

**THE DIARIES OF S. B. FELLOWS**

**July 21, 1891 - October 14th 1893.**

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July 21<sup>st</sup> Left Sydney in *Lord of the Isles* schooner on May 27th. Reached **Samarai** June 13th. Leaving **Samarai** on June 16th, reached **Dobu** June 19th. Took charge of *Waverley* to unload cargo, fetch piles etc. On Saturday July 11th we slept in mission house. On Sunday Rev. G. Brown preached from -----So in this thy might etc. - Parting address to missionaries - full of good advice and wise council. On Tuesday 14th July *Lord of the Isles* left towed by *Merrie England*. Sorry to part with President, so kind and good.

On Monday evening had conference with Sir W. McGregor, Governor, and President and Chairman. On advice of Governor Mr Brown decided that Chairman Watson and I were to proceed in *Dove* to **Panaeti** and if possible fix second station on that island or on adjacent one.

On Tuesday 14th had our first death just two or three hours after the President had left. A Fijian women, wife of Nehemiah died from miscarriage. She had kept her real illness a secret and had been treated for fever only. Funeral next day - buried on land bought by Mr Hely for mission station. All native teachers have been ill with fever - some very ill - most of them are better now. On Sunday 19th July, a Tongan woman - wife of Silivanusi died. Fever caused complications which caused death of child and mother gradually sank and died. Buried next day near to Fijian woman's grave. Today the only serious case is John Kuli's boy ill with fever - dosing him with Aconitus(?).

July 22<sup>nd</sup> John Kuli's boy died this evening. A case of remittent fever. Father says boy was always subject to dysentery. I visited boy shortly before he died and found pulse intermittent - feet cold - unable to open mouth.

July 26 Large number of natives at service in morning - good crowd of women in the afternoon. Chief addressed at close - exhorted to Sabbath observance.

July 29 *Dove* arrived this evening - all well - 24 days out from Sydney. Jerry a teacher reports a cannibal feast on **Boio** - Fergusson Island - on land opposite mission house.

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- August 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Had 350 natives with three chiefs present at service this morning - Grand sight. Oh for the power to speak to them of God and His love. Attention and behaviour very good. All went away quietly. In afternoon Chairman went to one village to hold service. Found two chiefs in confab. They told him they had decided to give up fighting and meant it. Praise God. Field went to another village and had service.
- Aug 5 *Myrtle* arrived from **Panieta** etc.
- Aug 8 *Myrtle* left this morning with mails.
- Aug 9 Large crowd again at service yesterday. Preached in evening on Daniel XI. 32. On the whole a good day. God present with me.
- Aug 11 Quarterly meeting in mission house. Appointments fixed. John Kuli and Sulivanusi, Enosi and Jofesa to go with us to **Panieta**. Two Samoans to **Teste**.
- Aug 12 Sacrament service this morning - Time of great blessing.
- Aug 18<sup>th</sup> Are preparing to leave for **Panieta** - tomorrow if possible. Had a good day on Sunday. Good attendance of natives at morning service. Went with Field through villages in afternoon - had 3 services. Went with Field to station Samoan teachers at **Bagasi** - they were received very favourably. Field picked up a letter on Sat. evening among rubbish in store - sent by a man in Solomon Isles to his mother in Belfast, Ireland. Written in May 1990. Chairman intends to call at East Cape and **Samarai** - we are to take two Samoan teachers to **Teste** - John Kuli and Silivanusi. Enosi and Josefa to **Panieta**. May the Lord grant us a prosperous voyage and successful mission. My health so far has been very good. Watson has had a stiff dose of fever but is better now.
- Aug 19 Left **Dobu** in *Dove* for **Samarai** on way to **Panieta**. Whaleboat in charge J. Kulis.
- Aug 20 Reached **Samarai** - passage good - rough. Stayed with Hely.
- Aug 22 Went to **Kwato** to see Abel - enjoyed visit. On Sunday the services held in church. Natives seated all the time.
- Aug 25 Started for **Teste** in *Niue* with Walker ( L.M.S.). Very rough.
- Aug 26 Reach **Teste** but no *Dove*.
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- Aug 28 Left for **Samarai** in search *Dove*. Not there but heard news of her from Rally (?).
- Aug 30 Left for **Teste** in *Niue* at 6 o'clock. Rough journey.
- Aug 31 Reached **Teste** in evening - learned *Dove* at **Tubetube**.

- Sep 1 Went to **Tubetube** and there found *Dove*. She had been at **Teste** same day we had.
- Sep 2 Left **Tubetube**. Whaleboat in tow. Anchored in coral patch (...?) and left in because rough weather.
- Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> Anchored off island in **Emphet** group.
- Sep 5<sup>th</sup> Reached **Panieta**. Placed teacher in home and we were welcomed in most fondly.
- Sep 6<sup>th</sup> Had service on shore - 200 present. ----- took services.
- Sep 7<sup>th</sup> Went ashore to inspect boat for **Sudest** (?) thought it most suitable and decided not to trouble about any other.
- Sep Got goods ashore. *Dove* left at 1/2 past 11 o'clock.
- Sep 9<sup>th</sup> Started to build native house on proposed site of mission station.
- Sep 11<sup>th</sup> Mission house for teachers started building. Bought dingy from four natives who found it on island to leeward of **Panieta**.
- Sep 12<sup>th</sup> Our native house so far finished that I -(?)--absent I sleep in it tonight. People constantly asking - if house finished should we leave. One man asked - would Government build house here soon. Had over 50 men at work and lots of children.
- Sep 13<sup>th</sup> Held our first service here today at station. Watson had a severe relapse of fever so I had charge of service. About 200 present. After first prayer rain came and drove us under shelter of roof of unfinished house. Service was good one and all listened to address which was as follows -  
Address - First sermon **Panieta** - *Gamagere igiwigewi Paneata Taubaba - benara Missionari unim Panieta. Na taubaba missionary negeia Government, negia imania - Miss. unim Panieta taubaba taparora. Eobada taubaba Miss. Tonowai Panieta - Eobada matike gamagere*

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*igewigew Eobada muan gamagere iwaisi. Kepu onowa anan moti. Raiuwi – giam – owa muan anan etc. iwaisi. Eobada nuau gamagere iwaisi. Eobada taubaba Jesu Keriso tonowai raurau famia. Jesu Keriso raurau unim. Jesu Keriso taubaba gamagere uleli peuper erian. Erian peuper taubaba Taparora. Eobada abanapaua gamagere igewigewi – kepu gamagere iwaise Eobada abanapaua iwaisi. Taba gamagere iariga Eobada taubaba unim lima iwaisi. Kepu gamagere inaken – ikakowe – kasona – iaga - , Eobada tanba tonowai lima inaken.*

Two women sat side by side exercising their motherly function of nursing. One had a small infant the other had a small pig. Both pig and baby were hugged to the bare bosom and appeared to receive an equal amount of loving and attentive interest. May God bless the service and speedily send the time when these people shall rejoice in His love.

Sep 19<sup>th</sup>

Had a hard week and feel very tired. Got our house finished Wednesday though not quite rainproof. Watson had a bad dose of fever but is now improving. Our house cost £2/5/0 - the flooring was dear. The teachers house cost £2. Grand time when paying as all the village turned out en masse. Quite a babel of chatter during which one man was hustled out of the ring of workers, but he laughed as heartily as the rest when his little game was found out. I stood in the middle with arms folded for some time without speaking then firmly ordered them, in their own tongue, to be quiet for I should not pay until they were still. At this they all laughed loudly and soon were silent. The women make a lot of noise with their shrill and piping voices.

Sep 20<sup>th</sup>

Had a good service today but most of the men were away sailing. I gave address in Panaeta on God and His Kindness the pictures work immensely. Have been fortunate in securing a good interpreter in a **Panieta** boy named Bagarere. We have great difficulty in securing privacy in our home. Some of the men almost require to be pushed out of the house. The(y) look on our house as a sort of club room where we ought to be glad to see them and especially do they like to walk into our bedroom. The site of the house is splendid and as there is no swamp behind us should be healthy. The sea breeze is welcome and always seems to be blowing. Fish are plentiful and we have plenty of yams brought to us though the price is dearer than in **Dobu**.

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Watson and I went today to espy out the land for our English house and settled on the land belonging to the Government as the most suitable.

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- Sep 23 Another of superstition re sickness. My boy Begona had sharp attack of pleurisy for which I was treating him when his mother came along - His brother Bagarere - a sharp boy and my interpreter told me that a spear was in his back and by and by he would take it out when the boy was home. He chewed something muttering an incantation to *Sawasawa* - a person in the boy and then spat on each side of the boy. He chewed another --- offering of food to *Sawa*. The boy at once got up and walked home though he was in great pain just as before. The mother placed her head on the back of the boy where the lung pressed against the ribs and intimated that the spear was there. Bagarere told me that Devil devil - a big yellow man who stops in the bush caused all sickness. Ioni Kuli came today and reported Silivanusi and his boys very ill with fever. Gave him some quinine and stores.
- Sep 27 Watson took service at **Arbona**--- today - I remaining ---- home. He also few words at our service here at which about 150 present. Yesterday a young fellow insulted me as I was ordering off the verandah for the fourth or fifth time during day. I ordered him to be smart and followed him down to beach where he sat with others. I told him my mind and he sat and sharpened a spear. I still went for him tho devil was in his eye. I learned afterwards that he got a fright and dare not come to house. Watson came on verandah and thought case serious so went in and prepared winchester rifle. I laughed at him as I had no fear of the man - we have great difficulty in making privacy of our home. They want to use it as club and I wont have it.
- Sep 28 Native dog worried 4 fowls last night.
- Sep 30 Watson shot native dog last night - it got away into bush.
- Oct 4 Just as we were preparing for service this morning we heard the welcome cry of Sail Ho. The *Dove* was seen making for the garowa(?). She dropped anchor while we were at service. Very glad to get mails. Learned from letter written by President that he called here on his way from New Britain and be advised the action we had taken in his absence namely to make Panieta the central station for Louisiades. He had a narrow shave by *Lord of Isles* bearing down on Woodlark Is. and after entering headland while capt. asleep on deck the helm was put down and ship saved.
- Oct 5 Got cargo of *Dove* unloaded today - not a big one.

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- Oct 6 Put Ioni Kuli and three **Panaeti** men on board this morning to go to **Dobu** and bring back *Waverley*. *Dove* sailed at 10 A.M. Am troubled with another very sore boil on leg.
- Oct 9 Erected flag pole and had pleasure of running the flag up for first time. Started clearing ground for home.
- Oct 10 Started cutting piles - close to section chosen.
- Oct 14 All piles - about 80 - cut and barked. Had a walk out on the big reef today for the first time -- Struck with beauty of coral - brought a lot home. Also walked up beach westward about a mile to extreme point with Watson and decided to put home there.
- Oct 18 Began to clear house section at point today - cut down grove of pines facing beach and make road through bush from here.  
*Waverley* came to anchor early this morning with Ioni Kuli in command. They left **Dobu** last Wednesday. No mail except for letter from Chairman.  
Had very good time in service today. While singing it struck me to tell the people about the reconciliation effected by the Chairman between **Begasi** and **Dobu** natives - got up and did so - greatest interest manifested.
- Oct 19 Unloaded *Waverley* today -good load in good order. Ioni Kuli very angry because misunderstood me. Thought I wanted his yams. Sent Enosi for him but he refused to come.
- Oct 20 Sent Kuli's yams by *Litia*. Enosi explained.
- Oct 21 Kuli came today. Helped to wash out *Waverley* and then in my bedroom I talked very plainly. His anger was finished and with tears expressed his regret. Intend visiting **Misima** tomorrow.
- Oct 23 Started for **Misima** yesterday morning at 1/2 past 9 AM. Ioni Kuli captain - two sailor boys - Beama, cook - Watson and myself. Landed at first point in pretty bay - visited cascade - had dinner and left again about 4 PM. for north side of island. Opposite a village about 7 o'clock where intended to stay for night but two heavy squalls drove us away so with some difficulty we reached anchor at 11 PM. Some **Panaeti** men were visiting this village named **Sarama** so they made a fire to light us to anchorage. Next morning we went ashore.  
Plenty of skulls to be seen and spears and shields in houses proclaimed the people warriors. Houses about 30 - well built. People curious but kind enough. Found graves under the houses. After breakfast bought lot of

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- Oct 23 (cont) yams then went ashore and had service - went round to make them come. I had a good time in addressing them and did not hesitate to denounce their cannibalism - appealed to them to give it up and they promised. They also promised to give up fighting. They gave assent to a teacher being placed there.  
The hills or mountain ranges which come down to waters edge remind me of West Coast Otago N.Z. Natives plant yams on slopes and provide food for large number of islands in district.  
Am well pleased with trip and hope we may have a teacher there soon.  
Left at 10 AM. reached home 3 PM. Ioni proved himself a good captain.
- Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Went to **Narbonobai** this morning - went round and made people come to service - 150 present - had a good time in speaking - the people evidently very much interested.
- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Started for **Brooker** island and district on Friday Oct 30th in *Waverley*. On board Watson and I, Ioni, Jofesa, Bagarere. Fetched **Brooker** in the evening but decided to anchor off next island. A good night. At 1/2 past 5 next morning set sail and beating up landed at **Surewa**. Found people of **Panaroram** at work in yam gardens. Had service and away to see **Motorina** but no good landing so went on to **Panaroram** - landed - swam ashore looked round then left for Brooker. Wind fell and when off Brooker it was too late to call unless prepared to stay till Monday, which we were not, so headed for home. Dark when made passage of reef - wind light and current strong so we only just cleared reef, Reached home 11PM.  
  
Today not many at service as men were all sailing about. I talked to women about keeping villages clean - houses and persons and also a word about Sabbath.
- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> *Dove* arrived. Capt. reported our mails sent on by Mr Bromilow to **Misima** with schooner taking Mr Chester - new magistrate. Foolish arrangement when *Dove* coming here. *Dove* anchored a long way out. *Waverley's* helm broken - mended tonight
- Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Unloaded *Dove*. In afternoon went with Capt. Russel round point across reef to look for anchorage. Found good ground round far point. - P.M.
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Started for **Misima** to get mail from Chester. Passed *Dove* who started same time. Day fine wind light. Had dinner on small island.

