

Diary of William JENKINS 18 May 1863 to 6 Feb 1864

This is a combined transcript taken from two different typescripts held privately.

Typescript 1: Belonged to Eunice Elizabeth Mewis Chambers, the daughter of William Jenkins' son, William Naylor Jenkins. This copy features much underlined text. The transcript at Hocken Collections, Dunedin (MS-0856) appears to be the same as this and is annotated "Transcribed (1957) from the original which was presented to the Alexander Turnbull Library 1934."

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Monday. [18 May 1863] Went back to Gravesend - and on arrival found the ship had just gone up to the E. India Docks - so I followed her up – and found it impracticable to get the Natives ashore that day – procured them some fresh provisions and engaged lodgings for the next day at a Coffee house in the neighbourhood. Returned to London and left Mr Brent with the Natives.

Tuesday. [19 May 1863] Returned to the docks - found an old New Zealand Missionary with the Natives he had found them out and had held service in the Native tongue - his name is Stack, he is a very sincere man and feels much for the welfare of the New Zealanders - Went ashore with the Natives and saw them safely lodged in the Coffee house. Mr Brent still with them. Returned to London and slept there.

Wednesday. [20 May 1863] Off again to Limehouse and then heard from Mr Stack that Col. Hughes had invited the Natives to take up their residence at the "Asiatic Strangers Home" - I gladly accepted the offer and we at once removed thither. It is a spacious building - has every convenience, accomodation and comfort and there are many kind hearted Christian men in that very praiseworthy establishment. There is a home - Asiatic and South Sea Island wanderers - those who are too poor to pay are kindly taken in and fed, and sent home to their Native Country. And only a very moderate charge is made to others who can afford to pay for their board. The place is well supplied with Baths of all kinds and every convenience for washing etc. - in fact nothing was lacking to make every inmate comfortable and happy. The Medical gentleman of the institution vaccinated the New Zealanders as we heard that the small pox was raging in the neighbourhood.

Thursday. [21 May 1863] Called on several parties to whom I had introductions. London streets presented to our view many strange scenes - Among other things I could not help observing how robust and healthy the Omnibus drivers appeared almost without an exception, and then there were the shoe blacks - Boys who clean shoes for a penny - the eagerness with which they eye a passer by - and the dexterity they display in putting a first rate polish on your shoes in a very few seconds - Many of them belong to the ragged school and wear badges.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Blank

Monday. [25 May 1863] Called on Mr Ridgway, 40 Leicester Sqr. he was glad to see me - gave me a hearty Welsh welcome - a heavy slap on the back – said he was the man to help us - anything he had was at our service – showed me all his New Zealand curiosities - told me to make use of them – and of himself in any way I chose to further my project. Mr R. is an eccentric man but may prove a valuable friend.

Tuesday to following Saturday week: Blank

Saturday. [6 Jun 1863] Went by special invitation to the horse guards to see the parade of the household troop - but, the weather being bad it was postponed - so we only got a sight of the Guards - Visited their stables and then proceeded to the "United Service Museum" when we were escorted by Lord Lennox and several persons of distinction. The Natives were greatly delighted with the many objects of interest they saw there - and at 1 o'clock we proceeded to the Crystal Palace (by special invitation). This was a great treat to the natives - the Needle Making and the Cotton spinning machinery most attracted their notice – The statuary was - to their notions - very indecent. The Concert, especially the laughing song by Madame Carlotta Patti highly delighted them.

Sunday. [7 Jun 1863] Spent the day with Hirini - one of our chiefs - at the house of my old and dear friend Thos. Hunt. Heard the great Mr Binney preach in the morning - both myself and the Native chief took the Sacrament and Mr Binney touchingly alluded to the fact in his address to the communicants - had an interview with Mr B. in the vestry after Service - Mr Binny's style of preaching is simple in the extreme but at the same time truly apostolical and deeply impressive. His voice, attitude, countenance and general expression were calculated to fix the attention, secure the respect and deeply to affect the heart. I felt as tho I were listening to the loving voice of a kind and affectionate father - I hope to hear many such sermons while in London - We returned to Mr Hunt's to supper and went home at 11 p.m.

Monday. [8 Jun 1863] Received numerous visitors - Made enquiries about Photographs - 2 dissolving views. Called at our friend Ridgeways - Received numerous invitations - among which was one from the Zoological Society to visit their gardens - another from the "Times" office - to inspect their establishment - also the British Museum - H.M. Opera - Bank of England - Barclay's Brewery – Hodge's Distillery - and sundry others, in fact we are becoming very noted characters in the fashionable circles of London - If we venture in the street hundreds surround us in an instant, We are vulgarly - as well as genteely mobbed everywhere.

Tuesday. [9 Jun 1863] Went at 1 p.m. to the Horse Guards to meet, by special request - H.R.H. The Duke of Cambridge - who held a Levee there - arrived there at 12 and were introduced to many distinguished individuals among whom were Col. Tyrwhite Marquis of Donegal - Adjutant Genl. Sir Jas. Scarlett - Major Genl. Sir Harry Jones K.C.B., Col. Chapman, Royal Engineers - Col. Greathead and others. The Duke's Aid de Camp was first introduced to the myself and the Chiefs (the latter wore their Native Costume) A great many questions were put to the Natives and great curiosity was excited. At a quarter before 1 H.R.H. The Duke was announced - and we were to be presented first of all. The Duke entered the room - I was introduced to His Royal Highness by Mr Ridgeway - and was closely questioned on the subject of the Chief's visit. I then introduced each Chief to the Duke who put questions to and received answers from each as we passed along. The Natives all expressed a wish to see the Queen. The Duke promised that that wish should be gratified - H.R.H. appeared to take a deep interest in the party and recommended that they should visit Woolwich Dock Yards and Arsenal and other places of importance. After spending some time in conversation we retired to our dressing room - and the Duke

proceeded with his Levee - we were all highly gratified with the condescension of the Duke. The Natives were surprised to see H.R.H. so plainly dressed - while his Aid de Camp was so gaily attired - - at 2 o'clock we drove off to 40 Leicester Square where our friend Mr Ridgeway provided luncheon for the party. At 4 p.m. we drove back to our residence - pleased with our days adventure.

Wednesday. [10 Jun 1863] This has been a great day for us we are really rising high on the ladder of fame but we must go yet higher still. Yesterday we received an invitation from the Council of the Horticultural Society to attend at the Ceremonial of the "Uncovering of the Memorial" of H.R.H. the Prince Consort in the Society's Gardens - this is one of the greatest events of the season and was attended by all the Nobility and gentry of London and most of the great personages of England. Such a sight I never expect again to behold - to attempt to describe it would be vain. The brilliant assemblage was dazzling to the sight. Many thousands of the highest ladies in the land - clothed in the richest style of fashion - As many gentlemen of the most exalted rank scattered all over the enchanting gardens or seated in rows one behind another on each side the avenues through which the gorgeous equipage were shortly to pass. The whole scene was too splendid for mortal gaze - and then our party - during the two hours we promenaded the enchanting grounds - were the centre of attraction - every eye in that vast multitude was on us as we passed along the avenues eagerly turned upon us. The greatest amount of curiosity was evidently displayed to examine the tattooed countenances of the interesting visitors. At length the authorities placed us in a prominent position in the Conservatory through which the procession was to pass - we were surrounded by hundreds of the Aristocracy of the Land and we certainly were the most novel group among all that vast throng. At length procession moved. The bands of the various Royal regiments struck up the National Anthem - And then the greatest eagerness was evident in every countenance to obtain a good position for a sight of the Prince and Princess of Wales and Members of the Royal family. Well, the procession drew near and entered the Conservatory - as follows

Procession

Trumpeters

Superintendent of the Horticultural Gardens

The Sculptor - Mr Joseph Durham

Memorial Committee

Mayors, Provosts and Chief Magistrates of those Cities and Towns which in 1851 formed Local Committees

Lord Provost of Perth, the Lord Mayor of York, Lord Provost of Glasgow, Lord Mayor of Dublin and Lord Provost of Edinburgh

The Sheriffs of London and Middlesex

Lord Mayor of London

Council of Society of Arts

Presidents of Societies of which H.R.H. the Prince Consort was a Member

Members of Works and Fine Arts Committees

Her Majesty's Commissioner for the Exhibitions of 1851 and 1862

The Household of H.R.H. The Prince Consort

Corps Diplomatique

Viscount Palmerston K.G. and other Members of Her Majesties Government and Household

Council of Royal Horticultural Society

Executive Committee of Memorial Committee

Attendants

Their RR, HH's the Prince and Princess of Wales

Members of the Royal Family viz.

H.R.H. The Prince Alfred

H.R.H. The Princess Helena

H.R.H. The Princess Louisa

H.R.H. The Prince Arthur

H.R.H. The Prince Leopold

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cambridge

H.R.H. The Duke of Cambridge K.G.

H.R.H. The Princess Mary of Cambridge

Suites in Attendance

Prince of Wales: Lieut. Genl. Knollys - Lieut. Col Keppel - Earl M. Edgcome

Princess of Wales: The Lord Harres K.S.I - Countess De Grey and Ripon - Hon. Mrs J. Stone

Prince Alfred: Major Cowell R.E.C.B.

Princess Helena and Princess Louisa: Lady Caroline Barrington

Prince Arthur: Major Elphinstone

Prince Leopold: Mr Buff

Duchess Cambridge & Princess Mary: Lady Geraldine Somerset and Col. Home Purves

Duke Cambridge: Hon. Jas. Macdonald

On arrival of the Royal Party the Prince and Princess halted opposite our party. The Duke of Cambridge at once called my name and summoned me before their Royal Highnesses to whom I was introduced. The Prince then put several questions to the Chiefs - which were promptly answered by them. H.R.H. then expressed a desire to see them at Marlborough House, and directed me to communicate, without delay, with Genl. Knollys on the subject - - The Royal party then moved on, and we were at once escorted by Jackson out to the platform in front of the Memorial to get another sight of the Royal Family. We saw them all again as they stood on the platform and a gay and beautiful sight it was - the two young Princes wore a pretty Scotch dress and all appeared in good humour and to enjoy themselves much. We then retired to the Refreshment Room and shortly afterwards we sent for our Carriage and had to wait our turn - More than 500 private Carriages of the Mobility were there besides Cabs in abundance and we, while we waited, were saluted by scores of the aristocracy - each vieing with the other to get a shake of the hand with one of our New Zealand Princes and Princesses.

Thursday. [11 Jun 1863] This day we proceeded to get the party Photographed for the "Illustrated News". This took us 5 hours. It was no little trouble to get the Natives to submit to be pulled about in order to group them properly - we, however, succeeded in getting a good number of photographs taken and now the thing is in a fair way to bring us out before the world as important personages. I wrote this day to Genl. Knollys on the subject of an interview with the Prince of Wales.

Friday. [12 Jun 1863] Received a command from the Duke of Newcastle to attend at Downing Street forthwith. On arrival I had an interview with Mr Engleheart - the Duke's Secretary - who enquired minutely into our project. After which I was told that the Duke had granted us an interview - and that His Grace would be happy to meet us to take luncheon with him at the Clarendon Hotel on Saturday at ½ 1. On my return home I found a letter from Genl. Knollys commanding us to attend at Marlborough House on Sat. at 12 a.m.

Saturday. [13 Jun 1863] This has been the greatest day of my life. Who would have thought that I should ever arrive at such honour? We engaged 3 private Carriages from the Grosvenor Hotel and at half past 11 started for Marlborough House. Arrived - we were ushered into the Reception Room - a large high room with a gallery all round - the walls paneled with magnificent Tapestry which appeared like the richest paintings, a rich Turkey Carpet on floor and velvet seats and chairs of same material - all very good but plain.

In a few minutes the Prince & Princess appeared and on entering the room walked merrily up to my side and at once commenced in the most friendly manner to question the New Zealanders on various subjects to which most prompt and shrewd answers were given. The conversation was prolonged some minutes and when their Royal Highnesses were about to retire - the old Chief Paratene stepped forward and laid his Dog skin Mat (Ihupuni) at the Prince's feet - this was followed by Reihana and Tere - each presenting a Mat (Kaitaka) to the Princesses - and Wharepapa presented a kind of Genealogy in staff of whalebone. Hirini offered the Prince a piece of land. Another Chief gave an Ear drop and another a ...

The Prince appeared gratified with the present - and with my explanation of the nature of the gift - and then requested Genl. Knollys to shew the Chiefs through the various apartments of that splendid residence and also to let them see the Wedding presents he and the Princess had received. We proceeded to witness the brilliant rooms and the treasures of the Prince - and the whole gave great pleasure to the Natives who were of course highly honoured with the interview. After inspecting the lawns and gardens - when we were again seen by the Royal pair from the window - we entered our Carriages and drove off though the Park to the Clarendon Hotel.

Arrived there - we were ushered into the Coffee room and then shewn into private rooms after which it was announced that His Grace the Duke of Newcastle was ready to receive us - so we went to the reception room and after my introduction - I in turn introduced each of the Chiefs to His Grace and to Sir ... The Duke at once entered freely into conversation with the Chiefs but they appeared embarrassed and one of them made known to me his desire to be introduced forthwith to a Native youth whom he saw there. It appears that this youth, who is a son of a great Chieftain of Ngapuhi, has been over here at school for some time, and as these Chiefs are related to him they at once recognized him. The Duke acceded to their request and instantly the youth, deeply affected at the sight of his countrymen rushed towards them and saluted them in true Maori custom by the rubbing of noses, when the whole party burst into tears which could not for some time be suppressed. At length the emotion subsided and we were shewn into the dining room where an excellent Lunch was provided - The Duke took the head of the table. Mr Engleheart - the Duke's Secretary sat opposite - Sir Fredk. Rogers and myself to the Duke's left - Lady Rogers and Mrs Engleheart to the left of the Duke's Secretary and the Natives indiscriminately seated themselves and felt quite at home - I told His Grace that it was the Maoris custom to ask a blessing before partaking of food to which he replied "and very proper". I then requested the Natives to rise, and said grace in Maori. We then very freely partook of the good things which were so plentifully provided, in fact, everything that the season could produce was there. The desert was sumptuous in the extreme finer fruit I never saw - There were Strawberries - Nectarines - Melons - and every other fruit in season. The Native Chiefs were quite "at home" frequently passing jokes with His Grace and his friends - very much to their amusement and entertainment. After lunch, I entered freely into conversation with the Duke about New Zealand matters and about my intentions with respect to the Chiefs - His Grace signified his approval of our scheme - and promised to forward our wishes in every possible way by giving us letters of introduction to the various towns through which we travel and by facilitating our introduction to the different Arsenals and public institutions throughout the

Country. At 3 p.m. we left the "Clarendon" and drove off, surrounded by numerous spectators to our residence.

Sunday. [14 Jun 1863] Spent the day with a sister of my friend T. Hunt – at the house of her husband Mr Straw - being much tired with the last week's excitement I rested until evening when I went to Mr Binneys Chapel and heard a good sermon by a student from Cheshire College. I had Pomare with me, and he amused himself by looking at pictures etc. We were very kindly treated and spent a happy day - My friend Hunt being with us.

Monday. [15 Jun 1863] Received intimation that it was the desire of the Prince of Wales to have the photographs of the New Zealanders. I have therefore appointed tomorrow morning to go to Mr Vernon Heath's Photographic Studio for the purpose. Have just received an invitation from Sir F. Murchison, President of Geographical Society to a Soiree at Willis's Rooms. I am to take four Chiefs with me.

Tuesday. [16 Jun 1863] Went last night to the Soiree at "Willis's Rooms". A brilliant attendance was there among whom were Lady Franklin & Duke of Wellington. I had the honour of conversing with many of the Great and Noble of the land. The refreshments were excellent. The Ice creams were deliciously cooling and refreshing - I had a hard nights work to answer the numerous enquirers. Retired at 12-½ quite tired of the glittering scene - but I expect to have many such meetings during our stay in England for we are now quite the "Lions" of London. Photographed today by "Heath".

Wednesday. [17 Jun 1863] Received an invitation yesterday from Lord de Grey for the Chiefs to visit the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich. Went at 9 a.m. took Cabs to Hungerford Market - thence by boat to London Bridge and on by Rail to Woolwich. Found the Police ready to escort us from the station to the Arsenal. On arrival we were received by the Heads of departments, and courteously conducted through the various works, stopping at each object of special interest to explain the Minutiae to those Natives who took special notice Among whom was Wharepapa - the most intelligent of our party. There were too many objects of interest to be seen in one day, so we had to hurry over the whole and take only a glance at some of them.

The Great Guns - and the Castings - The Bar iron rolling The percussion Cap Making - the Rifling and boring The ponderous sledge hammers - 90 tons weight - so easily managed that by a slight motion of one hand you might regulate the motive power, so as to crack a nut without breaking the Kernel, or to crush a huge block of Oak to powder in an instant. In fact the wonderful and splendid Machinery - brought to the highest state of perfection surpassed all belief. Then at 12 o'clock 6000 workmen turned out to dinner and with this sight the Natives were very much struck. The curiosity of the workmen and of the public generally exceeds all belief - indeed if the Police were not vigilant we could never stir out of doors at all. At 4 o'clock we were quite tired of our days work - in fact we are satiated - we had glanced over enough for a months close inspection - so we took the rail - the Company putting on a special carriage for our use - and returned to London.

Found lots more invitations - 1 to the Zoological Gardens 2 - The Colloseum - 3 Her Majesty's Theatre - 4 - The Polotechnic 5 The Egyptian Hall - 6 Mrs Batemans "At Home" (a fashionable conversatione) - 7 Glass Works - Whitefriars - 8. From Lieut. Col. Lord Viscount Raneleigh to the Fete of the S. Middlesex Rifle Volunteers at Beaufort House.

Thursday. [18 Jun 1863] Received visitors until 11 a.m. Started on business - Went to Heath's Photographic Studio. Called on Mr Mitchell of Bond Street - Then on to "Illustrated News" Office - had a long interview with Mr Stewart - the Editor - who appeared to take a

lively interest in our project. I then proceeded to the office of "Cassels illustrated paper" - had an interview with the Manager - The Editor is to call on me on Monday next at 11 a.m. for correct information. They have promised to help us in every possible manner. Called at Loveridges - received a Book descriptive of Otakio province from Superintendent (of Port).

Called on my cousins - J. & A. Crocker, Watling Street and Mrs Middleton - Finsbury Circus - from whom I received an invitation to dine on Friday next. The Mail has arrived - all my friends have letters - but I have none. I have not heard from home since I left - I know not what to make of it. I am quite distressed on account of it. I find the labour of Mind to which I am subject in this undertaking is almost too much for me. I must, however, go on and carry it through - such a word as "failure", I am determined not to understand. My all is risked in it - I must make if a success - but I'll do it Respectably.

Friday. [19 Jun 1863] A wet day - received many letters of invitation - and several visitors. I find the labour of talking so many hours a day is telling fast on my constitution. The mode of life here is so totally opposite to a New Zealand life - there I retired at 10 p.m. - and rose at 5 a.m. when I spent 2 hours in my garden and breathed a pure atmosphere - Here I seldom retire before 12 or 1, thoroughly prostrate from sheer exertion of mind and voice - consequently do not rise much before 8 o'clock and then only to inhale the smoky air of London. I feel it difficult to breath in such an atmosphere and often wish myself back to my snug retreat in Nelson.

Saturday. [20 Jun 1863] We all visited the Zoological Gardens Regent Park - and the surprise of the New Zealanders at the sight of the Animals and Birds and Reptiles was unbounded. The Lion, Elephant - Deer - Giraffe - and Hippopotamus - most attracted their attention. The Monkeys afforded them much amusement. And the Serpents excited in their minds a feeling of terror, as they naturally abhor all kinds of Reptiles and in their Native land will fly from the presence of a harmless lizard. At 2 p.m. I left the Gardens and with Mr Lloyd started for

We received a visit from the Mayor of Liverpool. He appears a very sensible man - evidently a plain man of business. He invited us to a grand Banquet at Liverpool - but we were compelled to decline it for the present. I at once made known our true position for which the Mayor thanked me and made me promise that Liverpool should be the first place we visit after leaving London. He in the meantime would form a committee of the most influential persons in his City to make arrangements to receive us in a proper manner, to get up a very respectable Conversazione or two to start with, price of admission, say 10/6 - To provide an Hotel for us - and to place his own private Carriages at our entire disposal during our stay there.

Left for Blackheath to get a mouthful of fresh air on Sunday. I proceeded to the house of my friend Loveridge in Burnt Ash Lane - took tea and went in search of a Cousin whom I had been informed resided in Lee Park. Found at No.9 my Cousin Mr W. Crocker late of Bath, stayed 3 hours and had a long talk about family matters. From him I learned that another cousin and an Uncle were residing in the neighbourhood but I had not time to call on them.

21st Sunday [21 Jun 1863] Went to the Wesleyan Chapel and heard a faithfull discourse - the subject was - "Philip and the Eunuch". The Chapel was small and plain, but the congregation were attentive, and everything forcibly reminded me of - happy days long since passed away when I lived alone for God. When the world had not so firm a hold on me - I love the House and the people of God everywhere. I respect - and can feel perfectly at home with all who Love the Lord Jesus in sincerity and in truth. But, at the same time I feel much

greater liberty when I meet with true, hearty Wesleyans because I can never forget the benefits I recieved from Communion with the people in my early Christian experience.

22 Monday. [22 Jun 1863] Returned to London by Rail – received a call from Mrs Stevenson who has a son in New Zealand and who has been entertained by the family of one of our Chiefs. This lady is deeply interested in our project. A Mrs Hardy, an Authoress, accompanied Mrs Stevenson and promised to take up our cause and make us known through the "press". Mrs S. has invited us to Lunch on Wednesday - and to a conversazione at St. James Hall the same evening. Called on and had a conversation with Mr Mitchell of Old Bond St. - That Gentleman has promised to assist us in every possible way - - Visited by Mrs Phillips Smith, 55 Gloster Place - Hyde Park and accepted an invitation to attend a Juvenile Missionary Meeting tomorrow, and to tea at Mrs Smith's. Wrote to Mr Chas. Buss, Solicitor, Castle Cary about family affairs. Wrote to my Brother at Stratford-on-Avon. Mr Crombie (late of New Zealand) called on us, also Mr Ballantine of Edinburgh - and Mr Fenton of Sheffield - Both anxious to see us at their respective towns. Furnished the Editor of "Cassells Illustrated Paper" with Photographs of the Chiefs to be inserted in their "paper".

23rd Tuesday. [23 Jun 1863] Wrote to Proprietor of the "Royal Colosseum Regents Park" accepting their invitation - and at once received a descriptive Book - and a promise of attention when we should favor them with a visit. Wrote to Lord Ranelagh accepting his Lordship's invitation to Beaufort House on Saturday next. Call from Mr Stevenson – also a visit from Sir Fredk. Rogers and Lady Rogers who brought the young Native Wiremu Repa to spend a few hours with their relatives. Wrote several letters - Received a letter from Mrs Stevenson - A Telegram from Mr Puseley - Went with Mr Lloyd and two Chiefs to Rosenthal Photographic establishment - Also to Mr Puseleys - Visit from Rev. Mr Stevenson with invitation to another Missionary Meeting. Visit from Mr Morrin - from Auckland - and from Mr Crombie. My voice is almost gone. Must adopt means to strengthen it. Sat up till one o'clock writing an article for "Illustrated News". I hope now our course is being cleared for us and that our way will soon be open to prosecute our scheme with satisfaction to ourselves and credit to all concerned.

