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The Parthian

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Dec^r 14th ~~Nov 10~~ Rays out of
Boston. Crossed the Equator
this morning about 9 o'clock
in Longitude 28° W.
A sail in sight today. This
is the 4th sail we have
seen since leaving Boston.
Thermometer stood this morn-
ing at 40° in the sun.

My health is now pretty
good. Spent most of the
day in packing the life
Johnson. Owing to
indisposition & other in-
conveniences, I have been
unable as yet to apply
myself to much business.

Dec^r 15th Lat. 1° 40' S. Long. about 29
Weather fair. Thermometer 83 in
the shade. Spent most of the
forenoon in writing to my
parents. I regret very much
that my circumstances are so
unfavorable to secret devotion.
We have family worship and
other pleasant seasons of social
worship, but they do not suffice
for secret communion with God.
Prayer is the life of the Christian.
When kept from engaging in the
exercise, any spiritual man
languishes. This evening Sabbath
is appointed to social prayer.
May the Holy Spirit be with
us and vivify our hearts.

Dec^r 16th Sabbath. Brother Green
preached from the text "Grow
in grace." In the afternoon
several sailors and the first
mate attended worship in
the cabin.

In the morning found
much satisfaction in ~~re-~~
reading and meditating
on the 9th Chapter of John.

Felt some compunction
of conscience for doing so
little for the salvation
of those with whom we
sail. Resolved to seek
favourable opportunities
to recommend the religion
of Christ.

17th Lat. $5^{\circ} 36' S$. Passed
Cape St Reger to day,
but ^{not} in sight of land.
We are sailing about five
knots an hour. Mind S.C.

19th Lat. $9^{\circ} 12'$. One or two showers of rain to-day. A strong breeze from the S. E. We are now in the south trade winds. I am sailing $6\frac{1}{2}$ or 7 knots an hour.

I have been reading to-day Johnsons lives of the Poets. I find but little in any of them worthy of imitation except in Dr Watts. He is an example of almost every ^{thing} excellent. Johnson after saying that Watts makes philosophy subservient to religion says ^{in relation to his writings} "The attention is caught by indirect instruction, and he that sat down only to reason, is once succeeded compelled to pray."

20th Lat. $11^{\circ} 34'$ A strong breeze which carries ^{us} along 7 or 8 knots an hour. Saw a vessel today bound to America and felt no small regret that we

were not able to speak
with her. We discovered
her to be an American vessel
from her flag, which she hoisted
in answer to our flag.

21st Two or three sails seen
today, but at a great distance.
Found our ^{Lat.} to-day to be $14^{\circ} 24'$
Long 34° . We are now about
300 miles from the coast of
Brazil. Spent most of the
day in reviewing Astronomy.

Calculated the Latitude of the
ship from an observation
of the sun at noon. Resol-
ved to spend some part of my
time on ~~the~~ voyage in re-
viewing my College & Semina-
studies. I regret very much
that I am unable to improve my
my time no better on account
of interruption and the

want of conveniences for
study. Will endeavour to
remedy this in some meas-
ure by a greater effort of
diligence. Resolved carefully
to avoid doing or saying any
thing which may excite an
unkind feeling in any brother
or sister of the mission family.
~~For this~~ Will especially guard
against every appearance of
Selfishness.

22nd Lat $18^{\circ} 50'$ Long. $34^{\circ} 50'$

Fair wind & smooth sea
to day. The ship rocks but
little. Detined to the main ^{top}
this morning, & enjoyed a
refreshing season in commun-
ion with God. I spend
a little time every day in
the cultivation of sacred
music. O, that I might
be prepared to sing with
the spirit as well as with
the understanding.

23rd Sabbath. Experienced a
dull headache today, & con-
sequently felt unusual languor
in my feelings. How difficult
to rise above this clog of earth &
hold communion with God.

O, that I could ever remember
that my usefulness, safety ^{& happiness} depend
absolutely on entire devotedness
to God. May every day witness
my progress in holiness.

Went this morning to the sec-
lar's department & distributed
some Tract among them
which they received with
apparent eagerness. Offered
to ^{God} petition ^{that} they might
be blessed to their souls.

Dr Galick preached from what
do ye more than others. It
was pleasant in our little cabin
far distant from the sanctuaries of
our native land to listen to
the sermon of the Gospel.

24th Lat. 20° 20' Long 36° 30'
Dull heavy weather
all day. Although we are
almost directly under the
sun, the thermometer stands
no higher than 75°. We have
a Sandwich Island boy aboard
about 12 years old, who is
quite talkative & sprightly,
& affords us much amuse-
ment. He can talk a little
English. Spent the forenoon
in receiving navigation -
Have engaged in instructing
one of the natives in this branch
of ~~study~~ Mathematics. Have
today commenced a review
of the mission to the Sandwich
Islands from its first commence-
ment. I feel it to be of the
first importance to be well
acquainted with this field of
missionary labour, & the meas-
ures pursued by those who have
gone before me. I feel that
I am poorly for the resposibility

work to which my life is
devoted. I wish to keep my
mind constantly prepared for
any privation or any trial to
which I may be called.

May my only hope & trust be
in the Lord Jehovah.

25th Sat. 22° 40 Long. 27°

Fanned unusual pleasure
this morning in reading the
Acts of the Apostles & com-
muning with ^{God}. Felt a lively
sense of the goodness of God
in permitting me to become
a missionary of the cross.

