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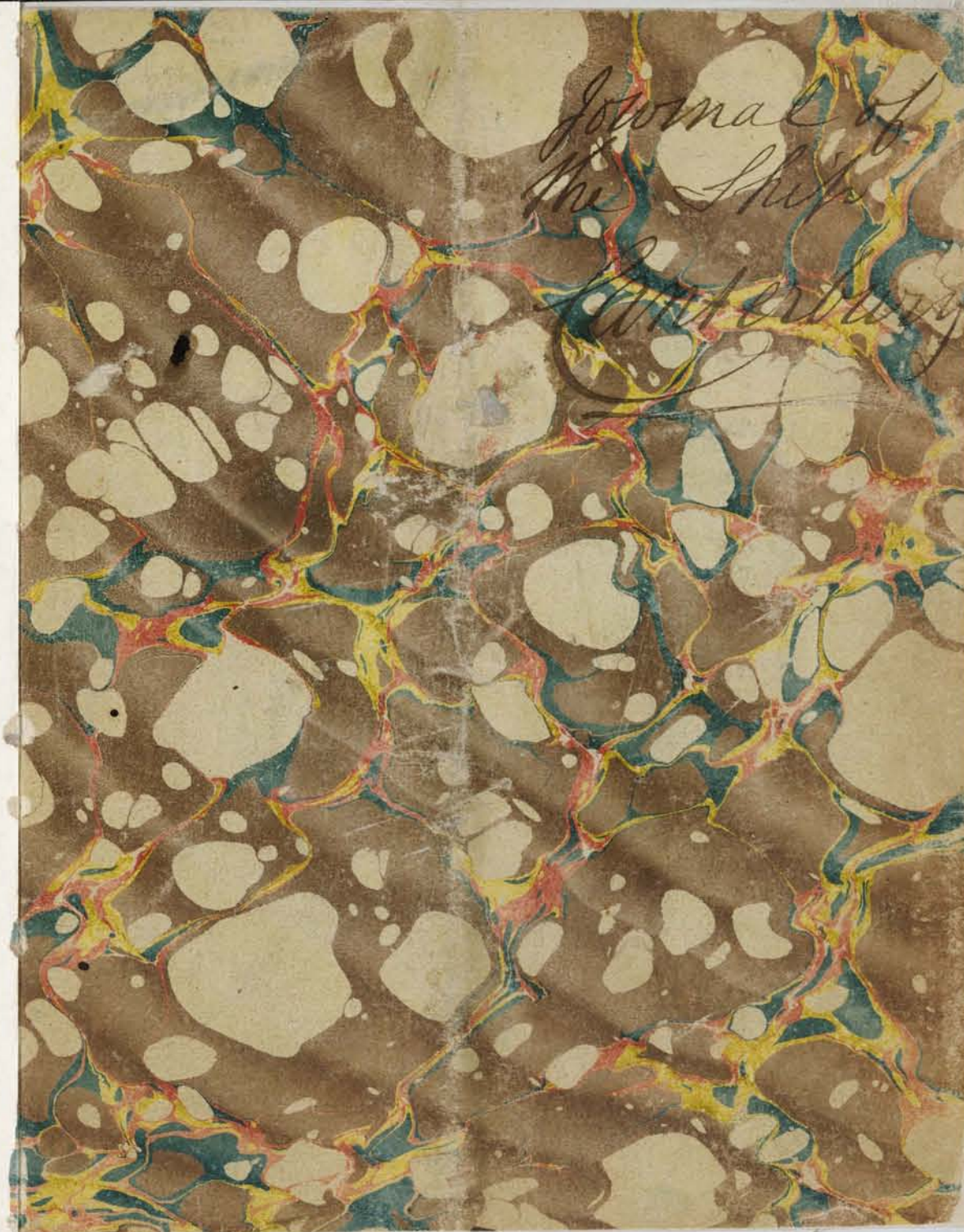
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Journal of
the Ship
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Journal. Ship Canterbury.

We started from Gravesend on the morning
of ~~Friday~~ ^{Saturday} June 20th and anchored in the
Towers Bay, on the morning of Sunday 21st

We weighed anchor again at about 11.30
AM of the same day, in a heavy rain.