24th Wednesday. [24 Jun 1863] Met a fashionable party including Major Stack from New Zealand - at Mrs Stevensons No.1 St Johns Villas - Regents Park. There was present also a Mrs Hardy – an authoress who has promised to espouse our cause. They all think that Govt. ought to pay all our expenses. By the kindness of Mrs S. we received an invitation to the Conversazione of the London Musical Society - St. James' Hall, where we went in four cabs at 9½ p.m. There were 1000 persons there of the Most Respectable class - our Ladies had great attention shewn them - and one of them - Tere, Hirini's wife - presented a feather from her head dress to Madam Lewrn-Sherrington - one of the first vocalists in London. This Lady was so pleased with the Compliment that she immediately made a return present of a large and valuable gold hair ornament - with which our Maori princess was delighted. Returned home at 12 o'clock.

Thursday. [25 Jun 1863] Called on Morrison London Bridge, on Mr Crosbie Ward - late of New Zealand - and talked with both on the subject of our visit to England. Mr Ward thought my Lecture ought to be carried out. Mr Morrison thought I ought not to attempt anything of the kind - but that Govt. ought to pay expenses. Called at Wesleyan Centenary Hall and saw Mr Bryce [or Boyce] late of Australia - Dr Hoole not being within. Went at 3 p.m. to a party at Mrs Clarksons, St. Johns Wood [or Road], partook of a superb lunch [or supper] - and spent a very pleasant and joyial evening with a very agreeable Company. The Natives amused themselves wonderfully and were quite at home. The whole party spent several hours on the beautiful lawn at the back of the house. A pleasanter day I have not spent in England. On my

return home I found my old friend Mr E. Hodder and family there. They called on their return from the Polytechnic.

Friday. [26 Jun 1863] Spent a quiet morning [or day] at home for the first time in London. Letters from Mr Maunsell - Loveridge and Mrs Hardy [or Harely]. Answered two of them. Mr Fairburn called and dined here. Spent a very pleasant evening with my Cousins at the residence of one of them, Mrs Hamilton, Finsbury Circus. Mrs Lloyd and Hirini and Wife accompanied me. Several presents were made on both sides. All were delighted with the New Zealanders and they were charmed likewise.

Saturday. [27 Jun 1863] Wrote to "Cassells Paper". Went to Lord Raneleigh's "Fete" at Beaufort House where all sorts of amusements were going on, A regular Burlesque. The Characters were taken by Gentleman of the S. Middlesex Rifle Volunteers - and certainly they acted well their parts. There were The Clown - Harlequin - Queen Elizabeth with the Squires and Knights. Then the Grand Tournament, Valiant Knights on fiery ? donkeys. Sundry music [or mimic] exhibitions and an Amateur Theatrical entertainment. Lots of fun on the green. The Maoris highly delighted and the Ladies and Gentlemen more than delighted with the Maories. Quite tired by 8 p.m. Sent the Chiefs home with my friends and I went off to Camberwell Grove to spend a quiet Sabbath with the family of my friend Mr Edwin Hodder.

Sunday. [28 Jun 1863] What a blessing to man is the Sabbath! O, How delightfully refreshing and invigorating to body and soul to meet with such delightful retreat as the one I found today in the Hodder's family; 'Tis like a lovely green enclosure in the midst of this "waste howling wilderness" - a "spring" in the desert. An Anchorage in the storm. A Calm repose in the midst of the turmoil of this busy world. I attended the Baptist Chapel Morning and evening. Mr. Preached two impressive sermons: in the Morning...And in the evening from Isaiah 55.1 "Ho, every one that thirsteth: come ye to the waters." In the afternoon I visited the Sabbath school and was deeply affected by the sight of 300 boys and girls all cleanly and orderly and very attentive. And then they sang so delightfully - 'Twas really "like a little Heaven below" - I thought of the days of my boyhood and I wept! and could not help sighing and exclaiming - "I would I were a boy again".

I addressed a few words to the children on the importance of improving the season of youth in order to prepare for the troubles and cares and anxieties of Manhood and Womanhood. And then told them that I came from New Zealand and that as they were going to hold a juvenile Missionary Meeting I would promise to bring some of the Chiefs to speak to them then if they would promise to bring all their companions with them which they promised to do. After Evening service I, with the Hodder family took a long walk through some lovely green lanes and hay fields. O how these lovely long walks remind me of bye gone years! "Years of My childhood so dear to me!" and I thought of my early home - My Father - My Mother - Brothers and Sister. Where are they now? Alas! all gone - but one And now I seek in vain for my once dear, dear home! O! what a change has 21 years made in our family! And then I thought of My own dear Wife and little ones on the other side of the globe, and again I wept. Well! this is a "Vale of tears". And its well to weep sometimes; it reminds one that the heart is not quite callous: that some good feeling still remains. This is a cold, chilling, freezing world; and as one gets older the affections become deadened, and we do not feel as we once did; we do not love as in days of yore; we are strangers now to many of the best and most kindly emotions of the heart; But it must be even so; we cannot always have the bouyancy of youth. The springs of Youth will dry up; the weary wheels of life will slacken and eventually stand still. "Man Goeth to his long home"! Ah! how soon shall I be there?

Monday. [29 Jun 1863] Returned to town at 10 a.m. much refreshed by my Country visit. Went to the "Times" Office in Printing house Lane. Was shewn over that great establishment

by the Kindness of the Manager. The New Zealanders were, of course, greatly astonished at the splendid Machinery - the rapidity with which the papers are struck off and the beautiful Mechanism which uses up 10 tons of paper per day with apparently little labour were matters which surprised them and surpassed their comprehension. They carefully examined the mass of wheels and Bands and cylinders and watched with eager gaze the sheets of clean paper as they passed rapidly in, and were as rapidly taken out complete! "Surely" they exclaimed "God has revealed to you the knowledge how to do these things; or you have found one of Solomons Books of Wisdom;" When told that the "Times" was the "King of newspapers" they exclaimed - "Then mind that all communications respecting us be sent to the "King of Newspapers"."

We then went to the office of the "British and Foreign Bible Society" to meet the Committee who had expressed a desire to present the Chiefs each with a copy of the Scripture in their own tongue. The Committee were sitting on our arrival and we were at once ushered into their presence. The Chairman after some preliminary conversation proceeded to present each Chief with books above named which consisted of two volumes, elegantly bound; after which he delivered a very suitable and impressive address which was promptly replied to by several of the Chiefs. Afterwards we passed over the various rooms of the "Office" and the Natives were much interested in the Ancient Manuscripts - one of which was 1200 years old - and several others of great antiquity. Henry the Eighth's own Bible greatly pleased them; they asked many questions concerning that Monarch and his successors. Having seen and heard enough to satisfy them for one day the Chiefs returned home at 3 p.m.

Tuesday. [30 Jun 1863] Visit from Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Hardy. Mr W. [or M.] Wright arrived; received invitation card to visit Bank of England. Call from Mr Puseley stated that he had written to Lord Shaftsbury to solicit an interview - also to Lord Dudley with reference to a Conversazione of the Chiefs at his Lordship's Mansion. Visit from Mr W. J. Cockerill with message from Mr Nugent of Her Majesty's Theatre - requesting that the Chiefs attend on Monday next in their Native Costume. Two Boxes are provided for us immediately opposite to the Royal Box. The Prince of Wales is expected to be present.

Went with Mr Brent, at 8 p.m. to the Egyptian Hall Picadilly by invitation to witness the exhibition of Mr Lord, entitled "the Canoe, the Rifle and the Axe". It consisted of a number of scenes from America (British Columbia) and interesting descriptions of the same enlivened by amusing anecdotes and songs. The room was decorated with forest [or fresh] scenery and was a simple and interesting entertainment. We are now determined upon holding our Conversazione forthwith as our funds are gone. Our Dissolving views are ready.

Wednesday. [1 Jul 1863] Went by invitation, at 12 a.m. to view the Bank of England. We were received kindly by the heads of departments, and courteously conducted through the different rooms. The Bullion Chamber was first visited - and here we saw about 2 Million pounds worth of Ingots of Gold and about the same quantity of sovereigns, also a large room full of Boxes of dollars - about 9 tons weight. Also Silver Coin of all kinds in abundance. The manufacture of Bank Notes was a subject of deep interest to the New Zealanders, every process was distinctly noticed by them and very many pertinent questions were put and kindly replied to by the authorities. The machines for weighing the sovereigns excited great curiosity - those of full weight falling to the right, and those that were found wanting going to the left. As the Natives stood looking intently at the simple, but, effective, and unerring Machine one of them suddenly exclaimed, "This Machine reminds me of, what, I have read, will take place at the last day when every man will be tried - and he that is found (light) or wanting will be cast far away to the left while the (heavy) or good man will go to the right. Altho those sovereigns look all alike and our eyes cannot detect any difference yet that machine finds out the light ones and marks also the good ones and separates the one from the other. So shall it be with us at the last day." They could not understand what stamped the

notes with so much value "they are only pieces of paper made of old rags - how can they be worth so much?". They were immediately informed that it was because the party, whose signature was attached to those notes, had all that gold and silver which they had seen, in his possession that his name was as good as money and much more portable, but that if he had no money in his possession - his name would be worth nothing. The Chiefs at one apprehended the thing and admired the wisdom of the white man for discovering all these things. "Wharepapa" was requested to sign a Bank note in a book kept for the purpose - where the signatures of all distinguished visitors from foreign lands were kept - this was a great honour and Wharepapa was much pleased with the compliment. We spent three hours there and were kept moving all the time. Its like a little town - 900 clerks are employed on the premises. We then proceeded to the Royal Horticultural Gardens and Conservatory - in the Exhibition Building, Kensington. Having some tickets to spare I gave one to a young gentleman on the Omnibus who was a stranger in London and he accompanied us to the gardens. It was a lovely day and a large attendance of fashionables.

Among the distinguished visitors were - The Queen of Prussia attended by Countess Schulemburg, Countess Schwerin, Prince Edward of Sax Weimar, Count Bows, H.R.H. Princess Helena, H.R.H. Princess Louisa, Duchess of St. Albans, Duchess dowager of Sutherland. The Russian Ambassador, Baroness Rothschild, Lord H. Lennox, Lord and Lady Poulett, Duchess of Montrose, Marquis of Bristol, Lady Grenville, Earl of Orkney, Lord and Lady Claude Hamilton, Earl and Countess Manvers, Lord Clifden, Lord Dynver, Earl Howe, Lady Foley, Lady Bridport, Countess of Albemarle, Lady Durie [or Ducie] etc. I conversed with several distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen - all agreed that these New Zealand Chiefs ought to have a good reception and be treated as "Distinguished guests [or visitors]". The show of Fruits and flowers exceeded all I ever saw everything was charming to the senses - the eye and the ear were equally regaled. Two Military Bands were present. We left at 7 p.m.

2nd Thursday. [2 Jul 1863] Wrote letters to "Cassells paper" enclosing an "Article" for insertion. Went with Mr Pusely to call on the Duke of Newcastle at the Clarendon Hotel. His Grace was engaged - proceeded to the residence of the Earl of Shaftsbury. Was shown into the waiting room - soon a half dozen more were there [or soon half a dozen were there] - in a few minutes we were conducted into the presence of Lord Shaftsbury. Yes the great and good man who has devoted his time, and money, and influence to better the conditions of his fellow creatures. There he stood with his fine benevolent countenance - and received us very kindly [or received us kindly] - heard what we had to say. At once grasped the subject and proceeded to give us his advice. It was his Lordships decided opinion that the New Zealand Chiefs should be treated as guests by the British public - the "Colonial Office" or the home Government should vote a sum to defray their expenses and that he (Lord Shaftsbury) would see the Duke of Newcastle this evening on the subject [or that he (Lord Shaftsbury) would see that the subject was brought before the Duke of Newcastle this evening.] That we ought to apply to the New Zealand Emigration Society and the great shipping agents for grants of money for the same purpose. [or for granting of money for the same purpose.] His Lordship concluded by inviting the Chiefs to visit him at his Mansion tomorrow at 1 o'clock. On my return I wrote to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle the following letter:-

To His Grace the Duke of Newcastle.
My Lord Duke,

"In venturing to address myself to your Grace, I am not unmindfull of your many pressing engagements and will, therefore, very briefly state the object of my call this morning. Being anxious to carry out my original project of procuring information for the New Zealand Chiefs whom I have invited to accompany me, and finding that our expenses have far exceeded anything I anticipated, and that I must in order to enable me to proceed, at once carry out my

plan of Lecturing on New Zealand – or abandon it for a higher position - I am desirous to lay the matter [or am therefore laying the matter] before Your Grace before I decide upon future movements. I beg also to intimate that I had an interview with the Earl of Shaftsbury this morning, and that His Lordship takes, what appears to me a very correct view [or a correct view] of the subject – has invited the Chiefs to his residence tomorrow at one o'clock and has declared his intention to mention the subject to Your Grace this evening.

The fact of the arrival in London of a number of Maoris from Australia who are hired for the purpose of exhibition by a Theatrical speculator - and who advertises their appearance at the "Alhambra" as "The Maori Chiefs" – appears to me to render it absolutely expedient that I make a prompt and marked distinction between those men and the Chieftains who are under my guardianship and on that account I have sought the advice and assistance of Your Grace in the matter it being my highest ambition to take the Chiefs back to New Zealand with beneficial results to their country and with credit to myself.

I have the honor to be

My Lord Graces [or My Lord]

Your Lordships ffl. Servt. [or Your Graces Lordship]

W. Jenkins, Interpreter to New Zealand Govmt. [or W. Jenkins]

His Grace the

Duke of Newcastle.

July 3rd Friday. [3 Jul 1863] Mr Pusely called [or Mr Pursley's call] with a note from Lord Shaftsbury's Sect. requesting my attendance at 11 a.m. I went, and found it was a mistake of the Sect. We were to go all together at 1 o'clock. At the appointed time we took Cabs - Went to the Earl's residence in Square – Were all shewn up into the drawing room and were received by the Earl and Countess and their eldest son, Lord Ashby [or Lord Ashley] and the rest of the family. His Lordship introduced us all to the Ladies - ordered wine and cakes by way of refreshments - and conversed with the Chiefs for nearly an hour, putting many important questions to them. And, together with the Countess, expressing the deep interest he felt [or the deep interest felt by them] in their welfare and hoped they would obtain much useful information during their stay in England. His Lordship also suggested the propriety of taking them to see a Review, and also of their visiting the Dock Yards - Barracks etc. And on my informing him that our funds were exhausted and that if we were taken out of our original position viz. that of Lecturing in order to procure the necessary funds for defraying expenses - the Government or other parties must put us into a better position. His Lordship promised to see the Duke of Newcastle again that evening on the subject; and then, invited us to visit the House of Lords on Thursday evening next. I then presented the Countess of Shaftsbury with a set of Photographs of our New Zealand party and her Ladyship was pleased to present in return photographs of herself and the Earl to each of the Chiefs. Lord Shaftsbury also promised to give me an introduction to the Committee of the Church Missionary Society. On leaving, his Lordship stated his desire that the Chiefs should make their wishes known to the Colonial Secretary in writing. We were all well pleased with our interview, and trust [or and trust that] good will come out of it. Wrote to Mr Barnett putting off our visit on Thursday - or rather fixing Wednesday instead. Received a letter from Mr Maunsell - inviting us to a Missionary Meeting at Islington on Friday next. On Monday we are to go to Her Majesty's Theatre - to an Operatic performance [or On Monday we are to go to an operatic performance]. Went in the evening to tea at Mr Puseley's and called on Mrs Renwick who is confined to her room – Afterwards met Mr E. Hodder at home and had some talk about engaging him as Secretary.

July 4th Saturday. [4 Jul 1863] Many calls this morning – and invitations out of Number. We are determined not to accept more of them unless our travelling expenses are paid – We are getting short of funds. We have been induced to refrain from Lecturing until the Government should consider our case, and we have been led to hope for assistance from that quarter. We are still undecided but expect an answer one way or other in a few days. I this day tried to see Mr Michel [or Mr Mitchell] of Old Bond Street but could not catch him. Went on to Mr Heath's Photographic Studio [or went on to Mr Heath's studio] in Piccadilly. Made several other calls and returned home to dine at 2 p.m. At 3½ p.m. started with Mr Lloyd into the Country to spend the Sabbath. Called and took tea at his Sisters - Went on to the railway station - proceeded to Charlton to the residence of my only living Uncle now 79 years of age. Arrived there at 8 p.m and met with a cordial reception from the family. One daughter is still unmarried - they have retired from business some years and are living a quiet and comfortable life in peace and happiness in their declining years. I had strange feelings when I sat in the quiet parlour with the aged man at my side, my heart was nearly bursting with emotion! there was my dear Mother's only surviving Brother! Of a family of Eleven - He only was left in this world of cares and troubles, and the wrinkles of age were on [or were upon] his brow, his once bright and piercing eye was sinking - The "Almond Tree" was "flourishing". The body, once as erect as the tall Cedar - was bowing beneath the weight of years. The whole frame, tho strong and active in the extreme for a man of his age - shewed too plainly that his days were numbered; that he too [or and he too] - the last of his family must very shortly pass away! My thoughts then ran back forty years I then was a Boy, and with my poor Mother paid a visit to her [own] native home - and to the "Old house at home" which was occupied by her Brother who carried on the farm. Years have rolled away since then. My life has been a chequered scene! perhaps none more so, and I would give everything in this world, did I possess it, could I recall the past! My poor dear affectionate Mother experienced very many troubles. She spent a life of toil and sorrow - or at least, a great portion of it. She was one of the best Managers in her household affairs I ever met with. She lived in the past generation. There are few such women nowadays! I parted from her 21 years ago.. I never saw her afterwards. She is I sincerely hope and trust [or She is I trust and hope sincerely] "Where the weary are at rest". And while I gazed at the face [or in the face] of her brother I saw a striking resemblance to my Mother and I wept - My heart, I repeat was well nigh bursting as the whole events of my life seemed to pass in rapid succession before my mind - - - Well, I spent a happy - - -

5th Sunday. [5 Jul 1863] A quiet day - talking of family matters. My Cousin Lewis Crocker of Greenwich dined with us. I enjoyed the lovely English garden and I plucked and ate delicious Strawberries and Raspberries such as I had not seen for many years. Altho fruit is abundant in New Zealand I think an English garden is the most pleasant and charming sight the eye can rest on. I hope to spend many more days with my dear Uncle ere I leave England.

6 Monday. [6 Jul 1863] Rose at 6. Walked in the garden and ate fruit until I was tired. My Uncle rose at ½ past 6. He works in his garden two hours every morning before breakfast, and is as active as many younger men - but I see he will soon fail - the last Enemy is drawing near and the blow will soon be struck and he will be gone - ah! Where? Where?! O! What is this life! Of what value are all its treasures? O! My God! teach me the true object of life.

Left my Uncles at 9 a.m. Went by train to London Bridge. Walked to Underground railway in Farringdon [or Farrington] Street and in 15 minutes was at home. Mr Pusely [or Mr Pursley] had called, several letters had arrived and had to be answered. Went to try to see Mr Mitchell and the Duke of Newcastle - both were out - Went on to Piccadilly - returned home and wrote some letters. In the evening took the Natives to Her Majesty's Theatre - The Boxes opposite the Royal Box were appropriated to our use. Mr Nugent paid us great attention - The Chiefs and their wives were delighted beyond measure at the grandeur of the Opera - The dancing

was splendid - The principal artists were The whole scene was one of Magnificence such as I never before saw and the singing was truly wonderful. We left at 12 o'clock.

7th Tuesday. [7 Jul 1863] Received a note from Lord Shaftsbury to inform me that Sir Augustus Clifford had reserved seats for the Chiefs and their wives for Thursday, at the House of Lords. Received a letter from the Duke of Newcastle - appointing an interview tomorrow at 4½ p.m. at Downing Street. At 4 p.m. the Omnibus arrived from Camberwell to convey us to the Juvenile Missionary Meeting. We went direct to Mr Hodders house to tea - thence to the Chapel where we were most heartily welcomed by the Minister of the Baptist Chapel and by the Deacons. An excellent Speech was delivered to the children and their parents by Rev. there were about 400 present, after which I said a few words about New Zealand and then three of the Chiefs addressed the Meeting very much to the delight and edification of the audience - Two natives then closed with prayer in Maori - and we left the Chapel to proceed to Mr Hodder's to supper. But now such a scene presented itself as I never before witnessed - on each side the way [of the Chapel] from the Vestry to the street the dear children had ranged themselves backed by the adults all eager to shake hands with the New Zealanders hundreds of little innocent hands were eargerly thrust forth and as many happy youthful faces - unmarred by care and sin and sorrow wore the smiles of Angels. Half an hour was spent in getting to the omnibus. I was anxious to gratify the dear little ones as far as possible - and I was grieved because some were disappointed and perhaps would go home and cry because they too had not the priviledge of grasping (or being grasped by) the hand of a New Zealander. A great many friends shook hands also with me, and with some difficulty we tore ourselves away from the loving multitude and amid a hearty cheer drove off to my friend Hodder's.

A goodly number of friends met there [and] a nice supper was provided - Music and singing afterwards - and then we retired to the garden to enjoy a quiet pipe or cigar with the Natives - All was quiet and delightfully calm - everyone appeared to be quite happy - this was true pleasure - real Christian communion - Mr and Mrs Hodder did all they could to make us feel ourselves at home - There are few such families as the Hodders. At 11 p.m. we took leave of our hosts - one of our Chiefs wives rubbed noses with the Minister and Mr and Mrs Hodder - [the former sentence is absent] Old Paratene gave them his Old Book (The New Testament) which he had used for many years. And we started - and got home at 12½.

8th Wednesday. [8 Jul 1863] Called on Mr Mitchell - had a short conversation with him about our position - he regretted that we had been prevented from carrying out our object - as at first intended - but he thought now we had better attend to the advice of the Earl of Shaftsbury - and give up the idea of Lecturing by the aid of the Chiefs - especially if the Authorities could and would find the means for taking the Natives through the country. At any rate he strongly recommended me to give it my serious consideration before taking any further step - At 4½ p.m. called on Duke of Newcastle at Downing Street - Sir Fredk. Rogers was present at the interview - His Grace received me very kindly - we entered into close conversation on the subject of our visit to England - And at once informed me that he had conversed with Lord Shaftsbury on the subject and that he could not promise that the Government could help me at all in the matter as he had received no communication from Sir Geo. Grey on the subject nor had he any proof that he knew anything about it - I then asked if he had not seen a letter (a copy) given to me by Sir George Grey - which he had received from Major Richmond of Nelson? He had not seen it - altho I had left it with Mr Cox at Downing St. for several weeks - I now presented it - His Grace read it aloud as follows - - -

Copy- The Cliffs, Nelson 17th October 1862

"My Dear Sir George,

The bearer of this, Mr Jenkins, has requested me, as I have known him a great many years, to give him a note to your Excellency. He is a Native Interpreter at Nelson, and was my Interpreter when I was Superintendent. He has some scheme (project) of taking a few Native Chiefs to England and giving Lectures, but as I understood him, would not carry it out unless it was sanctioned by you. Whether such a scheme will further the improvement of the Native race, you, of course are the best to judge, all I can say is that Mr Jenkins is a long tried and zealous servant of the Government, is a warm friend of the Natives, has their confidence, and can be safely entrusted with any matter which may induce to their benefit.