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- Nov 5 (cont) Evening - clouds lowering - no anchorage so we were beating off for **Misima** all night.
- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> In morning further to leeward than previous evening - strong current. Tried to go ahead but current and wind too much for us. As there was no possibility of making headway or finding anchorage and as water run out - I had taken no food since dinner the day before, Enosi sick - all tired with nights work - we turned again for **Panaeti**. Very soon saw wisdom of this for a roaring gale with heavy rain came on and we were scudding before it with a handful of canvas. Under Ioni Kuli's handling *Waverley* did well and with God's blessing we got home in about 3 hours covering the distance we had beat up the previous 24. Ioni was reefing when near home a sudden gibe knocked him overboard but he clung to boom and I hauled him in. Again she gibed and sent us both flying but not out. When near home a sudden gust snatched rope out of my numbed fingers and sail swung back - the tackle being rotten and not having collars on throats both boom and yard came out and throats broken. We came on with jibs. Mended the boom this evening. A shame for Capt. Russel to profess to rig up the *Waverley* and to put such rotten stuff in - with none for mending.  
Chairman had sent word for us to go to District Meeting. So Watson went in *Dove*, I am to follow in *Waverley* after getting mail.
- Nov 7<sup>th</sup> *Mamo* (?) anchored off **Panapompom** this evening - sailed off to her and got mail from Mr Chester newly appointed R.M. for **Misima**.
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Fetched Mr Chester ashore but the rain hindered all work in land purchasing.
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Paid Sania this morning for land on which house is built - **Ranfarara**. (Following is deleted in diary -In afternoon, went to **Narbouopai** and after measuring bought land. Found that teachers had planted a large piece, which rain prevented us measuring. Men expressed themselves as perfectly satisfied. )

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Nov 10 (cont) The land was purchased by following goods. (land about 1 acre and a half).

Half axe	3/6
2 tomahawks	5/-
2 large knives	3/6
4 small knives	3/-
Calico print	3/-
Tobacco	18/-
Beads	4/6
Matches	<u>1/6</u>

Total £2/2/0

Land measured by Mr Chester was 6 chains 26 links by 2 chains wide and Mr Chester barked trees at each corner.

The land here is good and a large number of young coconut trees are thriving. Learned today that land selected for our home at point does not belong to any man, so Mr Chester is satisfied that it must be Government land or at any rate does not belong to **Waremata** men.

In the afternoon we went to **Narbonopai** and after measuring land on which teachers house is built - 2 chains by 2 chains paid for it to Meia and Sibania - price 1/15/-. Owners and natives expressed hearty satisfaction with the payment.

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Went to **Narbonopai** this morning with Mr Chester. We measured off a section to eastward of section bought yesterday. Area 4 chains long by 1 chain 78 links owned by - named Barorama. We then measured off section to westward of teachers house and between it and **Narbonopai** - area - length 1 chain 53 links by 1 chain 63 links - owned by --. Each of the three owners received trade to amount of £1/0/8 - making in all £3/2/-. Thus price for the whole section for teachers station is £4/17/-. We paid the men in presence of natives and they expressed themselves as highly delighted with the payment. On way home called at Bagarere's village and had conversation with a crowd and were told that land at point where we intend to build English house belonged not to **Waremata** men but to **Panaeti** natives.

We went to point on our return home and Mr Chester marked trees around section - about an acre more or less - but did not measure it. We came home and paid for the land to the three owners named Kumoi(?), Tansewa, Bailigewi - the name of the land is **Awaruarua**. Price of trade paid each was £1/-/8 making in all £3/2/-. They expressed themselves as well satisfied. Bailigewa mother of Bagarere - my interpreter - took the

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- Nov 11 (cont) share of her dead father. Thus our land on **Panaeti** is now secured and settled for which I am very thankful.
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Mr Chester left this morning. Prepared for trip to **Dobu**.
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Starting to **Dobu** for District Meeting this morning. May God grant us a safe voyage and a good D.M.
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Reached small islands outside passage yesterday and were beating about there all night - pulling with sweeps to keep off reef - Kaiwai swam to reef. Next morning we took him off and came home as we could make no headway and tomorrow Sunday.
- Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Had a good service - showed picture of Queen and spoke of duties of natives as subjects - Honor placed by Britishers on Queen and pleaded for lightening of labours of native women - as I did so several women cried out '*ubaba iwaidi*' while Kaiwai the chief sulkily said - 'If women did not work in gardens there would not be enough food'. I then went on to speak of Albert the Good as having only one wife, and bashed polygamy.
- Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Started for **Dobu** at 9 AM. Had splendid passage to **Duan** when light winds and squalls.
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Reached **Dobu** about 5 PM. Ran up to anchorage in fine style. Was warmly welcomed by Chairman and wife. Noticed great change in the place.
- Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Dist. Meeting began - I was secretary. Will put in printed report.
- Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Preached trial sermon. Heb XII 6-11. Good time.
- Nov 22 Went with Field and services on **Boio**. Struck with masses of people - very many of Jewish type. In evening Field preached his trial sermon - poor effort altogether - I reported - Field did not do himself justice.
- Nov 24<sup>th</sup> DM closed. I was examined last Friday by the Chairman and had a fair time. I am recommended for Full Connexion and to be excused exam, because of initial work at **Dobu** and **Panaeti** and exam papers not to hand. Watson and Field excused exams, Financial accounts not come, nor advices from Mission Board. Weather very warm and close - some days 97 in the shade - sweat running down my back in streams. We were all deeply impressed with great work committed to us, and look forward to more labourers being sent into this field.

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- Nov 27<sup>th</sup> *Dove* went to **Samarai** with mails. *Waverley* with Ioni left.
- Nov 29 Stayed at **Dobu** - morning service on verandah – good crowd, Mr Bromilow preached well. In afternoon went with Bale into four villages and had services - spoke myself in Dobuan.
- Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Went to distant village on **Boio** and called at river coming home where had two shots at an alligator.
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Bardsley the mission carpenter refused to acknowledge Mr Bromilow's right to know when he began and knocked off work. Chairman called us together - made me secretary. Mr Bardsley refused to yield the reservation he claimed so we decided he was breaking his engagement and gave him 24 hours grace.
- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Watson, Field and I pleaded with carpenter to give in but in vain. In meeting he was very positive in refusing to yield so we sacked him. In evening he came blubbing to Chairman asking to be forgiven. We had meeting and gave him another chance.
- Dec 6<sup>th</sup> went to **Bagasi** with Chairman and had service there and at five other villages - my instrument a great attraction. In evening had prayer meeting.
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Left in the afternoon in the *Dove* for **Panaeti** with Mr Bardsley on board. Had a good sail out of passage. I steered good part of night.
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Very rough sea and curried sardines upset my stomach so was sick all day.
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Still sick but improving towards evening.
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Reached **Panaeti** in afternoon. Heavy squall struck us as we entered passage. Came ashore in perfect torrent of rain. Glad to be home again though.
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Heavy SW gale all day but managed to unload *Dove*.
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Gale still continuing *Dove* remains.
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Good service today. Went to **Panaberan**. Ioni and Sili and Fenau with Pulia and Sarwai and girl who had come in *Waverley* with Ioni and Sile and Fenau with Pulia and Sarwai and girl who had come in *Waverley* with Ioni. Also Angelu and Fulafona and Alvia with girl, who are travelling by

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- Dec 13 (cont) *Dove* to **Ware**. Tongans sang nicely in service. I had good time preaching on Parable of Sower. There was a splendid congregation present - 180. At noon had service at home 150 present - had a good service. For first time introduced singing in native language. One was *Tahegum him Jesu to Jubilee* Song, another was *Unim Jesu*, and the other *Jesu Amama*. Captain Russel was present and stayed until evening.
- Dec 14<sup>th</sup> *Dove* started from anchorage but had to anchor off **Panapompom**. Alvia did not go with *Dove* as her child was grieving and sick. Ioni took *Waverley* to **Panaberan**. Mr Bardsley did some repairs to *Waverley* and grindstone. I took men and boys and cleared site of house.
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Very severe thunderstorm during night of 14<sup>th</sup> - lightning terrific.. *Dove* got away early for **Ware**. Ioni left by eastern passage for **Panaeti** in *Waverley*. About 1 o'clock we started putting in piles and got one side and one end. Women did some clearing. Also put up carpenter's shed. A really good days work. Yesterday I bought a coconut grove near house site. Today I bought another (5 trees) close to Makawaisi's garden from Deasau.
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Working all day at house - got more rows of piles in. - I was busy getting more out of bush - tiring work. Bought 5 coconuts from Vardi - close to others at **Awaruarua**. Also bought 5 more from Tumabom close to - not far from grove at **Awaruarua**. Had the boys in after tea and sang **Panaeti** hymns.
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup> S.W. squalls - spoiled work.
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> S.W. storms all day - only few piles cut.
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Fine weather - progress made with house.
- Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Had two good services at **Panaberan** and **Kalarara**. Subject of sermon - Casting out Demons from Man - Luke VIII -26. Had much freedom and people listened very attentively. At **Panaberan** a woman during sermon fell forward and began to writhe in rigors of ague. Held down by two women, one who told me in words of scripture - the sick woman was possessed of devil etc. etc. *Waverley* came in this morning. Got her unloaded. Chairman says she needn't go again but Mr Bardsley says he will be stuck for timber unless she does.

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- Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Had my first dose of fever or severe sunstroke yesterday afternoon. After dinner I lay down and slept. Woke with dreadful headache which increased and continued the whole night. Stomach all right - weakness in limbs but pain in head - terrific. Had neither breakfast nor dinner. In afternoon I painted *Lika* and was able to take tea. I foolishly stood to preach at **Panaberan** in the sun just out of the shade of the tree - it may have been that but more probably simple fever.
- Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Had a good nights rest. Bagarere came this morning saying that Sania had last night threatened to kill him - taking spear and knife. Sania is jealous that Bagarere pays men for work and thinks that B. fixes price of wage. No men came to work this morning until I went to fetch them then plenty came. Passed Sania in his house on the road - told him quietly that his words were bad. He retaliated that if I would allow him to stay in my house and pay the men he would tell the people to come and build my home and also come to Taparoro, but if not then none would come to either. I intend to take no notice of him. Watson and Bardsley worked on the house and made good progress - I put sulphur and lard on three men as trial asepsipoma today - I hope it succeeds.
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Had breakfast with Tongan teachers at their invitation. Good spread of fish and pork and yam - pudding - sago - cocoanuts and sugar cane. Came home and brought teachers back dinner and in afternoon games for natives. Tea with teachers after which they sang Tongan hymns then went home. Have been thinking much of " old friends and old scents" - not up to the mark somehow - feeling dull and down but not unhappy by any means.
- Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Went to **Panapompom**. Not many people place important enough to have a teacher - we cannot work it properly from here. Decided to put Jofesa there when get word from chairman. People over there offered site for a home.
- Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Stormy morning - as soon as clear went to **Panaberan** and had an enjoyable service - women laugh a good deal though when trying to sing. Had service here at home as I got back - spoke on Pharisee and Publican - very good time - intensely earnest listening. God the Holy Spirit teach these people the Truth and its meaning. Oh that they may soon learn to love and trust the Christ who died for them.
- Dec 28<sup>th</sup> Ioni started at noon in *Waverley* for **Dobu**. He went over reef at western point of island - apparently all right. I wrote Chairman explaining why we send *Waverley* - we shall be shut with home building in a day or two for want of timber. Bought some more cocoa-palms at request of owners. Several sipoma cases I am trying promise well.
- Dec 31 Waiting anxiously for *Dove* to bring timber for house. Have had much searching of heart lately. I felt today to a degree I never did before how much I need the atoning - cleansing blood of my Saviour. The past has come very very far short of what it ought to have been. Christ is indeed

precious to me. I do need Him in all His pity, tenderness and love, in all His willingness and power to save from sin. O my precious Saviour Jesus of whom it was said, He shall save His people from their sins, save me from mine - Forgive the past - grant me thy peace. Evermore preserve me from sin. Let Thy prayer be answered in me. I pray that thou shouldst keep them from evil. Guide me in all the future until saved from sin by Thy Grace and finally redeemed from evil and death I stand in Thy presence and see Thy face with joy. Yea Lord Thou knowest that I love Thee. Help me feed Thy lambs. Prosper our Mission, set Thy seal on my toil. Prosper thou the work of our hands Yea the work of our hands prosper thou it. Keep and save all who are dear to me. Let Thy mercy light upon them. Hear me O Saviour. Save one to the uttermost, keep and lead me evermore. And now and forever my hearts warmest love, my life's devoted zeal shall be thine.

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- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Had a quiet day. Realised God's peace - and that He was very near to me. Am filled with a quiet determination to live nearer to Him. May He help me with His Divine grace. Shot an eagle hawk this morning - 5 ft from tip to tip. Prepared for preserving.
- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Anxiously awaiting *Dove* of which no sign. The carpenter has nearly worked up his timber. Am gathering materials for new church.
- Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Watson went to **Panaberan** this morning. My foot was bad with sores. I took service and had good time on Christ and centurion. Good number present. Have arranged for Tongans to take service at next largest village this way. Inosi and Jofesa take services at two large villages between this and village where Tongans have service.  
No sign of *Dove* or *Waverley*. Had to correct Mr Bardsley at table today for his abominable inquisitiveness and bossiness. Watson tells me that Mr B. acted unwisely at **Panaberan** in bossing the chief and ordering then lifting him from the mat. The chief was in a great rage.
- Jan 5 *Mino* came in sight today - rounding **Panpompom** - pulled off and met Mr Chester coming ashore. He stayed all night. Fortunately **Maremata** man - owner of land where English house is came in same time. Mr Chester went up and we had an understanding as to ownership. I paid for another piece to four **Kulu** - three **Maramata** men and Kaiwai. The names of that section are Awaruarua - Sekerapuma - Bokarukarupuma.
- Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Went with Mr Chester and marked trees on boundary of English house section. Afterwards took him off to *Mino* and he started for **Bogoiya**. No sign of either schooner or cutter - very anxious. Went along beach last night and stopped garagararem - so impure and disgusting.
- Jan 7 No sign of *Dove* or *Waverley*. Fear something serious the matter -- God forbid it is anything fatal.
- Jan 8 No sign of any sail. Cannot understand it. Mr Bardsley having done nearly all he could at English house with timber he has, started building church today with the materials I had prepared. Had 30 men at work. Got whole of the frame work up. Tried in the evening whether men would do without pay as work was for church belonging to them but they were very emphatic in demand for pay. Pay is small but I should have like them to recognise the principle we have tried to teach them.
- Jan 9 Picked out men this morning who were willing to work without pay. Most started but some would not. Got a good days work done - roof pitched. In evening sail on horizon. Went out in *Lika*, but failed to find.