The weather today is uncom-
fortably warm. We were at
noon almost directly under
the sun. There was a heavy
shower of rain last night accom-
panied with thunder & lightning but
I was too sound asleep to know
any thing about it until morning.

20th Lat 25-22' Long 29.30

A rough sea today, so that it is almost impossible to get about without supporting oneself by something. The wind is fair, and has continued on our way during the last 24 hours more than 200 miles. Thus our heavenly Father continues to prosper us.

What shall we render unto him for all his mercies? Saw a large tortoise floating along on the water.

The sameness of the scene which occupies our attention is enlivened by something new almost every day. Although we are almost directly under the sun, we have experienced no inconvenience today from the heat. We were this not far from Rio Janeiro.

27 This morning the wind
blew violently so that it was
necessary to take in nearly
all the sail. At the same
time, the rain poured down
in torrents. We have
now head winds and
are making our way but
slowly by beating, as it is
called, that making a
track like a Virginia penn
going first one way and
then the other.

The weather is so cool today
that we feel the need of
woolen clothes on deck.

The Thermometer ^{has been as} is ^{shown}
~~low~~ at 9°

28th Lat. $28^{\circ} 35'$ Thermometer this
morning stood at 70° -

Our progress to day has been
slow -

Sabb. evening Dec 30th 1827-

This is our 9th Sabbath on board the Parthian. We worship twice in the cabin. Preached this afternoon from the text, "There are many devices in a man's heart, nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand."

One of the officers and several of the crew were present. While impressing upon them the danger of rejecting the counsel of the Lord, my heart was moved with a tender solicitude for their souls. May the Lord accompany his own word with the influence of his Spirit & render it effectual to the salvation of these immortal souls. It is truly gratifying, that while the Captain & others neglect all the means

of grace, some are induced to attend with apparent ^{seriousness} upon the preaching of the word.

31st Another year has gone never to return. O that I might so number my days as to apply my heart unto wisdom. The ensuing year as well as the past will probably open to me new scenes, and place me in new and untried circumstances. May I so live as to secure the favour of God & the guidance of heavenly wisdom.

Jan^y 5th 1828. Lat. 36-37 S. Long 48

This morning appeared very much like the pleasant summer morning in New England.

The weather is just warm enough to be pleasant and comfortable. Spent the day in reviewing the Sermon on the Mission and in writing to my parents -

2^d Sat. 35-50. Our Heavenly
Father still prospers us.

The weather is mild & the
sea smooth, & we are
swepted safely on our voyage.

Our spirits were just revived
by the welcome news 'a sail
in sight' a very thing which
gives indication, that there
are other human beings in
existence beside our ~~own~~ little
company is a source of satis-
faction, although we cannot
see them. Every new vessel
that heaves in sight revives
the hope, that we shall be able
to forward communications to
our beloved, but far distant
friends. Our hopes have as
yet been disappointed.

We are now in the latitude
of Buenos Ayres five or six
hundred miles from land.

Thursday Evening Jan 3^d

Another day is gone. In reviewing it I can see but little that has been accomplished. As I have prepared some better conveniences for studying & writing, I hope to be able to pursue my studies with more regularity & diligence. I resolve to rise not much after 5 o'clock & spend the morning in studying the bible in the original. The forenoon after breakfast & exercise in writing & reviewing past studies. The afternoon in reading, writing & the cultivation of sacred music. Resolve also to be more attentive to secret devotion & the cultivation of vital piety. Learning may render me respectable in view of the world, but piety is indispensable to my usefulness.

Jan^y 4th Lat. 38° 40'

A heavy sea to day, which occasions an uncommon rocking & pitching of the vessel. Most of our number experience a slight relapse of sea-sickness. Owing to this cause, I have been able to attend to scarcely any business during the day. The Thermometer was as low as 60° at noon. The weather is quite chilly on deck.

Jan^y 5th Our rough sea was succeeded this morning by a calm. The wind blew set up again about noon, and is wafting us on our way. We have now been upon the ocean nine weeks & a merciful God has preserved us from its raging billows. I would call to mind his goodness and renew the dedication of myself to his service.

We have just caught a porpoise weighing about 150 lb. Its skin is perfectly smooth, and its flesh appears very much like the flesh of land animals.

We have also been amused by a large bird which has been sailing about the vessel. It is called albatros. It is judged to measure 10 or 11 feet from the end of one wing to the end of the other.

6th Sabbath. Brother Andrews preached a sermon, ~~upon~~ this morning upon the importance of avoiding little sins.

This afternoon upon the text Teach us so to number our days as to apply our hearts unto wisdom. More of the ship's company than usual attended. May the important truths which have been communicated deeply

impress all our hearts & bring
forth fruit in our lives.

I have experienced less pleasure
both in private & public worship,
to-day than I sometimes do.

I long for a more abiding sense
of God's presence - for more
perfect conformity to his will.

I find it difficult to relinquish
all hopes of earthly care & com-
fort & look forward to heaven
as my resting place. My

heart still clings to the Earth
notwithstanding I have re-
linquished most of the ob-
jects which I once held dear.

The simple fact that I have
become a missionary will
not secure me against world-
liness. Nothing but the Spirit
will keep me from dishonour-
ing the precious in which
I am engaged.