During the confusion it was impossible to
celebrate Divine Service, but in the afternoon

we said prayers in the Steerage, nearly
the whole of the passengers of all climes atten-

ding. The attention and orderly behaviour
of all was most-praiseworthy.

During the ensuing week, from the 22nd to the
2nd of the next time and attention were chiefly
occupied in selecting a schoolmaster in

taking lists of the children, and in making
other preparations for the commencement of
school. I was fortunate enough to find

a person accustomed to tuition in King
Lyons, whom I have secured as schoolmaster
for the trip, with every hope of satisfaction. There

was as one among the male passengers
capable of undertaking the arrangement and
management of a school, - but as Miss
Dyer felt herself incompetent to undertake
the future care of all the children partly
from weak health, and partly perhaps
from diffidence. I have obtained also
the services of Mr Parsons, a second class
passenger, to assist Miss Dyer in teach-
ing and preserving order, and I have
no doubt that together they will be able
to carry on the school satisfactorily.
It is needless perhaps to say that during
the whole of this week, my operations
have been considerably hindered by
the prevailing malady of sea sickness.
Sunday 29th St. Peter's day. We assembled
the children together in the Stewage
for the purpose of instruction, at a
quarter to ten - and at eleven o'clock
celebrated Divine services, and pre-

ached to a large and attentive
congregation in the Stewage, the heavy
furniture preventing our assembling together
on deck. I also announced my inten-
tion of celebrating the Holy Commu-
nion on the following Sunday, being the
first Sunday in the month. In the after-
noon, school again; and at five o'clock
again said prayers in the Stewage, there
being a difficulty in obtaining a clear
deck in the afternoon. Congregation
again large and attentive.

Monday 30th School morning and af-
ternoon. from 10.30 to 12, and from
2.30 to four. I experienced to day a
great disappointment. It had been
my earnest wish to carry out my
instructions to the letter, on the subject
of daily prayer, and I had hoped
to begin them this morning. The Captain's
opposition of my instructions gave me

to understand it was an impossibility
and on that the daily cleaning of the
decks &c. could not be interfered with
on any account, and on referring to
the regulations I certainly found that
it would be attended with more dif-
-ficulty than I had anticipated.

In fact it is very hard to find on an
unemployed quarter of an hour, from
7 in the morning to 7 at night, in which
any congregation could be assembled,
and supposing the congregation assem-
-bled it would be still more difficult
to find a suitable place for Divine Ser-
-vices. I am however unwilling as yet
to give up the idea altogether, and I
shall hold myself in readiness to avail
myself of any opportunity that may offer
itself. I do not wish to speak as fixing
any blame on Captain Edwards. He
has thrown himself on all other

occasions most ready to help me, and
did me good service to day, in silencing
a troublesome passenger who was inclined to
interfere with the school. Daily service being
unusual to him, no doubt appears unexpec-
-ed - and still more so when interfering
with the arrangements of the ship. To day
I unpacked the school books belonging to the
ship. Some articles are missing, but none
that will be required on the voyage. The
rest I have no doubt will eventually turn
up.

Tuesday July 1st

School morning from 10:30 to 12. After-
noon from 2.30 to 4. Attendance as yet not
very regular owing to the continuance of
sea sickness among some of the children. It
will not be possible for a day or two to
clarify the children, and get the school
into perfect working order.

Wednesday. School from (morning) 10.30 to
12. Afternoon from 2.30 to 4. Attendance

then going to rough up of weather.

Thursday July 3rd School as usual morning and Afternoon. Good attendance.

Friday 4th School morning and Afternoon. Spoke the Brig Woodport of Glasgow, thirty days from Malta. Despatched letters.

Saturday 5. School. Morning. Half holiday.

Sunday 5th The Children as usual at ten in School. At half past ten full service on deck passengers and crew attending. After the service I celebrated Holy Communion in the Steerage. There were fourteen Communicants, of whom six were Steerage passengers. In accordance with a suggestion that had been made to me, I dispensed with the offertory, it having been thought that this might deter the poor passengers from communicating. On the last celebration however of the Communion during the voyage I intend to give an opportunity to all who are able,

and willing, to offer their alms on God's table. At five o'clock in the evening I again paid prayers in the Steerage. A good Communion-preparation.

