. These sermons are just as applicable to us as they are to the congregation of St. Peter's Dundee, and indeed in the circumstances in which we are presently situated, even more so.

7th Monday. A smooth sea. Cloudy sky, moderate wind. Course almost due East. Alick is getting along lively and chatters away in a partially known and unknown tongue. Another birth on board today. This is the 11th Birth on the voyage. Lat 42 deg. 13.S Long 37 deg. 30 E.

8th Tuesday. Quite a calm tropical day. We have been sailing very smoothly during the last 24 hours. Our Lat. today is 42 deg. 10.S Long 38 deg. 17 E. Saw some large whales spouting in the distance today. They made the water rush upwards like a beautiful fountain. Up to this date I have read a full 3000 pages since I left home. I have read Hitchcock's Geology, Barnes on the Revelations, Cheever's Island World, Life in the Bush, Bonar's Night of Weeping and morning of Joy, How to Emigrate, Headley's Sacred Scenes, Headley's Sacred Monitor, Tod's Sunday School Teacher, Sermons of the Rev. Cheyne (3007 pages).

9th Wednesday. A strong gale blowing all this day from the South. Ship going South East at the rate of 9 knots an hour, a fine sea running. I got a smart sea today right over my back which drenched me in a second. We will have a new moon tonight at 19 minutes past 8 o'clock. Opposite the Mozambique channel today. Lat 41 deg. 58.S. Long.41 deg.40 E. Our provisions are running out, one cask of beef still remaining. Abundance of

molasses and oatmeal still. The water is beginning to purify itself in this cold weather. It is piercingly cold today. 91 days at sea.

10th Thursday. A fine day, Wind very variable and rather against the ship's course. We have been drifted very towards the North in the gale of yesterday. Lat 40 deg. 30 S. Long 45 deg. 40 E. We are today in the Longitude of the famous Island of Madagascar. Six water tanks found to be empty or leaking. Another child died today of Whooping Cough. I find the perusal of President Edward's History of Redemption rewarding. I finished it today. A splendid work it is.

11th Friday. A very fine day. Strong wind blowing. The ship sailing at the rate of 8.5 knots an hour. Course S.E. Lat 41 deg. 3.S. Long .48 deg. 30 E.

12th Saturday. A bright warm morning, but changed very much towards this afternoon and became quite cloudy and foggy. The ship is going on at a rapid rate. Wind from the S.W. Lat 41 deg. 3.S. Long. 52 deg. 30 E. Gracey is very poorly today and is confined to bed. Our friend Miss Lindsay is attending her. Miss Lindsay is a cousin of Miss Fraser, late governess to Mr McLennan, Beaulieu.

13th Sunday. A very fine day. Weather more moderate as regards cold. held our meeting as usual in the between decks. Had a good sitting down singing, very delightful. Sermon from Prov. Ch felt rather unwell this day. Gracey still confined. Lat 41 deg. 7 S. Long. 57 E.

14th Monday. Quite calm today. I am unable to be out of bed with an attack of Diarrhea generated by drinking too freely of cold water and soda on Saturday last. I have taken some medicine and hope by the blessing of God to have a speedy recovery. Two large Albatrosses were hooked today and brought on deck. They measured about ten feet between the tips of the wings. One of them had a piece of ribbon round its neck showing it was a merciful captive before on some unknown vessel. Captain Price bound another piece of ribbon round this bird's neck and wrote "Confiance on it. Both of the noble birds were, after being deprived of a few of their gathers, liberated into their native element. Their presence on board afforded much amusement to all the passengers. He would have a hard heart indeed who would harm an Albatross. Lat 39 deg. 31 S. Long. 59 deg. 36 E.

15th Tuesday. Felt very sick today. Still confined. Gracey much better and able to be up. Felt very weak. Got a large bottle of Port Wine from the Captain. I do feel much indebted to this kind gentleman for his kind personal attention to myself and family. Lat. 37 deg. 25. Long 63 deg. 10.E.

16th Wednesday. I am much better today. Thanks be to God for His goodness. Still confined to bed. Appetite very much prostrated. Weather continuing fine and sailing prosperous. This day 14 weeks left Liverpool. We are now 98 days at sea. Lat 39 deg. 7 S. Long. 67 deg. 44 E.

17th Thursday. Had a painful and restless night, but feel more easy and comfortable today. Feel much weakened. Another child died last night from Whooping Cough. Gracey much better. Lat 38 deg. 57 S. Long. 71 deg. 15 E.

18th Friday. I am much better today, and able to be out of bed. I feel a considerable degree of weakness. The weather is mild and the ship is going pretty well before the wind. Lat. 38 deg. Long 73 deg. 45 E.

19th Saturday. I am able to rise today and feel in good health again. Thanks be unto the Dispenser of every blessing for his great goodness to me. This is a day of much affliction aboard. two adult women have died today, both of them mothers. Mrs Lyon died of Consumption and Mrs White died after giving premature birth to a babe about a week ago. Both were young women. How solemn the call to us all to be prepared for death. We have 5 deaths aboard this week. Passed Amsterdam Isle this morning Lat. 39 deg. S. Long 79 deg. 8.E.

20th Sunday. A fine day, Good wind all day. Had our meeting as usual below. Read one of McChayne's Sermons. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord" Felt much better today though still weak. Much cause for thankfulness for being spared in the midst of so much suffering and sudden death. Lat. 38 deg. 43 S. Long. 83 deg. 35 E.

21st Monday. The Equinoctial. A very strong wind blowing all day from the North West, and sending us onwards at the rate of 10 miles an hour. I hope we shall be at Geelong by this day fortnight if all is well. Our respected and much loved Captain Price is suffering from Pleurisy in his left side. He is able to attend to his duties but feels much pain. Hope he will soon recover. The Doctor pays no attention to him. Lat. 38 deg. 45 S. Long. 87 deg. 26 E.

22nd Tuesday. A strong gale blowing from the North West. We have been sailing very rapidly for the past 24 hours. I hope, if this wind continues we shall drop anchor in about 12 days hence. Lat 38. deg. 45 S. Long. 92 deg. 34 E.

23rd Wednesday. A fine dry, sunny, breezy day. Ship going well. The wind is blowing from the North West and South West. Provisions getting very much tainted and often very badly cooked. The rice and Pease soup are generally singed. We are fully expecting to be anchored in Geelong Roads by the 5th April. I am now making out a report for the Commissioners. Lat 38 deg. 50. S. Long 96 E.

24th Thursday. Wind continuing to blow very steadily and very favourable. Ever since we came to a lower Latitude we have enjoyed more equable and fair winds. Fine bracing weather and fine moonlight nights Lat.39 deg. S Long 99 deg. 50 E.

25th Friday. A fine steady breeze blew today till about 8 p.m. when a sudden change came on and produced almost a dead calm. The wind veered from, N.W. to S.W. Since Saturday last we have sailed over 1215 miles, upwards of 200 miles a day. Lat. 39 deg. 48 S. Long.106 deg. 40 E.