The sea appeared shallow
to-day we sounded, but

found no bottom. The weather is so cold as to be quite uncomfortable.

Jan. 7th Lat. 42° . A strong breeze to day which carries ^{us} along about 10 knots an hour. The vessel rocks so bad as to put every thing aboard in motion.

Observed the monthly concert to day. It was truly pleasant, while to see upon the great deep far from our native land to mingle our supplication with Christians in different parts of the world for the universal spread of the Gospel.

Jan 8th Lat. $44^{\circ} 10' S$. Long $29^{\circ} W$

We sailed during last night about 10 knots an hour. The rocking of the vessel was so great, it was ^{at} most impossible to sleep. I have been considerably affected with seasickness to day and unable to apply myself steadily to any business.

9th Lat. 45. Long. 60° 30'

A ship hove in sight this morning & came up so near, that we were enabled to speak with her. It was the Galatea, a whale ship from New Bedford. Our hopes of sending letters to America were excited, but disappointed.

10th Lat. 46°

We were for a little time this morning becalmed, but the wind soon breezed up again and is wafting us on our way.

Conversell this morning upon ^{the importance of} early rising, punctuality &c.

Set apart a certain number of hours every day as study hours, ~~to agree~~ ^{to observe} during which time agreed to observe silence in the cabin. Had some conversation with the officers on the subject of intemperance and the importance of entire abstinence. Found it difficult to convince men against their inclination.

11th Sat. 47° 50' S. Long. 61° W.

The vessel has roched so much to & fro with the clay, that I have been laid up with sea-sickness. This disease is somewhat trying to the patient, but I hope I shall be enabled to exercise submission to the divine will. I need herein such discipline to prepare me for my future labours & trials.

13th Sabbath. Sat. 51° 10' S. Long. 63°

We are now sailing between the Falkland Islands & the main land. The sea is rough & some of our number are sick. This is the case with my dear wife, who has been afflicted occasionally with seasickness ever since we sailed. I have been so much affected by the rocking of the ship, as ^{not} to enjoy this sacred day of rest. But the voyage of life will soon be over. I hope then to enter upon a rest, which sickness & pain cannot interrupt. I sometimes almost long to be admitted to ~~be~~ that everlasting rest. But I should

Cheerfully endure all the trials
and perplexities which my heav-
enly Father shall appoint for me
in this world; remembering that
it is through much tribulation,
that we must enter into the
kingdom of heaven. And shall
a living man complain, a man
for the punishment of his sins".
Brother Green preached today.
In the morning upon Justification.

This afternoon showed the in-
dispensable connection between
sin & suffering. This is the 11th
sabbath we have passed on board
the Parthian -

14th Lat. 52° 16' S.

We have exchanged berths today
with brother Green according to pre-
vious arrangements. I find myself
in a much better situation for
study, & hope to improve my time
better than I have done.

15th Lat. 53° 28' Long. 64.

Commenced a sermon today on
the subject text, we walk by faith
not by sight. I hope to finish it

a subject propiacle to my own
soul.

The weather is cold & uncomfor-
table. The Thermometer has been
as low as 45° or 46° . We are now
beating about in a rough sea
not far from Staten land.

The sun sets as late as 8 o'clock or
after, & rises a little before 4 o'clock.

The twilight continues nearly
all night.

16th Lat. $53^{\circ} 47'$ S.

Our progress to-day has been
slow. The winds have been
light & variable. We hope to
behold land tomorrow.

My mind is extremely in-
action & sluggish. I find it
very difficult to apply myself
to close study. I find my af-
fections all cold & languid - my
feelings little moved in prayer.
Sometimes I attribute this to
my peculiar situation, and

hostily indisposition. From
whatever source it arises, it
renders me unhappy. I am
compelled to exclaim, my lan-
guage! my language! I know I
blame the powers of my heavenly
~~God~~ Father for ^{my} impatience.

I would desire to return unto
him with penitence & humility,
& renew the dedication of
myself to his service. Sounded today
^{and forged the water 70 barrels -}
by the In the morning we
were becalmed - ~~in~~ This after-
noon ~~was~~ violently tossed by
the winds & the waves. Our
attention was arrested by a large
bird called Albatross. These birds
have been frequent visitors for
two or three weeks. They often
sail around the ship, & sometimes
light & ride upon the waves. Their
body is about half as large as a
goose & their wings three times
as long. Another bird has just made
its appearance called Cape hen -

18th Lat. 54° 38'.

This morning about 9 o'clock we were delighted with the sight of land. It is the first we have seen since leaving Boston harbor.

It was truly delight to see the mountainous prospect which the ocean presents interrupted with land, although wild & rugged. Although seen at a distance through a mist no prospect ever afforded me greater pleasure.

It was supposed at first to be Cape St. Diego, but we have at length concluded it to be the eastern part of Staten Land. It presents a range of rugged mountains, which vary in their appearance as we change our position.

Several of our number are employed in taking a sketch of them as they appear from the ship.

The weather is much more mild & pleasant than we have known it for some time. A beautiful little bird visited

Jan^y 20th Sabbath. Distributed a
handful of tracts this morning
among the sailors, and ad-
dressed a few words to them on
the subject of religion.