Monday 7th School. Morning & afternoon as usual.

Tuesday 8th School morning & afternoon.

Wednesday 9th School morning & afternoon.

Thursday 10th School morning and afternoon. Mrs. Simson's Servant. Wans has been kind enough to take a clap of little boys in the Afternoon, whom I found to be so backward as to be rather in the way in the School-room.

Friday 11th School morning and Afternoon.

Saturday 12th School morning. Half Holiday.

Sunday 13th 4th after Trinity. School in the morning from at ten. At half past ten

full service on deck, papers and crew attending. School in the afternoon at three. Said prayers in the stowage at five, most of the passengers of all classes attending.

Monday 14th School morning and afternoon.

Tuesday 15th School morning & afternoon. Today I distributed copybooks, and set copies to such of the adults ^{as} had signified their wish to improve themselves during the voyage.

Wednesday 16th School morning and afternoon. I attended in the stowage from half past ten till twelve, helping the adults with their writing, summing, and getting some of them to write from dictation. It will be a matter of great difficulty to get-together any thing like a class, as there are so many things to call them away at all - most all times of the day, but I think

some good may be done by attending daily at a stated time (from eleven to twelve ^{or} to suit best) to superintendent and the studies of such as can be present, and to give them such help as they may require. At least - I shall try this till something better may suggest itself.

Thursday 17th School morning & afternoon as usual. I attended from half past ten till twelve in the stowage. - (Stella Emers)

Friday 18th School morning & afternoon. In the stowage from half past ten till twelve.

Saturday 19th School morning. I could not get together any of the adults this morning as provisions were served out. Half holiday.

Sunday 20th after Trinity. School morning at ten. At half past full service on deck. School in the afternoon. At five said prayers on deck.

Monday 21st. Heavy rain in the morning, and so I necessary to keep the hatches down, consequently it was too dark & close to attempt school. In the afternoon some few children attended, but it was too rough to do much.

Tuesday 22nd. Still very rough. The school went on morning and afternoon, but the attendance was thin.

Wednesday 23rd. As yesterday. Many of the children sea sick, and obliged to leave school.

Thursday 24th. School morning and afternoon.

Friday 25th. School as usual.

Saturday 26 School morning. Half holiday. - The whole of this week the weather has been so rough and rainy as to interfere greatly with our school arrangements. In the Steerage it has been

impossible to do any thing owing to the crowd of people below and the darkness occasioned by keeping down the hatches.

Sunday 27. Sabbath after Trinity. School morning & afternoon. At half past ten full service on deck. Passengers and crew attending. The pitching of the ship, together with the annoyance of the wind rendered this a matter of difficulty, but I was unwilling to disturb the service, and it was carried out as well and decently as could be expected. I am sorry to say that for some reason there was a very short attendance of Steerage passengers. I also announced the Sacrament for next Sunday. In the afternoon I said prayers on deck at five o'clock, fair attendance.

Monday 28. School morning and afternoon.

Tuesday 29. In consequence of the washing
of the tables & desks the school could
not be kept this morning. In the after-
noon it went on as usual.

Wednesday 30. School morning and after-
noon.

Thursday 31st. School morning and after-
noon.

Friday 1st August. School morning and
afternoon. Today we copied the line

Saturday 2nd. School morning. Half holiday.
This evening we tried a hymn in the
stewage with a view to the service to-
morrow.

Sunday 3rd Seventh after Trinity. School
morning at ten. At half past full service
on deck. We sang the hymn for the
sacrament, very fairly considering all

things. After service I celebrated Holy Com-
-munion in the stewage. There were twenty
two Communicants of whom eight were
stewage passengers. This number shows
a ~~and~~ increase of eight since the last Com-
-munion. I hope to see it still further in-
-creased before the end of the voyage. In
the afternoon a heavy rain came down
which rendered service impossible.

Monday 4th. Heavy rain rendered it impos-
-sible to keep school in the morning. In the after-
noon it was kept as usual.