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- Jan 9 (cont) At midnight Ioni returned in *Waverley* having started from **Dobu** last Monday. Chairman reports *Dove* engaged carrying timber for **Dobu** church. This is rather too bad with carpenter unable to go with church. Watson and I pulled off to *Waverley* and got mail.
- Jan 10 Had home full at service today. Watson conducted and spoke - very poor attempt at language. I started for **Panaberan** but rain stopped me.
- Jan 11 Got *Waverley* unloaded, she brought sheets and battens and rafters. Bardsley at work on church - making a good job of it. A good object lesson in bracing etc. for natives. Still working without pay.
- Jan 15 *Dove* came in today, brought mail and fairly good load of timber. I got it unloaded in *Waverley*. Strange that I could bring rafters in hold of *Waverley* which might have come long ago and saved delay. **Panaeti** boys who had been with Capt. Russel came ashore and complaining of rough treatment by Captain refused to go back to ship. Received welcome pictures from Camera S.S.
- Jan 16 Very rough so Capt. decided not to venture away from anchorage.
- Jan 17 Very hot - 114 in sun. Had good service here, then went to **Panaberan** and had good service. Kulia wanted to return to **Dobu** with Ioni tomorrow but I decided she must stay and nurse Josefa who was down with fever. Had a woman pointed out to me who had been eating a dead body she had raked out of a grave. The woman denied it but the people were very decided. I learned that some are in the habit of doing this. They are said to be in league with the devil and are very much feared. Bagarere remembers one woman being killed - cut on the neck with stone tomahawk - by a man whose dead she had eaten. In the above case the body had been in grave for a long time. The body is eaten raw - not cooked.
- Jan 18 No wind this morning so Mr Bardsley was off to *Dove* and made alterations required to enable long timbers to go in hold. I looked after church and a good days work was done. Just when they were ready to put grass on roof the men stopped and called on a woman to perform some ceremony. When I found her chewing food and muttering an incantation and stopped her and led her away. There was some excitement about this but I told them I would not allow that kind of thing in God's house. I learned that the natives never commence any work either putting on a roof or gardening, sailing about or anything without spitting out this Kukura and making incantations to ensure success.

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- Jan 18 (cont) The Captain of the *Dove* had tea and in evening went off to schooner to start early in the morning if possible.
- Jan 19 *Dove* got away early. Ioni about 10 o'clock. Took with him Serima.
- Jan 21 Took Inosi and Jofesa over to **Panapompom** - made arrangements for building their house. Had short service before leaving them. *Lika* not being ballasted would not beat so had long distance to pull with Watson - very hard.
- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Witton from **Samarai** brought his cutter into the bay today and came ashore. Watson went off after dinner and Bardsley went with him without mentioning the matter to me. This after his promise to work most religiously at the house during proper working hours. It is difficult to be patient with the stupid man.
- Jan 24 Did not know it was Sunday today until after breakfast. Was not well after violent purging lately so did not go to **Panaberan**. As many are sailing about just now not many at service today. Watson went to **Namata** in afternoon.
- Jan 25 Had Sili here this morning with native man and woman to be married. We - Watson, Bardsley and I went to **Panaberan** and I married them - taking the service in **Panaetian** tongue. They both behaved very nicely. I borrowed Tongan teachers wife's gold ring and the man promised to get a tortoise shell one. Take this as a very good sign. I bought the necklace from neck of bride and also her wedding dress which she took off and gave me after service. Name of man was Ibase and of woman - Nadeau.
- Jan 26 *Merrie England* came to anchor just as sun was setting. Watson and I went off and had a chat with Sir William McGregor. He told us of Hely's leaving **Samarai** and spoke in indignant terms of his conduct. Captain Hennessey of *Merrie England* is to take Hely's place. Governor very kind in his enquiries and conversation.
- Jan 27 Sir Wm McGregor came ashore and inspected our stations and spoke in highest terms of praise of site and English house and of its outlook and surroundings. Went on to Tongan teachers station - examined Josefa and promised me some medicine for him. He kindly invited me to accompany him around the Louisiades and I got a few things in my bag and went leaving Watson in charge. Natives at our end came about but many were sailing about. At **Bogonati** etc. all the women ran into bush and only a few men stayed.

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- Jan 27(cont) *Waverley* came to anchorage just as I was leaving in Governor's whaleboat.  
In conversation I asked Governor what was his position re the conversion of New Guinea natives. He said he did not think that a single New Guinea native had died Christian and he did not think Lawes or Chalmers would claim, one as converted. But he added - I believe you will have some Christians here (**Panaeti**). He said we ought to have this large piece of land between church and house and when learned it was Government land said - it will be all right.
- Jan 27 Following has been deleted ( Visited all villages on south coast of **Misima** ).  
  
Yesterday afternoon we reached **Duau**. Chester very sick with fever. This morning left for south coast of **Misima** and visited all the villages. First village **Saibobo**, chief Sinaba only two men stayed (rest ran away). One had a cutlass  
the other - big knife. They told us to leave and were very agitated. I went up to them and tried to get near them. One said we had arms in our clothes so I pulled out my pockets. At last we got near and I shook hands and led him to Governor. Very soon ( a crowd) numbers came.  
**Sawaia** anchorage for *Waverley*. **Panamanari** - **Ebans** - good anchorage - very pretty place and good place for missionary. **Alboga** large village, chief Sabura.  
**Tataraga** village lately made raid on **Alboga**. Governor and party went ashore with rifles on shoulders so I stayed on beach.  
**Bogaboga** with 50 or so houses - plenty of people. Anchorage for *Waverley* - eastern side of bay in small cove.  
In each village room and work for one teacher - villages so large. At least there is room for 6 teachers. In evening went back to **Duau**.
- Jan 28 Tried to reach villages on north coast but weather too rough to land. Lay in **Duau**. Went to village and held service. Not many present because most were carrying Chester's goods up to his house. I sat on his verandah but he did not ask me in. His talk of the natives and to them is very unpleasant. They are swine and niggers etc. He is constantly growling. *Myrtle* in **Duau** - bought some goods.  
In conversation with Governor he said Musgrave had written Chalmers saying he was sorry ordinance was passed prohibiting natives leaving New Guinea. Gov. said our charter includes this - My Secretary ! very disloyal. He had asked Imp - Gov. to grant letters patent to allow natives to accompany masters to Cooktown ( to go 10 degrees south latitude) etc. but he did not think it right for anyone to take them away. I said special

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- Jan 28 (cont) benefit ought to be given to missionaries as they came for good of country.  
Just so he said every trader and digger etc. tells you he is here for good of country.  
Yes but I said on the face of it it is clear that the promoters of the mission were disinterested.  
Of course he said that is so. ( talking of Musgrave he said - He wants to be a Governor but that needs more ability than needed to write to a fourth rate newspaper. A Governor needs to be able to frame a law. I give him every chance but he has not made one yet.) He said Law is founded on argument and must be fair all round and leave room for no one to say - he has such and such a privilege, why deny it to me?  
I said - Is there a single law ever made but some crochety is not suited with it.  
Said he - Unfortunately some of the laws everybody dislike.  
I said from Musgrave ----.  
Aye said he and subject dropped with his saying " when you have a native minister ready to take from New Guinea as deputation the law may be altered.
- Jan 30 Sailed to **Sudest** after leaving after leaving Governor ashore at **Ebans** with all the police to seek and catch the murderers at **Suliwa**. Governor told Captain to give me the launch to visit natives at **Sudest**. We are to return on Monday.  
Yesterday Governor told me of complete breakdown of discipline at Port Moresby under Dauncey. He attended Sunday service and "was scandalised" at the inattention and the constant talking all through the service.
- Jan 31 Refused to employ men in steam launch to visit natives. Had service in steamer's saloon in morning. Captain at first said he thought it of no use to hold service as at Bromilow's services the men would not attend, but engineer asked the men and the saloon was crammed. I played - good singing - splendid attention while I preached from the "Two Sons" and had a good time.  
In afternoon had service with diggers ashore. Several very sick. At close some in tears thanked and begged me to return soon. "We should be better men Sir if we had more of this" said one of them as I left. Several of them talk of leaving. Four of the diggers have died during last few months. Their lot is a hard one.  
In evening helped sailors with their song service on deck aft. I took the small organ and we had a good time. At the close I prayed and I am sure the evening was well spent though trying to my voice.

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- Jan 31 (cont) Yesterday we passed **Hatilawa** harbour, **Panadine** Island where Captain Gray and his crew were murdered while fishing for pearl. Divers cord cut and all except for one man smashed up. Nicholas Minister's punishing party - skull and slave.
- Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Returned to **Misima** and learned that natives of **Suliwa** were in arms against Governor and party. They had put spears in track and two policemen were speared. Chester came on hard and we went round to **Duau** with orders to go round to **Suliwa** tomorrow. Three natives had been caught but the rest were away in the bush having deserted their village. Governor intends sending steamer to **Samarai** to fetch large number of police to catch and finish tribe and spearmen.
- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Steamed to **Suliwa** and took Governor on board. I asked him to leave me ashore that I might try to get these rebel natives to yield to reason, but he considered that as I had not previously been known to this tribe they might associate me with the Government which would be fatal to my mission.  
He further said that I might with advantage visit them in a few days when the criminals were caught and help reinstate them in deserted village. I determined to do this though sorry to leave the natives because I know Chester to be stupidly headstrong and hot tempered and I am sure he would not scruple but would be delight in shooting down the natives on the slightest chance.  
  
On the way home to **Panaeti** the Governor chatted quite confidentially ( as he was not quite well ) all the day. Talked of his officers and of our work. He was very kind indeed.  
On leaving steamer he leaned over side and said " When you want to run over to Cooktown we shall be glad to take you in the steamer.  
Brought ashore the American organ I bought from Captain Hennessey.  
Gave him a note for Woods of **Samarai** for £17 the price.
- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Steamer did not leave as weather was rough. Watson and I went off and I took application for land between here and **Awaruarua** to the Governor. He said it would be all right. The price was 2/6 if we planted foreign stuff and 5/- for coconuts. He gave pay to boy for catching cuzcuz which died. Talked kindly to Watson and he said he might be back in 5 or 6 months and should then make an effort to catch Kossi the murderer. He was in a hurry now to get to the west to interrupt the Tugeri in their raids. We said goodbye and he was exceedingly kind in his words and wishes.
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Went to **Panapompom** in *Waverley* - Ioni and Jofesa getting on well with house building. Went into bush and had a conversation with the murderer Kossi. He said he did not kill the woman but because he had been told to

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- Feb 5 (cont) do it they said he had done it. I told him he would be caught and he must tell this to the Governor.  
The boys afterwards said - Kossi lies, he did the murder.  
Brought home some sago leaves for the church wall.
- Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Kaivai and others returned from **Duau** and brought me some yams, but the price was very high.
- Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Had excellent service here today. The large organ is a marvellous mystery to these people. Am intending to leave tomorrow for **Misima** in *Waverley* if weather permits. Watson has orders from Chairman to take trip to **Ware** and East Cape visiting teachers but the **Misima** business is pressing while the other can wait.  
I am doubtful of the issue of the trip but God helping I will go and try and do my duty.
- Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Started for **Misima** about 10 am. Usual crew turned tail. Got one at Narbouopai. Beating all day - anchored at **Ebora**.
- Feb 9<sup>th</sup> No wind. Drifting and working sweeps but not much progress. Sun fearfully hot - in afternoon - throbbing raging headache. Approached **Bonias** in afternoon looking for anchorage. Great crowd came in war paint feathers and began to dance about. I ordered them to put their arms down. When they understood who I was they obeyed. They had spears - knives - tomahawks etc.  
By and bye the chief off to me. Ioni got his anchor foul so I could not stay to go ashore. Chief promised to receive and protect a teacher.  
Went to **Ewina**. Just as we entered little bay saw a crowd of men running along beach with spears knives and tomahawks. I called on them to stop and turn back - they said policemen were coming to make them fast. As I had our dingy I plunged into rollers and swam ashore having to be careful how I landed among the big boulders on which breakers dashed. I pleaded with runaways but only answer was -- they are coming to make us fast. I followed them up but they would not stop - poor ignorant creatures.  
We had some tea and I laved my raging throbbing head in a cool stream - very nice and healing. Bad nights rest with rollers.
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Went on to **Suliwa**. Villages all empty on north coast except pigs and dogs. Reached **Suliwa** at 2 pm. Went on to where Wriford, Chester and Moir with police force were camped. Chester might have come to meet me after all my kindness to him.

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- Feb 10 (cont) Found that **Suliwa** natives were still in bush and still uncaught and were said to be at western end of island. I had a good talk with some **Kariba** men in the camp.
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Went on to **Sagara**. Had Taparoro - good crowd - fetched some from hiding. 30 men and same number of women. Listened most attentively and responded most ardently. Gt. surprise from some women when I told them that God lived inside me. They were all quiet and well behaved. Sailed on and on through the day and all night - anchor at **Eiaus** next morning at 3 am.
- Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Found *Merrie England*. ----- Nicholas anchored. At 5.30 went on board steamer had chat with capt'n. Chester came off to give me the **Suliwa** boys -- got them. As soon as they stepped on board the shackles were knocked off their feet. Magistrate had threatened to shoot them if they ran away and sang out to me to watch them closely. I had no fears. Pulled *Waverley* into wind and sailed away after steamer. Nicholas told me that men Government wanted were on shore looking at us leave. **Suliwa** boys laughingly told my crew that the 15 or 20 policemen had come overland with them and with a rope round their necks threatened to shoot them if tried to escape holding guns in position. Found **Suliwa** natives at **Aigeyaga** not many miles from steamers anchorage. Learned on reaching **Panaeti** that Wriford had search **Panapompom** but in vain, that all the time Koss was on **Panapompom** and after steamer left went over to **Jaiut** (?) at **Panaeti**. Found Watson had been ill with fever two days and was very sick. Very sorry. Bardsley had been on board steamer. Captain Hennessey told him he thought I was in danger among **Misima** natives and ought to be careful. Wriford said same in morning but there is no danger to God's servant. Very very tired and utterly worn out. Glad to get home.
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Church opening today. Good crowd - upwards of 300 - new experience to be marshalled into places - all lime bottles, pipes, betel nut bags, knives etc. collected and put on porch. Some climbed in through windows - some ashamed to walk in -- behaviour and attention perfect - organ a great source of attraction and grt. help. ( some afterwards came to examine my fingers and said there must be eyes somewhere near the tips to see their way up and down the keys) - Read ten commandments for lesson. Preached myself on building as God's house, sacredness and uses. Watson had to leave in middle of service.