Brother ^{Gulish} preached and gave us
some good instruction. We learn
line upon line & precept upon pre-
cept, but how little do we prof-
it by it. Hail today for the
first time.

Jan^y 21st Sat. 54. 27. We are
still tossed about upon the stor-
my ocean not far from Staten
Land. The winds are high,
and the waves sometimes
seem to threaten to bury us in
the deep. But that being who
controls the winds & the waves
^{preserves} us in safety. My dear Mary
& has been so sick as to keep her
bed all day. The Lord is cher-

tering us, but I trust in mercy.

22^d Through the goodness of God we are again making progress on our way in safety. The weather has not yet been so boisterous in this part of our voyage as I expected. The Lord has been better than our fears.

I have felt pretty well to-day, & have been enabled to pursue my studies with some success. But my dear wife is still languishing. May the Lord ^{speedily} restore her to health if consistent with his holy will.

23^d Lat. 56. 36.

There was such a constant patching last night, it was almost impossible to sleep. The winds & the waves have continued to rage during most of the day. The waves sometimes break over the deck with

tremendous fury, & threaten to carry every thing before them. ~~The~~
In the language of Scripture, we mount up to heaven, & go down again into the deep. The Lord, however keeps us in safety.

The motion of the vessel has been so great to-day we were unable to set the table for dinner. Each one took what he could get in his fingers & ate it with a good relish. We have had ~~had~~ out but little sail all day - We are now in the most dangerous part of our voyage. I hope we may deeply feel our dependence upon our heavenly Father for protection.

July 24th Lat. 54° S.

We are still contending with contrary winds, our progress is therefore slow. The winds & waves have been more calm than yesterday. I have spent most of the day in preparing

a sermon for the next sabbath.
I find it pleasant, as well as profitable to contemplate the different bearings of divine truth.

Jan'y 25th Lat. 58^o 7. Long. 67^o

We are now so far south, that the twilight continues all night.

The sun sets between 8 & 9 and rises between 3 & 4.

We have been directing our course towards the south, but have just tacked & are now steering to the N. W.

Our water most of the way has tasted unpleasantly, but to-day, it has been insufferable. We were unable, this evening, to drink the tea made with it. By the kindness of the Captain we have been supplied with better.

I have finished a sermon to-day on Faith. I have found it an interesting subject.

Jan^y 27th Sabbath. I have to lament
the want of zeal in the service of Christ.

I have been permitted today to proclaim
the truth of God to my dying fellow
sinner, but have not felt as I ought
the worth of souls, & the power of divine
truth in my own heart. May God
pardon my coldness, & enable me to
serve him ^{with more} fervour & zeal.

28th We are now west of Cape Horn,
but are obliged to go a little out of
our course in consequence of head
winds. We are sailing very quietly
to-day & with a good degree of respectivity.

Jan^y 29th We have been becalmed nearly
all day. In consequence of it, a circum-
stance has taken place which has set my
spirit in no small flutter. A large
aquatic bird called Albatross is very com-
mon in these seas. To-day, the Captⁿ shot
one with a musket, as it sat upon the
water. We all felt some anxiety to get it,
that we might have a near view of it.
There was no boat which could be sent
out very conveniently. One of the most
active sailors proposed to swim out &

get it. As the Capt^t rather encouraged
it, he plunged in & swam for the
Albatros. He took a coil with him
but lost it before he had proceeded
far. The water was ^{quite} cold, & before
he reached the bird, the ship was
probably 60 or 70 fathoms from it. He
got the Albatros, & directed his course
back. By this time we were all trem-
bling for his safety. The effort was
quite too much for him. Seeing his
situation, Phelps, one of the Sandwich
Islanders with us, plunged in with a
board ^{coil}, & a rope, & swam to his assistance.
The sailor was so chilled & exhausted
he needed more assistance, & Phelps
called for a boat. A boat was sent as
soon as possible, & both were brought safe
aboard with the Albatros. Our extreme
anxiety for the sailor was relieved, & our
curiosity gratified with the bird.

It measured 10 feet backing one inch
from the end of one wing to the end
of the other. Its size is considerably
larger than that of a goose.

Two small whelps made us a visit
to day.

Jan^y 30th Lat. 58^o 8.

We had a fair wind during the night & the first part of the day; but it now veers. An albatross was caught today with a hook, & hauled on cleek ahine. After our curiosity was gratified, it was set at liberty again, with a strip of cloth about its neck, to wander about a little longer in this dreary region.

Feb^y 1st ^{Clear} I awoke early this morning by the excessive tossing of the ship. The winds ^{& waves} continued to beat upon us with great violence most of the day. At such times the situation of a part of our number is extremely unpleasant, as sea sickness invariably returns upon us. Myself & wife are at among those who suffer not a little at such times. It requires no small share of patience to be tossed about so long in these boisterous seas. I hope we shall be enabled to exercise filial submission

to that being who controls the
winds & the waves, & here hearts to
say, it is all for the best.

Feb 3^d. Lat. 56. 30.

Sabbath. Thought this morning
what a happiness it would be,
if I could go up to day with the
multitude to the house of God in
my native land. But felt thankful
I trust that though tossed upon the
billows of the ocean, I can assemble
with a few dear brethren & sisters
and worship God in the way of
his own appointment. Felt some
earnestness in prayer this morning
for my dear friends, & the prosperity
of Zion. Recd with my dear Mary
the life of Martyn. I have to contem-
plate the character ~~the~~ of that dear saint,
and long to possess the same zeal
perseverance, humble piety which
shone so conspicuous in him.
Another Andrews preached in the

morning from 1 Oct. 1. 12.