With great esteem, Believe me, Very Faithfully Yours
Signed M. Richmond

His Excellency, Sir George Grey K.C.B. etc. etc.
True copy, William Seed, Acting Private Secretary

The Duke expressed his satisfaction with it [or with this letter] and I informed his Grace that Sir Geo. Grey had permitted me to make what use I chose of the letter [or of the same] and to state that my scheme met with his cordial approbation and that he wished me success and would be glad if he could go with me. The Duke then said "You have asked my advice and assistance:- I advise you to abandon the project of Lecturing by which you would bring forward the Chiefs by way of illustrations - - I am sure it would not answer - You would never pay expenses - If you make up your mind to take another course you will get assistance - The Earl of Shaftsbury has promised to help you - if his Lordship will head a list of donations I will help and get others to do the same - and perhaps enough will be raised to enable you to carry out your project. Should you act in accordance with my suggestion then I will write to Her Majesty and ask for an interview with the Chiefs - and you can either proceed to Osborn to wait upon the Queen - or stay until Her Majesty returns to Windsor.

I promised to consider the matter and to write to the Duke in a day or two. On my return home I found two private Carriages waiting to convey us to the residence of Mr Barnett - a highly respectable Architect - who is living in the Finchley Road - and is a brother of Mrs Hoby of Nelson, New Zealand - I and Mr Lightband with Nine Natives were soon on our way through the Regents Park - and shortly reached our destination - We had a hearty reception - only a few visitors had arrived - We took tea and adjourned to the Garden - A lovely place. A lawn - surrounded by fruit trees and shrubs - with clumps of beautiful flowers - The company began to arrive - very soon we were surrounded by nearly 70 - Ladies and Gentlemen of the highest fashion - superbly dressed - all delighted to shake hands with the New Zealanders - on whose account the party was convened. All kinds of fruit of the best quality was provided in great abundance - Wine - pastry - Ices etc. etc. were spread on a table on the green lawn - We helped ourselves - The young people danced away merrily - the Natives joined them and were soon quite at home. A splendid entertainment was set out under the verandah which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The most costly viands filled the board which reached more than half way across the house - there was everything that could please the taste - in fact the display was princely!

I never say anything to surpass it in London Every kind of Wine was there! and it was used most freely - tho with prudence - The greatest attraction [or attention] was shewn to us and the New Zealanders - We were overwhelmed with kindness and respect. Every person there expressed their wish to assist in furthering our object. Many invitations were given and many speeches were made on all hands - At length we repaired [or went to] to the Drawing room - where dancing was kept up until 2 o'clock. The Natives, by way of a finish gave one of their

dances much to the amusement of the party - and after getting the New Zealanders to write their names in several books - we entered our Carriages and drove home well tired and well pleased with our entertainment at Mr Barnett's.

9th Thursday. [9 Jul 1863] Went this morning and called on Mr Christy at the "London Joint Stock Bank", Princes Street. That gentleman entertains exactly the same view of our project as the Duke and others He will give £50 towards assisting us and has appointed Monday next at 4 p.m. to meet me at the Bank to introduce me to the principal persons [or chief persons] connected with the Church Missionary Society. At 3 o'clock took the private "Omnibus" and rode through Regents Park to Rochester Road [or Rocheslea Road] to our friend Mr Puseleys [or Mr Pursley's]- who had provided [or promised] refreshments for us - We then called at Mrs Renwicks - but that Lady had gone for a Ride so we proceeded at once to the House of Lords according to invitation of Earl of Shaftsbury. The Earl met us in the Lobby and in the most kind manner conducted us through the various appartments of that very splendid Building and with the most marked interest gave us every information respecting what we saw - We were here introduced by his Lordship to that aged veteran - Lord Brougham and I had the pleasure of a hearty shake of the hand from his Lordship - and then introduced him to the New Zealanders - afterward we shook hands with Lord Stanley - Lord (Earl) Caernarvon, Major Clenrickard [or Major Clauricarde], Hon. C. Fortesque - Under Secretary for Colonies.

Lord Shaftsbury has this day requested me to meet him at his residence tomorrow at 11 a.m.

10th Friday. [10 Jul 1863] Waited on Lord Shaftsbury had a lengthened interview - His Lordship conversed most freely, and felt and manifested a deep interest in the scheme we have in hand but he wished me to abandon the idea of Lecturing in connection with the New Zealand Chiefs proposing to raise a fund by voluntary subscription to pay the expences of our stay in England, urging the necessity of returning to New Zealand before the winter. I am not prepared to go the whole length with the Earl. Nor to abandon entirely my plan of "Lecturing" especially as we have gone to considerable expense in making preparations for it. The Earl stated that it was the wish of the Duke of Newcastle that the Chiefs should Visit the Queen without delay, and that his Grace thought we had better go to Osborne and see Her Majesty there as she would be there a month, and on her return to London - would at once proceed to the Continent and we may miss the chance of seeing her. On leaving, His Lordship presented me with a pocket edition of the Psalms illustrated - which he took from his waistcoat pocket. Wrote my name in it and hoped I should use it as a Vade Mecum. I shall value that book much on account of the great and good Nobleman from whom I received it. The Earl requested me to meet him again on Monday next. - - Attended a Church Missionary Meeting at Islington - Five of the Chiefs accompanied me - We took tea with the Rev. ... and afterwards proceeded to the Church in Each of the Natives addressed the meeting and Mr... [Gillanish] interpreted for them - A deep interest was felt in the New Zealanders by the Audience and at the Close of the Meeting crowds assembled to see us retire and the Ladies must all shake hands with their dark skinned brethren from the Antipodes - We returned to the house of the Clergyman to supper - I was much pleased with the spirit and manner of this Servant of Christ, a truly evangelical Minister [or a true evangelical minister] - We spent a happy hour there and I thought of my own home in New Zealand and of my dear Wife and children there - O; May God protect them! We were treated with great kindness and sympathy by all present these manifestations of Christian feeling are quite overpowering to me - We met there Mr.... Returned home in 3 Cabs at 10 o'clock.

11th Saturday. [11 Jul 1863] Received, and replied to, many letters. Translated part of Maori address to the Houses of Parliament - which is to be presented by the Earl of Shaftsbury next week. It appears that the Government will not be asked for a Grant of Money to defray

the Chiefs expences here - The Duke of Newcastle cannot recommend it because Gov. Sir Geo. Grey did not communicate direct to the Colonial Office respecting our visit. But the Duke will do what he can privately to aid our object.

12 Sunday. [12 Jul 1863] Went with Hirini and his Wife to spend the day at Mr Stevens, Abney Park, who is father in law to Mr Fairburn our fellow passenger from New Zealand - This gentleman has a splendid residence and a beautiful garden. Attended the Wesleyan Chapel with the family and spent a quiet day there - It was very refreshing to be with an Old Veteran Soldier of Christ who had "borne the burden and heat of the day" and once more to sit in a Wesleyan Chapel in England and hear the Word of God preached in earnestness and fervour! Rev. preached in the morning from the Words "Enoch walked with God" and in the evening, from "God is Love" two more clear and impressive sermons I have seldom heard. In the afternoon, Mr Fairburn and I visited Abney Park Cemetery. Saw the tomb of Dr Watts - and sat under the shade of the tree where that heavenly minded saint composed many of his Hymns - And my mind reverted to my childhood days! and I thought of the beautiful hymns I was taught by my poor father [or taught by my father] - and endeavoured to realize the fact that those very hymns may have been written on that same spot. And then I thought of the departed Saint. He and his generation have long since passed from the Earth. He is now enjoying that full felicity of which he had so delightful a foretaste on earth. In a few more years I and my generation shall have passed away! Ah! "Nothing is worth a thought beneath, but how I may escape the death that never never dies!" etc. etc.

Monday. [13 Jul 1863] Received several letters from the country enquiring about New Zealand - and wishing to know what our movements were - Also several invitations to visit public institutions etc. And a letter from the Duke of Newcastle commanding us to go to Osborne.

Tuesday. [14 Jul 1863] Went, by invitation of Halswell Esqr. (formerly of Wellington, New Zealand) - to Colney Hatch Lunatic Asylum - A treat was to be given to the patients - and as Mr Halswell is a true friend to the New Zealanders he wished to have their presence on the occasion. On our arrival Mr H. met us and at once most cordially received us and "rubbed noses" with the Chiefs - very much to the amusement of the visitors.-- We partook of a splendid dinner after which speeches were delivered by Mr H. and several other gentlemen welcoming the Chiefs as guests on the occasion; and expressive of the deep interest they felt in their visit to England, several Chiefs replied, and everyone appeared pleased to see them. We afterwards went down to the Matron's Apartments and were introduced to those Ladies who took us up stairs and soon got up a dance with one or two of the Chiefs and their Ladies. At 11 o'clock we took train and returned to London.

Wednesday. [15 Jul 1863] Started per special train at 8 a.m. for Southampton arrived at 11½ - passed through a lovely country, dotted all over with farm houses and pretty homesteads. The Green fields of Old England were here seen to perfection. The rural lanes, the rich hedgerows; charming copses, rippling brooks on the banks of which were seen herds of Cattle and flocks of sheep luxuriating in the rich verdure, And the merry hay makers turning nimbly the fragrant grass - and chanting merrily some lively lay - all reminded me forcibly of more innocent and happier days when Sin had made but slight inroads and when carping care had made no furrows on the countenance - but now how changed! Youthful vigour has fled! - innocence has been destroyed by the inroads of guilt. The eye has lost its lustre - The body is bending forward - The forehead is wrinkled and old age is creeping on apace - And now those scenes - so lovely in themselves - have lost half their charms; but still they are lovely! The most lovely scenes in the world: and tho the wild and romantic scenery of New Zealand has charms of a different character yet no scenery is so placid and cheering and lovely as the rural districts of Old England. O, how I love to look upon them! And even wish

my family here that I might settle down in some quiet hamlet and spend the last few days of my troubled life in retirement and peace.

The Queen's Yacht "Fairy" was waiting to receive us - Went on board - received kindly and respectfully by the officers. Arrived at landing place - Isle of Wight - found Three of Her Majesty's Carriages in attendance - and proceeded in them to the Palace at Osborne. There every window was crowded with heads all eager to get a peep at the wonderful New Zealanders! We were soon ushered into the waiting room and then shewn to dressing rooms where we endeavoured to make ourselves of fit and proper appearance to go into the presence of Our Noble Queen. All being ready - the Chiefs attired in their native costume we were ushered into the Reception room and I soon placed the Chiefs in order and the Duke of Newcastle then announced that Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria [or Her Most Gracious Queen Victoria] would now make her appearance - every eye was now directed towards the door, and behold! The Queen made her appearance: Her Majesty walked quietly and easily in accompanied by the Royal Princesses - Helena and Beatrice and Prince Leopold and attended by the Honble. Mrs Bruce - the Honble Beatrice Byng [or Byney] and the other members of the Royal Household. Her Majesty wore Black Satin, with a neat Widows cap; she looked remarkably well, and appeared very cheerful and happy.

The Duke of Newcastle then introduced me to the Queen after which I had the honor of introducing the Chiefs one by one, and each had the pleasure of kissing Her Majesty's hand. The Queen then said "I am happy to see the New Zealand Chiefs in this Country: It will ever be my aim to do them good and to see that they at all times obtain justice, I hope they will be pleased with what they will see in England and I shall be glad to hear what they desire to say to me now".

Thereupon one of the Chiefs addressed the Queen at some length, and received a most gracious reply. After which, as no other Chief hastened to speak (for they all awaited the Royal Command) Her Majesty bowed and retired. At this, unexpected, the Chiefs were greatly disappointed several of them being anxious to speak. On the Duke of Newcastle making their wishes known Her Majesty at once returned and said she would give them an opportunity of saying all they wished to say. Four Chiefs then addressed the Queen in succession and the affectionate reference made by one of them to the Late Prince Consort affected Her Majesty even to tears. The Queen was graciously pleased to accept from three of the Chiefs some valuable Mats and weapons of war, and one of the Native Ladies took from her own neck the splendid green stone "Heitiki" and presented it to her Majesty who was quite struck with this mark of affection on the part of the New Zealanders. The Princesses took the Ladies into their private apartments and presented them with their photographs and the Queen sent, by a lady in waiting several groups of the Royal family to each of the three ladies - and commanded me to forward to her Majesty photographic groups [or photographs of groups] of the entire party under his charge and further requested that each New Zealander would leave Her Majesty an Autograph. The most interesting part of the interview was the disclosing on the part of the Queen a promise which will confer on the "future" of New Zealand a higher honor than was ever before accorded by an English Sovereign to the offspring of an Aboriginal tribe. Her Majesty, having been informed that the wife of Pomare was in an "interesting Condition" expressed herself pleased at the prospect of the birth of a New Zealand child of distinction in this country, and requested that I would inform her when the event was near, and she would see that proper attention should be paid to the lady on the occasion and further, should the child prove a girl - Her Majesty would be pleased to have it named "Victoria" or, if a Male, "Albert". And the Queen also signified her wish to stand "Godmother to the British born New Zealander".

The distinguished Natives felt themselves overwhelmed with favors, and fairly cried with joy. A sumptuous Lunch was provided by the Queens Orders - and we all sat down and did ample justice to it. The dessert was very splendid - and the Pine apples especially were very large and delicious. The stones of the peaches and apricots were taken care of by the Chiefs - to be planted in New Zealand. The trees are to be named "Victoria". Just before leaving, the little Princess Beatrice came out, with her attendant - and allowed the Maori Ladies to Kiss her hand. I also had the honor to do the same. She then expressed a desire to possess a feather from the head of the Chief who was near her – instantly two Chiefs took all the feathers out of their Cape [or caps] and presented them to the Youthfull Princess with very great glee.

The Carriages were now announced, we entered them – and again the whole household were at the windows and doors of the Palace anxious to get a last look at their illustrious visitors. Just at that moment the Chiefs stood up in the Carriages and gave three hearty English "hurrahs" for the Queen.

The "Fairy" awaited us and we proceeded on board the "Victoria and Albert" Royal Yacht - a Magnificent ship! The Cabins are stately rooms elegantly furnished – the decks are covered with floor cloth - The crew neatly clad in white - and every part of the vessel delightfully clean and comfortable. After remaining half an hour on board - during which time we were hospitably treated by the Officers - we steamed off in the "Fairy" for Portsmouth - on arrival we found Apartments had been secured for us at the [or for us at the] Hotel.

Thursday. [16 Jul 1863] Took boats and crossed to the Dock Yards - Admiral Elliott sent several attendants to shew us round the works. The huge ships in course of construction astonished our New Zealanders - and the Iron clad – Turrett ship - excited their admiration and wonder - We were shewn all over the various Works and then crossed to the victualing department where - by the kindness of the officers we inspected the Beuscuit Bakery [or the Bakery] and Slaughter Houses. The huge pile of biscuits sent out each day was very astounding, and the splendid machinery for making biscuits was very greatly admired by the Chiefs.

We afterwards landed on a small Island and witnessed – Sword and Gun exercise then I met with an officer who had been at my house in Cloudy Bay 18 years ago he was sailing master on board the "Fly" Man of War. Leaving here we proceeded on board the "Duke of Wellington" the ship in which Admiral Napier sailed to the Baltic. Here we did not meet with much attention. The officers kept out of our way. Next we boarded the "Saint Vincent" Training ship for youths. The Captain received us very kindly and bade us make ourselves at home - finding that the ladies were not with us - they having returned home being tired - the Captain immediately sent his boat ashore to fetch them - as his lady and her companions wished very much to see them - On their arrival they were made much of by the ladies.

This is also a beautiful ship as clean and healthy and comfortable as any house on shore - About 400 boys were being trained for the Navy - fine healthy, happy, lads the appeared to be - and all actively engaged [or engrossed] in practising the guns. They have a band of boys, and they played us several tunes - none of the boys appeared to be more than 14 years old.

We next went on board the "Victory" and saw the spot were the immortal Nelson fell and the Cock pit in which he died. The old ship was nicely painted and looked likely to last a great many years longer - to be visited by tens of thousands every Year.

Returned to Portsmouth to dinner - after which we had many visitors - and also crowds of persons in the street all eager to obtain a look at the Wonderful Visitors. There were Conjurers - Dancing Monkeys - Blackfaced Minstrels - Organ Grinders - Highlanders with Bagpipes - Punch and Judy - and a host of others - one after the other hoping to reap a rich harvest from these (as they supposed) "Wealthy princes".

At 7 p.m. started for the Station - on arrival found crowds waiting to see us off - Numbers of Ladies shaking hands with the Chiefs and their Wives until the Station Keeper had to fasten the doors of the Carriages. Arrived in London at 10 - took Cabs - home at 11 - in bed at 12 - quite tired. Thus ended this long talked of interview and it is an event I shall never forget. "Never" did I say? Why how long do I expect to live - certainly not many years and yet I sometimes speak as tho I had a long life before me! Alas! a very few years at most and I shall be almost forgotten.

Friday and Saturday. [17 and 18 Jul 1863] Too tired to do much - Wrote a few answers to letters - received several calls and made several visits.

Sunday. [19 Jul 1863] Went to Wesleyan Chapel in the morning - heard Mr Stamp City road in the evening - heard Doctor Jobson - whom I had called on yesterday - He preached a powerful sermon on the "Judgement" - The Old Chapel was full and I felt quite at home again, and thought of days long since past when 21 years ago I stood in that Chapel and spoke at a love feast just before leaving England. Ah! what have I passed through since that time! how unfaithfull have I been! How unprofitable to My Lord and Master! How great have been my priveledges, and how greatly have I abused them - "God be merciful to me a sinner" is my only plea. Thank God I have an advocate above "A friend before the throne of Love". O! that in my last days I may be more faithfull than I have been in days gone by.

Monday. [20 Jul 1863] Wrote replys to six letters - Went into the City - received a letter from the Duke of Newcastle to see his Grace at Downing St. at 4 o'clock. Attended a Committee meeting at Ridgways 40 Leicester Square. The Earl of Shaftsbury had convened this Meeting by Circular to "take into consideration the present condition of the New Zealand Chiefs." His Lordship presided - Among those present were - Sir Chas. Clifford - Mr Carlton from New Zealand - Also Halswell Esqr. formerly judge at Wellington - Rev. Mr. Bowstead and our friend Mr Puseley [or Pursley]. Certain resolutions were passed to the effect that it was desirable to raise a fund to send the Chiefs back to New Zealand as soon as possible. I of course asked what was to be done about our past outlay. With that they replied, they had nothing to do - that was our own matter - They only wished to send back the Native Chiefs - The Meeting adjourned to Thursday next. Went to Downing Street. The Duke gave me 14 sheets of note paper containing the Queen's Autograph one each for the Chiefs - and intimated that Her Majesty enquired very kindly after the health of the Chiefs and hoped they enjoyed their visit to Osborne. I then told His Grace what was the result of the Committee meeting - he replied that he had understood that a fund was to be raised for keeping the Chiefs three months in England during which time they were to visit several of the manufacturing towns and then to have their passage paid back home. I told the Duke just what I felt about the matter. My feelings were indeed much hurt - I said "If those resolutions are carried out I and my friends who brought the Chiefs here are ruined! - and I think it a hard case [or cure] that we should be thus treated". His Grace promised to see the Earl of Shaftsbury again on the subject. I left Downing Street that day with a heavy heart! I thought of my family - perhaps already homeless and I thought of my return to New Zealand without a shilling, to begin life again after 21 years hard struggling!

At 6 p.m. went, with my friend Loveridge to Blackheath - to spend an evening at my Cousins in Lee Park - Met there my Cousin Jonathan and his wife - Mr and Mrs Clift - and other

friends of my Cousins - it was a comfortable family gathering - Staid there all night – and returned to Limehouse by the Steamboat and the Railway. Staid at the Strangers home a short time - and returned by Rail to London.

Tuesday. [21 Jul 1863] Did very little else but sorrow and wonder how things were likely to turn out in the end - took the Chiefs and their wives in the evening to Dr Jobsons - at the City road Chapel - We spent a very delightfull evening. We met there the Rev. J. Perks, Mrs Perks - Mrs P. Brames Hall, daughter of the late Thos. Farmer Esqr. - Mrs Bourne of City Road Circuit - Mrs Pinder from Burslem Staffordshire. After tea went to see the Chapel - and the graves of Wesley and Watson and other Wesleyan worthies of the last generation whose [or where] sainted spirits are before the throne! After tea we all wrote our Autographs in the Albums of the ladies - some pleasant conversation ensued - We sat in Wesley's arm chair in the room in which Wesley died. How can I describe my feelings at that hour! [or home!] How many thoughts rushed to mind in that short interval! I remembered that I owed all my religious feelings to Methodism. I venerate [or honour] the name of Wesley - and I always feel quite at home [or at home quite] in the house of a Methodist. But in that house! where so many good men have lived since Wesleys days who could sit without emotion! My whole soul seemed stired within me Everything around [or round] appeared a reminiscence of the past. That spot was Holy Ground. Dr Jobson was very kind and treated our Chiefs [or Natives] nobly - The whole tenor of that evenings discourse was cheering and encouraging. He will take up our cause - He thinks these Christian New Zealanders - fruits of Mission labour - ought to visit the Churches. I hope good will come out of this evenings conversation - Dr Jobson kindly provided Cabs to take us home at 10 p.m. This was the most happy evening I have spent in England.

Wednesday. [22 Jul 1863] Lots of Calls as usual. Mr Lockhart's brother came to see us - Went to a Church Missionary Meeting at the Chapel of Ease, Liverpool Street, Islington. Rev. Mr [or M.] Hambleton is the Minister - A very nice meeting, about 300 present - A collection was made part of which was given for [or to] our expenses.

Thursday. [23 Jul 1863] Went to "Apsley House". Saw all the splendid paintings - also the "Dukes Room" with all the things scattered about just as the old veteran left them. O what scenes of Blood did that man witness! But he, even he has passed away! A Mightyer Conquerer than he has prevailed Where now is that Mighty Man? The present Duke of Wellington is a very different man to [or from] his father! - he is [a] diminutive – [mean] - sottish looking person. His "Nose" is something like his fathers - but I suppose that is all the resemblance to him. His Grace did condescend to come out and shake hands with us but he soon went off. And that rather abruptly. Such men are of very little service in the world.

July 1863 24th Friday. Went by Appointment to Stafford House. The Mansion of the Duke of Sutherland. The Most Magnificent Mansion in London. The Paintings are innumerable - and are the productions of the great Masters. Two of them cost £40000. There must have been above 500 valuable pictures there. Worth many hundred thousands of pounds. The Duke and Duchess received us in a most cordial manner. Went over the Mansion with us. Conversed freely with the Chiefs and their wives - Furnished Cigars in the library - Chatted pleasantly with us in the most free and open manner.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Glenrichard [or Glensichand] also accompanied us round the Mansion and asked many questions about New Zealand. We all sat down and partook of fruit and wine – Champagne - Claret - Port and Sherry. The Duke drank the Chiefs health which was responded to by one of the party. The Duchess gave the ladies some head dresses and a variety of ornaments, and in return received a Sharks tooth and albatross feathers and promised to wear the latter in remembrance of our visit.

I made the Duke acquainted with our true position. He hoped the Chiefs would see England. He would do what he could for us toward furthering our object. We spent two hours with his Grace, and took our departure well pleased with the interview. I hope good will result.