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- Feb 14 (cont) Tongan and Fijian teachers with people from **Panapompom**. On the whole a good service and sufficient for great gratitude to God. My heart throbbed with sympathy and the desire to pour forth all God's message to this people.  
( On the Saturday evening I had levelled the sand on church floor.)  
In afternoon held Quarterly meeting - nothing of importance except a suggestion to hold Quarterly similar gatherings to the one we had today. We thank God and take courage.
- Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Watson suffered severely yesterday afternoon from pains in head and was very restless all night. Much better today.
- Feb 16 Watson improving during day though in morning I had to give him a dose of chlorodyne to check dysentery. Have been very unwell - system all out of order - but am improving today. Bardsley came home at noon ill with fever. Rested in afternoon and applied remedies and was better in evening.
- Feb 17 Bardsley went to work in morning but came home again at noon ill with fever - rest and remedies in afternoon - well in evening.  
Ioni came in this morning and asked to be allowed to fetch food from **Duau** as they had not at teachers' station and there would be none for Watson's **Ware** trip. Watson was agreeable so we sent him off and he sailed from **Panaeti** same day.
- Feb 19 *Dove* arrived in evening. Went off but had difficulty in finding her as it was dark. Got the mail. Only two letters and some Stars for me - no Methodists. Watson's mail left in **Dobu** - regular mixed up business. Captain 8 days out from **Dobu** - trying trip.  
Bagarere very ill - Kidney back. Visited him twice.
- Feb 20 Unloaded *Dove* - no battens and sheets so Bardsley not much forwarded by *Dove's* coming. Visited Bagarere.
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Had a good day - splendid service in morning here - Captain Russel present. I had good free time in preaching. At **Panahera** in afternoon - good crowd. I fetched **Bogonati** people out of houses. Gave them a good bashing for running away from Government. Bagarere still ill.
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> *Dove* left early but wind light. Josepha, Rubia and girl went to *Dobu*. Watson preparing for **Ware**. Captain, Bardsely and I advised him to go to **Dobu** and in *Waverley* from there visit **Ware** etc. He is not strong enough after severe fever. He stupidly resolves to go. I have written Chairman

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- Feb 22 (cont) that it is my opinion it is risky for the *Waverley* to go round **Ware** at this season.  
Forgot to note that last Friday Silivenusi came to see me – he wished to inform me that if Ioni Kuli were put over him he would go back to Tonga. He made himself a big chief and Ioni almost a slave. I should have packed him off to Tonga had I consulted my personal feelings. We must get him to **Misima** as soon as possible.
- Feb 23 Ioni Kuli came in early this morning with a splendid lot of yams – quite a Godsend to us.
- Feb 24 Watson started on his **Ware** trip this morning. We had a prayer meeting in early morning – good time. Had a good wind and would make good travelling.
- Feb 28 Had best service yet conducted this morning. A very good number 130 present. Spoke on Prodigal Son – interest was intense. When I asked them if they knew the way to the Father's House in the heavens – they said in chorus – No. What a thrill of joy I had in telling them that I knew and would show them – teach them. I am sure the service will do good.
- March 1 Put platform in church.
- March 3 Planted 150 cocoanuts – very hot – 110 in sun. *Dove* hove in sight in evening but wind dropped.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Clearing **Kasarara**.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> *Dove* anchored this morning. I got all the timber ashore by evening. Mr. Bardsley had been blaming Chairman for not sending battens and sheets and now we learn that all are here. At D.M. Carpenter counted and said there was plenty of battens and more than he wanted. He also counted sheets and has been reckoning on whole of the sheets for the small house being in **Dobu** when they were here all the time. Chairman advises sawing down partition boards for battens.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Had very good day both services - here and **Panahera** good. Took heap of fencing from chief at **Bogonati** today - caught him in act of Sabbath breaking. He was ashamed but I brought him on to the service hand in hand. Captain Russel present at this and the service.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Clearing **Kasarara** - very hot and trying work. Carpenter at work on *Dove* doing repairs.

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- March 8<sup>th</sup> Carpenter at work on *Dove*. I took off box of curries for Mama.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Carpenter still at work on *Dove* been ill with fever.
- March 10<sup>th</sup> Clearing **Kasarara** - *Dove* left today.
- March 12<sup>th</sup> Clearing **Kasarara** - yesterday and today - have to be with men constantly to keep things going. - glass 107 and 109.
- March 13<sup>th</sup> Good services again today at home and **Panahera**. Took Pharisee and Publican - spoke in application of the women wearing best dresses for dancing and not bringing them to church. At **Panahera** a pig which disturbed us last three Sundays was running amuck among women. One woman scratched its belly to make it lie down. At last I ordered the owner to clear it out. She, an old dame, quickly walked away and the pig quietly followed her without a solitary grunt. Very tired at nights - working hard all day
- March 14<sup>th</sup> First attack of fever today - no mistake this time. Fever of light kind but abominably trying. First feeling of extreme weariness with weakness in all joints and especially in small of back. Then headache which increases until sweat comes when there is instant ease. After copious sweat the attack is over with only the weakness left. In afternoon went into bush and cleared road. Began to clear road between **Kasarara** and **Kawasumi**.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Fever again today - In afternoon went back to bush.
- March 16<sup>th</sup> Went to bush this morning feeling quite well. At nine fever came on and I was soon down with the worst attack I've had yet. In afternoon went again to bush.
- March 17<sup>th</sup> No fever but great weakness. *Waverley* came in with Sili.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> Same as yesterday in health. Went on with work.
- March 19<sup>th</sup> In bush all day. Yesterday Ioni and Silivanusi came and Sili expressed his willingness to go to **Misima** but he said as it was a land of sickness and no food (both of which statements are false) he wanted £4 a month for himself and £2 for elder son and £1 for boy. I showed him that this meant £84 per year and simply said that he had better see Mr Bromilow. As he goes to **Dobu** to look after his wife's grave he can see Chairman then. Egotism run mad.

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- March 20<sup>th</sup> Had service here today. Did not go to **Panahera** - too weak. Bardsley ill with fever.
- March 21<sup>st</sup> Had another day at road through bush - sweating much.
- March 22 Packed all stores etc. today ready for taking to English house. Bardsley very ill in afternoon but kept on working.
- March 24 Came into English house to live this morning. Had a very severe attack of fever today - terrific headache - ill all day, better at close of afternoon. Bardsley also very ill with fever - he had ague for the first time - went to work a little in the afternoon.
- March 25 Sent Bagarere and crew in *Lika* to fetch Inosi from **Panapompom**. Jofesa came over in a canoe to fetch medicine and food. He told me a whiteman, a digger turned fisherman was living in their home at **Panapompom**. I told him that could not be allowed.  
It is a great comfort to be in an English house again with a firm floor underfoot and rainproof roof overhead, and also to have one's effects free from falling dust and placed comfortably. Have felt drawn much nearer to God and be drawn out more in devotion lately. May God carry on His good work in my soul. I want to be more pure and loving and humble.
- March 26 Severe attack of fever with ague - from 9am till 3pm. with terrible pains in head. While shivering with ague the glass in my room was 90 and continued so till sunset. Worst attack yet and has left me very weak. I sent Jofesa home this afternoon in *Lika* and the boys brought the boat back but Jofesa was back as soon as they in a canoe and told a tale that the **Panapompom** men had eaten his yams ( which Inosi had foolishly left in the house when he came away yesterday ) and told him that they did not want Taparoro and that now there was only one they should kill him. I shall have to go on Monday if well, Jofesa was never very bright , the fever has not sharpened him.
- March 27 Small number at church today. A woman died last night and the natives " don't walk about " until the body is buried! I was weak from yesterday's fever so did not go to **Panaberan**. Have had no fever today but am very weak and my head still sore.
- March 28 Free from fever again today. Went to **Panapompom** with Inosi and Jofesa. Found 3 of the men who had stolen the yams and threatened to kill Jofesa. Found as expected that their threat was only bluster. They owned that they with others had eaten the yams. One tried to bluster with

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- March 28 (cont) me but found he had the wrong man this time. They all brought food in recompence which I brought away ( one woman brought recompence for husband who was away ). I gave them a good talking to and they promised to do better in the future. Poor Jofesa is frightened out of his wits and it will not be wise for him to stay there or anywhere else alone.
- April 1 Held Teachers, local Preachers and Quarterly meetings at mission house.
- April 2 Up to week ending April 2nd The **Suliwa** were quite clear having been paid for their food and the building of their house.
- April 3 Bardsley went with Inosi and Jofesa to **Panapompom** - found people not at all responsive. Had a good service at **Narbonopai** - about 250 present - visitors from **Ware** - **anagusa** (?), **Duau**, **Kuan** ( near **Samarai** ) and **Misima**. I fetched Kossi along to the service. Had a splendid time in speaking. Not many at **Kasarara** - too many sailing about.
- April 4 Got boys and yam houses built. In evening heard Mrs Bardsley that rumour in **Panaeti** that **Panapompom** men have threatened to tomahawk me and spear Jofesa. It is simply bluster if they said it at all.  
First return of south-east wind - April 4th - rather light.  
Ioni Kuli came today and I took him to *Waverley* to show me where it was leaking as he had reported on return from last trip. I found on examining with carpenter that worms had eaten boards away above copper at stern - 6 inches more of copper would have saved this. Carpenter commenced at once to mend it.
- April 5 Got W.C. built and fixed up today. Carpenter repairing *Waverley* all day - finished and got her afloat in afternoon. He has made a good job of her but she needs 6 inches more copper all round.  
South East wind blowing light today. It is very welcome.
- April 8 Tongan teachers failed to turn up at Teachers Meeting today so did not hold it - Inosi the only one who came.
- April 9 I went to enquire into rumour re killing of myself and Jofesa at **Panapompom** today. Most of men away. As I thought if it were said at all it was simply bluster. They promised to be kind to the teacher when he returned.
- April 10th Had two splendid services today. Found a crowd of men at village beyond **Boganati** discussing payment for a canoe which they said comprised 30 or more stone tomahawks. These are used simply as barter. Most attentive listeners at **Kasarara** today. Surely the Lord is leading to desire to learn. I asked the young people to come up to the house. So this evening about 30 or 40 came and we had a singing service. As the strangeness wears off they are less inclined to laugh at their own efforts. Some of them put in unnecessary quavers among high notes.

Lovely night - clear bright moonlight - fireflies, silence broken by chirping of insects, distant roar of reef and splashing of fish on reef. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

- April 11<sup>th</sup> Ioni started at noon today Feuan (?) Sili and family. Sailed out as far as passage - anchored and in evening came inside reef again. Got some large cocoanuts planted at **Kasarara**.
- April 12<sup>th</sup> Glass 115 in sun at noon.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Two beautiful rings around the sun today - lovely in all the colours of the rainbow. Kaiwai who was here said it was a sign of God's anger on account of the murder of white man on an island near Sudest This murder is reported and also that Chester has gone to investigate.
- April 16 Have been busy this week in clearing **Awaruarua** and getting more large cocoa palms planted at **Kasarara**. Have also made up my station accounts.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Slight fever today - weary work walking to **Narbonopai** and back. Had a very good service at **Kasarara** - freedom in speaking and a really good time - interest most marked on some faces. May God's Spirit cause the seed of the Kingdom to germinate and grow.  
Very many sailing about today.  
This evening a large amount of phosphorous was seen in sea in front of house. Boys said it was the devil. I got a match and made phosphorous lines on their dark skins of which they were scared - thinking it would burn them.  
Some visitors from East Cape and Brooker Island present at morning service.
- April 18 Transplanting large cocoanut palms at **Kasarara**.
- April 19 Transplanting palms and during afternoon got a rusty nail jammed into my leg by the breaking of a stick I had as a lever - stick belonging to old house. Sucked it and came home and bathed in hot water. Great variety of opinion as to results of transplanting.
- April 20 Had to stay in and bathe leg - wrote letters. Men - good number - at work clearing near **Kasarara**.

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- April 21      Fever again today - could do very little. Started in evening to write mission notes for press. Men clearing.
- April 22      Men still clearing and working well. Bathing my leg and writing.
- April 23      Severe fever today - hot stage from 9 am. to noon, sweating copiously until 3 am. Gave a dozen calicoes to work men today - they are very pleased. Splendid south easter with rain.
- April 24      Constitution out of order - leg bad and general bash up so Bardsley took services at **Narbonopai** and **Kasarara**.
- April 25      Gave men smoke this evening - work for calico finished.
- April 26      No men came to work today. In evening Bagarere and several others came and reported that men were dissatisfied. Sawai and wife had said I ought to give Knives and tomahawks as well as calico. I think it arises from my giving Kowasina a plane iron in recognition of his clever help to carpenter. Sawai is doubtless at bottom of it. The calicoes are far more valuable than the ordinary wage of tobacco. They will come to be sorry by and bye.  
Boils near knee render me incapable of getting about.
- April 30      Boils still bad confine me to house.
- May 1        Book service this morning and had good time in preaching. Boils prevented me from going to **Narbonopai**. *Waverley* came in sight late in afternoon - very welcome.
- May 2        Ioni came in this morning. Brought mail. Sili returned willing to go to **Misima**. Another teacher - Samsoni - dead. No stores arrived yet.
- May 8        I preached on the Judgement laying stress on acts in Judgement books - marvellous interest. Immediately after the close before I could sit down Kawai the chief said *Tonowak!* " well what is it? I asked. He said " I am going to sail about this week I will tell all the people what you have told us today about Eaboine and Tafariro.
- May 9        Kept in house all last week with boils. Had fever yesterday.

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- May 13 Had good teachers meeting today - all present. As usual Silivanusi had a lot to say wanting trousers and guns and extra tobacco and Samuella to preach etc.
- May 16 Started for **Narbonopai** yesterday but boils caused me to return - Ioni has had whaleboat a fortnight for fishing - this cannot be allowed again. Good cong. at **Kasarara** and I had a fair time. Bardsley spoke. Sili came saying Ioni ill with severe cold. I sent him some Eucalyptus and asked Sili to send Litia back tomorrow with news of Ioni's health.
- May 18 Mr Bardsley finished work at the house this evening. I have helped him yesterday and today to put in the windows. There are still the following items to finish. - a piece of the roof, a piece of the ceiling, one partition, finish puttying nearly all the windows, two walls of store room on verandah and the painting inside and out. The kitchen I have deferred building for the present. We are intending to go to **Dobu** next week and I hope to bring materials back so as to finish the house myself. I painted *Waverley* yesterday and another coat today. Have had to shoot pigeons most days to keep table supplied.
- May 19 Went to **Narbonopai** today - dedication of pillars of church. Service first - addressed by myself, Bardsley, Sili, Ioni, Jofesa afterwards. Throwing water on pillars and christening them in my name - Bromilows. Bardsley christened one for himself and Sili one for himself. After a good spread by Tongans.
- May 20 *Dove* came in sight in morning and anchored in afternoon. We went off and got mail. News of my reception into Full Connexion. Bardsley appointed Lay missionary. Chairman wild about it. Letter from Geo. Brown. Camera etc among stores. News of Field's wedding on May 10th - *Borough Belle* having come in earlier than expected. Two sisters arrived. Field to settle in **Tubetube** and build his house. Capt. did not come ashore.
- May 22 Good services today. During morning service was asked by native while speaking of heaven whether they would fall out. After service one woman asked me in a quiet voice whether I had been to heaven - was quite satisfied with answer that Christ came from heaven and told us all about it. Good number at **Kasarara** - 110 - Good time in speaking. Captain Russel present - Bardsley spoke - was not sure whether last time or not.
- May 23 Fetched store from *Dove* in morning. I had fever.