This afternoon Bro. Green from Rom. 1. 16. I am not ~~afraid~~ ashamed of the Gospel of Christ &c. - I find it more difficult to derive spiritual benefit from the preaching of the Gospel, than I did before I was invested with the sacred office.

I find myself inclined to hear as a critic, rather than as one who would receive with meekness the unprejudiced word. I long for a more humble child-like spirit, when I go to the word of God, or hear it preached.

This is the 14th sabbath we have spent on board the Parthian. How much longer, we shall be confined to this unpleasant abode, I know not. I cheerfully resign this & all other events to the decision of infinite wisdom.

4th Sat 5 P., 5 C. Our progress since yesterday has been more rapid than usual. We have now passed the dangerous goal

of Cape Horn. The wind is fair & we are conducted speedily towards the place of our destination. It is the first Monday in the month. The thought that our dear friends in America are perhaps at this moment praying for us is truly cheering to my spirits. I trust in answer to their prayers, God will give us a ~~prosperous~~ prosperous voyage & bring in due time to the place of our destination. We are soon to assemble to mingle our supplications with multitudes throughout the Christian world for the universal spread of the Gospel. May they ascend from fervent hearts.

July 5th Lat. 51. The wind is still favouring us, & the weather is becoming more mild as we approach towards the Equator. A large porpoise was heard spouted today by one of the sailors measuring

8 feet in length, & weighing as is sup-
posed 150 or 200 pounds. We have con-
cluded to have some of it for breakfast,
if we like it. Have spent most of
the day in Masheim's Eccl. History.

The ambition & arrogance ^{of the clergy} in the 3rd & 4th
centuries presents
a strange contrast to the meek &
humble spirit of the religion they
professed - A striking proof of hu-
man depravity. It is astonishing how
soon the primitive simplicity &
humble piety almost expired in the
Church. A history of the Church
is far from being a history of the ^{true} re-
ligion of Jesus.

Feb^y 7th Lat. 45^o 26'

Our heavenly Father is still
crowing us with loving kindness
& tender mercy. For several days
past our voyage has been highly
prosperous. We have sailed from
7 to 10 knots an hour, and with
but little rocking of the vessel.

Agreeably to the advice of Mr Everts,
we set apart this day as a season
of special thanksgiving. Here we
set up our Ebenezer, and acknowledge
that hitherto the Lord hath helped
us. It has been a pleasant & I trust
a profitable season to us all.

We have endeavoured to call to
mind the goodness of God in
employing us as Missionaries of the
cross, & in bringing through the
most dangerous part of our voy-
age in safety; and have rendered
to him we would hope a tribute
of praise ^{from} grateful hearts -

Feb 10th Lat 40. 20 Long 80.

The weather is now mild & pleas-
ant. Our progress is slow, but very
quiet & still. Today has seemed
more like the sabbath than any we
have spent or heard the Partner.

We have had two good discourses,
one from br. Green, the other from
br. Andrews. Some of the ship's
company were present this afternoon.
I cannot but hope some good im-
pression was made. To me the
sabbath has been a pleasant, & I would
hope a profitable one. I felt more
than usual fervour this morning in
secret devotion, & my mind was
in a pleasant frame during the public
exercis. Had ~~some~~ ^{a little} conversation
with some of the sailor at noon, & gave
^{them} a few tracts. May the Lord bless
them to their spiritual good.

Th. Ther. to day 66-

Feb. 11th Lat. 38. 22'

The weather is still pleasant & we
are making good progress.
We were call an duck to see a fish
called Greenpus. It is a large
fish of the whale kind. They
came up out of the water in

great numbers. They were the first of the kind we have seen.

Spent the A.M. in writing a sermon the P.M. most of an history.

My heart has been cold & my feelings languid most of the day. I find it hard to prepare for the duties of the sabbath with a cold heart. How important for a minister to keep his heart with all diligence.

July 12th Lat. 35. 32.

Our progress since yesterday has been rapid. The air coming suddenly into warm weather again. The thermometer today is as high as 76° summer heat.

Finished today a sermon on the text "quench not the Spirit"

The sudden change of weather of weather produces considerable languor of both body & mind.

Feb. 13th Lat. 33. 9. Long. 81° W.

We have been permitted to-day to behold land once more. Early this morning, we came in sight of a small island situated a little west of Juan Fernandez. It seems to arise almost perpendicularly out of the water, and looked very majestic at the distance we saw it. It is not often visited as it is difficult of access. The rugged mountains, I understand are covered with wild goats.

To-day has been mostly spent in writing letters to friends in my native land. It is my earnest prayer that the influence, I may exert upon the beloved friends whom I expect no more to behold, may be salutary - such as I shall wish it to have been at the day of final retribution.

Feb. 15th Lat. 28. 58.

Our heavenly Father still smiles upon us. Every day bears witness to his loving kindness &

tender mercy. We are favoured
with prosperous winds, with
health & every necessary com-
fort. What shall I render
unto the Lord for all his ben-
efits?

Feb 17th Lat. 24. 51.