Prepared an address from the Chiefs to both Houses of Parliament. Took them to Lord Shaftsbury at the House of Lords. His Lordship took a copy but said it was not in the proper form. That the Duke of Newcastle was not in town. That it was, he feared, too late - and many other excuses, - but he would see what he could do - and told me to take the other copy - for the "Commoners" [or "Commons"] to Mr Kinnaird. I went - That Gentleman was not in the House - so I went home at 8 p.m. quite disgusted with everything and everybody.

I should have stated that yesterday the "Committee" met again at 3 p.m. - And passed another resolution to the effect that [or of] - A subscription to set on foot to pay our passage back to New Zealand - seeing that we have not funds for that purpose. I spoke very plainly on the occasion. I think I rather offended the Earl of Shaftsbury. He said, if I wished to carry out my original project he would speak to the Duke of Newcastle to release me from my pledge not to do so. But if he did that he would do nothing else. As I did not like to take the responsibility of giving an answer to that question - the Committee adjourned until Monday next. Our position just now is a very critical one - Our funds are gone. Our expenses are enormous. We must keep our credit good, therefore we must do something to get some money immediately. [or do something immediately to get some money] I am fully determined not to cease using effort [or not to cease effort being used] while I have strength to speak or write. I will let the public know all about it. I dare not submit to the heavy loss of our outlay to the present date - We ought to have now at least £3000 to compensate us as we deserve for all we have done.

July 25th Saturday. [25 Jul 1863] Went to look for Mr Kinnaird. Found him at No.1 Pall Mall East. He looked at the "Address" - It was not in due form - I must alter it etc. etc. He could not look at it unless I brought a note from the Earl of Shaftsbury - so I went to the City - Called on "Cassell & Co.". Back to Weymouth Street - Went at 1 o'clock to the "Polytechnic" by the special invitation. Were met by the Chairman of the "Board" and by Professor Pepper - who very kindly conducted us to the Board room where the managers were assembled to receive us - Champagne was served round - the health of the party was drunk - speeches made on both sides - A hearty welcome was expressed - and then the Chairman (Rev. Mr. Owen) conducted us through the various scientific departments and into the great theatre to witness the dissolving views and the "Ghost" scene - After which some very clever tricks of Legerdemain were gone through much to the amusement of our Chiefs. Then three New Zealanders and myself descended in the diving Bell - And after wandering through all the various rooms and seeing all the wonders of that institution we returned at 6 p.m.

Sunday. [26 Jul 1863] Attended Wesleyan Chapel Street in the morning and went to Blackheath after dinner - spent a few quiet hours at the residence of My friend Mr Loveridge, after tea I roamed, with Mr Ls little girl into some delightful meadows recently mown. Sat beneath the large shady trees, and then my thoughts again wandered home. O! how can I tell what I felt! Where, and how were my dear wife and children? how often do they think and talk about me and the little ones wonder why I do not return! perhaps now at this moment we are thinking of each other. This thought often cheers me and when I think and remember that often My dear Jane and I, even tho separated in body by [one] half the Globes circumference - May meet at the throne of Grace - I know she does not now forget me - How can I, for a moment forget her? Poor Jane! she has had many trials and heavy afflictions - and severe privations - and harrassing disappointments and wearied anxieties and bodily labours - And little or no rest or comfort for many, many years! And this is the heaviest trial of all - My Absence and the consequent difficulties of her situation - but I hope yet to be able to make

her very comfortable in her declining years and, if it be God's will, to enjoy much domestic happiness and see our children comfortably settled in life ere we depart hence.

Monday. [27 Jul 1863] Went to Rosenthal's about Photographs, also to Heaths. Undecided about Lord Shaftsbury's offer - Saw several persons in City to whom I spoke about the difficulties of our situation - returned to Weymouth Street at 2 p.m. - dined - Mr Hunter called to suggest some plan [or place] of operation for raising subscriptions [or funds] to aid us in carrying out our project. Called a Cab and was just starting to the Committee at Leicester Square when Mr Puseley [or Mr Pursley] called and informed us that we were too late - Lord Shaftsbury had waited from two o'clock until three and had adjourned this meeting until Thursday. Everything looks very gloomy - Mr Brent is almost distracted - We have resolved not to accept the offer of Lord Shaftsbury to make a public appeal for funds to take us back without delay.

Tuesday. [28 Jul 1863] Called on Mr Barnett of Finchley Road - also on Mrs Stevens, St. Johns Villas - [went] down to the City and saw Mr Hodge of 25 Cannon Street - told him our position - he promised to try to get us some aid. We were to call again.

Wednesday. [29 Jul 1863] Went again to Mr Hodge but nothing was done - Wrote to Bristol to Mr Nalder informing him of our painful position - Certainly we were in a most degrading position - resolved to send the Natives to Limehouse to Col. Hughes to save expenses. Mr Lloyd took the females down. The others are to go to-morrow. How things will end I know not. The Chiefs are determined to stick by me and to see the country. I hope something will yet turn up for us, I feel satisfied it will be so - but the state of mind I am enduring is anything but enviable. My Companions are out of heart - especially Mr Brent who has made up his mind to return to New Zealand immediately and leave us to work out our plan. I am resolved to stick out to the last - as long as I have breath and strength to speak I will never give it up - I will appeal to the British public rather than be beaten - I am fully persuaded in my own mind that we shall yet do well - extreme difficulties require extreme exertions. I think I have determination and energy enough to carry it through. The result will prove it. We must go to work at once.

Thursday. [30 Jul 1863] Again waited on Mr Hodge and Mr Walmsley - both promised to do their best to help us, but had done nothing as yet - returned to Weymouth Street - Went at 3 p.m. to Leicester Square - Met the Committee - very politely handed in my written statement refusing to accept the terms of Lord Shaftsbury - The Natives went with me also Mr Maunsell who was questioned by the Committee on the subject of the Chiefs' stay in England - Went afterwards to Upper Norwood to My friend Thos. Hunt - felt I had relieved myself of a heavy burden by casting off the shackles which Lord S. would have bound me with - Met several persons at Mr Hunts - told Mr H. about our trying situation - he gave me some solid help - Staid there all night. Returned at 11 a.m. next day.

1863 July 31 Friday. Again visited my friends in the City - informed them of what I had done - everyone congratulated me on the step I had taken and all predicted success. Mrs Colenn called and took the Natives to Mr Johnson's Country residence - Mr Lightband accompanied them - I went to Leicester Square and to Downing Street to arrange for a visit to "Strawberry Hill [or Hall]" the seat of Chicester Fortescue Esqr. Under Secretary for the Colonies - This Gentleman is son of Lord Fortescue - and has married the Countess of Waldegrave - formerly Miss Braham (daughter of the Braham of vocal notoriety) This is her fourth husband - He [or she] resides at the Mansion of the Celebrated statesman Horace Walpole at Twickenham. Went again to Upper Norwood and spent a pleasant evening with my friends Mr and Mrs Hunt and a few friends of theirs. This morning I took an early walk into a lovely wood near at hand - and thoroughly enjoyed its delightfull retreat!

Saturday. [1 Aug 1863] Rose early - Started per train for "Clapham Junction" Walked a couple of Miles to see Mr Spurgeon to endeavour to obtain the use of his Commodious Tabernacle [used by him] for a Meeting - had a long interview with that Justly Celebrated preacher - But to look at the man in his own house and just out of bed - and to hear him talk you would not, for a moment, suppose that he was anything out of the Common way in fact, he has rather a low plebian look very common place delivery. Quite a youth in appearance - but plain - straightforward earnest and pointed in his discourse, and keeps to the point - evidently a good common sense business man. No humbug or cant [or can't] about him - No shew, merely, but real honesty and frankness. He told me candidly that I was too late now to begin [now] in London - everyone was leaving. Better go to the provinces first and return to London in the Winter. He thought we should do well in the Manufacturing towns. Wished me great success and we parted. Returned home and wrote letters to Bristol etc. Went to Strawberry Hill [or Hall] and spent a pleasant day. Very kindly received - some close conversation about New Zealand. Promises [or Pomare] of assistance.

Sunday. [2 Aug 1863] Went to Wesleyan Chapel (Brunswick) heard Mr Hardcastle and a better and more telling sermon I seldom have listened to - In the afternoon went to Hackney - Listened to several outdoor [or Oulden] services which were being held in "London field". Found out the house in which I resided when a child Forty three years ago! Ah! What were my feelings as [I] stood and gazed at that house. I seemed to live my life over again in a short half hour! - Went to Wesleyan Chapel in the evening - on [or in] coming out fell in with a brother to Mr Ross [or Rose] of Nelson - Went to supper with him - saw, and was introduced to, several friends there - one a Mr Riley some distant relative of Mr Hough of Nelson. They all hoped I should hold a Meeting in the Chapel, with the New Zealand Chiefs and I promised to call at Mr Riley's warehouse in the morning on that subject - got home by Omnibus at 12 p.m.

Monday. [3 Aug 1863] Called on Mr Riley, Lower Thames Street - who then said he would see the trustees about a Meeting at Hackney - Called on Mr Hodge - Cannon Street - Mr Walmsley - King Street - Mr Shaw - Leadenhall Street. Endeavoured to form a Committee to assist in relieving us from our unenviable position - all promised to do what they could, but none made an effort to do so. Its all very well when you dont want help - then everyone is ready to assist you - but only let it be known that you really are needy and a significant shrug of the shoulders is sure to follow! the watch is hastily pulled out and just then it is recollected that a "special appointment" must put an end to the (Un)interesting conversation. I pity the man whoever he may be - that [or who] shall be put in a similar fix to the one I am now in.

Tuesday. [4 Aug 1863] Called again on Mr Riley - he took me to Mr Duncan a warm hearted Wesleyan and a trustee of Hackney Chapel. We arranged to have a meeting next week. The day to be fixed on my return from Bristol - Started at 6½ p.m. for Bristol.

Wednesday. [5 Aug 1863] Reached Bristol at 12½ being 4 hours in the train - put up at the Terminus Hotel - Started at 7 a.m. for "Long Ashton" arrived at Mr Nalder's at 8. Breakfasted and was driven in to Bristol in the pony phaeton - Called on the Mayor who received me kindly - promised to do all he could to make our visit a success. Saw the Drill Hall which will hold 3000 persons - decided to hold our Meeting there - Called on the Editors of the three leading papers - all of them promised to aid us in the "press". Visited several persons of note in Bristol and Clifton and after seven hours walking and talking - we returned to Long Ashton - decided to have our first meeting on Monday week next - The Mayor promised to write to the Mayor of Bath to solicit his Wordships patronage on our visit there. After spending a pleasant hour or two in rambling about the pleasant hills and enjoying the delightful scenery we went well into a conversation about the voyage to New Zealand and what was required

by way of private comforts on shipboard – The Nalder family are very respectable and have a beautiful residence - and yet they are packing up for New Zealand!

Thursday. [6 Aug 1863] Rose at 6. Breakfasted at 7 - Mr Nalder's son drove me in to the Station - Started for Express train for London at 8.10 - Went through a rich and fertile country - Many lovely spots met my eye - where I thought I could end my days with my family in peace! Ah! where shall I end my days? And when? Happy it is for us we cannot see far in to the future. Arrived in London at 11¼ having made the journey 120 miles in 3 hours being 40 miles an hour - in half an hour started for the City. Called on Messrs Hodge – Shaw - Walmsley and Riley - Nothing done [or more] in the matter of the "Committee". Mr Lloyd had gone to Limehouse to bring up the Natives in a private Omnibus to visit the Bishop of London at Fulham Palace. Met the "Buss" at the Mansion House - drove off to Fulham – arrived at 5 p.m. We had a most cordial reception and after the introduction His Lordship intimated his wish for us to hold a service in his Chapel in the Palace. The Bishop was assisted by Rev. F. J. Jackson and Rev. J. J. Coxhead - The service was opened by singing the "One hundredth" Psalm after which a few prayers and Collects were said and the 33 Psalm was read by the Bishop when the Benediction was pronounced and the service closed. About 70 persons of distinction were guests on the occasion among whom were the Bishop of Aberdeen - Earl of Leven and Melville (who very kindly invited us to pay a visit to his Lordships Mansion at Roehampton on Wednesday next).

A very sumptuous entertainment was provided on the occasion. A few hours was spent very pleasantly in the beautiful grounds and gardens adjoining the Palace and an interesting conversation was entered into with the Bishop and the Chiefs - While the Ladies were being amused and entertained by the Wives of the Chiefs thro the kind assistance of Mr Colenso [or Mrs Colenn] who acted as their interpreter. I informed the Bishop of our awkward position - and his Lordship wished me to write to him on the subject and he would give the subject his consideration also do anything he could to forward our views and enable us to carry out our project. At 8 p.m. we returned - and were saluted at the Gate by a crowd who waved handkerchiefs and cheered us as long as we remained in sight.

Friday. [7 Aug 1863] Called with Mr Stack at Ridgeways then on to Mr Rileys - Thence to Limehouse and took six Chiefs to the residence of Harper Twelvetrees Esqr. - Bromley near Bow that Gentleman received us with true christian feeling, we took tea together - Spent an hour in conversation on the lawn - arranged for a public meeting in the large room on the premises on Friday next. Returned to London at 9 p.m. - Went to a party at Mr 47 Euston Square. Were amused with dissolving views and partook of a nice supper - home at 12. - The Meeting at Hackney is to take place in the Wesleyan Chapel on Thursday next.

Saturday. [8 Aug 1863] Went to Limehouse at 10 a.m. – interview with Col. Hughes - he gave me a letter from J. L. Rae Esqr. 86 Cork Street Dublin - enquiring respecting sending emigrants to form a settlement at [or in the] Auckland province – Had some conversation with the Natives - several of whom [or them] are beginning to get dis-satisfied with the delay in carrying out our project - so that they may get some money. Went back to Mr Rileys, saw the placard announcing our meeting at Hackney – called on Mr Hodge who has fixed Monday morning for doing something in reference to "the Committee". Took lunch near London Bridge and returned to Limehouse - Another long discussion with the Natives - wrote them a long pointed letter - took tea with Mr and Mrs Freeman - arranged with Mr Salter to try the dissolving views on Monday evening - returned by train to Fenchurch St. thence by Omnibus to Farringdon St. Station and by the Underground railway to Portland Road [or thence by Omnibus to Portland Rd] thence to Weymouth St. at half-past eight. Wrote up six pages of my Journal - and wrote letters to Messrs [or Miss] Burdett Coutts, Earl Leven and Melville - Mr Nugent of Her Majesty's Theatre – Harper Twelvetrees - Mr Haggarty [or Mr

Heggarty] - I.L. [or J. L.] Rae Esqr. Dublin, Mr Tomlin, St. Johns Wood - Mr Halder [or N. Nalder] Bristol.

9th Sunday. [9 Aug 1863] Went to Limehouse, and took two of the Natives with me to Hackney Chapel. Heard a most faithful discourse on "The Wedding Garment". Dined at Mr Riley's (whose) brother is husband to Mrs Hough's sister) - Went to the Sabbath School and addressed the children. I felt that I wished to say something to do them good. The weather was so close and oppressive that I was soaking with perspiration. Took tea with Mr Rose - brother to [or of] my friend I. Ross [or J. Rose] of Nelson - his aged Mother was present and was delighted to hear that her son was useful in the vineyard of his Master, in that distant land. Heard a most stirring sermon by a hired local preacher from the words "One thing is needfull". The presence of God was felt in His house! No one could help feeling that God had sent a Message by his servant. A lively prayer Meeting afterwards and I found it refreshing, and good, to be there. Supped at Mr Riley's, and felt sorry to part from such a Christian family. Twas refreshing to dwell, if only for a short time, under such a roof; every word was an expression of tenderness and love! Several of the children were truly converted. O, May I be enabled to live more to God if I am ever spared to return to the bosom of my family. There can be no true domestic happiness unless Gods presence is felt and His authority acknowledged by each member of the household.

Monday 10th. [10 Aug 1863] Took omnibus to Holloway - Called on Mr Stack - he was [away] from home - Went to the City by [or per] Rail - Called on Mr Hodge - Cannon Street - he had not arrived - Went on to Mr Riley's. Drew out a Placard for Bristol - ordered it to be done - with tickets of [or for] admission, and forwarded tomorrow morning by first train - Saw a person there who applied for the "Agency" - Returned to Cannon Street - wrote Letters to - Mr Stack Mr Halswell - Mr Cassell and Mr Selfe. Drew out a circular and took it to Mr Riley's to be printed - Called and took tea at a Coffee house in Fenchurch Street - On by Rail to Limehouse. On arrival found that Hirini [or Hairini] and his Wife had gone off to join the party of Natives at the Alhambra. Had a long talk with the rest and endeavoured to shew them how ungratefull they were to treat me so unkindly who had behaved so well to them - I felt that my heart was well nigh bursting with grief at the thoughtlessness of these people; after all I had done and suffered and sacrificed on their behalf; they seemed to do all they could to annoy me, and to cause me to feel pain of mind on their account. How heartily sorry am I that I ever undertook such a project. It will most assuredly ruin me in a pecuniary sense - but I hope it will turn out all for the best - God knows best what is good for us - it may be Gods method of drawing - or of driving me to Himself. I have, I know, been most unfaithfull! And while everything smiled upon me, I forgot God, or served Him very feebly - Certain it is that He was displeased with me and is now taking steps to quicken me into Newness of Life - and devotedness to his service. Well: I trust I may be enabled to say "The Lord's will be done in me and by me; and "[though] the Joys be withered [and] all [are] dead, - And every comfort be withdrawn I will say "It is the Lord: let him do as seemeth him right". A few more years at most and this hand will be paralized and my dear children will be left to grapple with this rough unkind world as their poor Father has done before them. O that they all may be saved by Grace divine!

Tuesday. [11 Aug 1863] Running all over London to see first one person and then another, till I am getting sick of it - I have walked many miles and talked many hours - Called on the Editor of [the] British Workman - he was out of town - Went to talk to Hirini [or Hairini] - found Heggarty [or Heggerty] there, could make nothing of him. Poor fellow, he has been misled by false promises and has got into bad company - I fear he will not come back now - his pride will not allow him. Got to Weymouth Street at 8 p.m. Mr Lightband started for Bristol at 10.

Wednesday. [12 Aug 1863] Went again with Mr Stack to see Hirini [or Hairini] - Called on Mr Halswell. Met the Omnibus at the Mansion house and proceeded to Roehampton - the seat of the Earl of Leven and Melville - Mr Halswell accompanied us - as did also Mr Stack and Mrs and Miss Colenso - arrived at 4 p.m. Went direct through the entrance hall to the Lawn - and were received by the Earl's eldest son and daughter - soon afterwards the Company began to muster and within an hour nearly 100 of the Nobility and Gentry had assembled - every kind of entertainment was provided and the most elegant as well as substantial refreshments were set out on tables on the lawn. It was a gay and a romantic scene - A more lovely spot could not be found - The Mansion was ancient, and of brick. The Cedars of Lebanon and the Mulberry trees were among the most strikingly beautiful objects there. It was like a fairy scene! and everybody there did all they could to please the New Zealanders - and they, in their turn - amused the gay assemblage of Noble Ladies and Gentlemen by their War dance and songs. Lord and Lady Leven were busily engaged in acts of Old English hospitality. The Earl is upwards of 75 years and her Ladyship is 70 - and yet they were as active as some of the younger ones - all seemed most desirous to make our visit pleasant and we could not have been better treated had we been Princes. The far famed "Jenny Lind" (Madam Goldsmith [or Goldich]) was present - We all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly and at 8 o'clock took our departure amid the most hearty waving of handkerchiefs and the best wishes for our welfare - expressed by scores of the fair and Noble Ladies there present - It was a perfect ovation - I left the scene with strange emotions - and thought of home. I wondered if they were all happy there! O what would I have not done [or not have done] to have had my dear wife [and family] and darling little "Nelly and Henry" there. Perhaps while I was thus honoured and thus enjoying the smiles of the Noble and Great they were suffering from the buffetings of unfeeling and unthoughtfull persons far away!

Thursday. [13 Aug 1863] After calling on several parties in the City - I went on to Hackney thoroughly worn out with harrassing care and anxiety - lay on the bed for an hour at the house of my kind friend's Riley - at 4 o'clock the Chiefs arrived - I arose and got a good wash and was a little refreshed. A score of Wesleyan friends were in the house to see the Chiefs - At 5 went across to the school room to the tea meeting. 300 persons sat down and the Chiefs wore their Costumes and were the principal attraction. The room was so badly ventilated that we were glad to get out for a little air. I cannot breathe in the close English rooms after being [used to] for so many years enjoying the fresh breezes of New Zealand and the thorough ventillation every house enjoys there - Very soon after tea the spacious Chapel began to fill. The Chiefs took their place on the platform, and squatted in a perfectly easy attitude, very much to the amusement of the Company - every part of the Chapel was crammed - hundreds could not find admission - The platform was well filled with Ministers and Leading Men connected with the Circuit - among whom was the very usefull Mr Duncan and, strange to say, I found that he and I had been next door neighbours in our boyhood - 35 years ago!

The Chiefs addressed the Meeting and I interpreted - everything went off satisfactorily and at the close - as the Chiefs retired the people crowded every avenue to get the priviledge of shaking hands with their dark skinned tattooed brethren. The Collection realized £20 - which was paid over to us towards our expenses. The Meeting was a complete success. The Wesleyans proved that they were the [same] hearty people as ever they were - whatever they undertake [or undertook] they do [did] it well. Mr Stack took the Natives home and I staid at Mr Riley's and right glad I was to get to bed - thoroughly exhausted.

Friday. [14 Aug 1863] Rose at 8, breakfasted and went to the City by Railway - Called on Mr Hodge and Mr Riley and went down to Limehouse. Took the Natives to the Station and proceeded to the residence of Mr Harper Twelvetrees at Bromley by Bow. Tea was provided in the large room - After which we proceeded on to the beautiful Lawn and the Kind and

Christian Master brought all his workpeople out to shew them the Chiefs who exhibited a few of their Native Customs [or costumes] very much to the entertainment of the dear children 500 of whom, all in Mr Twelvetrees employ, were present. At 8 o'clock we held the public Meeting. Mr Twelvetrees presided and everything passed off well. The feeling was good towards the New Zealanders - they were cheered heartily and deep interest appeared to be excited. The Meeting closed at 10. I staid the night there – received great Kindness from the family - and was presented with £7 - as the proceeds. Mr Twelvetrees is a Christian Man he pays great attention to the Moral and Religious training of the hundreds of young females in his employ, has become wealthy by persevering industry and a strict regard to Christian principles.

20th Friday. [Friday 21 Aug 1863] The last week has been one of the most trying and perplexing times [or perplexing and trying times] I have had since arrival in England. Various circumstances of a Most painfull nature have arisen which has caused great pain of mind - The Natives have not behaved well. Ingratitude of the blackest kind has been shewn by them while we have been treating them like princes, and introducing them into the best society, and shewing them everything that was calculated to instruct and improve them; they have thrown every difficulty in our way and put us to as much trouble and expense as possible; as a reward for our kindness. Never have foreigners been received more cordially and enthusiastically than these New Zealanders - and, with few exceptions, never could any set of men have behaved with more base ingratitude than these men have done to us their best friends. I hope I shall be sustained by a higher power to enable me to endure the very great amount of Mental and physical labour to which I am now subject - No one can conceeve what I feel and what I suffer. I must, however, appear as cheerfull as I can and put the best face on at all times - More especially so as My Colleagues have no energy at all - nor any correct notion of carrying out our project. As soon as circumstances [or as a circumstance] of an adverse character arise [or arises] they are discouraged and give way to despair - and then blame me for appearing cheerfull. Had I appeared otherwise we should have broken up long ago - but I feel determined not to be turned out of the way until I am obliged to do so.