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- May 24 Captain Russel kindly stayed to mend sail while Bardsley put up my library shelves - finished them in late afternoon. After tea had little service in dining room. Some natives present - then Captain and Bardsley went off to *Dove*.  
I had fever.
- May 25 *Dove* left early - 5.30 am. Clear of the passage 8.30. Put my room in order. Very lonely for first time by myself. Slight fever. Very glad Bardsley is away.
- May 26 Got fence round garden started.
- May 27 Teachers Meeting - in full force - 6 Teachers - Good meeting. Ioni apologised very humbly for his temper etc. over Samoans going to his house. I exhorted them - preached -(?)- sermon - and we had some fervent praying. I appointed Silivanusi to **Bogaboga** and the Samoans to **Alboka**. We are to start Monday if all's well.  
In afternoon did first bit at garden - planting a few potatoes and onions given to me by Captain Russel. Getting on with painting of house.
- May 28 Chester paid a hurried visit this morning he having come over from **Panapompom** in Mahoney's cutter - the *Mino* remaining at anchor. Told me he had got a letter which he showed me from Musgrave saying he should have only paid 2/6 per acre for land to natives. Balance cannot be recovered from natives - certain. He had seen Kossi the murderer but having only one policeman with him and many natives gathering around he left him alone. Silivanusi does not want to go to **Bogaboga** because many stones there.
- June 8<sup>th</sup> Since above date have been down a good deal with fever - suffered very much - several alternate and several successive days - system entirely out of order. This has made loneliness very unpleasant. Between fever attacks have got two rooms' painting completed with front doors and windows - also *Lika* - and part of front fence up. A week ago today I started for **Misima** in morning - i.e. I started for **Narbanopai** and turned back - wind too strong. Glad now that I did. Sili and Tongans have been ill and it is better for it to be here at home. Monday and Tuesday were too rough - Chester detained at **Panapompom** till Wednesday. Have had much humbug with Sili and Tongans wanting tins of biscuits and bullamakau. Took one service **Kasarara** on Sunday - very weak. Stormy weather has no doubt hindered return of *Dove*. Many natives sick. Shot a beautiful white pelican last week - natives thought my sickness the result of this. Gathered finger hinders my writing just now.

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June 20

Had Teachers Meeting on 10th. I thought it was Friday until teachers came. On Sunday 12th went to **Narbonopai** and had good services. Working at fence here Monday Tuesday and Wednesday. On Monday began to doctor Epat's ulcerous foot and leg - part of foot gone and one toe - other toes going - ancle useless - foot twisted up till toes almost touch leg. Dressed with permanganate and wrapped up. On Tuesday all scales etc. sloughed off and leg looking fine. Cleanliness at first would have saved all - he has been ill and confined to house for years.

On Thursday the Samoans were all here and I asked them if willing to go to **Bogaboga** and they said yes. About noon I thought as wind was good that we might start so got ready and away. Stayed at **Panapompom** for the night and away early next morning with wind south we made **Alboka** in afternoon. Put Sili and family ashore and got on board to find Gasese in a rage. Got him calm and away. Reached **Bogaboga** -- late and dark - terrific squall caught us just as we were rounding bluff - bay enclosed with mountains - dark as pitch - boys could see - I couldn't - mainsail jibed and rain pelted like angry devils but we got round safely. Called out for people to make lights - soon torches gleaming all round bay and we ran to good anchorage. Got teachers ashore and lay down very tired - heavy rain for hours.

Up early and ashore - chose site for house - got house for teachers - not good so got two at Gasese's request - said good bye and then Gasese's wife wanted to return because husband was in wrong spirit - They had words and she told him to stay and she would go back to Samoa. I appealed to her love for Chl. and Lotu and she gave in.

Away and reached home 1 pm. Weary but thankful for success.

Yesterday 19th had very good day. Got **Alboka** chief to Taparoro after much persuasion. Chief dead at Nawabuli - people quiet and subdued. Had good time - told Sabura in sermon to look after missionary. 130 at **Kasarara** -very good time. Kaiwai at work after promising to come. Poor creature. Received a portion of *wagawagakina* - pig given to ensure safe passage to hades for the dead chief. Bible class in evening - few but good. Altogether very good day.

June 26

Two good services again today with good songs. Such earnestness in attention and God gives me a message which warms my own heart. Chiefs Alek and Kaiwai were both at service though both acting strangely during week. God help me to walk humbly, righteously and lovingly before His people.

Took Jofesa to **Panapompom** yesterday - people received him very warmly and expressed their willingness to look after him. During past week have made my first attempts at photography and have managed to get a few good negatives to begin with, though it requires a lot of work

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June 26 (cont) and patience when I have no one to advise and had not the slightest previous knowledge. I have a good text book and so may manage all right in time. Weather too stormy to attempt to start school. Togonalabubu after inspecting house for first time turned to me and said '*Limi ibwaia masama wowakum orer --- negeia?* -- this is a large house. You are the only one here and sleep alone. Are you not afraid the devil will do you harm or destroy you.'

A man of war steamer passed by island near passage at 2pm today - ( 3 masts and one funnel - all sail set) steamed and sailed away to north west as far as I could observe her.

One night - Monday or Tuesday - terrific storm with thunder and lightning - unpleasant when one is lonely. Most of nights of past week have been very stormy.

Doctoring baby with inflammation of eyes during week. When first saw it - matter etc. caked all about eyes and on cheeks. Crowd as usual gathered in house. One child clung to its father when it saw my white clothes and said '*Orer Orer* - the devil'. Poor creature only just old enough to talk and afraid of the devil.

I do wish *Dove* would come. So strange when the captain said he would come straight back here.

Photograph work however has made week appear to pass more quickly.

Just a year last Sunday since we reached **Dobu**. What an important year! How good God has been. Work going on in so many stations in full fling. So very much sickness and so many deaths! Still the victory will well repay the fight. My own heart is being very much wrought on by God's Spirit and my desire for purity and Christlikeness stronger than ever before. Praise God.

June 27 Took first photos of church today - negatives seem good.

June 28 Started day school today. Went to **Boganati** gathered some children. Some afraid to come. Some dropped out on the way. Some had not been to **Namate** village half a mile from their homes, with an open beach. One asked me should I give them tobacco. Some asked me should I beat them. On enquiry I found that their fathers who sail to **Ware** had reported that L.M.S. teacher had been in habit of beating his scholars. Got 30 for a start. They behaved well and promised to come again tomorrow. Had another attack of fever today. Negatives taken yesterday print well.

June 30 Rather severe fever. Agreed for Ioni to go to **Duau** for food and **Dobu** for mails next Monday.

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- July 2<sup>nd</sup> Hurried away early to get photo of church - calm between squalls. Developed during day - two fairly good negatives.
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Very good service today - good number present.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Worked all last night printing, toning and fixing photos of church and got all ready with mail this morning and then Ioni never turned up. I sent for him and he starts tomorrow.  
Last Friday Sawai returned from **Ware** and said something to boys clearing about it being his work. They told us that he *pariparied* them. Some time after he came and made a great row - shrieking and threatening to spear the boys. They went home I quietened him. On Saturday they came for Fridays' pay. Had long talk. They and Sawai made it up and all were at church on Sunday.  
  
Sasese came from **Bogaboga** in canoe last Saturday. Fausia's child dead. He reported their pleasure with the place and he wanted another station.
- July 5<sup>th</sup> Ioni left in *Waverley* for **Dobu**.
- July 7<sup>th</sup> *Dove* came this afternoon. Capt'n. brought mail. Reported having started from **Dobu** 5 weeks ago - dismasted at East Cape - put back for repairs - started again - delayed **Samarai** and **Tubetube**. Watson on his way here in her got rheumatic fever at **Tubetube** - seriously ill. Field nursed him.
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Got cargo ashore yesterday. Captain surveyed road to church. I took photos of Captain and church.
- July 10<sup>th</sup> Splendid congs. and good times.
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Captain took off Watson's things after finishing survey. I printing photos and packing for Watson.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> Sat up last night toning and fixing negatives. Captain started away during morning with *Lika* in tow but in afternoon turned back and anchored off **Panapompom**.  
Kaiwai came this evening to beg tobacco and got into a rage because I complained of his shouting and banging on my door - I was lying down and sleepy after last night. Very trying to one's temper.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> *Dove* sailed very early - good wind. Built two walls of store and fixed door - lock etc. today.

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- July 14 Built shelves of store - unpacked provisions.
- July 15 Mending furniture - study table - wash stand etc.
- July 16 Built dark room in bath room.
- July 17 Good cong. today. Fair times - Sun touched me at **Narbonopai** - had to lie down in afternoon and did not get evening bible class. Baby buried under my nose while preaching this morning.
- July 23 Fever every day this week - been making road most days. *Merrie England* anchored in harbour this evening.
- July 24 Governor with Mr Chester (who proclaimed annexation and protectorate) and Col. Surveyor came ashore in morning. Walking towards house he said to Chester ' isn't this a magnificent site?'
- We went to church. I had a good time on the annoying of Saul and David etc. Governor and rest ( some sailors ) took great interest and people listened intensely and behaved splendidly. At close Sir William spoke and I interpreted. He enjoined on natives desirability of adapting their lives to the new order of things now missionary and Government had come to stay. He installed Kawai as chief of **Panaeti** and gave him clothes and staff of office. Trousers etc. were put on there in the church. After service came here, had some lunch, then went on board steamer.
- July 25 Monday. Came ashore followed by Governor - went to **Narbonopai**. Out to steamer and I took provisions for my teachers on **Misima** and at Governor's invitation sailed in steamer.
- July 26 Visited Samoans at **Bogaboga** - well and in good spirits. Silivanusi well and expressed himself satisfied with Alhoka. **Duau** in evening - had fever and did not go ashore.
- July 27 Returned - called Ebuens (?) to water steamer. I went ashore and secured site for teachers residence. Bought a beautiful steering paddle and gave it to Governor. Reaching **Panaeti** learned that Kossi had been caught by Wriford and police. He was brought on board.
- July 28 Went to **Panapompom** with Governor - (steamer to **Moturina** for witness in Kossi's case) Had breakfast with Governor then came home in a canoe.

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July 28 (cont) Conversation with Governor.

Re the Anglican Mission in N.G. knew nothing of it until Douglas and McLaren came here to see him. McLaren said that letters passed etc. They wished to take all the field that had been allotted to us. McLaren talked of National Church and historic ch. 'You can stop that' said Governor. 'we have no National Church. That will be our national church which does best work and the churches here have yet to make their history.' Then Mcl. put forward Louisiades request. Gov. showed that Louisiades were only portion of the field. They wanted him to stop Wesleyans coming here. He said "I have invited Wesleyans to come and I most certainly shall not ask them not to come'. He agreed to the churches making arrangements among themselves.

Anglican prayers - I dont like their service. Dang it. All it's bob up and bob down etc. When I have gone in devotional mood - all spoiled. I overheard him say ( while I was lying on saloon floor - and he in deck cabin ) talking to Winter " Mr Fellows speaks the native language better than -- ". Here some noise hindered my hearing the rest.

I was speaking about swimming ashore and spoke of the inconvenience and danger. He turned to Chester and said " I wish I had an officer who would swim ashore under the same circumstances. He is very much disgusted with Chester for not catching Kossi when he was here. I did not tell him that Charlie at Alhoka told him.

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Winter - Judge. Chetser and Wriford with police and Kossi ahore for trial of Kossi. Trial in his village not many yards from his house - his dog was rubbing against him whining most pitifully. Two witnesses spoke of finding of body and time of murder. Principal witness was a policeman who had got story of murder out of Kossi. He was condemned and sentenced to be hanged. I walked with him to beach and told him that Governor had promised to commute sentence. Yesterday Kossi had wanted to tell me all but I would not let him. Very pathetic his statement -" Before missionary came we did not know that it was wrong to murder ". It seems that a chief of his tribe had been murdered by the tribe to which this woman belonged whom he murdered. Chester borrowed my cross-cut saw.

I complained to Wriford about adultery of police.

Ioni had arrived two nights before from **Dobu**. He today took some yams to Jofesa and the man on the boat set fire to the mainsail in some way and burnt a large hole in it.

I brought *Waverley* home.

In evening Col. Surveyor came back from **Panapompom**. Anxious about getting canoe to go to **Ware**.

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- July 30 Spent the day trying to get canoe to take Cobon to **Ware** but failed. Natives refused to travel to leeward in this season. At first Cobon was angry but Wardi told us that steamer was to bring Chester back from Rossel to **Panapompom** - then he quietened down. He said that I suggested it. I did not, but expressed my opinion that there would be no difficulty.  
There was a distinct earthquake shock this afternoon which shook houses --.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> There 160 present at **Narbonopai**. Preached on general judgement then spoke about Kossi's trial. Severe fever after - lay in Ioni's house until late in afternoon. Good service a --- church. Feeling very weak.
- Aug 5<sup>th</sup> Good Teachers Meeting. Decided to place Gasese at **Iltieu** - (Brooker) on account of his fitness to travel in canoe among the islands near **Iltieu**.
- Aug 7<sup>th</sup> Had much fever during past week - most days down. Got some photos printed and letters written. Attendance at day school intermittent. Good day again today. At service in church I spoke of way God will deal with ungodly at Judgement and there was a sober earnestness on all faces, one woman shrieked when I described the thrusting down of sinners into "prison of fire". Samoans and wives came on Friday and leave again in the morning.
- Aug 14 Got my accounts made up - a day or two at it - visited Feuan several times - got some fresh photos and painted *Waverley*. Boys burnt sail on day of Kossi's funeral. Ioni finished mending yesterday.  
*Merric England* came to Nevani yesterday. Captain Young and Morton came ashore and took my away my mail. Had steamer not come I was intending to run Mr Cobon to **Tubetube** on Monday next. Capt. Young reported that *Myrtle* had not been heard of at **Sudest** when they left. She was at **Misima** three weeks ago. I sent Governor a letter explaining refusal of natives to take Cobon to **Ware** - also sent some photos.  
Had good service today - good class in evening. Have just finished my Litany and am just starting young folk to repeat Lord's Prayer. The hymn " Pull for the shore." promises to be a great favourite.
- Aug 16 Have decided to start for **Bogaboga** tomorrow and take Gasese and wife to **Iltieu** - the weather seems settled and fine. Have been preparing *Waverley* today. The Lord grant us a safe and prosperous trip in His great mercy.