26th Saturday. Very calm, misty and rainy. We have made very little progress today. Captain Price is much better and able to attend to his duties every day. We are all enjoyed a share of good health. Thanks be unto God for this great and precious blessing .Lat.38 deg. 48 S. Long. 106 deg. 40 E.

27th Sunday. A splendid breeze blowing all day. Weather rather cold, but not too much so. A good fire would be very desirable. Gracey very ill with toothache and pain in her head. Applied a mustard plaster and she feels better. Emigrants, generally speaking are all well. Lat.38 deg. 48 S. Long 110 deg. 50 E.

28th Monday. Strong gate blowing from the West. It blew very hard last night. One of the top gallant stencil booms was carried away - the only spar broken on the ship since we left England. We are now sailing abreast of Western Australia. Lat 39 deg. S. Long 115 deg. 26 E.

29th Tuesday. A fine day. Strong wind all night from the West. We have now most splendid weather for nearly a fortnight. The "Confiance" proves to be a good sailing ship in a good wind. We are all thinking long for "terra Firma". I hope the 5th day of April. God willing, will see us either at or in Geelong. The Doctor has made himself most disagreeable to us from the commencement of our voyage, and he seems fully determined to continue his disagreeableness, to its termination. I never met a man who has a larger measure of vanity, vain glory and self seeking dignity and importance in the composition of his character than this man has. He has no acuteness to veil his odious vanity. He makes it perfectly transparent. He has reprimanded me for not paying more respect to him on the Poop. I never flatter any man's vanity be servile ceremonies, when courted and caressed. I have always something of greater and paramount importance to think of. Lat.39 deg. 4 S. Long.119 deg. 50 E.

30th Wednesday. a most propitious day for us. We are going onwards towards the land of our adoption in right good earnest. We are now sailing abreast of Western Australia. All hands are busy cleaning and scraping the

ship externally and internally. Should these winds continue favourable we may reach Geelong Roads on Sabbath 3rd. April. We must not, however be too sanguine. The passengers are all pretty well and in good spirits. Lat.39 deg. 9 S. Long. 124 Deg. 30 E.

31st Thursday. We have now come to the conclusion of another month at sea. We have reason to bless a kind and bountiful Providence for His care, kindness and constant watchfulness over us during our many days and nights on the great deep. We have been now 16 weeks at sea. There are 25 weeks since we left home - a long voyage to us, no doubt. Let us not complain. We have seen many, many younger than ourselves committed to a watery grave while we have been graciously spared. Lat 39 deg. 10 S. Long.129 deg.34 E.

APRIL.

Friday 1st.Strong wind blowing off the land today. Ship going pretty well. The Supernumeraries on board this vessel have refused to do duty today. They refused to scrape the Poop and also to grease the masts. They are willing to abide the consequences. The ship is now shortened in the sails on account of the above strange conduct of the above. Strange conduct and insubordination. I shall have to see these men will punished for their conduct. A fire broke out on board today but was very providentially soon put out. It resulted from one of the fire stoves used for drying the damp in the "Between decks". Great rejoicing on board today on account of the seamen getting up the anchor chain. I wish how soon we may hear it thundering to the bottom of Geelong Roads. Scurvy making some progress among the migrants. We are, as yet free of it. Lat.39 deg. 48 S. Long.133 deg. 36 E.

2nd Saturday. A fine day. Ship going pretty well. Winds getting variable - a sign that we are not far from land. We expect to see land tomorrow. All the emigrants are so delighted at the prospect. I am beset with questions about distances, times and clearings. I do my best to satisfy all enquirers and enquiries. I think there will be no lack of a bright look out for land ahead at any rate. Lat.39 deg. 6 S. Long 137 deg. 2 E.

3rd Sunday. Rather a tame day. We are not making much progress. Many looking for the coast. The Steward see it, announces the discovery and is discredited. Soon, however, the clouds rise above the distant horizon and then the bold headlands show themselves in all their beauty. What a splendid rampart of old red sandstone rock bounds the coast as far as the eye can view it. Cape Otway appears ahead with a high lighthouse on the summit

showing a revolving light every 50 or 60 seconds. The hills appear to be covered with a thin covering of wood. The rocks are very high and in their general contours resemble the rugged cliffs of Cromarty.

4th Monday. We are much nearer the land this morning but the wind is quite against us so that we cannot round Cape Otway or get into the Bass Strait. We are still 80 miles from Geelong. All hands are engaged in making the ship as clean within and without as soap, flannel, sand and water can make it. It never will get such another skinning. How willingly these men work when they see land. I hope they shall soon tread it.

5th Tuesday. Quite becalmed today. We have drifted almost quite out of sight of the land. Cape Otway appears to be a speck in the distance. Sea very calm, smooth, and glossy. I observed two your sharks this morning astern. They were both captured, skinned and eaten by the seamen. I cannot bear the very idea of tasting these horrid, cannibalistic creatures.

6th Wednesday. A sea breeze this morning. We are going on towards Port Phillip. Cape Otway is now seen very distinctly with its fine light house and neat little keeper's cottage. A fine line of bold sea coast stretches from the Cape towards the Heads. The whole range is beautifully wooded down even to the water's edge. By night fall we came near the Heads, the narrow entrance to Port Phillip. By 8 o'clock p.m. we were within the Ban and cast anchor for the night. The land was seen very near us but it was not very visible for the absence of moonlight.

7th Thursday. I rose early this morning so as to get a glimpse of the Port and surrounding country. The sun was just peering over the horizon and shedding its golden beams upon the adjacent and distant hills. The Bay is a noble expanse of water. All the Navies in the world might rendezvous in its capacious basin. It presents a most beautiful and lovely scene. Ships and steamers are seen sailing along its clear waters for Geelong and Melbourne. It is surrounded on all sides by high ramparts of sandstone which is hollowed here and there into most beautiful and picturesque creeks and bays. An immense quantity of brushwood covers the face of the hills and rocks. This morning after breakfast the Government Doctor, quartered at the entrance to the Port, came on board to inspect the emigrants, and to our great disappointment informed us that we would not get permission to proceed to Geelong until such time as word would come from the Government at Melbourne. We had both Scurvy and Whooping Cough on board, consequently we must ride at anchor in Quarantine. Well, we cannot help it. Twelve of our number were taken ashore and lodged in canvas tents on the shore. These

were families affected more or less with the above. Their luggage was also sent along with them. They were all attended by another Doctor, will get great good and as soon as they are perfectly recovered will be forwarded to Geelong by steamer. There are other emigrants lodged in the same place taken from ships which arrived some time ago. I am told they are Highlanders from Skye. We saw a fine herd of Australian oxen this afternoon on shore. They were driven into a fold by some men on horseback. One of these oxen was slaughtered for the "Confiance" and tomorrow we expect to dine upon fresh beef. Captain Price went ashore today and got some eggs and some fowls. He saw the principal squatter in the place. He has been making 500 pounds a month selling lime to the builders at Melbourne. He has been living here for nine years. He must be a rich fellow. The pilot who came on board this morning wears a magnificent gold ring and gold watch and chain. Truly this is a wonderful country. I am told that the Gold fever is still the same, wages enormously high. Roadmen get 17 shillings a day, sailors two pounds per week. The harvest is past and the wheat is threshed. Bread is very high. We took exactly 119 days from Liverpool to Port Phillip Heads - 17 weeks.