August 21 Saturday. [22 Aug 1863] I have been very unwell all this week - on Thursday I left Weymouth Street and by the Kind request of Mr Riley I am staying at his house until I leave London. It is quite cheering to receive the sympathy of Kind Christian friends. I am quite at home in their house - and am much better in my health. It is quite refreshing to find a friend so far from home - This is a Cold World and if I had no kind friend here to sooth my sorrow I believe I should never again see my dear family on earth - "A friend in need is a friend indeed". Thank God I have found more than one in the house of Mr and Mrs Riley of Hackney. Letters from home bring anything but good news. I fear my family will suffer much privation during my absence - I hope to be able, on my return, to make amends for all their troubles and yet to live happily together for a few more years if God wills it so. O, that I may be resigned to His will. And submit humbly to His chastisement as a proof of his Love.

22 Sunday. [23 Aug 1863] Attended City Road Chapel in the morning - Mr Perks preached a most impressive sermon on the duty of training up children for God. [His subject] 1st. "A Child" - 2 The duty - "Train up" 3 The promise – "When old, shall not depart from it". [Was] at Hackney in the evening. Mr Vasey the Superintendent preached his farewell sermon. His text was "It is finished". A truly evangelical discourse.

23 Monday. [24 Aug 1863] After going to the City and writing several letters as well as making sundry arrangements about future Meetings I returned to Hackney - After tea, proceeded to the Adelphi Chapel (Independent), Hackney Road to hold a Meeting. Rev. J. Woodhouse, the Minister of the Chapel - presided - As there had been an evident want of arrangement very few tickets had been disposed of and the attendance was thin - so we

opened the doors and admitted the public, and soon had a Chapel full. The Meeting went off very well, but the receipts will not be more than a few pounds. Almost all of the most important people are out of town just now.

24 Tuesday. [25 Aug 1863] Made some arrangements with the Committee of finance in Cannon Street - Went to the Strangers Home - Pomare and Wife went yesterday to Mrs Colenso's residence - there to remain until after the birth of the expected New Zealand "Prince" or "Princess". The Queen pays all expenses by her Majesty's own request. Held a Meeting this evening at Middleton Hall, Islington. Rev. Davis, Rector of Cannonbury presided - A most interesting meeting - every one delighted, and, altho it was a very wet night, the attendance was very creditable - a good impression was made. Several reporters were present. Reihana and Wharepapa spoke very well - so did [also] Mr Stack. Several persons having relatives in New Zealand spoke to me among whom was Mrs Robson Mother of Mr Robson, schoolmaster of Nelson.

25th Wednesday. [26 Aug 1863] Made arrangements about Bristol - The Meeting is to be held on Monday Sept. 7th in the Victoria Rooms Clifton. The Mayor presides. Our Agent, Mr Cooper will proceed to Bristol on Friday morning to make the necessary arrangements. Mr Brent is very much discouraged on account of our frequent disappointments and great losses. He is quite unfit for any excitement. When circumstances are unpropitious he allows despair to seize him and he is quite unmanned and makes every one miserable about him. He had better retire from active operation and remain quiet for a time. I find that all the thought and labour etc. will devolve on Myself. Not one of our party, except Mr Lloyd, has the least energy. I am determined to persevere and give the project a fair trial.

Held a Meeting at the Wesleyan Seamans Chapel, Commercial Road. G. Gowland Esqr. presided - Several Ministers attended and we had a very good Meeting. The audience expressed their satisfaction by loud and repeated cheers and would have remained until midnight without being tired. The receipts were not great, but cleared expenses. I met Mrs Hough's Sister there, she is a Sister-in-law to Mr Riley.

26th Thursday. [27 Aug 1863] We had the best Meeting we have held in London at the Wesleyan Chapel - Long Lane, Southwark. The friends met and took tea together. The Superintendent Preacher took the Chair and several other Ministers and friends appeared on the platform. The New Zealanders were most enthusiastically received and listened to with marked attention. Thorough satisfaction was expressed by the Ministers and friends generally and all appeared to have enjoyed themselves exceedingly. As usual - Crowds awaited our egress from the Chapel - and loudly cheered us on our leaving.

September 2nd Thursday. [2 Sep 1863] Spent the last week much in the usual manner - receiving and writing letters - visiting - and making arrangements for future action - settling disputes with the Natives etc etc etc - Have spent some time the last week in the company of [or Have some of last week spent time with] Mr Smetham, the Artist employed to paint the Wesleyan Missionary Jubilee picture - subject - "The New Zealand Chiefs in Wesley's house". It will be a most interesting affair and as I am to figure prominently in the picture, I suppose my name will be handed down to posterity as having done something to be talked about. I dare say I shall injure myself and family in [a] pecuniary sense and that seriously unless things take a turn in our favor - But, however that may be I hope to prosecute my scheme with honor and credit both to myself and the Natives and leave the result.

This evening we held a Meeting in the School room at Stoke Newington - Dr Jackson the Rector - son of [the] Rev. Jackson, Wesleyan Minister presided on the occasion - The night being very wet - only a small number attended, but the audience was a respectable one and

a good impression was evidently made. The Chairman made a very affectionate address to the Chiefs at the close of the Meeting and took us all to the Rectory to tea and refreshments and behaved in the most kind and Christian manner to us throughout. We shall only just pay our expenses by this Meeting.

September 4th Friday. [4 Sep 1863] Preparing to start for Bristol tomorrow - Our Meeting there is fixed for Monday next. My Mind is almost worn out with intense excitement: I want a little rest. I have to talk [about] 8 or 10 hours each day; to run about from place to place making arrangements for Meetings - To keep the Natives in order and good temper. To put up with many unpleasant things from my partner [or partners]. To conduct the public Meetings and take the oversight of the whole affair. At the same time to bear the weight of responsibility that rests upon me, as the only recognised agent in this project - and above all to bear up under all the anxiety of mind which I must feel respecting my dear wife and family in New Zealand. Went to arrange about the Large Map which is being painted for illustrating Lectures and returned to Hackney glad enough to retreat from the bustle and turmoil of the City - into the quiet Christian home of my dear friends the Rileys.

5th Saturday. [5 Sep 1863] Bid [or bade] adieu to the Rileys - took Cab to Weymouth Street - on to Ridgways 40 Leicester Square - thence to Hodges 25 Cannon Street - Hunters Basinghall Street - Houlder Brothers Leadenhall St. - Rileys 80 L. Thames St. - Paddington [(Square)] Station at 1 o'clock - Bristol at 7 p.m. Lodged at Adam and Eve Hotel Wine Street, with Mr Cooper our Agent.

6th Sunday. [6 Sep 1863] Attended Service in the Cathedral at 11. Called on Mr Pritchard (Mrs Lucas' Father) - Visited the School at 3 o'clock and King Street Chapel in the evening at 6 - heard a Minister from Chichester.

7 Monday. [7 Sep 1863] Our Party arrived at 2 o'clock and we drove off at once to the Council house where the Mayor and Corporation with the Mace bearers etc etc received us with all due Ceremony [or with all due ceremony received us]. The Mayoress and other Ladies were present - A Lunch was provided - and speeches made on both sides. After about 2 hours - we left for the lodgings of the Chiefs - 19 Queen Square. Our first Meeting was at the Victoria rooms - about 200 were present and every one appeared pleased.

8th Tuesday. [8 Sep 1863] Paid a visit to the Mansion of Mr G. Thomas of Brislington - Met about 40 Members of the Society of Friends and spent a delightful evening in conversation [with them] of an intellectual character. The Friends appeared deeply interested in their dark tattooed [or dark skinned] brethren.

9th Wednesday. [9 Sep 1863] Visited Mr Francis Fry of Cotham Tower House. Met some 150 Ladies and Gentleman there. Had a very interesting display of Maori life on the Lawn - Retired to the house and spent the evening in conversation. Very great Kindness was shewn to us all by these Christian people. The New Zealanders were delighted with their reception. The Blind Asylum was visited this day - and the inmates sang most delightfully - after which the Chiefs gave three of their Wai-atas much to the satisfaction of the poor blind inmates who appeared quite happy.

10 Thursday. [10 Sep 1863] A Meeting this evening in the Atheneum - Took tea at Mrs another of Mrs Lucas' Sister's - Had a full attendance at the Meeting. Several questions were asked at this Meeting one by Mr Vickers of this City - asking if I knew his son - a Wesleyan Minister in New Zealand. I was glad to answer in the affirmative. Another Gentleman enquired if I knew Rev. G. Buttle - Wesleyan Minister of Auckland. I told him that Gentleman was my most intimate friend 21 years ago - and that I had met him on his return to Auckland

previous to my leaving - I was happy in [or at] being able to give satisfactory answers to all enquiries - The Meeting was a good one.

11 Friday. [11 Sep 1863] Two Meetings at the Broadmead Rooms – The Schools [or School] in the afternoon and a full attendance of adults at night. I met a Mrs Shaw here - formerly a Companion of my Wife's at Leamington 23 years ago. She invited me to her house and is very kind to me - nothing is too good to give me - no labour too great to bestow.

12 Saturday. [12 Sep 1863] Lots of Letters as usual and invitations to visit the various Manufacturings [or manufacturers]. Visitors poured in every hour - My time fully occupied in writing and talking - Mr Lloyd who had gone to London returned - but did not bring Julia. Mr Ridgway has detained her - and is doing us all the Mischief he can.

13 Sunday. [13 Sep 1863] Went last night to Mr Shaw's. Attended Old Market Chapel - Dined with Mr and Mrs Silcox - another of Mrs [or Mr] Lucas' sisters. Went to Chapel again at night. Returned to Mrs Shaw's to sleep.

14 Monday. [14 Sep 1863] Had a "Komiti" with the Natives today respecting Hapimana - who had been misbehaving himself - and they compelled him to sign a paper declaring that he would take no more intoxicating drink unless I gave it to him - and they all did the same so that I hope nothing more of this Kind will take place to give us uneasiness - I have enough without this kind of thing. Had a very pleasant day at the Zoological Gardens - a Most respectable attendance - the day was fine - The Chiefs were the principal attraction - every eye was upon them.

We mounted a platform and addressed the people - then came down and walked about - A Gentleman came [along] and announced to us that some Ladies were present who were half sisters to Sir Geo. Grey Governor of New Zealand [and] were anxious to see the Chiefs and present some likenesses of the Governor to them. They did so, and the Natives were much [or muchly] delighted to see relatives of their Governor here. The Chiefs amused themselves and the company by rowing a small boat on the lake and by shewing some of their customs giving a few Chants - and then a little Korero - and finished up with a War dance - Everybody appeared delighted and cheerful and were fully satisfied with the day's entertainment. As usual the Natives were surrounded by the ladies with pieces of paper and pencils for their Autographs - Our receipts were about £42.0.0.

15 Tuesday. [15 Sep 1863] Went to Weston-Super-Mare - had an overwhelming reception. Went to Mr Danns' - Florist - to tea. The Hall was crammed - hundreds went away unable to find seats - the Meeting went off well - the Chants pleased the people well [-] it was a novel sight to them. After the Meeting the platform was besieged - shaking hands commenced and continued until the hall keeper put out the Gas - then there was rush to the ante room and a demand for Autographs until nearly ½ past 10 when we forced [or found] ourselves away from the people and [I] went to Mr Danns to supper - In the Gardens was the Lime Light burning with a dazzling brightness; scores of young ladies hanging round admiring the young Chieftains - Horomona came in for the greatest share of favors, he being the handsomest [or the most handsome] Chief. These Meetings are very exciting - but, to me, very laborious as all the speaking falls to my share.

16th Wednesday. [16 Sep 1863] Spent the day in visitng. Took tea with Mr Stevens whose wife is Sister to Mrs Lucas – they were very kind and as I felt almost worn out, sympathised much with me. I had an hour's rest and sleep and after tea felt much refreshed. Went at half

past 7 to the Broadmead Rooms - (An afternoon Meeting was held for children - We had a full attendance) Mr Cotterall [or Cotterill] called on me to talk about his poor Brother [or mother] who perished at the Wairau Massacre - he gave me an introduction to his friends at Bath.

17th Thursday. [17 Sep 1863] Letters from London viz. Messrs Hodge - Layton - Sutton: also from Liverpool and Dublin. The Messrs Tory [or Torey] called to converse about information he [or they] had received from London respecting Julia - Letter from Mayor of Bath - at 11 a.m. went to see the Mayor of Bath - returned at 1 o'clock - at 2 p.m. went with the Chiefs to visit Mullers Orphan asylum [or went to the Muller's Orphanage Asylum with the Chiefs] at Ashby downs - With this Noble institution the Chiefs were highly gratified and so were we. Such a delightful and touching sight I never again expect to behold - Such Order - and regularity - Such cleanliness and such a Multitude of happy faces none could gaze on without emotion. Here was an exemplification of true Christianity - real living faith.

At 5 p.m. went to Mr Shaw's of Orfield [or Oldfield] to dine - and met several Clergymen there - Staid till 8 o'clock then drove off to No.8 York Place Clifton the residence of the Misses Thomas - half sisters to Sir Geo. Grey Govr. of New Zealand where [or when] a large assemblage of Ladies and Gentlemen - including several clergymen awaited us - A sumptuous repast was laid out - The Company appeared delighted with their visitors and the Chiefs equally pleased with their reception - several presents were made to the Chiefs and myself - and at 11 p.m. [we] started home.

18th Friday. [18 Sep 1863] Answered letters from London etc. - Went to Bath. Called on Mr Samuel Saunders, Brother to Alfred Saunders of Nelson. Met old Mrs Cottrell [or Cotteral] there - she is Mother to Mrs Saunders. Called on Mr Cottrell of Bewdley Villa and talked about poor Cottrell [or Cotteral] deceased - The family seemed deeply interested at seeing one who had been acquainted with their unfortunate relative. Received a visit from Mr Edwards. Called on the Mayor. At the Soiree in the evening in the assembly rooms the Mayor presided. Not a very numerous assembly - but very respectable - The Rev. W. [or Mr] Wood - a clergyman - spoke favourably of our project and wished us God speed. I stayed at the Temperance Hotel in Stall Street. The Chiefs went back home.

19th Saturday. [19 Sep 1863] Called on the Mayor and went with his Worship to meet the Chiefs on their arrival from the Station. Met them at the Museum and inspected its curiosities. Many of the Council were present - A Chiefs head was there and was freely handled by the Natives but the Crockadiles [or crocodiles] were viewed with abhorrence by Old Paratene who tried to get away from them.

We then proceeded to the Pump Rooms and here the Chiefs were highly delighted, they have a strong predilection for bathing and the admirable arrangements of the pump rooms made a great impression of them - proceeded thence to the Hospital. This is a great institution where cases, requiring the use of the Bath Waters, are successfully treated and is a great blessing to hundreds who are afflicted with Rheumatism etc. The Mayor then led us to the New Market which was nearly complete and was to be opened in a few days, after which we [or we then] went to the Guild Hall to Lunch with the Mayor and Council.

20th Sunday. [20 Sep 1863] By the kind invitation of the Mayor, Reihana and myself met his Worship at the Guildhall and walked in procession to the Abbey Church and sat in the Corporation pews - After service was [or After we were] introduced to Sir William Miles - Col. of the Yeomanry who were there on duty and received his invitation to inspect the Muster of the troops - from his private hotel window - Went to dine with the Mayor - - in the afternoon visited the Whitcombe Boys School - Dolsmead [or Dolemead] by the invitation of Mrs Tate -

the Clergymans Lady [or and the Clergyman] - After which went to tea at Mrs Saunders, 4 Nelson Place and at 6½ proceeded to Argyle Chapel and sat in the Mayor's pew - Dr Halley of London was preaching - After Service the Mayor took me into the Vestry and introduced me to the Doctor, who conversed in the most friendly manner and sympathised with me in reference to my undertaking.

21st Monday. [21 Sep 1863] Went at 11 a.m. to the Hotel and Met Sir W. Miles who had invited us to his room to witness the assembling of the Yeomanry. The Mayor and his Daughter accompanied us - After which we left for Rail for Bristol - And then proceeded direct to Weston-Super-Mare when we were met by Mr Dunn Nurseryman who had provided Cabs and drove us to his residence to dinner. After which we held a Morning Meeting - but that was not well attended - sufficient notice not having been given. At 8 p.m. the Hall was crowded to excess and very many could not gain admittance. Mr Kinglake the Magistrate presided after which we returned to Bristol and arrived at 12 o'clock.

22 Tuesday. [22 Sep 1863] Went to Bath to arrange about the Second Meeting. Visited Mr Saunders and the Mayor - Supped with his Worship and invited to breakfast next morning - Called on the Wesleyan Minister Rev. Mr Goodwin (an old classmate).

23 Wednesday. [23 Sep 1863] Breakfasted with the Mayor. Arranged about the Meeting and ordered the placards, advertisements etc. Also sent invitation to the Clergy and Ministers of the Chapels. At 11 returned to Bristol. After dinner waited on Mr Geo. Thomas with Mr W. Fry - also on Rev. Mr Cooper.

24 Thursday. [24 Sep 1863] Started for Clevedon, drove direct to the principal Hotel - Lunched and attended the Soiree at 3 p.m. Only a few attended but they were very select. Two daughters of Sir attended and invited us to Clevedon Hall. We all went and were kindly received by Lady and family. After viewing the beautiful pleasure grounds we returned at 6.30 and took tea at the Hotel After which we held a Meeting - The Room was crowded to excess - and a good feeling towards New Zealand and its Aborigines was manifested - Such a scene at the close! A rush to the Platform and a shaking hands and hearty farewells from a hundred voices! We had literally to tear ourselves away and quickly enter the Omnibus which was at the door and drive off hastily to the Station 4 miles distant. Mr Lightband remained to settle accounts and followed us in a Cab. At 11.30 entered the train and in an hour arrived in Bristol - took Cabs and drove to our Lodgings.

25 Friday [25 Sep 1863] Attended an out door Meeting at the Rev Mr Coopers. About 200 of the Most respectable inhabitants were present including seven Clergymen - Also Mr Budget - brother of the "Successful Merchant" and many other Merchants with their Ladies. The Maoris cooked potatoes and fish in a Native "Hangi" much to the amusemt and delight of the Company. The food being cooked and carried in Maori baskets to the lawn - a circle was formed and after a blessing was invoked - it was given over to the Clergymen who handed it round to the Ladies and company who all partook of a portion with their fingers and pronounced it "very good". A Fife band of Charity Boys enlivened the scene and they had a scramble for the Muscles and cockles with the greatest eagerness. The day was fine and all enjoyed themselves.

26 Saturday [26 Sep 1863] Letter writing - Called on the Mayor - saw Mr W. Fry - talked about forming a Committee for raising subscriptions towards our past outlay. Went to Bath - Called on the Wesleyan Minister and on the Mayor.

27 Sunday [27 Sep 1863]

Attended King Street Chapel heard Rev. Francis A. West - Dined with the Mayor - Tea with Mr Saml. Saunders and Capt. from London - attended King Street Chapel at 6. Mr Goodwin preached - attended the prayer Meeting.

28th Monday. [28 Sep 1863] Went to the Council House to arrange about the evening Meeting and also to the Printers and the photographers. At 12 a.m. the Maoris arrived and drove off to Mrs Saunders who had invited us all to dinner - All the family were present. After dinner Mr Saunders gave us a Teetotal speech which, with the discussion arising therefrom lasted 2 hours - We spent a very pleasant time - and then I started with Reihana and Paratene to visit Kingswood School - Rev. Mr Goodwin accompanying us. We were received kindly by Rev. F. A. West - also most enthusiastically by those noble and interesting looking lads - sons of the Wesleyan Ministers. On our entering the School such a burst of welcome by clapping hands as I think I seldom have witnessed! I was overwhelmed even to tears as I looked on that youthfull assembly and saw those who are to be the future Ministers of the Church when I am gone from this state of probation - I cannot tell what I felt on that occasion - as I addressed those boys and looked on their happy intelligent faces and then I *wished my own boys* were among them. On parting they gave us a hearty cheer - and when they were told they may shake hands with us - such a scene presented itself as I cannot attempt to describe. Some hundreds of boys rushed forward eager to grasp the hand of the New Zealand Chiefs and my own and I believe all were gratified by so doing. Mr and Mrs West entertained us at tea and we, after viewing the establishment, returned to the Councill House, to prepare for the Meeting in the Guildhall. At 8 p.m. the Mayor in his Robes took the chair several clergymen and dissenting Ministers together with many Ladies including Miss Barter (the Mayors daughter) also Rev. F. A. West occupied the Platform. The Hall was well filled - during the Meeting Paratene presented Miss Barter with his Matt and Hapimena gave the Mayor a Meremere - the greatest Order prevailed - and much good humor was shewn by the Ladies present on account of the remarks of the Chiefs. At 10.15 the Meeting closed and we retired to the Council Chamble where Miss Barter had provided Coffee and after which at 11.30 we took train for Bristol and arrived at 12 o'clock - Wharepapa shewed off his tricks again as he often does - he is a sad trouble to me but I have to bear with him as I think no one else would. I shall be heartily glad when this work is ended and I hope it will end well.

29th Tuesday. [29 Sep 1863] Settled various matters in Bristol - procured newspapers from Bath. Consulted about the propriety of going to London to see after Julia - decided to start on Wednesday.

30th Wednesday. [30 Sep 1863] Off to London by the evening train - Arrived at Paddington at 11.30. Slept at the Railway Hotel.

1st Thursday. [1 Oct 1863] Breakfasted - and paid 10/- for that and my bed etc. Started off to Mr Brents in Clipstone Street found him at home - told him my errand he did not think I could accomplish it - I told him I intended to take Julia back he only laughed at me - however, I tried - and started for Limehouse - soon found the Lady - lodging at a Miss Hobsons - near the "Home" - had an interview - much low suspicion on the part of the inmates - evident desire to keep her there - Mr Ridgway had given strict orders to let no one take her away - Mr R. was out of town - What could be done? - I telegraphed to Mr Maunsell - He came down - We had an interview with Julia who expressed her willingness to accompany me if Haumu also went - she stated in writing that she voluntarily went with me - We appointed to meet at Ridgways next day at 1 p.m. At 4 p.m. went to the Bow Asylum. Saw Haumu - and the Misses - all agreed that Haumu was sufficiently recovered to accompany us - and she went with me to the Asiatic Home - I asked Julia to go in and see Haumu - Miss Hobson objected, and in the most suspicious manner would not let her go out of her sight. At length her Brother accompanied us to the door of the Home and I fetched Haumu out and they both

went back to Hobsons. Some vulgar seafaring man was there who, it appeared, had agreed to take Julia with him to the sea side somewhere for a treat and they were to be off the next day - so I had put a stop to this and therefore he vented his spleen upon me ordered me out of the house? I of course, positively refused to budge a single inch and dared his interference. He threatened the wrathfull interference of the "Aborigines protection Society" and that my proceedings should be put a stop to shortly. Mr Ridgway would see to that etc. so I left them and returned to Rileys at Hackney - quite tired of that days work. But I felt determined to carry out the object for which I came up to London viz. to take back with me Julia and Haumu - but only with their full acquiescence.