Tuesday 5th. Heavy rain again in the mor-
-ning & no school. In the afternoon the school
assembled but was soon broken up by the oc-
-currence of a most melancholy accident.
At about three o'clock, the cry of "a man
overboard" was raised. The poor fellow had
fallen from the ^{floor} "stow room", clean under the

bows of the ship. It is thought that he ^{must} have been struck as the ship past him, and he soon uttered a cry and was to all appearance stunned. He sank a few yards ^{east} of us, almost within reach of the life buoy which had been thrown to him. The helm was immediately put down and the boat lowered, but all in vain. There was a fearful sea running at the time, and the lowering and hauling in of the boat was attended with great risk, but happily no further accident occurred. This event it may be supposed has cast a gloom over the whole ship. The sailors in particular seem much impressed by the loss of their companion. The way in which they speak of him shows a depth of feeling which one perhaps would hardly expect.

Wednesday ^{the} weather being rough and

Fairer. A few children were assembled at school in the afternoon but not much was done.

Thursday 7th School morning and afternoon as usual ⁱⁿ

Friday 8th School as usual. In the evening we practised some Psalm in the Staircase

Saturday 9th It is always difficult to get together the children on Saturday owing to the bringing out of provisions. Today just at school time, the alarm of a shark was given which brought every one upon the poop. In the excitement of landing there all every thing else was forgotten, and by the time it was over it was too late for school. In the evening we sang a Psalm for to-morrow, and the evening hymn in the staircase.

Sunday 10th 8th after Trinity: School at

ten. At half past I commenced Service
on deck. Just at the end of the Service
a tremendous shower came down which
rapidly dispersed the congregation. I was
very sorry for this as I wished to make
some remarks on the sad event of the week,
and the sailors were evidently expecting it.
However we were dispersed and there was
no hope of getting the congregation together
again for that time. I thought of preaching
the afternoon, but then the ship's company do
not attend and it was to them more par-
ticularly that I wished to address myself,
so I determined to put it off till next Sunday.

In the afternoon at five I ~~read~~ ^{said} prayers
on deck. Several of the crew were present. This
is the first time such a thing has happened.
It shows that the terrible warning they so
lately received has not been without

effect. After services we sang the Evening
hymn. It was quite curious, and most
satisfying to see the effect of this old, well re-
membered tune. For some time after prayers
you might hear it hummed in all parts of
the ship. It had such a "homey" sound pro-
ple said. I hope we shall sing it every Sunday
evening during the voyage.

Monday 11th to Saturday 16th - During the
whole of this week the weather has been so
rough and rainy that I have been ^{un}able
to do anything regularly. This is one of the
great annoyances on board ship. When once
the regular order of things has been broken
into, it is very hard to restore it again.
The children begin to absent themselves from
school, the parents cease to take an inter-
est in sending them, and every thing
seems to fall into confusion. Then a

- since people have been out of spirits at
our slow progress, and there appears to have
been a general loss of temper throughout
the ship. Two quarrels have taken place
in the stowage in both of which officials
have been implicated, the matron in
one and the Surgeon's assistant, ~~some~~, in
the other. I hope however that they have
not been productive of any permanent
ill feeling, and that they are not likely
to recur again. The particulars it will
fall under the Doctor's province to nar-
-rate. I have done what I could to men-
-tally the parties and I think I have suc-
-ceeded. I have been a good deal in
the fore-castle this week among the
sailors setting some of them to work
and ~~keeping~~ their head. Throughout

the voyage I have always experienced
the greatest civility from the men and
much more I must confess than I expec-
-ted. Indeed I had looked forward to find
them troublesome, one I am happy to ^{find} ~~say~~ I
misjudged them. - On Thursday, Friday
- and Saturday, we did manage to keep
the school going but the attendance was
not ~~very~~ good, and it was subject to
 continual interruptions.

Sunday 17th 9th after Trinity. School in
the morning at ten, at half past full ser-
-vice on deck. A very good congregation.
It was very rough and windy, and I
found it extremely difficult to keep
my fasting, but I was determined not
to shorten the service if I could possi-
-bly avoid it, especially as it had been

interrupted last Sunday. I preached on
the subject of the late accident, chiefly of
course to the crew who were very attentive.
I fear this is the last time we shall appear
-ble for service on deck as the weather is
getting sensibly colder daily and we
must expect rough weather. In the
afternoon I said prayers at five o'
clock. We sang the Eosiphym again
with good effect.