8th Friday. A fine Australian day. Captain Price has been away all day searching for his lifeboat which was taken by the absconded seamen. He traced it and on Sunday morning went to get it and brought it back. He has to pay salvage for it. I forwarded my abridged Journal today to John by the ship "Stettonhelm" - a fine large vessel. Carried home a great number of rich passengers who have made their fortune in this great "Eldorado"

9th Saturday. We were today pronounced free of disease and the Quarantine flag over us was pulled down. Those of our members who had gone ashore as invalids were sadly used - no tea, sugar or any comfort given them.

10th Sunday. Today we got a pilot on board but did not proceed to Geelong. We fully expect to get pretty well on our way tomorrow. Had Divine Service in the afternoon. Had a good deal of bustle and confusion on board today.

11th Monday. Weighed anchor today early this morning and proceeded to Geelong. Had a strong wind all day. Got in sight of the town in the evening and dropped anchor for the night. The channel is so intricate and shallow. One of our passengers was very much hurt by a stroke of the sounding lead which happened to swing inboard and struck him on the forehead. He lost his wife lately, poor man.

Arrived at Geelong on Thursday 14th April 1853 and at Melbourne on 15th April.

LIFE IN VICTORIA.

COLLINGWOOD 1853

May 16th Baby born today about 4 o'clock p.m.

May 21st. Dear baby died today about 11 o'clock. Interred her the same day. Saturday.

May 27th. Received my first letter from John dated 29 the January. I wrote him an answer on the 4th June. I find that the following persons are dead since I left :- Rev.Campbell, Croy; Billie McKenzie, Nairn; Mr Gordon, Farmer, Urehany; The Smith's wife, Broomhill; The Merchant Woman (Vean Van) Sepperhill.

June 8th. Wednesday. The "Marco Polo" left today for Liverpool. The "Kent" leaves on the 5th. There is a heavy bet between the two ships. I have written to John per "Marco Polo". My letter is dated June 7th.

June 10th. I was offered a School today in connection with the National Board of Education here at a place called Wangaratta, 120 miles from Melbourne.

Salary \$150 (for \$ please read pounds) per annum with house, wood and water. I declined at once on account of the difficulty of getting my family up country at this inclement time of the year. I have written to the Board and pleaded for another opening at the end of the month at a more convenient distance from Melbourne..

Captain Price sails today (10th) for Callao.

June 14th. Wrote today a long letter to my respected friend, Mr Trance, Lovat, Beaully. I desired him to publish it and send me a copy of the "Advertiser"

June 16th. I wrote to Captain McCrae, P.O Melbourne.

June 17th. I dispatched a letter today to my friend W.Cray, 38 York Place Edinburgh.

June 18th. Forwarded an application for the School at Canvas town, South Yarra.

June 20th, Sold my maps for \$6.10.0

June 24th. I posted a letter today to my respected friend, Mr Sutherland of Crofton Park near Ballina, County Mayo. Ireland. This letter is dated Saturday 25th June (tomorrow).

June 25th. Received word today that the situation of Schoolmaster at Canvas Town, South Yarra has been filled. There were 8 or 9 candidates for it. Had an interview with Mr Alcorn about going to canvass for the "Banner" about to be published in Melbourne. I will, if spared, see Dr Alcorn again on Monday next, the 27th inst.

June 27th. Saw Dr. Alcorn this morning at the Rev. W. Miller's and agreed to canvass for the "Banner". Began my canvass this day.

July 13th. Sandy and Gracey had letter from George and Isabella. Their letters are dated 25th March and Melbourne, 7th July.

August 2nd. I despatched this day letters per the "Chusen" for my brother John: Mt Chisholm; Mr I McLennan; Andy; Mr A. Tulloch, Beaulieu. I also forwarded the "Argus" to John; George and John McIntosh; Mr McGillvray; Mr McGlashan, Nairn; Mr McIntyre late of Inrickand; to Mr Arch. McLennan; and Mr A Simpson, Beaulieu; George France Esq. the "Chusen" leaves tomorrow morning 3rd for Singapore.

August 4th. I saw Mr Kane today and agreed to accept of the National School at Bacchus Marsh. I will receive my appointment before the beginning of September. This has been our fast day in John Knox Church, Swanston Street.

August 13th. I received my appointment today from the National Board of Education. Must open the School at Bacchus Marsh early in September. I wrote a long letter to my dear mother. It goes per steamship "Argo" sailing for England on the 20th. My letter dated 13th August.

August 17th. I posted a letter today to my mother and also for Isabella at Nairn.

August 18th. I posted a letter today for Sandy to his father per the "Argo", also papers for my brother Sandy, Mr France; Mr Simpson; the Rev. Mr McKay; Mr Chisholm; Mr Stewart etc.

August 19th. The "Banner" appeared. I posted several copies to my friends at home.

August 24th, Left Collingwood today for Bacchus Marsh. Arrived on the 25th.

Found Mr Ball teaching in a most miserable state.

September.

1st. Commenced teaching today. I have furnished the School with maps and books. I like this place very much.

7th. This day Twelve months ago I parted with all my dear friends at home. God has been good and gracious to me and my family since that day. Praise be to his name. I this day wrote a letter to my dear brother Sandy.

16th. The "Great Britain" arrived today at Melbourne having performed a splendid passage of 65 days from Liverpool, whence she sailed on 9th August last.

21st. Gracey's birthday. 28 years.

26th. I received this day \$7:19:5 from Mr Kane, Melbourne. I observe from the "Banner" that the "Stettonheth" arrived at Deal, England on the 2nd of August last.

November.

2nd. Isabella's birthday.

3rd. A storm of thunder and lightning.

4th Friday. Venus, the Moon and Jupiter were very near to each other tonight. they were in a straight line about 9 p.m.

8th. I received a letter today from my friend Mr W. Phimister dated Williamstown 31st August. I wrote him an answer this day.

10th' House whitewashed.

13th Sabbath. Hot winds today. Could not go to Church with dust.

14th. Very cold and rainy.

15th. The "Chusen" arrived today with news up to 8th September. The "Harbinger" steamship arrived at Southampton on the 18th August. Received our goods from Melbourne. Cost 3 pounds.

23rd. This day forwarded long letters to John, Uncle Donald, "Corfu" and the Nairn "Mirror". These letters are dated 23rd November. The "Mirror" letters (7 pages signed "A Cawdor Boy"). Hay mowing commenced.

28th. I this day forwarded letters to the following:- Mr Chas Corbett, Free Church College, Edinburgh; Mr Stewart, Carpenter, Beaully; Mr McIntosh late of Torrich, Nairn; These bear date of December 1st. They go home per the "Great Britain" steamship. I sent a "Banner" on 25th. inst to my mother.