2 Friday. [2 Oct 1863] Went to Mrs Colenzos to see Pomare and his wife found them pretty well took omnibus to Stoke Newington - and then a Cab to Leicester Square. A Baptist Minister - Rev. who has a friend in New Zealand Rev. accompanied me by sheer accident - but learning who I was - gave me his card and wished me to remember him to his friend on my return. Arrived at Ridgways at 1 p.m. Met Haumu and Julia Miss Hobson and Mr Maunsell there - had a long altercation - everything was said and done my Miss H. that she dare do to prevent my taking them with me - Moreover, Mr Maunsell and Mr Ridgways clerk decided that as they had no objection to go, they could not be detained so after paying 4.10 for Julia's board and lodging to Miss Hobson - they returned to Limehouse and I went off to Mr Brents - where I took some refreshment and then proceeded to Mr Rileys, Lower Thames Street and thence by Rail to Limehouse - took tea with Mr and Mrs Freeman - Ordered a Cab to be ready at 8 o'clock - helped Julia to pack up - took her boxes to the "Home" and waited the hour for starting still fearing lest some undue influence might be brought to bear to prevent our going. At 7.30 went into Hobsons and then I saw that old scoundrel of a spy sent by Mr Ridgway - named Jeffreys - muttering and whispering to Miss Hobson - and would have been glad if he could have prevented our starting but I was vigilant - I only wanted the Cab to arrive. It came at length and I got the females inside - I entered and drove off with speed - feeling as tho I had escaped from a den of thieves In an hour we reached Paddington Station - just in time for the Bristol Train - and off we started; at 12.15 we arrived at Bristol Station - took a Cab to the "Adam and Eve" Hotel (my Lodgings). Found Mr Cooper and Messrs Lloyd and Lightband waiting to receive us - Our Farewell Meeting was next Monday. Our arrival was announced at the Journal offices and appeared next day - Again I was tired of my days work - but glad that I had accomplished my work.

3 Saturday. [3 Oct 1863] Staid at home writing and receiving visitors and making arrangements for the Mondays meeting.

4 Sunday. [4 Oct 1863] Went to King Street Chapel, hear Mr Mayer the Superintendent. After Service we were besieged by the Congregation - Waited in the Vestry until the Coast was clear - took a Cab and went to Horfield - to my friends Mr and Mrs Shaw to dinner and tea. Spent a pleasant afternoon - at 6 p.m. took a cab and went to the same Chapel - After service went to supper with Mrs Mrs Lucas and sister and returned home at 10.30 p.m.

5 Monday. [5 Oct 1863] Visit from the Misses Thomas (Sir Geo. Greys sisters). They left a present for the Chieftainess - so did the Mayoress. Visited Hodges shoe warehouse and received a present of a pair of shoes each. Cut out and made while we were there, took lunch with the proprietors in the Counting house. Returned to lodgings. At 7.30 went to the Broadmead Rooms - At 8 the Mayor took the Chair. The large building was well filled and every one appeared thoroughly to enjoy themselves. The Mayor was very anxious to see the process of Rubbing noses. So when Wharepapa had finished his speech he turned round and embracing His Worship forthwith proceeded to gratify him by a good rough "Hongi" which elicited bursts of applause and long continued laughter! The whole affair was a decided success and the public parted with us in a most affectionate manner.

6th Tuesday. [6 Oct 1863] Started for Birmingham at 8 a.m. Arrived in Birmingham at 2 p.m. - dined at our respective lodgings and proceeded to the Temperance Hall. The Mayor, Chas. Sturge Esqr. presided over a respectable but small Meeting. - At 8 p.m. had a full meeting. Rev. M. Cuttler Wesleyan Minister presided - Many old friends came to speak to me - Mrs Gregory - Mr English - Also an old apprentice – and many who had friends in Nelson.

October 4th Saturday. [24 Oct 1863] Preparing to send home. Quite tired of this distracting life. Very few could stand the work I have to perform. All I hope is that I may be preserved and strengthened to fully carry out my project. I see I shall be a great loser in a pecuniary sense that I have quite made up my mind to - but what is that compared with the good that may result from my labours to these New Zealanders.

25th Sunday. [25 Oct 1863] Attended Cherry Street Chapel this morning. Mr Greaves preached - A thin attendance. At 2½ went to the Chapel with Wharepapa and Reihana. The Minister and I ascended the Pulpit. The Chiefs sat below. The Chapel was filled to suffocation, about 1000 children and 400 adults. It had not been so full for many years. Mr Greaves introduced me as an old teacher in that school 25 years ago - I felt much on the occasion. Who could have thought a quarter of a century ago that I should this day have occupied such a position as this - I felt proud of my position and yet I felt deeply humbled when I remembered how unfaithful I had been - and what I might now have been had I been diligent and persevering and improved the grace given to me, but I felt happy and I told the children so I urged them to give their hearts to God and hoped some of them present would become Ministers and Missionaries in future years. After the Chiefs had spoken we retired to the Vestry – crowds followed us there. Numberless hands were thrust out to grasp mine by those who had been scholars in that school when I was a teacher there long - long ago. After half an hour Mr Bangham being the successful competitor for our company to tea, opened the Vestry door to proceed with us to his residence. When lo! such a crowd of children and young persons filled Cherry Street - all eager to shake hands with the Chiefs and many also anxious to declare their remembrance of me in former days. 20 minutes more were spent in bursting away from the crowd of friends and then we were followed by scores of children and teachers right up to Mr Banghams door in Constitution Hill. And even there I was obliged to shake hands with a score more who had known me in my younger days. We were at last safely sealed in Mr Bs nice snug little parlour where several ladies were assembled. It was Mr Bs Wedding day and he said he should never forget it. Attended Service at Wesley Chapel. Sat in Mr C. Heeleys pew - Heard Mr Dunn preach - he is a powerful preacher - Went to supper at Mr (cousin of Mr Lightband and brother in law to Saml. Wesley whom I knew in Birmingham formerly. Here we spent a few happy hours talking about Methodism 25 years ago and about the old Methodists of those days - most of whom have passed away. This was one of the happiest Sabbaths I have spent in England. Hope to have a good time at the Missionary Meeting on Tuesday next.

26 Monday. [26 Oct 1863] Finished my letter for home. Those from New Zealand have not yet arrived from London. Went to Walsall at 12 o'clock in the private Omnibus - arrived at 2 p.m. Held an afternoon Meeting. Dr Gordon took the Chair - very few present. After tea went to see the Mayor and the Wesleyan Minister. At 8 p.m. the room was well filled with respectable persons - The Mayor (Mr Cox) presided. Dr Gordon (Presbyterian) and Rev Mr White Wesleyan Superintendent Minister were on the platform. We had a very good Meeting after which Dr Gordon proposed a vote of thanks to me and expressed a wish to have a large gathering of schools next week. Mr White thought the Wesleyan Chapel would be the place. Here a lady, sister to Mr Colenso of New Zealand introduced herself to me, and invited me to her house when we next came to Walsall. We hastily gathered up our baggage

and proceeded homeward at 11 p.m. and reached Birmingham at 1 o'clock, quite worked up. These late hours are playing sad work with my health.

27 Tuesday. [27 Oct 1863] Went out to Mountfords to get a few things for the children at home - Called at the Railway Station about the large Map which has been detained at Bath - Threatened to sue for damages if not recovered forthwith. We are suffering for want of it. Wrote several letters, and arranged for future Meetings - A letter today from the Mayor of Manchester offering to give us a hearty reception if we came forthwith before his office ceased. Went to Wesley Chapel school to tea. A large number of happy looking persons from here I was delighted to find some old faces. Messrs Wilkinson, Lewis, Southee, Nash and many others of olden time all delighted to see me and by proteges. At half past six we proceeded to the Chapel and ascended the platform. Soon we surrounded by Revs Mr Hall the Superintendent of Cherry St., Mr Dunn, Greaves and James - also the Missionary Secretary's and many other friends and the Chapel were soon crowded to excess. After the usual preliminaries Messrs Greaves and Dunn spoke briefly - Then I was requested to give some account of Mission Labour in New Zealand. I spoke $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour - When Rev. Mr James succeeded. Then a Mohawk Indian Minister after which the concluding vote of thanks were passed. The New Zealanders sang a Hymn and we separated. I was much affected at standing in that Chapel just above the pew where I first received good under the preaching of dear Mr Bumby. There I became a Christian and a Methodist - 27 years have passed - - and here I am again standing on a Missionary platform with a party of New Zealand Converts - the fruits of Mission labour! I was happy - but I cannot describe my feelings when 25 more years shall have passed away - where; Ah! where shall I appeal? O that I may meet with all those dear friends whom I say around me on that platform and at that meeting. This Meeting I can never never forget. Supped at Mr Nashs house. Rev. Mr Hall was present - also Mr Nashs son who is a Minister at Shrewsbury.

28th Wednesday. [28 Oct 1863] Very tired today. Several of the Natives are suffering from Coughs. The change of weather is felt keenly by us all. I am suffering from tooth ache. Julia is very troublesome - Constantly grumbling about trifles. She has been spoiled by the thoughtless London Ladies. She gives me much trouble and is enough to try ones patience severely. Wharepapa is also sometimes as obstinate as an ass. I have enough to do to keep all straight - I heartily wish myself at home. We all went to tea and supper at Mr Harmars - surgeon - New Hall Street. Met Rev. Mr Wall there - The evening was spent in a friendly manner. The Magic Lantern amused the Natives much. All appeared to enjoy themselves greatly. Went home at 12 o'clock. I think the Wesleyans will be very kind to us here. Its well some persons are kind, as we have many enemies and formidable obstacles to contend with - A certain person in London is persecuting us cruelly.

29th Thursday. [29 Oct 1863] This has been a great day with us, Our great Meetings in the Town Hall, At 3 o'clock Dr Millar - Rector of Birmingham took the Chair - some 2000 children were present, and a goodly number of adults. The platform was well filled with Ministers of various denominations and all went off well - In the evening at 8 Dr Melson presided. The Hall was pretty well filled. The Chairman in his opening speech mentioned me as "an old friend of former days, who had spent the best portion of his life in promoting the welfare of the New Zealanders". I spoke for an hour and then introduced the Chiefs. The attention and interest of the Audience was kept until a late hour - but prudence dictated that we should close at half past ten. We got away by 11 o'clock. I felt it hard work to talk for 2 hours so as to be heard distinctly in that large Hall - besides having had 2 hours of it in the afternoon - On my reaching home I was glad to retire at once.

30th Friday. [30 Oct 1863] Rose about 10 o'clock, got a hasty breakfast - wrote a few letters, received some visits. Went to town and started in the train for Oldbury. A wet day - Went to

the house of the Superintendent preacher Mr Wethington where family received me and the two ladies in a kind Christian manner. The Chiefs followed by next train - got out at Spon Lane and walked on to Oldbury. The rain came down in torrents and they got drenched. We sent 2 Cabs to fetch them but they were too late. We all went, by the invitation of Mr Welch to Lunch at one of the Hotels. Several Gentlemen of the town met us there. At half past 2 we adjourned to the Wesleyan School room, and met a good number of children and a few adults, both Wesleyan Ministers being present. At the conclusion the Chiefs amused the children by a slight attempt at the "War Dance" very greatly to their delight. Tea was provided in the small school room and a good many of the friends joined us - At half past seven we went to the evening meeting. Rev Mr Withington presided - Dr Cooper and the young Wesleyan Minister were on the platform. A highly respectable audience assembled and we had a very satisfactory Meeting. As usual we received many invitations to tea - among others Dr Cooper and Dr Hayward surgeon, but of course we could not accept them. Returned to Birmingham by the train at 11½ p.m. I have been suffering much from tooth and face ache lately. O how often I wish myself at home! with my dear family - How I long to see my little ones! it appears an age since I left - even to me who mix so much with society and have so much excitement. But what must it be to those at home who are so differently situated? What is in the future for us I know not, but I feel the necessity of patience and trust in a higher power.

31st Saturday. [31 Oct 1863] From the great exertions and excitement of the last two days the re-action is felt severely. My face was very painful so I went to the Dentist who said my tooth must come out as an abscess was formed underneath - so as needs must, after several very severe tugs out it came. I laid up all day after, and I hope it is now better. Rev Mr Witherton called this afternoon to invite me to go over to Oldbury with Takerei to a district tea meeting on Monday evening. Afterward my dear old friend Mr Edmonds also called and spent two hours with me. Our conversation turned upon the cowardly attacks certain persons in London are making upon my character and intentions. A Mr Ridgway of Leicester Square is trying to do us all the mischief he can by spreading slandorous reports and making mis-statements in reference to my treatment of the Natives. I trust it will appear who is right and who is wrong. May God strengthen and support me!

November 1 Sunday. [1 Nov 1863] I have not yet received my letters from New Zealand. That Man Ridgway has, after refusing to give them up to Mr Brent, sent them on to Manchester. He has done this on purpose to annoy me - he is acting as maliciously as he can possibly act, and would rejoice to bring us to a fix. Attended Islington Chapel this morning and evening. Mr James preached both times, he is a zealous, warm hearted, earnest faithful and sound preacher - I do not know how such sermons can be preached without a revival taking place - I have not heard anyone so much like Bumby since I left Birmingham. Such numbers staid to Sacrament this evening, that it took an hour to administer it - We had a very good time of it - I thought of former days - the good times of old - when first I knew the Lord! - Ah! how often I wish I had my life to live over again with my present experience - how different should I live! But how vain is this wish? Rather let me improve the past by now living close to God and endeavouring to Glorify Him in my life.

2nd Monday. [2 Nov 1863] Mr Brent came from London to take his leave of us before departure for New Zealand. Thus one after another has dropped off from our party, and Mr Lloyd also talks of leaving us: So I suppose bye and bye I and Mr Lightband will be alone in the matter. I hope to be enabled to do everything for the best. If I were to consult my own pecuniary interest in the matter I should try to get back to my family and business as speedily as possible, but I wish fully and creditably to accomplish our great object and to return with satisfaction to New Zealand. At 1 p.m. started, with two of the Chiefs for Oldbury to aid the friends at the Circuit tea Meeting there. Our good friend the Rev. J. Withington met us at the

Station – we proceeded to his house - The rain poured in torrents but the friends were not prevented attending - The room was crammed at tea time - Methodists will let nothing hinder when a tea meeting is in the way. Several Ministers were present and we had a hearty reception. The Chiefs spoke well – everything went off to our entire satisfaction - and at 10 o'clock we left for Birmingham.

3 Tuesday. [3 Nov 1863] After some conversation with Mr Brent – we started for Stourbridge. I went forward to make a few calls. Saw the Wesleyan Ministers, among whom was Mr Thomas, late of Tonga - took tea at Rev Mr Shears the Superintendent - an old friend and fellow student of the Rev. S. Ironside. At 8 p.m. went to the Hall - very soon it was filled to excess. Lord Lyttelton presided - and the platform was well filled with Clergymen and Ministers of other denominations. The Meeting went off well. The Chiefs returned home and I staid to supper at Mr Shears. I then went - by invitation of a friend Mr - to his residence at Hagley to sleep, proposing to go on to Kidderminster the next day.

4th Wednesday. [4 Nov 1863] This morning I went through Hagley Hall - They were just clearing away the decorations - they had a great feast the previous night - the last of the rejoicings at the Majority of the Honble. Mr. Lyttelton - Visited the School also and went through the Park. The Noble Lord lives in the affections of his tenantry and spends his money in doing good. He is a true Nobleman! Went on by train to Kidderminster. Arrived at 2 p.m. soon found out an old acquaintance Mr W. Godwin - and then my old friends in early days the Downtons. And afterwards several others whom I had known 38 years ago!! Called on the several Ministers and on the Mayor - And then went to the Meetings in the Music Hall. The Chiefs had arrived and the Audience began to assemble fast - Just then I beheld a number of boys rushing into the Gallery - They were from "Townshend School" - the same in which I had received my slight education - And as I looked upon them I thought of former days! 38 years ago I was a boy in that School and I could not help ascending into the Gallery and shaking hands with the Principal and telling him the above fact. An appointment was soon made for a visit to the establishment on the following morning. The Mayor having arrived and the Hall pretty well filled, we commenced - and held a very lively meeting - At the conclusion, Dr of the Grammar School spoke at some length in commendation of our project. Then the platform was soon filled with enquiries after their "Old School fellow" and very many faces did I recognize who were play mates or school fellows in my boyhood days! O! what did I feel in that hour? How the past rushed into the mind and old scenes came vividly flitting through my mind which I had long since forgotten. I thought of those happy days of youth which alas! are gone for ever! Many, very many strange events have occurred to me since that period. Many Joys - and many heavy sorrows and trials, the bare mention of which brings forth a deep and heavy sigh. And then, the sins of folly of youth how numerous they were! Yet those were committed in comparative ignorance and were trifling when placed by the side of the many weightier transgressions of riper years committed in the face of greater light and knowledge. I often think had I time to pen the various incidents of my life and to pourtray the striking scenes, it would possibly do good to some youth who is now perhaps as thoughtless of the future as I was 37 years ago.

5th Thursday. [5 Nov 1863] Made several calls, found out some old friends - dined with the Mayor - Dr. Roden - and in conversation discovered that His Worship was a companion of my youth 37 years ago and that we used to meet together on the very spot where the Mayors house then stood in which we were then dining. At 5 p.m. started by rail for Birmingham where we were to hold a Meeting at 7.30. Arrived at 6.50 - went direct from the Station to Belmont Row. My dear friend Rev. Mr Harvard received me kindly - Mrs H. soon made me a nice cup of tea - Miss Bradburn was also there and was exceedingly kind in administering comfort and sympathizing words which in addition to the cup of tea really did me good - especially as that lady told me that her father Rev. Saml. Bradburn had lived in

that house and there she was born 71 years ago! Miss B. gave me an Autograph of her revered father and wrote a few words in my Album. At 7.30 we met in the Chapel - it was a wet night - and being the 5th of November we had a slender gathering but a most interesting meeting. Mr Harvard presided. Here also I met many old friends of former years, but many, very many have passed away. Some who were much more likely to live long than I was at the time, and yet I am spared.

6th Friday. [6 Nov 1863] Went by appointment to Kingshill near Wednesbury - dined at the house of an old Methodist - a Circuit Steward and local preacher named Smallman, both he and his son have been very kind to us. Here we met four Wesleyan Ministers Revds. After tea we proceeded to the Chapel. My old Superintendent and friend the Rev. W. Naylor met me for the first time for twenty four years! Of course our greeting was a warm one. The venble. old servant of God presided at the Meeting and a happy time we had. I felt much on the occasion. Mr N. is 82 years old and still preaches!

7th Saturday. [7 Nov 1863] Busy at home receiving visitors, writing letters, talking with the Natives etc.

8th Sunday. [8 Nov 1863] Chapel at Islington and Cherry Street.

9th Monday. [9 Nov 1863] By invitation of Rev Mr. Goodwin we visited the Blind Asylum where we met Rev Mr. Lea and Rev India - also a large party of Ladies and Gentlemen - A Meeting was held in the Chapel - of a religious character. The Chiefs were questioned by one of the Clergymen, exhibited their garments and weapons and allowed the Blind patients to handle them. Afterwards we took refreshments and departed. Took Omnibus at Twelve for Walsal. Arrived at 3 p.m. at the Wesleyan Chapel - Tea was provided in the school, and a hearty reception was given us by our Wesleyan friends. Rev. Mr White presided at the evening Meeting in the Chapel - the spacious building was crowded One third were adults and about 1000 children were present - Dr Gordon, who had met us on a former occasion was present - the Meeting was a very satisfactory one - reached Birmingham at 12.30.

10th Tuesday. [10 Nov 1863] Took the party to breakfast at a Ladies Boarding School. The Misses Phipson of Frederick Street remained there till one o'clock - started at 2 p.m. for Wolverhampton - held two meetings - at 3 and 8. Took tea at Rev S. Waddys - Met old Mrs Thorneycroft there and three Wesleyan Ministers. A Mrs Crump accosted me and enquired about her son, a Wesleyan Missionary in New Zealand. She wrote his name in my album. The evening meeting concluded at 10 p.m. Reached home at 12.40 - quite tired having been talking incessantly for 13 hours. Very few, I believe, could do as I am doing. It would kill 8 out of every 10 - at least so the doctors say.

11th Wednesday. [11 Nov 1863] Meeting at Nechells Chapel at 8 p.m. After we had taken tea in the school room. While sitting at tea a stout middle aged gentleman enquired if I had not been a teacher in Cherry St. school 26 years ago. Upon my replying in the affirmative, he told me he was a scholar in my select class at that time! His name is Austin. How cheering such circumstances as these are! A full chapel, but a small collection.

12th Thursday. [12 Nov 1863] Went by rail to Bromsgrove held two meetings. The Independent Minister presided in the afternoon - and Dr. Collis of the Grammar School in the evening. Took tea at a Mr Witherfords. Rev. Mr Rundle, Wesleyan Minister was present. About 80 of Dr Collis' pupils were present. The room was crowded to excess. Many could not gain admission - slept at the Inn and left for Worcester next morning.

13 Friday. [13 Nov 1863] Started for Worcester at 10 a.m. Arrived at 11.30. Met the Mayor and Sir Chas. Hastings at the Guildhall. His Worship had provided a lunch at the Star Hotel to which we were driven in Cars by the Mayors orders. At 3 p.m. the Mayor took the chair. The Vicar of St. Peters and many other clergymen and the Wesleyan Ministers were present. A son of Rev. Dr. Waddy is the second preacher there. Mr Lightbands friends invited us to tea - at 8 p.m. Sir Chas. Hastings presided - A full Meeting - Many questions were put and answered. At the close of Meeting we were pressed to return to Worcester in a short time. Went to supper at Mr Bullocks residence whose son is curate at Aston nr Birmingham he was also present. Our friends the Chiefs slept at Mr Wales and Mr Thomasons and myself and Lloyd at an Inn.

14th Saturday. [14 Nov 1863] Myself and Mr Lloyd started at 7 a.m. for Rail for London. We met Mr I. Pumphrey at Oxford and went on in company - arrived at 11 a.m. Went to a Temperance Hotel and took breakfast. My Pumphrey went on to Dr Hodgkins where he met my good friend Mr Riley. Dr H. had procured the attendance of Mr Ridgway and another person - and they went into an investigation of the base charges made in Dr Hs letter - Dr Hodgkin was very nervous - would not face me - Threw all the blame on Mr Ridgway and said he should have nothing more to do with it - he "would not go into the matter at all". So Mr Pumphrey accompanied Mr Ridgway to his office examining his papers - heard all he had to say for about 7 hours - took notes and names ad infinitum - and then went for the next 2 days on a voyage of enquiry - and at length found out to his entire satisfaction that Mr Ridgway had trumped up these insinuations and had misled Dr Hodgkin who had, on the spur of the moment, written very indiscreetly to Chas. Sturge Mayor of Birmhm, he would now have been glad to have recalled those letters, but the mischief had been done - and now it must be undone. Mr Riley and others urged me to enter an action for Libel against Dr Hodgkin - offering to raise all the expenses - I however, not having any very great liking to the Law nor yet desirous of shewing a vindictive spirit declined - hoping to settle it differently. At 5 p.m. went home with my friend Riley to Hackney.