Sabbath. I would feel grate-
ful for the blessings of another
Sabbath. It has been a pleasant,
& I would hope a profitable
day. The sky has been clear &
the weather uncommonly mild
& pleasant. My feelings, I would
hope, have, in some measure cor-
responded with the serenity of na-
ture. I enjoyed a delightful ses-
sion of communion with God
this morning. I felt an unusual
freedom in praying all on board.

the ship. How long shall
the name of God be profaned
in our ears? O, that the spirit
of God might descend, like
a mighty rushing wind in
our midst. Br. Gulik
preach. A few of the ship's
company attended as usual.
Feb 18th Lat. 22° 58'.

We have to-day crossed the
tropic of Capricorn the second
time, and are now in the
torrid zone. The wind has
chill away this afternoon, con-
sequently the heat is rather op-
probrious. I find it difficult
to improve every moment as it
passes. I desire to feel more
deeply, that every moment
of time is of incalculable value.

Feb'y 19th Lat. 22. 7.

Our progress to-day has been slow. The wind has died away almost to a calm. We were not a little alarmed this morning by the forming of water spouts a short distance from the vessel. They sometimes prove very destructive to vessels at sea.

They seemed to form & move about very much like whirlwinds on land. They may be broken by firing into them which is commonly resorted to when they threaten a vessel.

Feb'y 21st Lat. 19. 56 S. Long. 92.

Thermometer today at 83° in the shade. We do not yet suffer from the heat, as our cabin is now well aired. The wind is light our progress is, therefore, slower than it has been.

I have commenced a sermon on the text, It is good to be zealously affected always in a good cause.

I design to apply it partic-
ularly to our own circumstances
as a mission family engaged
in the good work of evangel-
izing the heathen.

July 23^d Lat. 14° 46' Long. 95°.

The winds for a day or two
have been ~~for~~ most of the time
light, our therefore has been slow.
Have been most of the day pre-
paring sermons to preach to mor-
row. A large whale passed
by the ship today at a little dis-
tance, supposed to be 20 or 30 feet
long. His motion ^{was} very moderate.

July 24th Sabbath. A pleasant day.
Felt some fervency this morning in
secret prayer. Preached two sermons
with rather more feeling than usual.
It ^{is} truly painful to see the neglect mani-
fested by the ship's company to the
means of grace. Only one attended public worship.

Feb 26th Lat. 14. 40 S. Long. 102. W.

I feel to-day considerably the debilitating effects of the warm weather. I find it more difficult to pursue my studies with vigor than in a colder climate.

Feb 28th Lat 13° S. Long. 104. W.

To-day has been set apart, as I suppose, by the churches at home as a season of fasting & prayer for colleges. An object calculated to ~~excite~~ ^{excite} the feelings of all who take an interest in the prosperity of religion at home, or in the efforts to send the Gospel to the heathen.

I have endeavored, while afar off upon the sea, to send up my desires ~~for~~ to God for this interesting object.

March 2^d

Sabbath. This is the 18th sabbath I have spent on board the Particular. It has been a pleasant day, though uncomforably warm as the sun is almost vertical.

Mr Andrews preached from John 3. 14 & from the words Strive to enter in at the strait gate &c

~~I design to apply it particularly
to our own circumstances as a
mission family engaged in the
good work of evangelizing the
heathen.~~

~~July 23~~

I am rapidly drawing near the
field of my future labours. I
feel, I would hope, the importance
of renewing my diligence in
the service of Christ. Without
a heart supremely & constantly
devoted to God, I shall sink under
the complicated labours & trials
of a missionary life. O that
God would give me all that
prudence, zeal & perseverance which
I shall so much need.

March 4th Lat. 5. 52 Long. 115°

We observed last evening the monthly
concert for the 4th time on board
the Parthian. We praise the pray-
ers of our Christian friends offered
up on these occasions, & would be

encouraged by them to go forward with renewed zeal in the work to which we have devoted our lives.

The sun was today virtick
Its direct rays, ~~were~~ ^{are} intensely hot, &
but ^{the} wind keeps us comfortable.

March 6th Lat. 3^o. 5' S.

The wind is light, but we make a little progress every day. The sun in this latitude often exhibits a brilliant aureole when rising.

This was the case yesterday morning. Just before the sun arose, the clouds were tinged with a variety of the most beautiful colours. Then the sun marched up from the midst of the ocean, & cast his brilliant beams upon a vast expanse of waters. The supper rather more today from heat than usual. The

Thermometer does not rise so high
as I have known it in New England,
but the direct rays ~~of~~ of the sun
are vastly more uncomfortable.

March 9th Lat. $0^{\circ} 25' S.$ Long. $117^{\circ} W.$
Sabbath. Mr Green preached in
the morning from the words, Pray without
ceasing. In the afternoon, on Christian
dignity. Three or four of the ships
company attended.

Went into the sailors department
this morning, distributed a few tracts
& held some conversation with the seamen.
One promised to attend public worship,
which he did. What will be the
condemnation of these precious
souls, who turn their backs upon
the preached Gospel, when it is brought
to their very doors? O Lord open their
eyes, that they may see their danger
& flee from the wrath to come.

Our attention was our more attracted
to day, by several large whales, which continued
to spout & play ^{near} ~~upon~~ the surface of the water for some time.

March 13th Lat. 5. 2' N. Long. 120° W.