December.

1st. This day I wrote an answer to Sandy McIntosh's of date 28th November. John and Hessie arrived in the "Hobson's Bay" on the 19th November per the "Australian" from Liverpool. Johnny is unwell.

2nd the "Chusan" sailed from Melbourne on the 30th November for Adelaide and Ceylon. This has been a hot day, hot wind. Forwarded letters to Sandy and John to the City of Melbourne.

4th. The "Great Britain" sailed from Melbourne to Liverpool with 126 passengers and 148,357 ounces of gold. Terrible hot wind today. I was rather unwell this day.

8th Thursday. This day twelve months we sailed from Liverpool for Geelong. We have experienced much of God's goodness since that day.

10th Received letters today from Sandy in Melbourne. This is a hot day. Johnny is getting much better but is still confined.

13th. I forwarded a letter today to Sandy in Melbourne. This is a hot day and very windy. Lots of fires burning in all directions.

19th. This is another hot windy day. We have had a long time of dry weather.

23rd. The "Harbinger" arrived at Liverpool on the 10th September. The "Kent" arrived on the 12th.

25th. Monday. This is Christmas Day. Very hot.

29th. I rode to Mr Labellier's station, 10 miles and saw Mr McDonald from Ardchach.

30th. I forwarded Lyall's "Elements of Geology" to My Labellier. I received a letter today from Sandy informing me that Sandy Morrison, Croy has arrived in this country per the "Countess of Cawdor". She arrived at the port of Geelong on the 27th inst. with 65 passengers. She has been out for nearly six months. Till wonders never cease! I am informed that there is a letter for me at the Rev. W. Miller's. The "Nileus" arrived on the 24th inst. Johnny is getting much better. Sandy Morrison was this week in the city and saw Sandy McIntosh and got my address from him. He left home about 1st August.

31st. This terminates another year and another important period of my life. I began this year on the seas and have been spared in the good providence of God to see its close in a lovely region of Australia. How much of God's goodness have I experienced since the day I parted with my dear native lane and all my friends there. I and my dear family have enjoyed wonderful health since we came to this country; we have many comforts and many blessings for which we ought to be thankful to the giver of every good and perfect gift. Farewell 1853, I will ever remember thee.

1854.

January. 1st.

This is Sabbath and very hot.

2nd. New Year's Day. A very hot wind and brought sunshine all day.

3rd. Terrific heat. The whole atmosphere is perfectly inflamed. The country is one vast blaze of fire. The smoke is most suffocating. The whole heavens are most lurid with the fires. I never witnessed such heat before. I found an Opossum in our chimney this morning. I killed it.

4th. Quite a change today. It is cool and refreshing. What a changeable climate we live in. I wrote today to the Rev. W. Miller. The temperature at Geelong on 3rd was 120 degrees.

7th. A fine cool day. It is very misty.

10th. A very hot wind blowing today.

11th. Ditto. A fine thunderstorm fell at night which has refreshed the country very much and drowned the blazing fires.

12th. A cool cloudy day.

13th. I forwarded my returns to the National Education Office today.

15th. The Rev. R. Scott preached his farewell sermon.

17th. Mr Thomas, Inspector of Denominational Schools called on me. Mr Scott, Garmer was destroyed this afternoon at Mr. Pyke's house by Mr James threshing machine. This is Alick's birthday. He is three years old. Weather fine and cool.

18th. The "Madras" arrived with mail. Nov. 8th. War broke out.

20th. I have this day received three letters from home. dates 25th and 26th of September.

29th August. I have forwarded Sandy's letter to Melbourne. The "Argo" arrived at Southampton. 27th October. She made the passage in 65 days. The news of her arrival has been brought here by the Overland Mail of the 8th. The "Harbinger" sails today, 21st. January from Melbourne and brings home the usual summary from the "Argus". 23rd. I this day received an 8 day clock. Price \$3.

24th. I wrote this day to John and Sandy. Gracey wrote to my mother and her mother. My letter to John is dated 23rd. January and 24th January. I posted for the "Madras" this evening. I received a letter from Sandy Morrison from Geelong. date 20th.

27th. I forwarded a letter today to Mr Morrison, Allness and also one to his brother Sandy at Geelong.

28th. John and Jessie arrived at my house. Johnny looking remarkably well.

30th. Johnny entered Mr James's service.

February.

1st. I this day received a letter from Mr. Kane enclosing a cheque for \$37.10 shillings. I forwarded an answer to the above this day and acknowledged receipt of the cheque.

3rd. I forwarded a letter this day for my father. I sent it to Mr Donald Urquhart, Bookseller, 74 Collins St. Melbourne and enclosed the sum of \$10 to him to procure a Draft for the above amount for me and ordered him to enclose a copy of the same in my father's letter. I this morning received a letter from Captain Price of the "Confiance" dated China Islands, 26th September 1853. Returned an answer on the 7th inst.

7th. Received an acknowledgement from Mr John Urquhart of the receipt of my letter. I forwarded a cheque to Sandy McIntosh for \$10. I paid Mr. Young \$6.18.0 for a bag and a half of flour and a half years subscription to the "Banner".

10th. The "Australian" steamship sailed this afternoon from Melbourne.

11th. Johnnie and Jessie left Mr James.

15th. The "Marco Polo" leaving for Liverpool.

16th. A strong gale of winds blew this day. The "Marco Polo" sailed this day for Liverpool.

18th. Received a bag of flour today from Young's Mills. Received an acknowledgement from Sand for the \$10 I sent him on the 7th inst.

21st. A strong gale of hot winds blew today.

22nd. Received the books ordered from the National Education Office. Carr, 8/6.

28th. The "Kent" sailed for England 12 days.

March.

4th. A very strong wind blowing.

6th. Monday. Benjamin Rone Esq. examined the school today.

13th. A very heavy shower of rain fell this day.

14th. A very cold day. Wind southerly.

15th. The P & O's steamship arrived in Hobson's Bay with dates as late as 9th January.

16th. A tremendous thunderstorm burst over the Marsh this afternoon.

20th. Wrote a letter to John this night and forwarded it per the "Chusen" which sails on the 26th.

21st. Received \$6:11:6 today from the Marsh people to purchase a complete set of Maps for the school.

22nd. Received a letter today from Sandy Morrison. He states that his grandmother died at Nairn. Dr Wardlaw died also. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord".

April.

5th. We had another great storm of thunder this day.

7th. Wrote this day to the Rev. W. Henderson at Williamston in order to find out where Mr William Phimister is. another thunderstorm this afternoon. Much rain has fallen.

9th. The "Creosus" arrives at Melbourne with the mail of 4th November 1853.

22nd. Received an answer from Mr H, at Williamstown. Mr Phimister is still there. 25th. Forwarded a letter to Mr McColl enclosing \$1 for the "Banner" May.

3rd. Received letters this day from Isabella at Nairn of late January

27th. enclosing a note from Mrs C. McIntosh. Grandmother died on Tuesday 27th. December, 1853, aged 92 years. Mr McWilliam, Pipperhill died also.