15 Sunday. [15 Nov 1863] Spent the day at Hackney. Walked to Tottenham in the afternoon and saw Pomare and wife and the Queen's Godson A fine child - The Mother doing well. Back to Hackney - Chapel in Evening. Mr Mr Rose after service.

16th Monday. [16 Nov 1863] 10 a.m. Called at the Temperance Hotel - Met there Mr Wright and Mr Brent. 11 Went to City - Rileys. 12 Shaw Savills & Cos. - Off to Farringdon Street. 1 Train to Paddington. Just in time for train to Birmingham - arrived at 7.15 - took Cab to Mr Banghams, Constitution Hill - refreshed myself by a good wash. Got a hasty cup of tea - and at 7.45 got to Street Chapel - The Meeting commenced at 8 o'clock. A full attendance. Dr took the Chair. I had two hours talking and at 10.30 packed up our luggage and off home - quite tired of my days work.

17 Tuesday. [17 Nov 1863] Up very late last night and very tired - so I lay late this morning - but had some strange morning thoughts about home. I wish I could forget home for a while; no one knows my feelings after an hours meditation about home and my family!

18th Wednesday. [18 Nov 1863] Mr Brent arrived to day - to take leave of us being about to return home - Started at 3 p.m. for Oldbury with 2 of the Chiefs - took tea at a friends house - Met several Ministers - a kind reception and a good Missionary Meeting. The Rev. Mr Withington presided - Many talked about Mr Bumby and Mr Lawry - several persons there knew both of them. Returned to Birmingham at 11 p.m.

19th Thursday. [19 Nov 1863] Spent the day with Mr Brent - who started for London in the evening and will leave for N.Z. in a few days.

20th Friday. [20 Nov 1863] Visited some old Birmingham friends - received visitors and many enquiries about Emigration – replied to correspondents Settled native matters etc.

21st Saturday. [21 Nov 1863] Numberless Calls to day as usual. Friends from Cherry Street Called to arrange for the coming Meeting at the Chapel. Spent the evening at Mr George Mewiss' St. Pauls Square. Met Mrs Wareing there and Mr Mewiss and Wife and several Clergyman - among whom were Rev. G.B.P. Latimer - Perpetual Curate of St. Pauls, Rev. Jas. Stuart Curate of do. and Rev. John Jennings Curate of A very pleasant evening and it brought to mind our early life in Birmingham.

22 Sunday. [22 Nov 1863] Attended Cherry Street Chapel, and Harborne in the evening. Called at Tibbatts, my Wifes Cousin - took tea at Mr Edmonds. Attended Baptist Chapel. Walked home with Clara Edmonds who lives at Furness.

23 Monday. [23 Nov 1863] Writing home - and answering letters from correspondents. Mr Bach called to arrange for a visit to his home at Erdington. Spent the evening at Rev. Winters of Edgbaston - Met several Clergymen there and it was a very agreeable evening. We are treated with the greatest respect by the Ministers of Religion here - Surely no foreigners ever had such an overwhelming reception!

24 Tuesday. [24 Nov 1863] Meeting at Breenston Street Chapel – pretty good attendance. Tea in the school room - Much attention paid to the "Natives" but I fear they do not fully appreciate it. Met many old friends of former years.

25th Wednesday. [25 Nov 1863] Writing - talking and visiting until noon - 3 p.m. off to Oldbury to my old friends Rev. J. Withington - Attended a Missionary Meeting, with two chiefs in one of the small Chapels in the neighbourhood.

26 Thursday. [26 Nov 1863] Oldbury again to another Missionary Meeting. The people of the "Black Country" are delighted with the New Zealanders.

27th Friday. [27 Nov 1863] Settling Matters with the Maories – Letter writing. At 12 o'clock Mrs Withington arrived and dined with us - shortly afterwards Mr W. came and at 4.30 we all started to Tea at Cherry Street school rooms. About 500 persons took tea and afterwards retired to the Chapel - A goodly number were present, about 800 persons. Sir John Radcliffe presided. Rev. J. Hall - Chairman of the District - Rev. W. Greeves - Rev. Rev. J. Withington, and Rev. J. Smith of Oldbury. Also Dr. Melson, Mr Howell, Bangham and other gentlemen, old friends of mine were on the platform. In the Gallery sat - John Bumby Smales, a Nephew of the late Rev. J. Bumby - Dr Melson referred to him and to the fact of my having Carried him on my back 14 miles through the New Zealand forest 21 years ago - when assisting his father to remove to a fresh Mission Station. The Meeting was, to me most interesting as an old teacher in the School 27 years before.

28 Saturday. [28 Nov 1863] Spent this day, as usual, in putting matters straight with the "Natives". Settling up accounts – writing letters - receiving visitors, and answering enquiries about New Zealand.

29 Sunday. [29 Nov 1863] Attended Cherry Street Chapel in the evening. Mr James preached a most earnest and powerfull sermon. (I had taken tea at Mr Mills - Smallbrook Street. After Sermon – a prayer Meeting was held and a gracious feeling pervaded the minds of the people. Many were smitten down - Dr Harmer wished me and Wharepapa to go to supper with him - but, Mr James having requested me to go into the Vestry with many who

were praying with the penitents - I went, and soon forgot all about supper. At half past 10 we left the Chapel. I hope good was done - It put me in mind of old times in the days of dear Mr Bumby - we had many such times then - and they were "Seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

December 1st Tuesday. [1 Dec 1863] Went to Leamington, had two good meetings there - Our party divided - some went to Rev. Mr Davenports and the others to Mr Hydes to tea. I met many old friends there among whom was Mr Coulson. He is still at Messrs Cookes & Son - as foreman. I got him that situation 23 years ago. An old acquaintance, Mr White - called to see me. Many others recognizing me all behaved very kindly. After the evening Meeting at which the Rev. Mr Davenport presided we took the Omnibus and proceeded to the Lodgings provided for us by the Mayor of Warwick at St. Johns School - a very ancient building of deep interest. A good Supper was ready for us - Many visitors waited to receive us - After Supper - we visited an Artist, who occupied an adjoining room and our New Zealand friends enjoyed themselves much - by dressing themselves in the Costume of Henry VIII time. The dresses were provided by the Artist.

2 Wednesday. [1 Dec 1863] Visited several old friends in Warwick - particularly my dear friend and Brother Schofield - he looks much as usual - and is still in the Church and a usefull man. At 1.15 we started for Birmingham. At the Station the Omnibus met us. We entered, and proceeded to Erdington to Mr Bach's residence where a party of friends awaited us. Arrived at 4.30 - sat down to a splendid dinner - after which the Maoris went to their pipes, and then to the drawing room where we spent a very happy evening. At 9 we sat down to supper - After which the Maoris speechified much to the amusement of the Company. Mr Bach had engaged a person with an Electric Apparatus to amuse us - and really our party were greatly entertained. At 11 o'clock we started for home - much pleased with the kindness of our host. Surely these Maoris ought to be gratefull for such overwhelming receptions by the English people.

3 Thursday. [3 Dec 1863] Letters by the dozen as usual - visitors every hour - and numberless enquiries about New Zealand - Meeting at Bath Street Chapel. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting at 8. A very stormy night - so we had very few hearers but, after all a nice feeling pervaded the assembly - home at 11 p.m.

4th Friday. [4 Dec 1863] At home all the morning writing and talking with the Maoris and with visitors - at 5 p.m. went to Nocks Assembly rooms where a large assembly was convened to meet us at tea - Dr Miller, Rector of Birmingham presided 300 sat down to tea after which the Dr addressed the assembly then questioned the Chiefs - who promptly and satisfactorily replied - After which several Clergymen spoke - and at 9 o'clock we started home - Julia shewed her tricks, and would walk home - she is a singular being.

5th Saturday. [5 Dec 1863] After a harrassing day we went to tea at Mrs Wareings - My Wifes cousin - Met a large party of friends. The Chiefs danced with the Ladies and the Chieftainess with the Gentlemen and we old folk chatted away quite comfortably - while the young folk danced and amused themselves in various ways. At 9.30 sat down to supper - several Clergymen were present. At 11 o'clock started for home.

6th Sunday. [6 Dec 1863] Heard Dr Melson preach at Cherry Street. A first rate discourse. A better preacher I seldom have heard. The Dr. is a very usefull man in the Church - I have known him many years - he is greatly respected here and has a large family. Mr Hall preached in the evening - and after service announced that the party of New Zealanders who were at Holders Concert Hall were not connected with us. I went to supper with Dr Harmon of New Hall Street.

7 Monday. [7 Dec 1863] Went to my friend Banghams to dine - Met Mr Fry of Briston at Pumphreys at 4 p.m. Spent the evening preparing to start for Worcester tomorrow.

8th Tuesday. [8 Dec 1863] By rail to Worcester held two Meetings - Not so well attended as before. A clergyman presided at 3 o'clock and Sir Chas. Hastings M.D. at 8 p.m. The Meeting was enthusiastic enough and continued until 10.15 - conversed with several persons who had friends at New Zealand. The Chieftains and took tea and supper at Mr Thomasons. I read and supped at Mr Wales, Mr Lightbands brother - I could not help feeling as much at home as always do at Mr Lightbands at Nelson. There is a great likeness. Retired at 12 o'clock - quite tired.

9 Wednesday. [9 Dec 1863] Visited the Establishment of Mr. Draper and General furnisher. We all received presents of some trifling articles by way of remembrance. At 12 started by Rail for Cheltenham - arrived at 1 p.m. Called on the printer Mr Edwards - the Natives staying at the Temperance Coffee House. At 3 o'clock we found the Hall filled - and to my surprise and gratification I met Messrs Fell and Seymour - late of Nelson, New Zealand and had a hearty shake of the hand. They appeared glad to see me and asked many questions about Nelson. Dr Barry of the College presided. Dr Brown and several Clergymen were present. It was a full and a highly Respectable Meeting. At 8 p.m. Dr Brown (Independent) presided - Another full Meeting and a very enthusiastic one. We could not break it up until 10.30 - and a half hour more was occupied in shaking hands etc. so that it was past 11 before we got away to our lodgings.

10 Thursday. [10 Dec 1863] Went with Mr Edwards to see the "Pittville" Pump rooms. A Magnificent establishment! We drank of the Cheltenham Waters ascended to the top of the Dome had a splendid view of the beautiful pleasure grounds - drank in the pure, fresh, invigorating breeze from the Bristol Channell. Admired the surrounding scenery of hill and dale with the Ancient City of Gloster in the distance - Saw the spot near the source of the "Thames" - and really came to the conclusion that after all the grand and striking scenery of other countries there is no spot on this globe of ours - no scenery - no landscape so pleasing to an Englishmans mind or so endearing to his heart as that which he can behold in dear old England!! Yes, I can say dear old England! "with all thy faults - I love thee still" and would fain end my days and be laid in the soil of My own dear Native Land!

11 Friday. [11 Dec 1863] We yesterday arrived at Gloster at 1 o'clock - drove to "Fowlers Temperance Hotel" kept by a Member of the Society of Friends - a very respectable house. Every attention was paid to our comfort - and the charges were very moderate indeed. Another "Friend" Mr Bellowes, Printer, received us kindly and entertained us hospitably. At 3 p.m. held a Conversazione in the Guildhall. The Mayor presided - here I was met by an old companion - A fellow labourer in the Church - twenty four years ago in Leamington and Mr Parker - our greeting was a warm one. Mr P. never left us while we remained in Gloster - we supped at his sons house after the evening Meeting. At the Conversazione Mr Thos. Sturge (who has a son in Auckland) arose and stated that his son had written to him informing him of our tour and that he had "Photographed" us before we left. Esqr. a Gloster Merchant presided in the evening - everything went off satisfactorily. The Audience was delighted. Rose early - Mr Bellowes and Mr Parker accompanied us while we visited the Cathedral - the Museum and all the most important Manufactories - such as the "Steam plough" - The Railway Carriage Men refactory - The State Chimney piece and slab ornamental establishment - The Saw Mills - The Timber Yards etc. etc. In all these the Chiefs took the deepest interest and were pleased to see such large vessels at such an inland Port. Mr Bellows very kindly allowed us to inspect closely his beautifull steam printing Machinery and took great pains to point out to the Chiefs all the minutiae of the concern. No one could

possibly have taken a deeper interest in us than did our kind friend Mr Bellows - as well as his father and Mother who reside with him - they all proved themselves real "Friends" to us and we shall not easily forget them. May God reward them!! At 1 p.m. we started by Train for Birmingham. Arrived at 4 p.m. Proceeded direct to Ashted to the residence of the Rev. Mr Stephenson where several friends had assembled - We at once proceeded to the School rooms - the children were all waiting anxiously to see the New Zealanders - several of the Chiefs put on their Mats and spoke to the children - who in their turn sang a few of their hymns and pieces. At 5 p.m. adjourned to tea at Mr Stephens. Spent a few happy hours in conversation with the family and nursing and chatting with the dear little boy and girl who were just the age of and much like my own dear dear little Henry and Nelly! O how I felt on that occasion. I could not refrain shedding tears and heaving a heavy sigh while I thought of the great distance between myself and dear family! Had a good Meeting in the evening. All present expressed their gratification in unmeasured terms. At 10 p.m. returned home quite tired of the days work!

12th Saturday. [12 Dec 1863] My usual Saturdays work Letter writing - receiving visitors. Settling Maori Matters, and arranging for Meetings etc. etc. Had a young man with me writing documents for future use.

13th Sunday. [13 Dec 1863] Chapel at Cherry Street. Tea at Mr Edmund Neeleys.

14th Monday. [14 Dec 1863] At 6 p.m. Took Cabs for Harborne - Arrived at the Vicarage at 7 o'clock - the Rev. Mr Roberts the Vicar met us at the door and gave us a hearty English welcome. The hall was decorated with garlands and devices - the work of the children of the Vicar. Spent an hour with the family - then adjourned to the school room. At that moment "The Village bells" struck up a Merry peal! this was done by request of the good Vicar in honor of our visit. The room soon filled - and we had a pleasant meeting after which we took supper at the Vicarage with a large party of visitors who had been invited to meet us. A most sumptuous repast was provided - Many speeches delivered and replied to by the Chiefs and myself. The Vicar spoke feelingly and kindly. At 11 p.m. we separated and started for home which we reached at 12. A more pleasant evening we have not spent in this district.

15 Tuesday. [15 Dec 1863] At 11.30 started by Rail for Warwick. Arrived at 1 o'clock. Went direct to the Mayor's residence - to dine with his Worship. On our way Julia turned a little obstinate. She got into a separate Cab. I told her to come into the one we had engaged - She was offended - and staid back at the Station. We went on to the Mayors - After a time Mr Lloyd went and brought her in a Cab, but she sulked all day and would not go on the platform in the evening. We spent a few happy hours with the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr and Mrs Dale). They are both sincere christian people and I felt quite at home with them. At 5 p.m. went to the Corn Exchange to tea - which had been provided by the kind friends of different Churches - gratuitously. Several Ministers and Many Ladies and Gentlemen took tea with us. There was also the Rev. Mr Percy the Independent Minister whom I knew 23 years ago - he is now 82 years of Age! his work is nearly done! I was glad to see him again. Also my old friend Mr Scholefield looking very little older than when I left Warwk. 22 years ago. T. Addison Esqr. presided at the Meeting. One of the largest held in Warwick for many years past. A number of my old friends were there and many of my former companions from the firm of Cookes & Sons - Upholsterers. The Meeting went off very creditably - and much satisfaction was expressed.

16th Wednesday. [16 Dec 1863] I was invited to Breakfast with Mr Addison at the Marble house academy. We went with the Chiefs and met several friends there - Also Mr Addisons son who is a Curate in Warwick. Mrs Addison was exceedingly kind to us. At 12 o'clock we all started for Warwick Castle - Mr Addison - his son - and several other Gentlemen including

Rev. Geo. Jackson (a Brother to Mr B. Jackson of Nelson). The Mayor met us at the Gates and accompanied us through the Castle. A reporter was also present - we spent two hours there – then proceeded to the Photographers for a group. At 5 p.m. started with Paratene, Hapimane and Haumu for Leamington. Dined, by invitation at Mr John Cookes - son of my former employer. We were handsomely received and kindly entertained. At 10.30 started for Warwick - on foot. A good supper was ready for us by the Mayors orders at our former lodgings - St. Johns School. Returned at 12 p.m.

17 Thursday. [17 Dec 1863] A visit from the Mayor and Mayoress who presented each of the Chiefs with a Copy of the New Testament. At the photographers again - and visited the Earl of Leicesters Hospital. At 6 p.m. started for Leamington. Held a meeting there at 8 p.m. - prior to which we all took tea at my old friend and shop mate Mr White - Cabinet Maker of Warwick Street. Our Meeting was pretty well attended and I met many more old acquaintances. We all walked to Warwick after the Meeting - and found a very nice supper waiting and we were all ready for it. The Mayor and Mayoress had been with us at the Meeting.

18th Friday. [18 Dec 1863] Rose at 8 a.m. Breakfasted and had an early visit from the Mayor and Mayoress with another present for the Chiefs and Ladies. At 11 went to the photographers again – and then to Mrs J. Brown to lunch (at Brook House). At 2 p.m. started by Rail for Birmingham - After visiting the Stained glass works. Arrived at the Station at 4 o'clock. The Omnibus was waiting and we at once proceeded to Coleshill where we arrived at 5.30. The Church Bells at once struck up as we entered the Yard of the Swan Inn - where the Committee of the Literary Institute had provided dinner - where we met the Vicar of Coleshill, Rev. J. C. Henry, Rev. Sydney Shepherd and several other Clergymen and Gentry of the town - And had a nice dinner and a hearty welcome. At 8 o'clock the Vicar took the Chair and the room was crowded to excess. No one appeared inclined to move at 10 p.m. but it was time to close, as we had to return home. Started at 11 o'clock - Got home at 12.30 - Bed at 1 o'clock as usual.

19 Saturday. [19 Dec 1863] At home as usual and busily employed in Writing talking and receiving visitors etc.

20th Sunday. [20 Dec 1863] Spent the day with my my dear friend Saml. Edmunds at Harborne. On my return home I found Tere and Hirini at my Lodgings - and on entering Tere at once seized my hand and began crying most earnestly - which lasted an hour – After which they both expressed their wish to return to me as they were sick of the life they had been leading - I at once agreed to receive them.

21st Monday. [21 Dec 1863] At 9.30 off to Cheltenham. Arrived at 12. Went to the Temperance Coffee house - Thence to Prestbury to Mr Seymours to lunch - according to previous arrangement. Meeting in the Town Hall at 3 p.m. - Not so well attended as before. Jas. Greenfield Esqr. of Hill House presided both times. The Meeting in the evening at 8 was better attended. We took tea at Mr and Mrs . Mrs is a niece of Mrs Greenwood of Motueka - an old acquaintance of mine in New Zealand. After the Meeting we visited my old friend Mr Parker (formerly of Leamington) to supper - Retired at 12.30 - quite tired of my days work.

22nd Tuesday. [22 Dec 1863] On by Train through a lovely country to Stroud, passed many Cloth Mills - arrived and procured lodgings for part of Company at the Mechanics Institute and part at a temperance hotel - we always preferred the latter as the Chiefs were not subject to the same amt of temptation as in an Hotel. We held two good Meetings in the Cloth Hall. The Vicar, Rev. Mr Tarlton presided at 3 o'clock and a Magistrate in the evening. I

met here a brother of my friend Mrs Hooper, - a Baptist Minister, who resides in the neighbourhood. I was much pleased to have an hours conversation with him and his wife, who is a sister to Mr of Nelson. I felt quite at home with them - I enquired for the Blinks family but could hear nothing of them. Slept at Stroud and went next day to Cirencester. Arrived at 2 p.m. Went direct to the Hall. Soon after were visited by some Members of the Society of Friends Mr Gillott and Mr Pumphrey - And called on Mr Alexander who at once invited us to sleep at his house (i.e. myself and the two Females - and made arrangements for four others at a friends house - The Wesleyan Minister Mr taking the other two with him. The Vicar presided at 3 o'clock. A pretty good Meeting - After which we went to tea at the temperance hall, the Quakers and Wesleyans providing it. Another good Meeting at 8 p.m. in the Chair. After which we retired to our several lodgings. Met our old friends Mr and Mrs Fry of Cotham House, Bristol, there. On the whole, we had a most hearty reception.

23 Wednesday. [23 Dec 1863] At 9 we breakfasted and spent a quiet hour with our Quaker friends in reading the Scriptures and Prayer - After which they took us to see the Museum - which contained numerous relics of Roman antiquity found in the neighbourhood - which deeply interested the Chiefs - especially the Jawbones and teeth of some Ancient Britons - And the nails and hammer used for Crucifixion etc. At 1 p.m. left by Rail for home. Arrived at Birmingham at 5 o'clock.

24th Thursday. [24 Dec 1863] At home - quite tired and completely overdone by the excessive labour and excitement of the week - glad of a days rest. - everyone preparing for Christmas.

25 Friday. [25 Dec 1863] Christmas day once more in in dear old England! and in dear old Birmingham too! Started at 10 a.m. for Stratford. Spent the day with my Brother Edward and family in a very quiet manner and talked about the olden time when we were Boys together at "home" in our fathers house with our dear brothers and Sister and still dearer Mother. All of whom alas! are now gone - and poor Ned is left alone in England. I cannot tell what I felt on Christmas day. I had a heavy heart - Many serious thoughts and a few very anxious ones about my own dear home and family. I kissed my dear little Neices and Nephew and thought about my own little ones - What would I not have given to be with them in that hour!

26th Saturday. [26 Dec 1863] Business called me back to Birmingham this morning. I left Hapimana there and he went to a Rifle Match with my Brother. At 4 p.m. I returned to Stratford in company with Mr Hewitt - Mr Lightbands Cousin, who was going to preach there - Called, on our way at Warwick - Waited an hour for a train so we called on the Mayor and were welcomed in the kindest manner both by the Mayor and Mayoress. Arrived in Stratford at 8 p.m.

27th Sunday. [27 Dec 1863] Did not rise early today, took a walk with the family and back to dinner. A quiet afternoon with the family - Chapel in the evening. A very impressive discourse from "The time is Short" - Mr Hewitt will shine as a preacher some day. A good feeling prevailed and a prayer Meeting followed.

28th Monday. [28 Dec 1863] Returned at 12 o'clock to Birmingham with Hapimana.

29th Tuesday. [29 Dec 1863]

30th Wednesday. [30 Dec 1863]

31st Thursday. [31 Dec 1863] Started at 2.15 for London. Stopped at every Station - was quite frozen. Arrived in London (Paddington Station) at 9 p.m. proceeded by underground

railway to Kingscross Station - Walked up the Caledonian Road to N. London Station and on to Hackney - where I arrived at 10 p.m. Quite sick of the journey. The Rileys all rejoiced to see me and we had a hearty greeting - I felt myself almost at home.

January 1st Friday. [1 Jan 1864] After breakfast at 10 a.m. – for we did not rise early having been late up - at the Watch Night Services. I started for Stoke Newington. Arrived at Mr Smethams at 1 o'clock took dinner - looked at the painting of "The Maori Chiefs in Wesley House" which was just then finished. Went on to the City - Called at City Road and spoke to Dr Jobson. On to Finsbury Circus - Called at my Cousins - Mrs Middleton - Spent the evening there and back to Hackney at 10 o'clock.