We crossed the Equator on the 9th inst. Since that time our progress has been slow. We were almost becalmed yesterday, & the weather was so warm as to be quite oppressive. Today we have had a heavy shower of rain & caught water in abundance. We have been becalmed nearly all day.

March 15th Lat. 5. 49' N.

We have been becalmed nearly all the time yesterday & today. In consequence of this the heat has become very oppressive. In a cool shade the thermometer stood at 88°. In the sun at 122.

The seamen have become quite impatient, as a calm is what they abhor above all things.

We are now so near the place of our destination, it is trying to us all to be detained, but we shall have a favourable wind when it is best we should.

March 16th Sabbath. Mr Gelick
preached. This is the 20th sabbath we
have spent on board the Parthian.
We have a light breeze today & are
again making some progress on
our way.

March 18th Lat. 8. 38. N. The wind
blew up very strong yesterday about
noon... For the last 24 hours, we
have sailed 200 miles. This has
produced so much motion in the
ship, that several of our number are
considerably affected with sea-sickness.
This is the case with myself & Mary.
I shall feel grateful, I trust, when
I am permitted once more to dwell
on solid ground, where I can
no more feel that tossing of the ship
which has occasioned so much suffer-
ing for five long months.

March 19th Lat. 9. 58. During the
last 24 hours, we have sailed 214
miles. For a little time last night

we sailed 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles in an hour.

I feel better to-day than yesterday, but am completely tired of the sea. As I draw near the field of my future labours, I am almost overwhelmed with a sense of my ~~in-~~ability. I never more deeply appreciate my than at present. I sometimes fear I am totally unprepared for the great work before me. Who is sufficient for these things? I am not so much concerned about trials, as I am about my ability to be useful. My only consolation is, that God can make use of weak means to accomplish his purposes. He can give me strength equal to my day, & in him alone would I put my trust.

March 21st We are still sailing over 200 ^{miles} a day, & consequently ~~rapidly~~ are rapidly approaching the field of our future labours.

As we expect soon to enter up-
on the untried scenes of a mission-
ary life, we have set apart this
day as a season of fasting & prayer.

I would humbly hope, it has
been a profitable season to us all,
& that we may be better prepared
by it for the great & good work
in which we expect soon to engage.

God has been afflicting one of our
number with dangerous illness,
but is again appearing in mercy
for which we would be truly
grateful.

March 23.^d This is ^{our} ~~the~~ 21st & I
would hope ~~the~~ last sabbath on
board the Parthian. We held re-
ligious worship as usual. As it
was my turn to preach, I my fellow
missionaries in the morning from
Phil. 1. 23. and in the afternoon
the mission family & a few of the

ship's company from Rom. XIV. 12,
"So then every one of us shall give
account of himself to God." I have
taken some satisfaction, I would
hope to-day in divine worship. If
I know my own heart, I love the
holy sabbath & all the institutions
of God's word. O, that I could
feel more deeply my obligations to
God, & the responsibility of the station
which I am called to occupy! O,
that I could feel more deeply the
worth of souls, & be more zealously
engaged in saving them from eternal
death!

March 26th Sat. 19: 40' Long. 150:

We have made good progress
since my last date & are now
cruising near the islands. We hope
to see land to-morrow. I have been
busily engaged this week in writing a sermon
upon the text, If any man have not the spirit of Christ
he is none of his.

March 29th Off Hawaii. Last night, as the wind blew almost a gale, & the Capt. supposed we were near land, he shortened sail. This morning about 7 o'clock, Hawaii, to our no small gratification burst upon our view. Soon after, we had a delightful prospect of Mauna Kea. It raised its snow white summit far above the clouds. We are now directing our course towards Oahu with Hawaii & Maui full in view. I long to meet the dear brethren, who are toiling on these islands, & learn how the work of God prospers in their hands.

~~Sabbath~~ March 30th Through the good providence of God, we have arrived off the harbour of Honolulu. Soon after our afternoon worship we heard a boat came to us from a ship laying at anchor. We heard with our no small satisfaction, that the missionaries now at Honolulu are

all well. Our feelings on ~~approach~~
approaching the spot to which we have
been anxiously looking forward for
so long months, can be better ima-
gined than described. A thousand
associations rush upon our thoughts
& render the present moment the
most interesting in our ~~life~~ lives.

Nothing can exceed the wildness of
the scenery which Oahu, ^{presents} as now
seen from the ship. Among these
mountains & valleys we expect to
spend our days in guiding souls
to Jesus, & ^{we} we expect to moulder until
the resurrection. We hope soon to greet
some of ~~our~~ ^{the} beloved missionaries & re-
join & praise God with them on our
safe arrival.

March 31st We have at length ar-
rived safely at our long desired ha-
ven. Soon after we anchored last
evening we directed a line to Mr. Sing-
ham informing him of our arrival.

Before dark Messrs Bingham,
Goodrich & Chamberlin came out
to the Parthian & bid us a joyful
welcome. The interview seemed
more like the meeting of long absent
friends than entire strangers. Im-
mediately on entering the cabin
Mr Bingham exclaimed the Lord had
been better to us than our fears.