5th. Despatched a letter of this date today for Isabella and enclosed a note for my mother. The "Golden Age" steamer sailed from Melbourne for Panama with 166 passengers including Mr Latrobe.

7th. The ship "Essex" sailed today for England.

17th. Received a lone letter from my dear brother John informing me that Sandy and his family were to leave home for this country on the 2nd of March. His letter is dated 25th February. (It came per "Madras" steamer).

19th. I despatched a letter today for my brother John enclosing \$10 sterling. I have sent a letter today to Sandy and Mr Donald Urquhart of Melbourne.

30th. I have learned that the steamship "Australian" has been wrecked at the Cape of Good Hope on the 30th. March; mails, cargo and passengers all saved. the "Madras" sails today for England with the overland mail. The above mail arrived in England on 28th July, 28 days.

June.

9th. this is my 29th birthday. My article on Bacchus Marsh today.

11th. Bought a fine sheep today for 18/-. I killed it myself. John Alexander McIntosh was baptised this day by the Rev. R. Scott.

13th. The ship "Admiral Boxer" arrived in Hobson's Bay. Left Liverpool on 17th March. 416 emigrants.

24th. Received word from Sandy that all are well.

26th Started for Melbourne and found Sandy and his family at Rev.--home at South Yarra.

27th. Left for Bacchus Marsh. First went to Keilor.

28th. Arrived at my home.

29th. Went away to their new home. May the Lord be with them and bless them. They are all fat and fair.

July.

1st. forwarded my quarterly returns to My Young,also a letter to the Editor of the "Argus" concerning our usage at Keilor.

4th. I wrote a long letter (10 pages) to my brother John for Sandy and myself. I enclosed my article on Bacchus Marsh for him. The letter was posted this day.

5th. Little Jane and their father commenced work on the 3rd of July.

11th. Forwarded the quarterly returns by this post for the quarter ended 24th.inst.

15th. Received this day a letter from Isabella, Nairn dated 5th April. My paddock was sown today by Mr France with Barley.

21st. I have this day returned an answer to Isabella's letter of 5th April. I enclosed a note for Mr McLauchlan from Jane Morrison.

22nd. the "Queen of the South" steamer sailed from Melbourne for London.

26th. The "Noona" steamer sailed for Point de Calle with the overland mail'

30th.Sabbath. This afternoon Gracey was safely delivered of a daughter.

She was ill for nearly 16 hours and suffered a good deal. Dr John Grant and Jane attended her.

August.

1st. This day forwarded the School returns.

5th. It is my sorrowful duty to record this day the departure of my dear and much beloved Gracey from this world of sorrow and sighing into I sincerely hope, a world of unmingled joy and happiness. She departed life this morning at 2 o'clock. She spoke to me and the two boys about 11 o'clock on Friday night. She was calm and sensible at that time. She desired me to read the 118th Psalm. I read the most suitable portions of it to my dear. I said to her that I hoped she would have a happy meeting with her dear grandmother. She replied with her faltering breath "I hope to". I afterwards read beside her and knelt by her dying bed and commended her eternal interests to her Great Creator. Her end was peaceful. I have been united to my dear love for nearly 8 years. (25th September 1846). We have spent many happy years here below. May we meet again in that happy land where we shall part no

more. May the Lord enable me to bear my trial with patience and resignation. May I be enabled to train up my motherless children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Oh, may I have the grace and strength given to me sufficient for my day. In her departure I have sustained the loss of a dutiful and faithful wife, a devoted and loving mother. She was always so pleased and so pleasant. Her amiableness and contentment were valuable properties in her character.

My great consolation this day is that she is "not lost but gone before". She was no unmindful of her precious Bible and lately and early she presented herself before her Creator in prayer. I mourn her loss, but I hope I have no reason to mourn as those who have no hope. It becomes me to be mute under the chastening rod and to keep it and Him who hath appointed it. May this bereavement be the means of leading me to more devotedness of myself to God, to more mourning for my past transgressions and to more entire resignation to the Lord's will concerning me.

7th Monday. This day committed the remains of my dear *Gracey* to the dust. Dear in the Lord's sight is the death of his saints, and those who sleep in Jesus will bring God with them. The funeral was most respectably attended.

15th. I have this day forwarded letters to Nairn and Broomhill. They go by the ship "Lightning".

18th. forwarded a letter today for my dear and much respected friend Mr McKenzie, Beaully. I received last night a letter from Mr. Sutherland, Crofton Park and also one from Captain Price, London, and one from Mr Miller, Free Church, Melbourne.

21st. I resumed my duties this day. May I be strengthened and upheld by my heavenly Father for the faithful discharge of my duties as a parent and teacher. The "Great Britain" steamship arrived with 588 passengers. (June 13th from Liverpool)

20th. The "Lightning" sailed for Liverpool with mail and passengers.

22nd. A meeting of local patrons was held today in the schoolroom. Fees raised and Margaret recommended as successor to my dear *Gracy* in the sewing department.

23rd. I have this day received from the inhabitants of Bacchus Marsh the sum of \$43.5.6 as a token of their respect for me and sympathy with me in my present bereavement. Mr William Crook and Mr. we deputed to present me with the above handsome sum of money. I desire to bless the hand of a loving and bountiful Providence in this token of esteem for myself and my dear family. To Him be all the praise.

25th. Friday. The School was visited today by the Lieutenant Governor Sir Charles Hotham K.C.B. and his Lade and Suite. Sir Charles and Lady Hotham expressed their satisfaction with the School and were much pleased with the neatness. Sir Charles inserted his name in the Daily Report Book and added -"School seems well kept". Sir Charles and Lady Hotham made several enquiries about the Marsh as to population, education, religion etc. which I answered to the best of my ability and knowledge.

29th. Tuesday. Johnny McIntosh and Jessie Rose left this day for Melbourne.

30th. John McDonald and his sister Balculchaich arrived here this morning and breakfasted with me. They are both well have written for an increase in salary to enable me to bring up my family in some degree of comfort and respectability.

I have written out my account to Sandy McIntosh and find that I am due him a balance of \$9.17.10.

September.

1st. I forwarded the above balance to Sandy McIntosh this morning by his brother John.

4th Monday. Myself and John McDonald put down a few drills of potatoes today with the spade.

8th Friday. I received this evening a long letter from my dear brother John. It is dated 28th June and came here by the "Madras" steamer . 57 days from England.

11th Monday. School inspected by Mr Orlebar - the Inspector of Schools. I had 23 children present.

15th. Meeting held about the Church here.

16th. Mr Young and his family left the Marsh today for England per the "Lady Jocelyn" steamer. I have given him John's address and desired him to write my brother. He promised to do so. I have ordered the following books through Mr.Young:- The whole of Hugh Miller's works; ; The Life of Dr Chalmers of Edinburgh; The Christian Treasury from April 52-54; Chalmer's information for the People;.

20th Wednesday. I have received information that my salary is increased to \$120 per annum.