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- Aug 17 Started for **Bogaboga** early this morning - rather lowering with strong wind. Beat to **Panapompom** had dinner with Jofesa - started again and reached passage through reef. - took photos - then returned as wind was getting stronger and horizon blacker. Soon after landed heavy storms - home just in time. Shall have to be satisfied this time with a good try to make the trip.  
Jofesa roofing his church - too near beach - better than none.
- Aug 18 Photo work.
- Aug 19 Got road to church marked out properly straight ( at last ) - today.  
Translated ' Abide with Me ' in the evening.
- Aug 20 Had youngsters at work clearing a track on straight road line.
- Aug 21 Last three days lovely weather - must start to **Bogaboga** tomorrow if at all favourable.  
Good cong. at **Panahera** today. Not many at my church. Many sailing and some working at **Nevani**.  
Had Liturgy today for first time and the young people at least repeated it splendidly. I think it is just what we need to make the devotions real to these people. Have had difficulty in getting some of the words but think I have succeeded fairly well and am very thankful.  
Pull for the Shore is catching on fine.. They will soon know it at this end of the island. Abide with Me which I sang in the services today they pronounce very good. I have also begun a translation of Mark's Gospel this week. May God continue to own our labours.  
Epata with the large ulcer came to church for the first time today. Though living close to nearest village he has not walked so far for years.
- Aug 24 I started for **Bogaboga** on Monday morning 22nd. reached there late at night. Heard complaints from Fuasia of fighting between Gasese and wife Elena and from Elena of Gasese's bad treatment of her - not giving her calico or tobacco and not speaking to her. Talking for an hour or so. I then told them it was contrary to religion - pointed out evil results on natives - if fighting then no love - asked Elena did she love Gasese. She said 'yes' but darting looks of fire at him said ' he is no good. Asked Gasese did he love, he said 'yes' but hummed and ha'ed and well she would not let him have his own way.  
I told them I would not have the fighting. If they would not agree to stop I should take them back to **Dobu** on way to Samoa. If agreed to stop then I would take to **Iltieu** but if fighting there I would bundle them off to **Dobu**. Next morning they decided to go to **Iltieu**. We started. I put them on an atoll at noon and told them to walk round it.  
Reached **Gurewa** at night and stopped there. Biabia and tribe very glad mis. had come ( tobacco I suppose ). Went to **Iltieu** next morning.  
Landed, arranged house site - lodging etc. A woman who came from gardens asked what we were doing - blew out her cheeks and lips as if to

say - 'thats the way of it is it'. Then they told her I was coming etc - hands on hips and cheeks out, tongue out asif to say ' what next?'. Had taparoro and left reaching home late in afternoon today. Kaiwai came along in evening brt. note from Chester. Kaiwai told me they had very stormy weather and were afraid of sinking and he said to the others I had told him to pray in the storm and *Eaboane* would hear so he prayed and he smiled as he said *etimawa iranmer* (?) - quickly it was fine. This is the great rain maker and storm *sudidner*(?) of **Panaeti**.

- Aug 28           Excellent congs. in both services today.
- Sep 2            Teachers Meeting. Afterwards Tandia and Samuella came from **Bogaboga** and took supplies for Silivanusi.
- Sep 4            Men working at road through bush this week and am very tired. Good services again today. About 200 at **Panaeti** and 150 or 160 in church.
- Sep 7            Severe attack of fever today - commenced planting palms on path between **Kasarara** and home.
- Sep 8            Finished planting palms today. Have now about 250 planted of which 200 are large ones which I have transplanted from overcrowded plantations. I have also 200 young plants coming on ready to plant when bush cleared. Letter from Gasese asking for tobacco which I refused.
- Sep 9            Severe attack of inflammation of stomach today. Hot flannels and strong dose of chlorodyne eased it.
- Sep 10           Installed a year ago today - Saturday we landed first time at **Panaeti**. A year of hard work done. Not at all an unhappy year tho much sickness and first experience of loneliness. Not altogether resultless either though not the spiritual fruits I have longed and prayed for. Still there is a great change in the people and in the mission station.

After great toil I have got the bush cleared for 350 palms to be planted and a road made between mission house and church. Many days of toil and sweat and tired limbs has this work given me but the worst is now over.

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- Sep 10 (cont) Tomorrow I hope go to conduct opening services at **Panapompom** and **Panahera** of new churches there. The people are singing the hymns and repeating the liturgy and Commandments and are gaining an intelligent knowledge of God's Truth. I do most thank God and take courage.
- Have had another hard day of toil and sweat today in getting clearing of road to church finished. I shall now give it a spell.
- Sep 11 Started for **Panapompom** early this morning in *Waverley* with a crowd of young men, boys and girls. Wind light - squalls and calms. Rain made service late. Church well filled about 150 or more present. Good order and attention.
- Had to row most of the way back to **Panaeti**. Church not yet finished but roof is finished. Good crowd of 230 listened splendidly.
- Order of service :- Lord's Prayer - all repeated - hymn 'Come to Jesus'. Commandments repeated. Hymn 'We love Jesus'. Liturgy all joined - .Hymn 'Pull for the Shore.', address by Ioni Kuli etc. Sermon - 'God's house on earth His home in heaven.' Hymn 'Abide with Me'. Prayer and Benediction.
- Feast followed - pig, fish and yams.
- Services in every way most satisfactory. People are coming to understand that this religion is not something just to afford them a few days of new gossip but a really earnest matter which seriously affects them personally. May God's Holy Spirit mould their hearts into obedience to the truth. Am very tired quite worn out.
- Sep 12 Cleaning up store etc.
- Sep 14 Chester came in morning - stayed till evening.
- Sep 15 Chester came again - stayed for lunch. I had to run away to *Waverley* to meet *Dove*. Chairman on board but not Marama. Brought welcome mail - letters written in April and May. Had a good long yarn until very late.
- Sep 16 Chester came early - dressed to kill expecting Marama. We walked with him to **Kasarara**. Came back and yarned.
- Sep 17 Chairman and I walked to **Panahera** - sailed to **Panapompom** and got home at dark. Noticed that men were clearing and building house for Nicholas Minister on his wife's property near church.

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- Sep 18 Sent protest to Chester against Minister building and received reply that he would stop it for present. Chairman and I went to **Panahera**. Good cong. Chairman evidently pleased with services. Good cong. here at **Kasarara**. Chairman spoke at both services I interpreting. I also spoke at **Panahera** - men answering one as usual - Chairman said he was amused and Governor had said he was amused. Prayers in house in evening I wrote a little. Chairman said **Panahera** church roof one of the best he had ever seen.
- Sept 19 *Dove* left as soon as could get away - for **Tubetube**. Chairman told me Watson had gone home though much better. I mentioned my desire to go to the **Trobriands** and Chairman said he saw no reason why I should not go. I feel greatly drawn to it.
- Sep 22 Got 2nd chapt. of Mark finished last night. Preparing today for trip to **Misima** - am intending to start tomorrow if any wind and spend Sunday at **Bogaboga** then go round island. May God go with me and give me a safe and prosperous trip and also bless my words and His truth to the **Misima** natives.
- Sep 23 Started early for **Misima** - Bagarere - Saega - Awagarawa and Tubutubu with me. Reached **Bogaboga** early in evening. Upamas (?) sick - enciente I think.
- Sep 24 Thought it Sunday today so had service in morning - good crowd. Went on in afternoon in *Waverley* to **Patuai** - **Awaifu** and **Aigagagaga**. On way to latter place - crowd of women etc. beside stream - lovely spot - had service - interrupted - man shouting etc. - wild pig on pole - crowd of men - in a few moments quickly listening to gospel. Passing this village later on in evening - gleaming of fires - loud revelry - thought not much pig left by next morning. Told Fausia to hold weekly services as (?).
- Sep 25 Afternoon before reached **Alhoka**. Went ashore at village - held service - very great enthuisiasm in it. No Sili in sight. Went to Sili's house - he did not appear - went in and sat down in large room - after waiting he called --. He said he was sleeping when *Waverley* came. Had long talk etc. with him - service at a small village and another in evening - slept there and left next morning. Sili reported 7 members - did not know native terms for sin etc. It was Sunday here.

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- Sep 26 Sailing all day to reach **Eaus** where anchored and held two services. Wind rough in night. *Waverley* tossing, ill - went ashore. Bagarere and Siai met and spoke first time after witchcraft business.
- Sep 27 Sailed to **Tawik** - excited but interested crowd - good time. Went on to **Labapai** - large village - good services. On to **Saibobo**. Two men who here met me with knives laughed heartily at former fears. Walked over to **Duau**. Bagarere took *Waverley* but did not reach there until next morning. Found girl in **Duau** named Eaboaine and I publicly re-named her Ellena. Stayed with Chester who was kind.
- Sep 28/29 Started during morning - came back twice, then poled over reef to small island. Thunder squalls in night. At daybreak left - sailing all day, had tide but light or no wind. Had service at **Waraba** - **Panaeti** people here. Reached **Ana** at dark - landed had service and slept in native house with 8 or 9 natives. **Suliwa** boys parents here. **Panaeti** people here.
- Sep 30 **Sagara** - good service. **Suliwa** about 60 men or more - had service. Asked whether right to punish murderers - They thought not as long as victims belonged to tribes who had killed their people. I pleaded with them to find and give up murderers but they declared they were in the mountains and hiding place not known. Two men brought spears - I placed in middle of circle and then brought away with me. **Kakoma** - twenty or thirty present. **Liaf** - splendid place for teacher. Chief here sat close to me - had nice face but rather sneering laugh - a noted murderer. **Bagalina** on hillside - about 30 houses - rough place - Very excited - lively cong. Surf on stones - close to - difficult to speak - had good time though. Swamped in getting ashore. Asked me to come back soon as they could hear my talk. This at most places. **Manihuna** - a good number. **Lalama** - visited here before - large village good crowd and v. interested. Next to **Ewina** but rather dark and people scooted. Same at another village so sailed on. As wind was good thought I would get on to **Panaeti**. Went on but wind failed before we got through reef - so we were done till morning.
- Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Glad to get home again - very very tired.
- Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Good services today at both places.
- Oct 3 Started for **Ilteiu** - wind light - current strong - sailing during night.
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Reached **Ilteiu** at 2 am. Found Gasese in own own house. Children knew alphabet and hymns. Left again and early in afternoon got home - very thankful.

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- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Teachers Quarterly Meeting.
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Too wet and tide against to go to **Narbonopai**. Good service here.
- Oct 16 Good services today. I gave it **Bogonati** people for conduct and fear to Government. Have been working at *Waverley* this week.
- Oct 17 Finished painting *Waverly* today.
- Oct 31 Intended sailing to **Dobu** this morning. Bagarere and Naunau failed me at last moment so shall wait till tomorrow.
- Nov 1 Left **Panaeti** for **Dobu** for Synod about 8 am. Good SE breeze - squalls during day.
- Nov 2 Terrific squalls all last night - much sickness - unpleasant and dangerous. God brought us through. Reached **Dobu** about 3 pm. Nice wind. Glad to get ashore again - Received very kindly by Chairman.
- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Was taken in to see the Sisters and their home - formally introduced. Not the kind of girl I expected to see. *Dove* came in sight and in evening Field and wife came in whaleboat. Field looking very thin - wife looking well.
- Nov 6 Attended services at **Dobu**. Field and I in afternoon spoke. He is a duffer at native language. Field's trial sermon in evening. Nothing remarkable.
- Nov 7 Began D.M. Good start - at my suggestion - held in church. By the way the church is a splendid piece of work and does Field credit. Forgot - last Saturday - were invited formally by Sisters to dinner at noon. All went. After dinner Sister Walker wished to help her lay out her garden - didn't gee. Field bashed for saying Mrs Bromilow and her garden were there for her benefit. I was shocked to learn that one Sister, turnabout (?), stopped in house the whole of one week - and did no visiting or mission work whatever. When I spoke of it in worker's meeting Miss Walker snapped me up very sharply. Am sorry to learn there has been such a lot of friction between Sisters and Chairman and his wife. Sisters are certainly not the kind of girls we want and Chairman fear and don't know how to manage people somehow - too much dignity and not enough milk of human kindness.

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- Nov 12 D.M. finished this morning - I've had a lot of writing and I had a lot of wording of resolutions to fix. All through we have had good feeling nad spiritual blessing.
- Nov 13 Spoke at church this morning - after field. Some people were asleep. I stamped and woke them - then told them of *wagawaga ku* through Chairman. Mrs B. said I had scored a point. In evening I preached official D.M. sermon on Pentecost - had a good time - Sacrament service afterwards. I feel that I have got a fresh grip on Christ and baptism of spirit. May it continue. All members testified to good received in service.
- Nov 19 Been writing copies of minutes etc. etc. during week - tired of writing.
- Nov 20 Went to **Senaia** and 3 other services on way home today. At one place - hot springs - people said plainly they knew the way to *bwebwes* and did not to *Sarewa* - heaven - so did not want to go to heaven. In evening Chairman preached - good sermon - best I've heard from him.
- Nov 21 Field started home in *Dove* - light winds.
- Nov 26 Have been taking photos all week and have succeeded fairly well.
- Nov 27 Went to **Numanuma** today - and I walked to Samsoni's village. Oh the vast number of people. Mary at **Numanuma** put the natives in place as they came into church and stood guard with a light stick. Husband calls her Laka. In evening I gave Bible reading on Faith. Was thanked after especially by Mrs B.
- Nov 28 Took more photos on **Boio** today.
- Nov 29 Started in *Waverley* from **Dobu** in afternoon - wind light. Have enjoyed stay at **Dobu**. Remarkable change in attitude of Mr and Mrs Bromilow, not only very kind but made quite a fuss. Lot more trouble with Sisters - Mrs B. - telling S. Finney that visiting must be done thoroughly was answered we are doing our best. go on she said you must not talk to me like that - greatly offended. Just one more clearing up meeting and fresh start. I sincerely hope they will pull along more smoothly and do better work.
- Nov 30 Anchored near Normanby opposite from mission house and had good sleep last night and have been creeping up Normanby coast all day.

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- Dec 1 Reached East Cape this morning and got away again soon with fair but light wind. First time I was ashore on mainland. Houses miserably small. Good church. Easterly breeze in afternoon and we fetched **Tubetube** in evening. Found *Dove* at anchor.
- Dec 2 Helping Field with floor of new house.
- Dec 4 Gave an address at service in **Panaetian**.
- Dec 5 Inosi and teachers startes for **Duau** for yams in *Waverley*.
- Dec 6 Field and wife went to **Ware** - stormy trip.
- Dec 11 Mrs Field had ague today - I took service.
- Dec 16 *Waverley* came in early this morning - jib torn and Inosi not seeking for mending material in locker room ran to **Dobu**. Have had much anxiety but am glad they are here. I was intending to start after them in Fields whaleboat tomorrow. Field started to put copper on keel - with a lot of grumbling and growling.
- Dec 17 Got *Waverley* loaded up.  
Spent out of my tobacco to station up to return from D.M. = £5/12/5  
Charged to my credit with district at D.M. = £3/7/5  
Total due to me from station £2/5/0
- Dec 18 Quiet Sunday - took some photos yesterday - intend to start home tomorrow. Mrs Field sick all week - vomiting. Field very grumpy and surly - tried my patience much but I kept quiet. Am glad to get on home.
- Dec 19 Started today with head wind but meant starting. About 9 or 10 am. I got a wind from the north so were able to run our course to east by south - current strong against us. I took helm all day.
- Dec 20 Had good breeze all night and when dawn broke we were off the small islands at entrance to passage. Heavy squall caught us before we could anchor - unpleasant but we were in shallow water. Got in house about 7 am. - just 24 hours after leaving **Tubetube**. Glad to be home again. Thankful - very thankful to God for all His mercies to me since I left home. Natives came in great numbers apparently pleased to see me.