Monday 19th to Friday 22nd we went on
with the school as usual though with diffi-
culty owing to the roughness of the weather.
On Friday it became so boisterous that we
were forced to give it up. The wind kept
pushing till on Saturday night it had in-
creased to almost a gale and the rolling
of the ship was tremendous.

10th aft. Trinity. Feast of St. Bartholomew.

On Sunday morning (24th) the gale continued
with a heavy rain. After breakfast I went
forward and found the Stowage in great con-
fusion, hatches down, and the ^{tar} deck quite wet.
I wrote the crew that had been shipped during
the night. It was clear that for the morning
last Divine service was out of the question -
I heard the children say their collects and made
arrangements for service in the afternoon
in the Stowage, and at half past two I said
prayers under the main hatch, fortunately
without a accident for the ship was rolling
fiercely. I am afraid this arrangement
did not give entire satisfaction. Some of the
first cabin passengers seemed to think I
ought to have performed service in the Cuddy.
But - to say nothing of the inconvenience
of the Cuddy for that purpose, I have a very
great objection to anything like exclusive-
-ness in Divine worship. Where it is an

possible to suit the convenience of all, the
convenience of the majority must be consid-
-ed especially when that majority is chief-
-ly made up of our poorer brethren, and I
must say that I think many of those who
to-day absent themselves because the
place chosen was not to their mind, might
very well have attended. Of course there
was inconvenience to all, but what else
can be expected in a gale of wind? For
my own part I was very thankful to be able
to perform service at all. I hope we shall
not have any further disagreement on this
point, but I fear it.

Monday, 25th weather unobvious. In the af-
-ternoon a few children were put to school
but not for regular school. The weather con-
-tinued very rough and cold through the week
and on Friday Miss Dyer the schoolmistress
was taken very unwell, so that we were obliged
to send away the girls from school.

Sunday, 31st after Trinity. Sea very high in
the morning and the tides very low.
I went into the store after breakfast to make ar-
-rangements for service. In this rough weather
every thing is behind hand, and the emigrants
cannot get themselves clean, and make their pre-
-parations for dinner in time for morning service.
I heard the children say their collect, and
fixed two o'clock for service. At that hour the
greater part of the papers assembled in the
store and I performed full service, not with-
-out difficulty. I did not announce the Sacra-
-ment as it would be perfectly impossible to ce-
-lebrate it during the continuance of these

gales. We may look for more settled and warmer
weather by & by and I think it will be better
to wait for that, to insure the decent cele-
-bration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

Monday 1st September to Saturday 6th.

The weather has continued in a very un-
-settled state this week. Heavy rains & squalls

~~making~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{sight} the internal arrangements of the ship. The boys have been kept at school pretty regularly. I am sorry to say that Miss Dyer has continued very unwell during the week. At times I was very anxious about her. She appeared so weak and depressed as to render her state rather critical. I have attended her daily, and read to her and used the prayers in the visitation Office. She is now much better but I doubt if she will be able to resume her duties as Schoolmistress during the voyage. I almost fear that she has already done herself harm by her attention to them. This is inconvenient, as there is no one to take her place. The girls learn their Collects and read a little during the week, but they miss their regular school.

Sunday 7th 12th After Fairly. Sea still very high but the weather finer. I succeeded in getting the stowage ready for service at eleven. Just as it commenced a heavy shower rendered it necessary to cover the main hatch and I feared it would interfere with the service. It fortunately ceased shortly, and I said

prayers and preached without any other interruption than the heavy rolling of the ship. It was desirable to shorten the service as I was expecting a squall every minute. I believe the general rule in such cases is to omit the Litany, and I suppose in strictness this is the most correct arrangement. But the Litany ^{seems} to me so peculiarly suited to our case, being so full of home allusions as well as petitions for things most necessary to ourselves, that I determined to retain it - and cut out the Communion Office. In the afternoon I visited Miss Dyer and read the service with her, intending after dinner if possible to say prayers again in the stowage. This however I was unable to do, partly from the increased rolling of the ship and partly from the darkness of the evening. I gave out the Communion conditionally on the state of the weather. We have now had three weeks of squalls, and great and heavy seas, so that I do hope we may look for a favourable change, when a

things will go on again more in their usual routine. The boys were absent from school in the afternoon -