22nd. Forwarded a long letter to my brother John (12 pages). I enclosed a Bill of Exchange for \$5 for my father/ I sent the lovely poem on the "Old House at Home" for Granny Morrison with the boys' kisses on the back of it. The "Madras" sailed on the 25th inst.

25th Monday. I am reminded that this is the anniversary of my marriage to my dearly beloved Gracey. We were married this day eight years ago. (1846) We were pleasant in our lives and in death I hope we shall not be divided.

28th. Sandy Anderson and Christopher McRae arrived at my house. They are both looking very well.

October.

1st. Sabbath. The "Lady Jocelyn" sailed. (Arrived in England 1st Jan. 92 days at sea. 60 passengers).

2nd Monday. I got my crop of potatoes put down today. Christopher McRae, Sandy Anderson and my brother Sandy put it down. I have fully 4cwt. in the ground. Rain today.

6th Friday. I forwarded my Quarterly returns to Melbourne.

7th. I am reminded by this date of my departure from my beloved home for the land of my adoption two years ago. truly I may say that goodness and mercy have followed me ever since. To God be all the praise. Amen.

10th Tuesday. wrote to Dr Cairns, Melbourne.

15th Sabbath. Mr Blair preached here today.

16th Monday. A very hot wind blowing.

17th Tuesday. Sandy Anderson, C. Anderson and John McDonald left for the diggings. A heavy fall of rain and thunder this evening.

18th Wednesday. I am in receipt of two Inverness "Couriers" from Isabella. I observe that my old friend Miss McLennan, Beaulieu has got married to Colin McKenzie, Elgin, a Merchant on 13th July. I presume he is the old Bailie's son. Often I spent many pleasant hours in Miss McLennan's society and I wish her much happiness in her change of name, Mrs Colin McKenzie. Sandy McIntosh has sent me his receipt.

20th Friday. Received a letter from Dr. Cairns and replied to it by Saturday's post.

24th Tuesday. Posted a letter today for my sister Isabella and enclosed a note for my dear brother John. They go home by the "Great Britain" steamship which will sail on the 28th inst.

November.

3rd Friday. Posted a letter this morning for Sandy Anderson for Greswick Creek, Ballarat. Yesterday was Isabella's birthday. She has completed her 27th year.

4th Saturday. Very hot today.

5th Sunday. Very cold. Torrents of rain.

10th. Am in receipt of a long letter from John per the "Noona" which anchored in the Bay yesterday. Date 10th September. Letter dated 27th August. All well. also a letter from Jonathan Rose from Jamaica. 21st July. Wrote this night to Sandy Anderson and also Sandy McIntosh. John got my letter of 19th May safely.

15th Wednesday. The Rev.Dr.Cairns baptised baby here. Her name is Gracey Isabella Jessie Jane, Gracey for her darling departed mother, Isabella for her maternal aunt, Jessie for her paternal Grandmother, and Jane for her maternal grandmother and faithful attentive nurse.

20th Monday. A hot wind. Tremendous clouds of dust. a thunderstorm and heavy fall of rain. The earth is much refreshed by this timely fall of rain.

21st Tuesday. Forwarded a long letter today to John per the "Noona" enclosing a cheque for \$23 for Mr Urquhart to send home a Bill of Exchange for \$22 for him. This letter contains about 12 pages of writing. Wrote to John McDonald and party. Wrote to the "Argus". "Notes from the Marsh" (The above letter and the Bill of Exchange arrived safely)

25th Saturday. The "Noona" sailed today with the overland mail for England.

28th Tuesday. Had a reply from Mr Urquhart enclosing copies of the Bill of Exchange for John for \$22.

December.

2nd. Cut my barley today. A large Army came to the Marsh today. They are bound for Ballarat.

3rd.Sunday. The first Battle fought between the differs and the Military at the Ballarat Diggings. Several have been killed on both sides. Sorrowful tidings.

8th. I am in receipt of letters from Isabella of date 25th September. They came per the "Argo" which sailed on the 4th October- arrived in Hobson's Bay on the 6th.inst.- 62 days from England. Sebastopol has fallen, 18,000 Russians killed, 22,000 prisoners; 14,000 English killed; 1400 French killed.

9th Saturday. My hap and Mr.Somer's stolen by that vagabond One-eyed Clarke. We traced him and found our hay and had him committed for trial. Attended Court today. Bail was given for him by two - \$50 each. He must appear again on the 23rd. inst.

10th. Sunday. Mr Nichol preached here.

11th Monday. A fearfully hot day. It is almost as hot as 3rd January last.

12th.Tuesday. Changed to cold again.

13th Wednesday. Received a letter today from S.Morrison, Muddy Holes.

14th.Thursday. Had a taste of new potatoes.

15th Friday. Sent a letter to Sandy Morrison. Sale at Clifford's. Bought my desk there. Rain fell.

16th Hot wind today. Sale resumed.

18th Monday. Meeting held this night about supporting a Ministry here. It is proposed to have the Church seats rented at 10/- each per quarter payable in advance which was carried unanimously.

21st The Army returned from Ballarat goldfields today. Peace is restored.

23rd. Court day. Clarke absconded.

1855. January.

2nd. I have received a letter from my respected friend, Captain Price dated 12th August. He said the "Confiance" sold for \$11,000.

5th Friday. Sent my quarterly returns. I have sent a letter per the steamship "Argo" to Captain Price. The "Argo" sails January.

6th. Saturday. Gust, Alick and myself confined today by severe discomfiture. The boys have Colonial Fever.

7th Sunday. We all seem much better. Thanks be to God for His goodness. I feel very weakly.

11th Thursday. Had a visit today from Mr. Ridge and his son Charlie. He looks very well and is doing well. His new address is;- Mr John Ridge, Quarrys, Brunswick, Near Melbourne. 14th Sabbath. The "Madras" arrived with mail.

16th Tuesday. I received this morning a lovely and sympathising letter from my dear brother John dated 26th October. It is an answer to my letter of date 15th August. My old friend Mr. McIntosh, Torrich is dead also. Mrs Peter McKenzie, Broomhill is also dead. My dear mother is very feeble. May she be upheld and strengthened. She has been a child of many tears.

16th. & 17th. wrote a long letter of 10 pages to John.

18th Thursday. Bought a watch and chain.

19th Friday. A very cold day, wet and misty.

21st Saturday. Called at McKenzies house.

22nd. Forwarded seven numbers of the Treasury and the Wanderings of a Pilgrim, Missionary Records etc. to Mrs McKenzie, Bacchus Marsh. This day Mr McDonald buried his child. I have this afternoon forwarded letters (2) to John from myself and Sandy. I have also sent to Mr. Sutherland, Ireland. These will go home per the "Madras" which will sail on the 31st inst.

28th. Sabbath. A most fearful day of hot wind. Felt quite prostrated. The temperature was up to 115 degrees in the shade.

29th Monday. Still very hot. The wind blew tremendously. Change in the evening.

30th Tuesday. Very chilly and misty.