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- Dec 25 Teachers all came in for Xmas. Sili getting timber ready for his church. Had good services today. It is a real pleasure to pour out my soul in prayer in **Panaeti** and my heart in preaching after chopping about in **Dobuan, Tubetubean** etc.
- Dec 26 Teachers had feast at **Kasarara** and I got some photos. Have been getting fence round mission house. And Bagarere's house built.
- Dec 31 Got Austrian lounge fitted up today. Am now about ship shape for settling down to work. Have given teachers several lessons in language. Dst. Meeting yesterday - suspended Gasese for two months for beating his wife and telling me lies about it. Chester off to **Sudest** today.

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- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Have had a good day today to my soul - very much of God's presence and peace. Fully resolved to live to God alone and try to serve Him better in the future. Christ very precious to me. Sang the hymn - A charge to keep I Have . Mean to try to keep that before me this year. May God help me to be fully His and to do good work for Him. Denounced Kaiwai in the service today - his wife said he did not want Taparoro - this was because I refused his greedy request for roll of Samoan tobacco last Friday. Hunger and greed seen to rule the whole lives of these people. May God's spirit touch their hearts.
- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Started day school again this morning. Selected for new church pillars. Gave teachers their stores. Got them away with Ioni in the *Waverley* to **Panapompom** for this evening and if the wind favourable they go to **Misima** tomorrow. Got Bagarere's house finished today.
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Have been busy this week with bush clearing, garden levelling, tete building and school out side - and translation work inside. Glass has been 90 - 92 - 93 etc. during day lately so I have lost some sweat. Have had good muster of children and we are making a good start. School between 6.30 and 8 am. Have re-written first two chaps of St. Mark. Have made some hymns - 'Jesus lover of my soul' and 'What a friend we have in Jesus' - which are pronounced by the natives a success. Ioni had a good trip with the teachers. Got the large pillars for church felled on Friday. Had splendid time in preaching today - surely if Bound (?) will be ready soon for Spirit to change their hearts. Left for **Panahera** at 7 am. back home after two services at 12. Then good meeting in church at 4 pm. 60 present. Shall adopt this plan.
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Good week's work done - Young men still at work clearing and burning and living on wild breadfruit. Ioni has been working at church. On Wednesday I sent *Waverley* to **Dobu** in charge of Inosi with Bagarere and Ilowasina - there was a good SE breeze and they were soon out of sight. Day school has been good - children in earnest - come in good numbers - Friday last 40 scholars. Started school about 6 am. on Mondays - Wednesdays and Fridays. Good services today 160 at **Kasarara**. Preached from Cht and Nicodemus - very earnest attention - so difficult for them to understand more than mere outward reformation. One man said to me after service - 'we are all right now - all our evil practices have finished since you came.' Another man said 'you will soon know our language perfectly and will forget your white man's speech'. It comes easier for me every week to speak in the language. My heart does long to see a break down. There were 40 in Bible class in afternoon.

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Jan 21<sup>st</sup> *Waverley* came in this morning and brought mail and yams. Both very welcome. Have been busy with clearing and have worked hard myself. Had 160 at **Kasarara** today - good attention. Kaiwai came to the door and then marched off again. Yesterday got a letter from Chester saying he was going to **Misima** to try and get Babaga the murderer ewho had threatened to kill me and the other missionaries.

Jan 29 Sunday morning - during last week on Thursday or Friday Babaga returned to **Panaeti** being brought by his brothers from **Misima**. Yesterday - Saturday - I went to **Boganati** for the purpose of seeing Babaga. I went alone and marched straight up to him and sat down on the floor with my legs hanging down and my feet nearly touching the platform. I asked his wife where Babaga was - they would not say for some time but at last said - ' He is in that house' - pointing to a small house a few yards away and occupied by his brother. I called out for Babaga to come to me - I called several times - then he came out of the house with a long knife in his hand. I ordered him in stern tones to put the knife down - he hesitated for a little while then turned and put the knife in the wall of the house. He came to where I was and I ordered him to sit down at my feet - which he did.  
I then asked him why he had said he was going to kill me - he said 'who said so'.  
I said - all the people say so.  
He said - they tell lies.  
I said - why did you kill the man ?  
He said ' they fought me so very much.  
I said - well if they did you know it is wrong to kill. You have been to church and know taparoro and that God says - Thou shalt not kill. You are a bad man and deserve to be punished.  
He said 'The Government are liars - the paper they wrote us is a lie'.  
I said 'why did you steal the tobacco -  
He said I did not steal the tobacco - it was another man.  
'Well' I said - if you had kept quiet for two Sundays you would have come home again and it would have been all right. I then said - The best thing for you to do is give yourself up to Mr Chester.  
He said - 'I don't want to'.  
I said 'why ?'  
He said - ' they will make me fast and then fight me'.  
I said ' I will go with you and tell them not to fight you.

I then spoke to the chiefs Siai and ---- and told them it was their duty to take Babaga to Mr Chester. I said - will you do this.  
They answered ' no'. I said - why - they said ' he is our tutuma - our descendant or relation.

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Jan 29 (cont) I then turned to Babaga and asked him whether he would go and he said ' no - the handcuffing was a bad thing.

I told him that if I were his brother I would make him fast and take him to the Government. I asked him for the sake of his wife and children and tribe to give himself up. I told him they were living in fear and it was better for him to go. I told him how my heart was grieved over him - here I was trying to make the people better and with his wickedness he was spoiling everything. I asked him to pray to God to forgive him or through eternity he would suffer in hell.

I then told the chiefs that the Governor would punish them if they did not give up Babaga - my words would be true. I told them how I had told Kossi that by and bye the Government would catch him and now I said the same to Babaga.

Babaga then got up and went to the small house a few yards away.

The people began to scatter and I turned to speak to Babaga's wife and child when Babaga came out of the huse with a very large spear and a big knife 16 or 18 inches long.

Sitting on the floor of the house as I was doing I was helpless to defend myself so I sprang up and called out for a knife or something - thinking thay Babaga meant to fight me. Had he wished he could have sent the spear through me and I could not have saved myself.

However he passed on and I then jumped to the ground and called to him to put down his arms but turning round he looked at me without speaking and he raised his knife above his head and brought it down with a threatening gesture - as much as to say - Don't come after me. He then went on his way.

The chiefs told me - ' he is afraid of you and he has taken his knife and spear and gone into the bush - he is afraid you will make him fast.

I then came away.

It seems that Babaga got his knife and spear from the village ----- near **Eaus** where his chief Siai has a wife.

Yesterday he was out fishing on the reef opposite the Government station. Unless we have a strong magistrate and not a coward like Chester - who seems to be able to bully the natives without governing them - there will be more bloodshed here and the missionaries lives will be unsafe.

The devil evidently means to make a fight for his Kingdom among these people but by the help of God - Christ shall yet reign. In God is my peace and strength at this time. The Lord will give strength unto His people the Lord will bless His people with peace.

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Sunday evening Had good service at **Kasarara** - spoke from the stoning of Christ by the Jews. Went on to **Panahera** - fair number to service - took same text and at the end told people that I had done my duty towards Bagabaga and had now finished - I should not make any accusations or give information to Government - I had done my duty to the chiefs and they must take blame if punished. The chiefs answered that my conduct was good. I was horrified to find the (that) Ioni Kuli and Gasese had taken their guns with them this morning when they went to hold service in this village. I lectured Ioni and he was ashamed.

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> La Grippe very prevalent last fortnight. Hardly a native escaped. Three deaths - two women and a man. I conducted funeral of man on Wednesday and woman - Bogilolu's mother on Friday morning. In each case friends took small quantity of sand from that spread on body as keepsake, and in one case a child was passed over the grave. In case of woman my service was very solemn, the shrieking and wailing were terrific. I calmed them and after I had begun to talk there was a solemn quiet on all. I prayed then all joined in Lord's Prayer. At close the stillness was in strange contrast to the row of a short time previous. On Thursday we were cutting road in heart of bush between villages when news came of death of Alek's sister. Alek was working with me. Soon the death wail was raised by Alek's mother - an awful piercing shriek that thrilled one - boys frightened so we came home. I have had influenza all week and am just getting better now - head still thick and sore.

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Good progress made during week with church timbers. On Wednesday I started for **Misima** in *Waverley*. Bagarere sick - took Inosi and boy and Koasina (?). Had good run to **Alhoka** - Fausia and Ilfamao there helping build church. Ilfamao sick - amenorheae. I poulticed with hot cloths. Paid part payment of land to Tadidikek - a half axe. Sili stated his intention to return to Tonga for medical advice if Governor could not help him. Started on Thursday morning for home. Ilfamao wanted to come to **Panaeti** and I consented. As we were I found Fausia coming too. I refused to take him. He was angry and said they would both stay and Eaboaine would doctor her. I said very good and they went back to the house. I afterwards went to them and Ilfamao would then come alone. So we started. It was very gusty in the bay but we got out alright and on our course. After going a few miles I gave the rudder and sheet to Inosi while I attended to Ilfamao. I thought the gusts from the mountains were done or that we were clear of them. However soon after a big blow caught us and as Inosi did not slip the sheet smartly enough - the mast broke off level with the deck and

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Feb 12 (cont) everything went overboard. We at once began to haul in the gear and saved it all. Then pulled back to **Alhoka** - a few hours pulling. After anchor down set to work to clear rigging and reshipe mast - made step and spokeshaved mast and reshipped it - fixed all the rigging and in a few hours were ready again for sea - the rain pouring on us the whole time. Next morning - Friday - we left for **Panaeti**.

Sun set after we got near **Panapompom** and a succession of heavy thunderstorms all night followed. We found anchorage by aid of lightning. I got home at 1/2 past ten. Mast will manage with a small reef in sail. Must try and get another from bush. Very tired.

Feb 19 Made good progress with church during week - most of the heavy timbers prepared and three large pillars erected. Ioni lost his temper on Friday - I wanted to help him get pillars all same length etc etc. so as to be level when erected. He stormed about getting it right - he had built **Panahera** church etc. etc. so I left him. I went up yesterday and found (him) trying to lift a pillar Bodily with rope tied round middle and bottom. Of course we could not so I suggested putting bottom in hole and then it slipped in quite easily. I had it out with Ioni - he fenced a long while - then confessed that he was very wrong and asked me to forgive him. This temper makes it difficult to work with him. Influenza very bad - more deaths - people staying from church and children from school. Fair congs. today. Have got 8 chaps. of Mark corrected.

Feb 26 Made good progress with church - pillars all fixed and two long beams in place. On ? had christening service of pillars. Mine is in SW corner to right of preacher. Watson NW, Inosi NE and Ioni SE. Had a nice short service.

I went to **Panahera** today - had a good time in service - talked with chiefs after. They wished all to come to my home when Government should come. On my way to **Kasarara** I got lost in bush. When nearing **Namate** the people were in great excitement - searching for me in all directions - afraid devil would eat me.

In my services today I had a good time on Parable of Sower - good picture of a cob of maize which produced a sensation - seen for first time.

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- March 5 Another good week at church. Yesterday got sawpit in order and sawed log for rafters of church. Same kind timber as 'Marie' was built of - also suitable for masts.
- March 6 Last night policemen came and arrested Babaga - I am very thankful. Intended sending Inosi away to **Duau** but wind has gone round to SW with squall.
- March 7 Cutter *Hope* came in with flour etc. for Carvey of **Sudest**.
- March 13 Sent away *Waverley* this morning - wind light and shifty so in afternoon they had not made much progress. Lost sight of them in afternoon - away towards **Waremata**.
- March 18 Went on verandah as soon as awake this morning and saw the *Dove* standing off and on (reef?) a few hundred yards from mission house. Went off in dingy. Captain had run her nose on the reef instead of going round passage. Bagarere piloted round to anchorage.
- March 19 Good number sailing about but had good service. Mail very welcome. Gen.Sec writes Chairman he may look on it as certain I shall be appointed to Trobriands. I am to go up to Colonies after new man comes. Nehemiah dead at East Cape - a great loss.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Fetched remaining stores ashore - glad to get stove. *Dove* set sail about 8 or 9 am. she started but had not cleared the passage when sun set. Have been working constantly at sawpit - cutting rafters.
- March 25<sup>th</sup> Inosi arrived in *Waverley* have been to **Tubetube** for the Chairman.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> Roof of church nearly finished excepting the ends. Have been busy all the time with sawing and preparing rafters.  
Ioni's bossy ways caused trouble with teachers again.  
Mended *Waverley's* rudder yesterday - broken by Inosi on evening of his return. *Waverly* aground yesterday and he got prizing her off in his stupid way.  
Ioni starts for **Misima** tomorrow to fetch Sili and Fausia for Qrly Meeting. I have had a good day today - all the men are sailing about. The story of Christ's death affects the natives as nothing else can.  
I had an enjoyable day on Friday - Christ very real and very near. Also today God has been with me. Praise His name. By His help I shall make a fresh start from this Eastertide.

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- April 9<sup>th</sup> Ioni and Inosi left in *Waverley* last Monday to go to **Alhoka** to help open Sili's church - they have not returned yet. I hear they are at **Bogaboga**. I have been writing out the grammar and printing some photos - have made fair progress.  
Good services ay **Panahera** and **Kasarara** today - preaching on Pentecost.
- April 16 *Waverley* with teachers came in last Monday morning. On Tuesday held Qrly. Meeting.  
Sili to go to Sydney for surgical treatment.
- Serious and long discussion on Gasese and his bad conduct. Two teachers voted for him to go home - four for him to stay. I admonished him - he was much moved but he has a bad heart.
- To **Alhoka** Gasese was appointed. And to **Iltieu** - Jofesa for April, Inosi for May and Ioni for June
- On Wednesday we had a love feast and the Sacrament - a good time to us all.
- On Thursday the teachers gave a farewell feast to Sili and afterwards set sail. Inosi in charge of *Waverley* - Jofesa to **Iltieu**. Gasese to get his goods from there. Fausia to **Bogaboga**.
- Yesterday we finished main roof of church - without the rounded ends.
- Today we had usual conf. in church and a very good time in preaching - much power in the service.
- Doctored Fenau and Sili for influenza.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> Had a stiff week at the church. Natives feasting so have had no help at the church. Many promises today. Good cong. and good time.
- Last Sunday morning Fenau went to **Panahera** against Ioni's wish. She grew worse so on Wednesday evening Ioni brought her back. I found left lung was attacked with pleurisy - a nasty cough. Gave her Paregoric and at night Chlorodyne.
- On Friday she was better. I made her soup and put in Leibeg.