Monday 8th ~~the~~ boys attended school morning & evening. I baptiz'd Mrs. Kest-calf's little boy this morning, he being considered in danger by Dr. White. During the whole of this week the boys have attended school regularly morning & afternoon. I have been in the store-house daily, instructing the girls in writing, reading and cyphering Miss Dyer continuing unable to take the school. She is now - I am happy to say much better, but I am sure she is not strong enough to resume her duties though desirous to do so.

Sunday 14th 13th after Trinity. This morning the weather was fine and the ship tolerably steady, but the cold intense. At eleven o'clock full service under the main hatch. After service I celebrated the Holy Communion. There were only twelve communicants, but

this may well be accounted for by the extreme cold. At a quarter to five in the evening I again read prayers under the main hatch and churched Mrs. Wissett during the service. I forgot before leaving England to enquire what form of Baptism it would be proper to administer on board ship. It seems to me that I have no right to use the Form of Public Baptism in a not only unconsacrated but unlicensed place of worship. My opinion tallies with that of those whom I have consulted on the subject - and I have therefore determined that to use the Office for Private Baptism in all cases, ~~and~~ giving instruction to the parents to have the children subsequently received into the congregation, and stating the fact in the Register.

Monday 15 - to Saturday 20. Miss Dyer has not recovered her strength sufficiently to use

- undertake the school, but the boys have been kept regularly at work through the week. I have heard the girls read and set them copies and sums, in the stowage as time would suit so that they have not been altogether idle. On

Wednesday 19th I baptized two little girls Alice Winslett born on board, and Frances ~~Reada~~ Reada who was brought to sea and baptized. I used the form of Private Baptism.

Sunday 21st 14th aft Trinity. Feast of St. Matthew. Today the weather was fine but very cold. I performed full service at eleven in the stowage. In the afternoon the boys were up. In the afternoon I said prayers at five under the main hatch.

Monday 22 - to Saturday 27. Up till Wednesday in this week the after hatchway has been battened down so that the

school could not assemble in the stowage. Mr Parsons got the boys together in the afternoon in the stowage. From Thursday to Saturday school was regularly kept. Miss Dyer however I do not consider well enough to take the girls, and I have not allowed her to do so. On Wednesday 24th I baptized Sarah Ann Spillbury born on board.

Sunday 28th 15th aft Trinity. Full service in the stowage at 11. Said prayers and churched Mrs Westcote at five again in the stowage.

Monday 29th to Saturday Oct 4. School day for the boys. I have attended three days in the stowage teaching the girls.

Sunday 5th 16th aft Trinity. Full service at eleven in the stowage. Announced

The Holy Communion for next Sunday. In the afternoon I said prayers at five under the main hatch.

Monday 6th to Saturday 11th. As we are drawing near land, it becomes difficult to keep things in a settled state. However the boys have been pretty regular at school. On Wednesday morning at about 2 o'clock A.M. Thomas Tapie Sail maker departed this life after a short illness. I committed his body to the deep at 1 p.m.

Sunday 12th 17th aft. Trinity. At half past ten full service in the stowage. After service celebrated Holy Communion, with the offering. There were 10 communicants. The collection amounted to 5.1.6. In the afternoon I said prayers and Churched Mr Spillsbury at 5 o'clock in the stowage.

The rising water I broke up the school as we were expecting daily to make the land. We did not however visit till Thursday Sunday 19th 18th aft. Trinity. Full service at eleven in the stowage. came in sight of Banks' Peninsula about two o'clock. In the general excitement and confusion, and the noise of getting up the chain cables I thought it advisable not to celebrate choir service in the afternoon.

On Monday 20th evening we anchored in Port Lyttelton after a long but prosperous voyage of four calendar months.

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