31st. Wednesday. A very cold day and rainy. It rained most of the night.

February.

1st. Thursday. Margaret Cairns was married this day to Mr Lloyd, 55 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

6th Tuesday. Wrote to Miss M. for the first time.

12th Monday. Sandy went to town about 3.20 p.m. The "James Baines" arrived with dates down to the 9th December.

17th. Saturday. Meeting about getting the new National School. Two schools are to be created in the Marsh.

18th Sabbath. The Rev. W. Ramsay preached here. I got very unwell in Church and was obliged to come home. Very hot day.

19th Monday. I am much better today.

25th Friday. I am in receipt of a letter from Nairn from my Father-in-law and George. They were all well when these letters were written. 24th November last.

28th Wednesday. This and former few days have been exceedingly hot. March.

1st Thursday. Change today. Cold wind and some rain.

2nd. Received letter today from Sydney from Donald McDonald of Cawdor. Poor little Gracey is very poorly.

5th Monday. Wrote today for my father-in-law in Nairn and also to my own father and mother. I have sent home these letters enclosed under on cover to Nairn. they are dated 9th. inst. and are forwarded per the Royal Mail ship "James Baines"

8th Thursday. Posted the above letters. Also long letter to the Secretary to the Board of National Education.

10th. Rode to Ballarat today to buy a horse at the Pound but found that there was no sale.

11th. The "James Baines" sailed for Liverpool.

22nd Thursday. the "Lightning" arrived with the mail of 7th January.

23rd. Received letters today from John for Sandy and myself. I also received a letter from my dear friend, The Rev. Mr. McKenzie, Beaulieu. The rain set in this afternoon. John's dates 27th and 28th December. The weather has become cool and pleasant. I received this day a Bay mare from Melbourne. She was bought by my brother at the saleyard of Lilburne and Anslow.

Copy of Receipt. Mr A. Morrison

Bought of Lilburne and Anslow, at Auction as Agents for
Houghton.

Terms Cash.

(51) Bay Mare C.W.W.Sh. \$25.10

Expenses \$ 1. 5. 6

\$26.15.6

Received payment. Signed Lilburne & Anslow. Jno. Ludemhead.

27th Thursday. Forwarded the first numbers of the "Age" to Mr McKenzie
at Norven. First date 19th inst.

28th. M. left of account of A. Y.

12th.29th.30th. Troubled very much with Blight in left eye.

APRIL.

5th Thursday. Sandy and party went to the Diggings. Sandy left the Young's
service on Saturday 25th March.

9th.Monday. Wrote a letter for Eliza and forwarded it per the "Lightning"
which will sail tomorrow. Too late. Did not go.

11th Wednesday. Got one bag of 2nd flour from Mr.Young's Mill.

12th. Forwarded the Quarterly Returns for the period ended 31st. inst.

20th Friday. Mr Orlebar visited the School.

25th Wednesday. Mr Orlebar visited the School today and examined the
children. Received a letter from John Urquhart.

MAY

2nd Wednesday. "Red Jacket" sailed for Liverpool. I think she carries
S.Anderson's letter.

3rd.Thursday. Got 2 cwt of potatoes.

13th Sabbath. The "Blue Jacket" arrived also the "Zara".

15th Tuesday. Received a letter from John, date 28th February. All well at
home. Also letters from home for John McDonald and Sandy Anderson. My
old friend and companion John Davidson was married on the 9th March to
Jessie Clarke. Long life and happiness to the youthful pair. The Emperor of
Russia is dead. He died on the 2nd March 1855 aged 59 years. He had been
reigning about 30 years.

20th. Sandy has returned to the Diggings.

22nd.Tuesday. Received a letter from Sandy McIntosh enclosing one from
Isabella of date 28th February. She was married to Sandy Fraser on the 9th
February. I hope she will be as good a wife to her husband as her dear
departed sister was to me.

24th Thursday. Wrote a long letter to John and forwarded it for the Royal Mail ship "Boomerang" which sailed on the of June.

28th Monday. First public meeting in connection with the Bacchus Marsh Public Library.(Held in the Presbyterian Church).

June.

2nd Saturday. I went this day to Mount Blackwood. My mare got unwell in the forest near the Mount and I had to return without visiting the Diggings.

15th Friday. My dear little Gracey died this morning about 3 o'clock. She had been very delicate for a long time. I saw her for the last time on Tuesday last. She had then a most unpromising appearance. I desire to be reconciled to the Lord's will. I am now left without wife or daughter but the Lord will be my strength and stay.

16th I interred dear baby this day in her beloved mothers grave. Sandy and John McDonald carried her to the grave and interred her. Myself, Sandy and John McDonald, William Grant Jnr. Will Grant Snr., Andrew Young, Alexander Laurie and Young Sandy composed the Funeral. It was a beautiful day. I wrote notes to Dr Cairns, Mr Miller, and Sandy McIntosh, Melbourne.
July.

5th Thursday. I forwarded two "Ages" to John and Mother.

6th. The Quarterly Returns go to Melbourne today.

10th. My letter of yesterday forwarded per the "Mermaid" which sails on the 12th. I have enclosed a Bill of Exchange for it for \$8.

August.

5th. I am this day reminded of the death of my beloved Gracey. I am this day twelve months a widower. Teach me to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom.

8th Wednesday. The Bacchus Marsh Public Library was opened this evening. The number of books in the Library is volumes, a splendid collection.

9th. Margaret is dismissed from the office of Teacher of Needlework.

10th Forwarded the Returns for July.

19th Sabbath. Gust 8 years old today. Mr McNicol preached a sermon to the young. A good attendance.

23rd. Thursday. Mr Orlebar visited the School and examined the pupils.

24th Friday. Mr Ronnard called here. I ordered some goods from him.

Received a letter from E.Quick, Melbourne.

31st. Friday. Margaret left me. I received the goods from Mr Ronnard at Collingwood.

September.

5th Wednesday. I went to Norven and measured a haystack for Mr McKenzie. 9 tons of Hay at \$15 stg. a ton.

17th Monday. I felt a most distinct vibration of an earthquake about 3 o'clock this morning, the bed trembled for a short time. This is the first time I ever felt an earthquake. I received a letter from the Diggers at the Siry Creek Diggings. Date 9th inst.

22nd Saturday. A very large flood today. The rivers are very much swollen and have overflowed their banks. James' house is an island.

October.

2nd Tuesday. forwarded the Returns for the previous month to Mr Living. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper held for the first time in the U.P. Church at Bacchus Marsh. Twenty-four members present, very wet day. This day three years ago I left my father's house. Goodness and mercy have followed me from that day.

9th. Tuesday. Received a letter from the Diggers at Long Creek. All well and doing well. Wrote them tonight. Date 10th inst. I have this night received my tea, ham, bacon and shirts from Mr Ronnard.

25th Thursday. Received a letter today from John McKenzie from home. They were all well at the end of July. I got another from Long Creek.