2nd Saturday. [2 Jan 1864] Proceeded to the City - to Cannon Street - and saw the Misses Hodge. Thence to Downing Street by Steam Boat. Saw Mr Dealtry. The Duke was away at his Seat - shewed the petition I had received from New Zealand - was requested to forward a copy to the Duke of Newcastle. Called again at City Road - spent half an hour with Dr Jobson and then proceeded by rail to Hackney.

3 Sunday. [3 Jan 1864] Service at Hackney Chapel Covenant Service at 3 p.m. The Superintendent - Rev. Mr Jackson engaged me to preach at Homerton Chapel at 6.30. This was my first sermon in England. My friend Riley and his son went with him.

4 Monday. [4 Jan 1864] At 10 a.m. proceeded to Limehouse "Asiatic Home". Had a long interview with Coll. Hughes who expressed deep sympathy with me in my trying circumstances - and wished me success. Dined with Mr Freeman - the Secretary - On to the City - 80 Lower Thames St - Met Mr Cooper there - Went with Mr Riley to Stoke Newington to look at the Picture again - He was not satisfied with my portrait - so we agreed to have a sitting next day to touch it up a little and then returned to Hackney by Rail. Spent a happy evening with the Rileys in their truly Christian home. Never did people take a deeper interest in another than they do in my welfare and happiness.

5th Tuesday. [5 Jan 1864] All day at Smethams. My portrait was altered considerably and is now much more like myself. I suppose I shall have the picture to exhibit and get orders for the Engravings while I remain in England. I intend trying to let the Queen see it. This painting will immortalize my name and connect it with Methodism and Methodist Missions for many generations to come. Well: I would rather my name stand in that connection than in the lists of the Rich and great and Noble of the Earth. Slept at Coopers, Alma Street, Islington.

6th Wednesday. [6 Jan 1864] Rose at 6 a.m. Breakfasted and took a Cab for Euston Station - whence I proceeded to Birmingham - there was the sharpest frost there has been felt in England for ten years! so I felt it keenly in a large railway carriage. I was glad to get out at every station and run about awhile to keep the blood circulating – and glad enough to get to the end of the journey of 5 hours.

7th Thursday. [7 Jan 1864] Writing Letters - talking with the Natives - trying to arrange about Town Hall Meeting. Spent the evening with Mr Bangham.

8th Friday. [8 Jan 1864] Called on Mr Bach and on Mr Pumphrey. Went to Mrs Funeral - with the Chiefs Wharepapa and Reihana. Her poor Niece was deeply affected, as she is now left alone in the world. I had a difficulty to get her away from the grave. Mr Lewis - an old friend of Mrs Lewis - and my dear wife was undertaker and made himself known to me and invited me to his house to see Mrs Lewis. I purpose doing so soon.

9th Saturday. [9 Jan 1864] Called again on Mr Bach and Pumphrey about the Town Hall Meeting. Went at 2.5 to Rugby - Mr Lloyd at the same time proceeded to London - on arrival at Station - proceeded direct to the little farm occupied by my wifes brother James Mewis - Staid over Sunday and spent a quiet day in Old English Style.

10 Sunday. [10 Jan 1864] Went to the Old Village Church at Clifton - two miles from Rugby - heard the Vicar, the Rev. Mr Newhall preach a plain faithfull discourse in the morning. The old Church was tastfully decorated with Laurel and Holly in every part. The old fashioned Oak pews - The Village "Squire". The old "Dame" from the neighbouring farm house - The rustic damsels - and the smart rosy cheekd young Ladies - Jolly Young farmers - and smock-frocked Rustics with "Sally" and "Molly" the farm servants or Milk maids - and then the smart Landlady and daughter from the Village Inn. And the wise looking village School Master. All these formed so complete a "scene" of the older time that I could not help going back in memory to my boyhood days when I used to visit the Village Church (some 40 years ago - and again I thought of the "good old times" and many other thoughts crept in on that occasion - and a few sad ones.

11 Monday. [11 Jan 1864] Breakfasted at 9 a.m. off nice farm house bacon and eggs and home baked bread - served up by a homely but hearty dame of the old school, and I really enjoyed it. At 10 called on the Vicar - Rev. Newall - introduced the object of my visit - Was received kindly and shortly introduced to the Vicars family and soon felt at home - even familiar. Spent two hours there - The Vicar then accompanied me to the other Clergymen - especially to Mr Tait - who also was delighted to receive me and entered at once into my object and was pleased at prospect of a Meeting of the Chiefs. Promised to take the Chair at both meetings on Monday next. Called on the Wesleyan Minister - who received me warmly and entered as warmly into the object of my visit and at once proposed a Meeting of the Schools on Tuesday morning at 10.30. Went together to the Vicars who approved of it, and then returned to tea with the Ministers family and spent a pleasant evening there. Went at 10 p.m. to the printers Ordered the Bill etc. and returned to the temperance hotel for the night.

12 Tuesday. [12 Jan 1864] Breakfasted at 9 a.m. and proceeded by train to Coventry. Called on the Mayor - The Vicar the Rev. W. Widrington and all the other clergymen also on Rev. Mr Box Wesleyan Minister - The Mayor granted the Hall St Marys - on condition that we only had a collection - The Vicar at once consented to preside - Mr Box undertook to provide lodgings for our party for a night and then all arrangements were soon made and the necessary printers business transacted so I spent a few hours with Mr Box and family - and afterwards went to the Baptist Chapel and heard the Rev. A. T. James - Wesleyan Minister preach. After which took supper with the young preacher of the Circuit and then started by Rail, with Mr James for Birmingham - we arrived in 20 minutes, distance 18 miles - Fare 2/6. We hold one Meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday and return to Birmingham at the 11.5 train the same night.

13 Wednesday. [13 Jan 1864] Called on Rev. Mr James and on the Young Lady who buried her Aunt last week. Spent the rest of day in letter writing etc. etc.

14 Thursday. [14 Jan 1864] Went to Winson Green to see a Lady - Miss Wheal - who wished to talk to me about our return to New Zealand - She offered to find money for a Cabin passage for each of us and a good outfit - and also to provide many comforts for the voyage if I would agree to return about March next. I am to state my decision in writing forthwith - and then she holds out a hope that many valuable presents will be made to the Natives to take back with them to New Zealand. Of course I at once fell in with this Lady's wish and kind offer. A Committee of Gentlemen met to day and adjourned to tomorrow when they will

arrange for a farewell meeting in the Town Hall - when we expect a demonstration in our favour.

15 Friday. [15 Jan 1864] Writing letters until 1 p.m. At 2 p.m. attended the Committee at Ann Street - 9 or 10 Gentlemen attended and the day for the "farewell meeting" was fixed for Feby. 4th. The Committee were pleased at the prospect of our obtaining assistance for our homeward voyage and this will stimulate them to exertion in our behalf. I fear it will be now nearly three weeks before we can get away from Birmingham. I wish something definite was fixed so that I could know when there was a chance of getting home. I am now almost tired of this constant worry and excitement. I want rest of body and mind and long for repose and opportunity for meditation. This whirl of excitement is a weariness to the flesh. The quiet enjoyment of home I earnestly crave after - When shall I again repose in the bosom of my family?

16th Saturday. [16 Jan 1864] I have this day been writing letters to London, Rugby, Bristol and New Zealand. I received this morning letters from Mr Riley of London enclosing a prospectus of a ship for New Zealand to be placed under my control and offering free passages for the Chiefs and ourselves - to start in June. But I fear I cannot accept this kind offer on account of another which has been made by Miss Weale for a similar purpose and to which I have assented. Received also a prospectus of the picture of "the Maori Chiefs in Wesleys house - also a letter from Mr Swales of Darlington, and another from Miss Morris of the Uplands Weston-Super-Mare intimating that she had forwarded a present for my children to Bristol. The Natives are nearly all unwell with colds - I am thankful that I escape so well - My health is excellent I feel better than I have done for many years - God is indeed very mercifull and kind - May I never forget his Goodness!

17 Sunday. [17 Jan 1864] Went to Islington Chapel heard Mr Ball in the morning - and Mr Greaves at Cherry Street in the evening After which - spent an hour and supped with Mr Harmer, Surgeon, New Hall Street.

18 Monday. [18 Jan 1864] Started at 12 a.m. for Rugby. At 3 p.m. held a Conversazione in the Town Hall. Rev. Tait incumbent of presiding. The assemblage was highly respectable - tho not very numerous. The Ferns were greatly admired - dined at the Eagle Temperance Hotel. At 5.30 accepted an invitation from Miss Temple to tea at Rugby School, a small party of young persons met us there and with the Chiefs and Chieftainesses danced and chatted etc. etc. until 7.45 - when we went to the evening Meeting at the Hall - Mr Tait again presided and the Hall was pretty well filled. The Rev. J. Newall and Rev. Mr Tooth were on the platform. Mr Escott Wesleyan Minister was also present. Many interesting questions were put and answered. Slept at the Eagle Hotel.

19 Tuesday. [19 Jan 1864] Held a Morning Meeting for the schools at 10.30. Rev. J. Newall, Vicar of Clifton in the Chair. The youngsters about 800 in number enjoyed themselves heartily, and the Chiefs were prevailed on to give a War song and dance to amuse them. At 1.30 went by train to Coventry - on arrival were met by the Rev. J. Box - Wesleyan Minister - who at once informed us that we were billeted at the houses of the friends - Myself and the Ladies going to the Residence of Rev. S. N. Widdington, Vicar of St. Michaels - Mr Lloyd and two Chiefs to Mr Cash's of house and the others among the friends of the Rev. Mr Box. We spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening with the Vicar and his Lady Mr Box and the Chiefs dining with us.

20th Wednesday. [20 Jan 1864] The Vicar drove us to town in his Carriage - Met Mr Box and Mr Mould - who each escorted a Chieftainess, and we proceeded to the largest Ribbon Manufactory in Coventry. This sight much pleased the party Afterwards we retired to the

residence of Mr Box and took lunch. At 3 p.m. the Vicars Carriage called for us and we all went to dine there. At 7.30 went in the Carriage to the Corn Exchange - on arrival found that immense building crowded to suffocation some 4000 persons had procured admission and 1000 were outside. There was only just room for us to get onto the Platform. On appearing there a loud and hearty cheer arose from that vast assembly. The Vicar took the chair. The meeting increased in interest until 11 p.m. we felt it necessary to say we must conclude. I never before had such hard work to make myself heard as then. That building is the worst to speak in of any I have seen. The Collection was about £20.0.0. After the Meeting, returned in the Carriage to the Vicars. The whole family did all they could to make us feel at home. And we really did feel very comfortable.

21 Thursday. [21 Jan 1864] At 10 a.m. The Vicar drove us to town and to proceeded to inspect the largest Watch Manufactory in the World! And indeed we were greatly astonished at what we saw. Every part of a Watch was made on the premises. 1700 hands were employed. At 1 p.m. went to Mr Box house to lunch. And at 3 proceeded to the Station - Both the Wesleyan Ministers accompanying us. At 4.30 arrived in Birmingham. Quite tired of our hard weeks work.

22 Friday. [22 Jan 1864] Staid at home writing letters for New Zealand etc. etc.

23 Saturday. [23 Jan 1864] At 10.30 went to the Soho and inspected the extensive Glass Works of the Messrs Chance which occupied several hours - This was a sight worth seeing - both to myself and the Chiefs - On our return we dined at Miss Weale's - the Winson "Home" and met Miss Peel and a Mr Baker a relative of Lord Leigh - I spent the evening there.

24th Sunday. [24 Jan 1864] Attended Cherry Street Chapel in the morning - Mr Hall preached. Spent the afternoon and evening with my wife's Father and Sisters - Poor Old Man! he is nearly gone, a few more months, at most, I presume, will terminate his eventfull career he has reached his 77th year - but his constitution is gone. What a pity it is that he had not been a little more prudent and steady in his younger days he might now have been more comfortable. His two daughters are with him and do all they can to minister to his wants.

25 Monday. [25 Jan 1864] Writing all day, answering various letters - and writing home.

26th Tuesday. [26 Jan 1864] Finished my letters for New Zealand - and posted them at 1 p.m. - postage cost 10/6. Went to tea at Mr Harmers New Hall Street and at 7 p.m. attended, with the Chiefs, a Monster Meeting in the Town Hall - to hear Mr Scholefield and Mr Bright. The building was crowded to excess.

27 Wednesday. [27 Jan 1864] Wrote a report of our visit to Rugby and Coventry and took it to the "Daily Post". - dined with Mr Bach, New Street - and had some conversation about our affairs and the farewell Meeting. I feel it will not come off for a fortnight. Attended a Jubilee Missionary Meeting in Islington Chapel - Dr Waddy and the Rev. Mr Naylor, Revds Hall - Greaves - Cox - Cattle - James and Waddy Junr. Harvard and others were on the platform. I enjoyed that Meeting, and thought seriously of the time when I used to hear Mr Naylor and Mr Waddy - 27 years ago! Mr Naylor was one of the founders of the Wesleyan Missionary Society - in Leeds 50 years ago.

28th Thursday. [28 Jan 1864] Left by Rail at 8.15 for London - accompanied by Mr Lloyd. Arrived at Euston Station at 2 p.m. My faithfull friend Mr Riley was there to meet me. We went directly by Buss to Charing Cross, and then walked to the Colonial Office - Downing

Street. Had a long interview with Mr Cox, the Duke of Newcastles official Secretary, and Mr Englehart the Dukes private Secretary - I found that Somebody had taken Houmena and Hirini to the Office to make complaints about my treatment of them hoping thereby to obtain money etc. but they did not succeed, I, of course, soon told my version of the story which put the matter in a very different light – And after 1½ hours "Korero" I left testimonials with Mr Englehart and urged him to shew them to the Duke, which he promised to do, - saying he knew the Duke would be pleased to hear that I had provided for the speedy return of the Chiefs to New Zealand. Went with Mr Riley to his office. There I met Mr Hornby and had a long conversation about the Ship. I do purpose entering fully into that Matter and try to do something for myself before I return. I shall have lost enough, indeed, to make me sad the remainder of my life, so I will make a desperate effort to regain a part, at least, of my losses. I went to Hackney at 7 p.m. with Mr Riley and again met and spent the evening with his happy Christian family. O, what a delightful place is a Christian home!!

29th Friday. [29 Jan 1864] At 9.30 went by Rail, with Mr Riley to Limehouse - Found the Chiefs had just gone to Birmingham with Mr Maunsell, by the request of Miss Weale. Saw Coll. Hughes with Mr Freeman and Mr Salter. The Coll. said he was very glad to see me and had much to say to me. He had met the Church Missionary Committee yesterday and had heard Mr Maunsell request to be allowed to proceed to Birmingham to interpret for the New Zealand Chiefs to Miss Weale - But Mr Maunsell was warned against interfering between us, through Mr Ridgway on pain of dismissal. Some very silly, though apparently serious charges were hinted at by a Member of the Committee such as - "Julia and Haumu have been seen Drunk in the Streets of Birmingham" - "Mr Jenkins does not behave well to those people" - "Mr J. will not see Mr Venn although attempts have been made to procure an interview". Thank God! I am in a position to contradict these fould and malicious slanders! A letter from Mr Lea which I have sent to Coll. Hughes will put the latter charge at rest, and every knows, or may easily know the 2 former are false. Went to see Mr Venn at the Mansion House, but he was not there Returned by Rail to Bimingham at 2.45. Dined at 6 p.m.

30th Saturday. [30 Jan 1864] By appointment we all went to the "Levretts" the seat of Mr Kynneisley, Stipendiary Magistrate, and met Miss Weale and Mrs Colenso and all the Natives there (Also Mr Maunsell) who was busy writing our translations of Maori letters. After Lunch, a regular "Whakawa" took place - Maunsell and Colenso interpreting. Many strange things were said by Miss Weale who hastily jumped to very strange conclusions from very false premises. However, I let her close and heard all she and the Chiefs had to say. It became unmistakably evident that secret correspondence had been long going on between that Lady and Wharepapa, and that she had been trying to lead him to say something which she could bring as a charge against me. Mr Kynnersley, however, said all this was a waste of time - 'twould be better to come to the point at once as regarded my intentions respecting Miss Weale's offer to send them back. I at once said - I had resolved to use no persuasions to induce any of the Chiefs to remain till I went back - I had made arrangements for our return in May and to those arrangements I should adhere. All those Chiefs who wished to accompany me were at liberty to do so - and those who chose to go by an earlier opportunity would not be withheld by me. - but that certain conditions must be entered into first. Miss Weale - being an influential person, and having means at her command, will, I dare say, attract most of the Chiefs and if I had the same means - I could turn them tomorrow from their resolves of today. At 8 p.m. went to Sandwell Hall the late seat of Earl Dartmouth - Now occupied by Miss Selwyn - the Bishops Sister who keeps a "Home" for "poor Ladies" and also for poor girls whom she trains for domestic servants. Took tea there - after which Miss Selwyn said "Mr Jenkins, as you have thrown these people on the country why do not you at once fall in with Miss Weale's offer? We want to collect money to send them back". I at once (rather indignantly) said, "Madame you are misinformed; these people are not "thrown on the

country" and if I were not interfered with I could take them back respectably. But if My influence be weakened by undue (although well meant) interference, of course, I am placed in difficulties and shall be unable to accomplish anything". So after a little more talk we all went to prayers in the neat little Chapel, Mr Maunsell officiating - And then started back to Miss Weales residence at Winsen Green - From thence we went home in Cars and arrived at 11.30 And I was heartily glad the day was ended. Mr Kynnesley is a very superior man and, I am sure is kind and sympathizing in his manner - I very much respect him.

31 Sunday. [31 Jan 1864] Services at Cherry St. Chapel. Mr James preached two powerfull sermons - especially in the evening was there a deep feeling, in fact it put me much in mind of Old times when dear Mr Bumby preached here - Ah! how I sigh when I remember those happy joyous, glorious seasons! More than a quarter of a century ago.

February 1 Monday. Sat all day making up our accounts - We are settling up our affairs at last, and hope soon to see my way clear to get home again. O! how I think of dear dear home! My nights are restless - and my wakening hours in the early dawn are anything but pleasing and happy - A heavy weight seems to press my heart - A dreadfull feeling of dispondency seizes me and I have to rise and apply the wet towel (my usual custom in the morning) and then I get refreshed. I shall never be right until I get home again - but when will that be? God alone knows. O that He may be pleased to convey me safely across the Ocean, and Grant me, at least a few years of quiet repose in the bosom of my dear, but injured family! I am getting quite tired of the bustle and turmoil of this disturbed world! Its pleasure I have no taste for and of its cares and anxieties I have had not a few. God help me to trust in His Kind Providence.

2 Tuesday. [2 Feb 1864] I have just received a very kind note from my very dear friend Saml. Edmonds in which he reminds me, as follows "On the 2nd Febr. 1839 - just a ¼ of a Century ago, you were my wedding guest. "Bless the Lord for all his mercies". I do feel glad that our friendship has lasted so long and sincerely pray that it may be renewed and consumated in heaven." Ah! how time flies! It seems only the other day since - as two young men we used to go together to the house of God, and take sweet counsel together when we enjoyed our "first love". And I cannot help asking "Where are all those who then were our companions and who went together with us to Keep holy day? Alas! as I sit in the Chapel I see their places occupied by others - only 2 or 3 are left - out of hundreds I then knew and soon I shall leave the land of my birth - for ever! Yes: for ever! O! this thought is too much for me but I must bear it. I wrote to Miss Weale my decision about the Natives.

3 Wednesday. [3 Feb 1864] At home all day making up accounts. At 3 p.m. a visit from our old friend Mr Stack - also Mrs Colenso and Miss Weale - had a long talk about our affairs. Mr Stack spoke freely in my favor and respecting the ingratitude of the Natives and the infamous conduct of Mr Ridgway - I fear Mrs Colenso has turned round and is taking part against me notwithstanding her former letters in my favor. Hirini and Tere have not behaved well since return to my protection. Julia is a Vixen and would take part with anyone who would give her plenty of money and clothes. If I could do the same - I should be everything with her and likewise with the rest of them. Went to Erdingham and spent the evening with Mr Bachs family - also Hapimana and

4 Thursday. [4 Feb 1864] Writing all day. My health has not been to good the last few days - I have had too much anxiety - and too many sleepless nights - No one can tell what I endure in the retirement of my chamber. The weather is now frosty and I hope to rally. I thoroughly enjoy the frosty weather; it seems to put new life into me. I stand the cold wonderfully well - better than most people.

5 Friday. [5 Feb 1864] Attended a very influential Committee at the Public Office, Moor Street. Mr Kynnersly in the Chair, present also Messrs Bach - Edmd. Heeley - Pumphrey - Stack. Rev. Mr Winter - Rev. Mr Roberts, Vicar of Harborne and Mr Holdsworth of New Street. They met to discuss the subject of our farewell Meeting - Mr Kynnersley read a letter from the Duke of Newcastle respecting me with which the Committee were satisfied and resolved forthwith to engage the Town Hall for Thursday inst. and to get up a Soiree or Conversazione - also a public Meeting to allow me to speak my mind and other Gentlemen to do the same. Mr Heeley and others are determined I shall not be ignored - but that Justice shall be done to my Character and Conduct. Much indignation was expressed at the conduct of Mr Ridgway of London towards me. It is well someone takes my part against my numerous enemies! Met, by accident, my friend Mr Horton of Wednesday - he dined with me and invited me to visit him on Tuesday next. Mr Horton also very kindly promised to render me any assistance in his power to carry out my Emigration scheme. He probably will go out with me - As we walked together we saw a beautiful little Pony and I said "how I should like to take such a pony to my dear little boy!" Mr H. replied - "leave that to me, I will get one for you, and you shall take it as a present from your friends in Wednesbury to your little Boy". At 3.40 accompanied Mr H. to station and then proceeded to Mr Banghams and thence to Mr Hewitts - Mr Lightbands cousin. Staid there by their earnest request and spent the evening and a very happy evening it was. A truly Christian family, all living in peace and harmony. This is just as it should be - I feel better than I was a day or two ago - We have lovely weather, tho cold. I thoroughly enjoy the Cold Water in the morning - without this I fear I should have suffered much - so I shall always recommend it. Wrote to Mr Kynnersley my earnest desire that the Natives should return forthwith. Accepted an invitation to spend the evening with Mr Hewitt and his friends on Thursday next.

6th Saturday. [6 Feb 1864] Spent the early part of the day in writing and conversation with the Maoris - took a sharp walk in the delightfull frosty air and drank it in eagerly - I felt as tho I could leap over a wall so exhilarating is the atmosphere. After dinner took some communications to the "Gazette" office - had a long walk up the Bristol Road. Freezing hard all the while, but I kept myself warm. At 3 p.m. called on my wifes Father - Met him at the door tottering along very feebly to the nearest barbers to get shaved - he has his faithfull little Grandson with him gently leading him along. I spent a few hours with the family of my dear wife - viz. her father and two sisters and our little nephew. I could almost fancy, as I looked on the face of my wife sister Martha, that I saw my dear Jane by my side! - I think the poor Old Man will not stand this winter through. At 7 p.m. started for Harborne to spend an hour with my friend Edmund - found all his family at home - and was very warmly welcomed and hospitably entertained - and many recollections of the past were spoken of - We spent a happy evening and felt that the time drew nigh when we must part for ever in this World - but - O! I trust a meeting up Yonder!