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- April 25 (cont) On Saturday she was not so well. Ioni told me that Fenau had thrown away the medicines and wanted Sili to doctor her - she would not try to eat - and in every way acted very foolishly. She asked me to forgive her. Ammenorrhoea set in yesterday and made her feverish. Cough not much better today. She is taking her food and soup better. Ioni is inclined to take her to **Dobu** - a good plan.
- April 30 Working hard all week at church - all my part finished now except platform.  
Last Tuesday morning Ioni started for **Dobu** in *Waverley* in a great state of excitement. No wind - in sight all day - got back to **Panahera** next day. Fenau better.  
Had a good time yesterday - visiting and doctoring in the villages.  
Good service today - best cong. since influenza came in January.
- May 1 Ioni left last night in *Waverley* in excitement as usual.  
When Inosi went to take his services yesterday he was attacked by a young man whom he had reproved for fishing - the spear was broken with which the native struck at Inosi and then he ran to his house and got a tomahawk and came towards him vowing to have his life. Another young man clasped his arms around him and held him fast until he had cooled a little. Inosi had his say and then went on his way to his work. I went to the man's house this morning but he was pig hunting in the bush. I left word for him to come to me and in the afternoon he came - confessed his fault - said he was very sorry and I forgave him.  
*Dove* came to edge of reef near mission house this morning and landed letters asking for boy to take her round to anchorage.  
I am appointed to **Trobriands** and allowed to visit Colonies. Must get my translation done now.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> *Dove* left early for **Tubetube**.
- May 7 Church not yet finished. Had a good service today. While I was preaching and pleading with them to decide for Christ one young man Taupu called out - I give my heart to Christ. A slight sensation followed. One asked him - *Au sera* - are you in earnest He said "yes" and meant it. In evening several more so deeded.
- May 14 Church nearly finished but I will not hold service till quite complete. Had a good service but many kept away because of death of Epat - suddenly last Thursday.  
Had a talk with Alek and Kaiwai after service but they fenced and would say nothing definite about personal religion.  
Have finished Mark in the rough and have begun to rewrite it.

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May 14 (cont) Fausia and wife., Gasese and wife came here last Monday - Fausia sick with influenza. Gasese and wife returned on Thursday.

May 21 Church finished yesterday excepting small piece of roof over door - heavy rain prevented getting sago leaves. Got the mats down yesterday. In evening had a prayer meeting - Inosi, Fausia, Upamao and a number of natives present. For the first time in public - in presence of his companions Bagarere prayed. My heart was glad. I went to **Panahera** today and on way home brought the people along - very many sick with sores and some still with influenza. Had a good service in the new church. Pictures on wall and big flag hanging in centre it looked very nice and the people were quite proud of it.

Order of service as follows :- Lord's Prayer by all, Sabbath Hymn - Commandments - Litany - Hymn ' What a friend we Have in Jesus ' - Inosi and Fausia addressed - Hymn - ' I Will Sing for Jesus ' - I preached from I Kings IX.3. and I concluded with prayer.

In afternoon over 50 young people assembled. I read and commented on Mark VIII. Altogether a good day and helps to make up for a lot of discouragement over the apathy of the people in helping us to build. If souls are born from above in this church all my labour will be more than repaid a thousandfold.

May 28 Been working away at the language all week. Day school thriving splendidly. Very good services today.

June 4<sup>th</sup> Working away at translation still. On Thursday morning Chester came and stayed till Friday morning. This morning *Waverley* came in sight and reached anchorage in afternoon - Ioni and Fenau well. *Waverley* not repaired.

Another tussle at service today. I called on the men not to lean on the walls when we were singing and Alek repeated my words but gave a twist to one word which made it sound like a filthy word used to women. I began to pack up my instrument, but after a severe dressing down I started service again.

Good number at afternoon service - Ioni spoke.

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- June 11<sup>th</sup> Ioni left for **Iltieu** last Tuesday. On Inosi's return we began to repair *Waverley* - she was in a fearful state - everything gone bung. I coppered her keel - painted her, got decks caulked - Inosi mended sails and rigging.  
Gasese came in yesterday having sailed in a passing schooner to **Panapompom**.
- June 18<sup>th</sup> Went last Monday to **Moani** (?) and took some photos. Working at *Waverley* and painting house all week.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Got *Waverley* finished last Monday and painting the house finished during week, also got ceiling finished. Yesterday we had Quarterley Meeting and Sacrament afterwards. After which Gasese and Fausia with their wives sailed to **Panapompom** on way to **Misima** in *Waverley* with Ioni in charge.  
I am still busy translating and hymn making.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> Fenau ill during week but better again.  
Good services today. 150 at **Panahera**. Church well filled at **Kasarara**. 3 canoes went to **Bogararea** yesterday.
- July 9 Good services again today. Inosi left with *Waverley* last Monday taking Ioni and Fenau to **Iltieu**. Heavy gales since last Friday evening.
- July 16 Very stormy this morning so did not go to **Panahera**. Had good service at **Kasarara** - 120 or 130 present - order good. After Commandments I spoke of the Sabbath - then asked Togowaiawa to confess that he did wrong in sailing on Saturday a fortnight ago.  
He confessed and I then told the people that was the spirit God wished to see.  
We then prayed the Litany.  
I preached on the flood - and speaking of impurity I spoke of the unrestrained sexual connection of the young people and asked the elders to help to stop it.  
I also spoke of the evil of child betrothals.  
A good spirit in service. God love them.  
Weather very stormy all week - no sign of *Dove*.
- July 23 Captain Steel came into bay last Wednesday - glad to get a few things from him.  
*Merrie England* came in the evening.  
  
On Thursday they brought Babaga to try him at **Boganati**.

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July 23 (cont) The Governor walked through the villages and came here. I met him on the path. He shook me very warmly by the hand - said he was very glad to see me looking so well. So pleased to see I had left the trees. Every other man would have cut them down. 'Your place now has the appearance of an old established station.

Had tea and biscuit and a long talk. He asked me for my vocabulary and grammar and some notes on the folk-lore.

Took me to steamer, showed me some good books. We talked until 11 pm. then he shook me again by the hand and said goodnight.

Wished me to go in steamer to Cooktown.

Had a good service at **Panahera** today. I preached on the Government. I asked Babaga's brothers separately if they thought the sentence just and they said 'yes - *ia totowa* - he alone to be punished. *i waisi* - it is good.'

July 30 Spent all this week writing out grammar and vocabulary of **Panaeti** language - finished on Friday.  
On Saturday went to get some photos and got news that *Dove* was in sight. She anchored at sundown. I went off in *Waverley* and found all on board asleep. Brought Fletcher - my sucesor home.  
Had a good time in each service today - much emotion shown.

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Friday. Left today in *Dove* for **Tubetube**. Had a trying time all week. Natives crowding round - had a feast and people about place all the time.  
Many expressions of gratitude and love from the people.

On Wednesday evening went off to the *Merrie England* to introduce Fletcher to Governor and to give him my grammer and vocab.  
He read every word of my grammar and said 'this is the most valuable grammar we have got yet'.

Aug 5<sup>th</sup> Got to **Tubetube** this morning - Field's child born on Thursday. Sent *Dove* to **Samarai** to fetch Abel.

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Abel came at noon today.

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Baptised Field's baby today.

Oct 10 Left **Dobu** in *Merrie England* for Cooktown. Got my Grammar rewritten and Mark's Gospel at **Dobu**.

Oct 14 Reached Cooktown.

Volume 1 of the diary finishes at October 14<sup>th</sup> however, there are scraps and notes included at the back of the book. Those relating to observations in British New Guinea have been included, the others, have been ommitted from the transcript.

- 1) Josiah – stopped a man working on Sabbath – fetched spears laid on canoe and with a big knife came for Josiah – Chairman heard his name – stepped out of house – saw Josiah with his hand lifted and the man was checked – saw Chairman and walked away. Next day Chairman went – he was sorry etc.
- 2) Chairman – Marama – Sisters and Ruwe went into distant village. An old woman feeling Miss Walker – slender waist, said – why does she not break off in the middle? Sister said Hanna. Ruwe told her.
- 3) Iopi and man – pay me some tobacco and I will come to Taparoro. I am not the owner of Taparoro. Well I will ask Garagigi. He's not the owner of Taparoro– the owner lives up there, ask him and he will pay you for coming to Taparoro.
- 4) Mission Yarn. Boy in New Britain sent with a written message to fetch some oranges – Took one on the road and was accused. Sent a second time. He - thinking that paper had seen him eat – took paper and put it on sand and covered with stone then took another. Was amazed to find that still he was found out.
- 5) Panieti's Children  
Fetching to school – tobacco – *nibinibi* – food?  
  
Narbonopai children not been to Tamate.  
  
At school – *wawasili* – rolling over when one tries and makes a mistake. Slates and pencils – holding pencil and slant of the stroke – like Hebrew and began at bottom far corner.  
I don't know how – roars of laughter etc. etc. – then voice of teacher above the din – *kubakubu*.  
Shy boy – left handed – pencil slipped constantly into left hand. One little girl would turn slate round.  
  
Children walking along road. – like sheep unloaded – skipping and jumping picking up sticks and throwing as spears. Singing shouting hungry. Small fishing nets and spears.  
  
Children sick – *Bagona* spears and stones put in him by the devil.  
  
Children singing.  
  
Childrens games – Dobu girls.
- 6) Ruling passion Strong in death :- A **Panieti** man dying of La Grippe asked for *ganila* (betel nut) and lime. He tried to chew the nut and put lime in his mouth, put down the lime bottle, lay back and died.
- 7) Fausia at **Bogaboga** – man whose friend had died suddenly said – I don't want your taparoro – you taparoroed here and the man instead of getting

better died, - your taparoro is false. If you come here taparoroing I'll take my spears and kill you.

- 8) Two Old Chiefs – spoke after Service to them (May 28/93) about the thoughts on religion. I cannot look into your hearts to know what is your purpose. Oh they were very good – their mind was to obey Taparoro – before I came they did all sorts of bad things but these were all done with now. I said what about your evil deeds in the past, how will you answer God when he judges you.  
We shall say we did not know. But you yourselves have a custom of propitiating those whom you have wronged. Yes and so we have done. But you have not propitiated God. We have never seen him, you show him to us and we will propitiate him.  
But I said – You cannot see him – He is a spirit. What shall we give Him to propitiate Him? Said one. I then explained that ‘Christ is the propitiation for our sins etc.’ Oh! Is that it?  
Oh their hearts are so hard and their minds so dark that I fear these old men will never know the softening saving grace of God.
- 9) The language – Slade says Fijians will sit quite calm and attentive no matter how many mistakes a novice may make. Let me make a slight mistake and someone looks at someone else and laughs.
- 10) Etimawa – some schoolboys, early this year expressed the wish to accompany Dr. Nansen on his Arctic Expedition, but, they added we can hardly be ready by the date of your departure; we will join you later. Prefer to see how things turn out and to have matters well started.
- 11) Talks with natives. God – We heard his name but never saw him – lives up there (pointing with finger) –The report of Him you have given us. Our ancestors had *Mumuga* – He made everything and he gave us our laws and customs. When he died he went to **Tuma** by way of **Banagum** – we his descendants when we die all go by way of **Banagum** and **Tuma**. Someone must have deceived your ancestors with these stories – *Eaboaine* is the only Creator and the lawgiver. *Eia hi Kakema*.  
Have you seen God? – We have never seen Him. He lives up there. We don't know the way up there and we have never heard of His coming down, so we don't know what He is like. Have you seen Him?  
Have you been to Heaven? What is it like? Shall we fall down again?  
*Henapo* – Speaking with a little knot of friends after service – a tall fine old chief said – I'm *henapo* (obedient) from here - pointing to his toes and drawing his hand slowly upwards and over his face and over the back of his head.
- 12) One Sunday: fish in large numbers – we are sorry we can't get them.
- 13) Dobu – Roast captives of war – Put them on the fire – take them off and scoff at their cries.

14) Deaths of Teachers. When first death occurred – a few hours after *Lord of the Isles* left Dobu – we heard a great wailing and crying. I ran to the Fijian house and found Nehemiah crying over his wife's body. I tried to force brandy down her throat but it was no use. Then he began to cry worse and said 'Why did you leave me before we have started to work for the Lotu in this land? Why did you leave me to take care of this child. Oh why did you leave me alone in this new land with only the child. Just 2 years after he died on his lonely station on the mainland and the little girl was an orphan.

15) Heti – Father never well until death. She suffered a great deal at first. I went on Sunday evening – found her burning and pulse galloping. Reported and Marama took her in hand – By Thursday she was better, on Friday ate and talked and wanted to get up. On Saturday bad again I forbid girls to see her – eating a little now and again. On Tuesday I asked to go and see her and Marama said she would be glad. I went – pulse stopped under my finger. Told Marama we got brandy etc. I stopped – Chairman came over and we had prayer. Then they went away. I stayed on. Marama stayed while I had tea then I went for food. I kept up the brandy and barleywater at intervals.

The convulsions were very violent and delirium never ceased. Dysentery set in severely – blood also came. She bit fiercely at anything in paroxysms. At midnight pulse stopped dead for what seemed a long time – I thought the end had come but she came round again. Marama and Sisters came about 1 a.m. and they kept hot water bottles to feet. Paroxysms continued but power to struggle got less and less and breathing much slower and more difficult. The fever had come on at 9am; 12 noon; 3pm; 6pm; 9pm; 12pm; and 3pm. Slight shivering preceded each attack of fever. The last attack had not long begun when she ceased to breathe. I could not detect her pulse sometime previous to death. She ceased breathing very quickly without a struggle or murmur. The fever was high and her body burning with it at the time she died. I had no instruments to take the temperature. She was conscious at intervals during afternoon – she said to me *Oaiu guiua apuagu*. A little later she said *Kulia kaion* and turned over to dose, She was speaking of Jesus a great deal in the afternoon. *Jesu I oboloma. Jesu mai be u itema, Tomalina u livai*. She sung this verse through. She also said *Jesu munuagu. Jesu u mai u livoagu* (?). *Apuagu tomalina sinabuana Jesu ida taria I ewai. To ase manuna la Goasa sinabuana*. She frequently said - *Ta tania. Munuagu ea enoeno*. The night before she told Poate that Jesus was at the door and was coming again to take her on the morrow. A big frog croaked at Kulia in the night and sprang on to the bed about midnight.

16) Coming to Stay – After our coming here negotiations for peace were entered into by **Dobu** with **Begasi** a village on Fergusson with whom they had waged war for years. But the **Begasi** people said – What if the *Dimdims* have come to Dobu and proclaimed Peace, you know that the *Dimdims* once came to our land to look for gold and they went away again. And so those on **Dobu** will by and bye go away and we shall be just the same as before.

- 17) **Dobu People** – decided when we first came that they would wait until the *Merric England* and the *Lord of the Isles* had gone and then they would kill us off.
- 18) **Wavemaker** – An old **Dobu** woman was angry when Mr. Bromilow denied her power to make waves and fixed a day on which to come and make the waves come over the garden and house etc at Buruagura – This was in answer to Mr. B's challenge. Excuses were found – one day she had eaten bananas, another day yams etc. house would fall etc. – Did not turn up.

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