26th Friday. Half past five this afternoon I have this day finished my term of teaching in this School. I now go to Maddingly. I have been here since the 25th August 1853, two years and two months. I may truly say that I have passed the most trying period of my life within these walls. Many solitary days have I passed here since my dear partner departed. God has been good and gracious to me. May He still be with me to comfort, guide and direct me in my new sphere of labours.

November.

14th. Wrote to Living and forwarded the School Returns for signature. I wrote yesterday to my beloved Mary. I hope to soon have the pleasure of seeing her at Bacchus Marsh. I opened the School yesterday. pupils in attendance.

21st. Wednesday. Soiree held in the Church.

24th. A great thunderstorm and rain. This is a fearfully hot day. I was not very well.

25th. The "Lightening" arrived in Port Phillip Bay. Mr Young is one of the passengers.

26th Wrote to Sandy at Long Creek.

28th. Had a letter from M.R.alright. Mr Young arrived here.

29th. Saw Mr Young this morning. He looks very well indeed. Has left his family at home. Aitken seemed (very condemned like)?

December.

3rd. Returned from Melbourne. News of the capture of the Maluch.

25th Went to Melbourne. Met my beloved Mary Robinson.

26th. Today I was married by the Rev.Dr.Cairns in Chalmers Church to Mary Robertson. May our union be a happy one. Mr and Mrs Morrie were present on this occasion, also Mrs Jack, Mrs Quick, Mr Walker, Mary Warnwell. Mr Bonar also present.

31st. Sir Charles Hotham died.

1856. January.

4th. Sir Charles Hotham buried today.

February.

9th. Wrote to Mr Norrie and forwarded my Returns for January.

25th I wrote this day to my brother John. Letter goes home per the steamer

Mary wrote to her father per the same vessel.

April. Dr Grant died aged 29 years.

May

6th. Wrote to Mr Kane re the specimens of netting.

21st. Soiree held in the Church.

June.

3rd. Received a letter from my dear mother. Forwarded the Memorial from the inhabitants of Maddingley to the Central Road Board for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the river Weeibee.

13th.Received a letter acknowledging the above Memorial.

July.

8th. forwarded a letter for John from Sandy enclosing a Bill of Exchange for 411. the letter goes home per the "Champion of " which sails on the 10th July.

30th. Mary wrote home to her sister per the "James Baines" which left for Liverpool on the 6th August.

August.

5th. This day reminds me of the death of my beloved Gracey. She is now two years gone. My dear, dear Gracey.

23rd. Posted a letter today for my dear brother John. It goes home per the "Lightning" which sails on the 26th inst.

September.

9th. Bought a cow and calf today from Mr Tobert Grant for \$11.

10th. Meeting held in the U.P.Church here in regard to State Aid to Religion.

23rd. Mary wrote home to her father per the "Red Jacket" which sailed on the 28th inst.

25th. Received a bag of flour from Mr Young.

1857. January.

13th. Wrote to John per the "Royal Charter" and enclosed \$2. Sailed 18th January with 235 passengers.

24th. Wrote home to my mother and Mr McKenzie, Beaulieu. Date 26th. Mary wrote home also and enclosed one pound note for her father. Their letters go by the "Oneida" 28th inst.

23rd. A most intensely hot day.

24th. A very cool wind.

1858. February.

Received a long letter from my beloved brother John.

April.

Wrote home to John and enclosed a Bill for \$5.

May.

16th. Bought two bags of flour from Mr Aitken for \$3:16. Some came home the following Wednesday 19th May.

June.

23rd. Soiree held in the Church. A tremendous crowd. \$74 collected.

August.

3rd. Received a letter from my mother dated April 5th. Finished the perusal of Mr Livingstone's Missionary Travels in South Africa. A splendid book 683 pages.

September.

Received two bags of flour from Robert Aitken for \$4.12.

November.

16th. Attended Soiree at Melton.

18th. Received a letter this day from my beloved mother informing me that my dear, dear father departed this life on the 2nd September 1858. His age was 75 years. I have no doubt of his eternal happiness. May I be enabled to follow in his footsteps.

24th. Forwarded a cheque on the Bank of New South Wales from Mr Young for Mr Rennon for \$6 stg.

25th. Paid Sandy \$2 for a watch.

1859. April

15th. Wrote home per the "Mather", sent two half sovereigns to my mother and Mary sent a collar to Eliza.

August.

6th. Sent a Bill of Exchange through Mr Young for my mother for \$5. Paid 4/2 for rate of exchange and postage. Forwarded the same to my mother on the 15th inst. Wrote also to and to Mr Sutherland.

September.

15th. Wrote home per the "Bombay" to my brother John and also to Donald McRae. Shepherd, Balnorrnan, Ardclach.

30th Finished the planting of my potatoes.

October. 1st. Saturday. Hot wind. Went to Mt Staughton's Station. Great Race match held this day at Melbourne.

December

Wrote home to Cawdor and Inverness per the "Malte".

1860. May.

Wrote home to my mother and sent her two half sovereigns. Mary wrote to her father and enclosed one sovereign. These letters go home per the "Benares"

1862. April.

George Grant Morrison was baptised in Melbourne by the Rev. Dr. Cairns. Simon seized with Diphtheria.

May. 1st. Wheat sowed and harrowed

1870. April.

20th. This day at 6 o'clock my dear son Benjamin died of dental Debility aged 11 months. He died in the arms of Mrs Barnes without a struggle.

21st. Mr Lawrie was interred this day at Learmonth.

1892. August 20th.

Wrote home to Mary Morrison care of Mr Cawdor, Nairnshire, Scotland. N.B. Sent a reader for her husband Mr Alexander Morrison, same address. Wrote same day to Augustus.

1899.

MEMORANDUM.

September 1st. I and Mother went this day to Bacchus Marsh to meet our old pupils, parents and friends at a Social held on our behalf at the Mechanics Institute. There was a large assemblage to meet us on this occasion and we spent a happy evening together. Mr Thomas Pearce was Chairman. We were very hospitable received by Mrs William Anderson and

her two daughters, Beatrice and Grace. Thomas Rutherford and John Randmair met us at the Railway Station and drove us to Mrs Andersons.

END OF DIARY.

P.S. Mrs Dorothy McNeill typed all this from the original of the diary, She was in Invercargill a few years ago and she told us she had worked in a Pharmacy for many years, and could type "take one pill three times a day before meals" at great speed, but that other typing took her quite a long time. Our copy is a copy of a copy . some of the words in the original copy were indecipherable so blanks have been left.

Dorothy explained the diary thus -

"This is the story of my grandfather on my mother's side. Simon Morrison. After the death of my aunt, Rose Morrison in 1954, my brother, Norman McKay found an old trunk in one of the sheds at our family home at Sunshine. This trunk contained old books, papers and personal effects which had belonged to her father and mother, Simon and Mary Morrison. Among the articles found was Simon's Journal written on the voyage to Australia from Scotland 100 years before. It was written in a small brown book deeply stained with water and torn in some places by must of it was still decipherable though it must have remained untouched in the old trunk for many, many years"

The "\$" should be read as £