After spending a few moments in
mutual inquiries the brethren left
us. The next day Mr Goodrich came
on board to assist us in preparing
to land. About 11 o'clock most
of us with part of our effects landed
on the beach about half a mile from
the mission house, where we were
met by Mr Bingham & Mr Hume. The
beach was so thronged by ~~the~~
natives eager to shake hands with
the new missionaries, we could hard-
ly press our way through them.
Aloha, Aloha resounded from a
thousand mouths. On our way to
Mr Bingham's, we called on Wahimani,

& were severally introduced to her. She received us with a smiling countenance, & said she was much rejoiced on account of our arrival. She accompanied us to Mr Bingham's where we met several other chiefs. We then united in offering to Coel a tribute of thanks for our safe arrival, & our supplications for the continuance of his blessing upon this favoured mission.

April 2. When we arrived Boki was absent. He returned to-day & soon informed Mr Bingham, that he should be happy to meet the new missionaries. We immediately paid him our respects at the house of Fura-raca the commander of the standing army. Boki & the general met us a little distance from the door & politely escorted us into the house. We were then introduced to Madam Boki & several other chiefs. After we were

sented, Boki handed Mr Bingham
a line containing an expression of
~~his feelings~~ of his feelings on our ar-
rival. The following is a literal
translation. "Love to you ye
missionaries who have now come
hither to this place. I am much
joyful by you on account of
your arrival here. It is God,
doubtless that has caused you &
us to meet together just now. My
heart is sorry that I was residing
in another place." Na Boki.

After Boki communication
was read & translated, Hachumane
presented in writing her views &
feelings on ^{our} ~~the~~ arrival. ~~of the~~ The
following is a literal translation.
Kind affection for you all, ye
missionaries all, the company of
kinred beloved. This is my
sentiment, the love & great joy
of my heart towards God, on ac-
count of his sending you hither to

help us, that you & we may dwell
together in the shade of his salvation,
and in his name, that we & you
may labour affectionately for him.
Joy is mine & great rejoicing towards
you all, on account of his again send-
ing you hither to support us here.
My heart thanks God for our being
now blessed by his causing us now
personally to meet together. God
will to you & us all. May our souls
be saved by Jesus Christ. That is the
finishing of the thought.

Elisabeth Haakmann

These letters were written entirely by
themselves. After they were read
& replied to, a large & elegant Bible
which we brought was presented to
Boki & another to Haakmann, also to
Haakmann an engraving of the Lord's
supper. Boki wished to know, if the
Bible contained the whole of the word
of God & ~~how~~ how long it would take to

translate it all into the native language. After this interview we all repaired to the chapel to attend a ^{state} service in the native language.

There was a thousand or more attentive hearers present. It was a sight truly delightful to the heart of a Christian. At the close of the service two couple neatly dressed were united in marriage. Baku accompanied the missionaries to Mr Bingham's & took tea with them.

x April 5th For two or three days past I have been much engaged in getting my things ~~on~~ ashore & opening them. They seem to have come very safely. I have for the present moved into the house formally occupied by Mr Ellis, which I find a quiet lodging place after tossing about upon the water 5 months. We still board at Mr Bingham's.

April 7th yesterday being the
sabbath, a native sermon was attend-
ed at 9 o'clock in the morning. The
house was crowded to overflowing.
2000 persons were supposed to be pres-
ent, & a more regular & attentive
audience I scarcely ever beheld.
Such a sight speaks volumes in fe-
vour of missionary operations.
At 11 o'clock Mr Green preached in
~~the native language~~ in English.
Quite a number were present
from the ships in port. In the
evening I ~~attended~~ ^{board} preached on
the enterprise, Capt. Swan from
~~Dunstable~~ Nantucket. A considerable
number of Captains & other officers
were present from the ships in
port. We were much gratified to find
a ship of the character of the Enterprise in
port, as well as with our kind reception

from the natives. It seems a
real revival of religion has been
experienced on board the enterprise
since she has been in the Pacific.
None were hopelessly pious when
she sailed but the captain. Many
others now give pretty good evidence
that of a saving change. Some of
them appear very well indeed.
While in port they had much
friendly intercourse with the mis-
sionaries. The Bethel flag was
hoisted on board the ship while she
continued in port every sabbath
evening; when the missionaries attend-
ed worship on board, which was
often very interesting. To our re-
gret the ship has now sailed, but
we trust the blessing of ^{will go} ~~will~~ ^{with} her.
This evening we attended the month-
ly concert for the first time on board
in shore -

April 8th The people universally
seem to be very much rejoiced
on account of our arrival. A
circumstance occurred this evening
^{which} illustrates their good will towards
us. Mr. Andrews, Green, & myself
walked out this evening upon a
hill a little distance from Mr
Bingham's, where we found several
native houses, the chief man of the
place seemed to be very much re-
joiced to see us, & sent his boy
Thom with us with a pig as a
present. Since our arrival, the
two mission families at this place
have received a great variety of
presents in articles of food, ^{principally} from the
chiefs consisting of pigs, turkeys &
other fowls, fish, cabbages, onions, potatoes,
water melons, taro, bananas, coconuts
grapes & oranges.

April 9th The missionary Packet sailed today for Hawaii to invite the brethren on Hawaii & Maui to a general meeting. Mr Gulick has gone with the Packet. This afternoon a service was attended in the native language, & this evening Mr Green preached in English.

We have not yet seen the young King as he is absent on a visit to another part of his dominions. We hope, he will return before the general meeting of the missionaries.



