

## DIARIES OF S.B. FELLOWS

### Vol .2.

August 14, 1894 - August 19, 1898.

**Aug 14 1894** Mrs Fellows and I left Sydney on this date in the *S.S. Kurrara*. Anchor weighed at 10.30 pm. Westerley winds and fine weather prevailed for two days until we reached Sandy Cape ( 570 miles from Sydney ) when the course was NE and the Trade Winds SE being strong and almost south, we had a beam sea all the way to **Samarai**.

Captain MacGeorge and Mr A. Waterhouse were very kind and Mrs Fellows was put in the Captain's cabin amidships, which was much more comfortable than the cabins astern.

Several kids were born to the goats on the voyage and two of them lived.

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Reached **Samarai**. Mr Abel took us to **Kwato** for the afternoon and we rested until Captain blew whistle at 10.30 pm. Left **Samarai** about 4.00 am.

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> Reached **Tubetube** about 9.00 am. Found Field and his wife and child in poor health. Was shocked at Field's haggard look - this lack of animation. He is drawing on his reserve stock of strength for his ordinary work. His wife has no go in her - cannot rouse herself to ordinary work. The child is coddled to much and has a listless poor appearance. The station has a neglected look.  
Left a goat ashore to give milk for the child to be weaned.

Steamed away about 4.00 pm. and got to **Dobu** next morning. Found Chairman away from home - sent for him.

During afternoon *Kurarra* went to wreck of *Ellen Gowan* off the beach.

Chairman came home in evening.

Sunday  
Aug 26<sup>th</sup>

I gave an address in church this morning which was translated by Mr Bromilow. I preached in mission house in evening from Mathew XXI. 28. Capt. MacGeorge and Mr Waterhouse present. Had a good time.

Found Nurse Speers with her strong personality " bossing the show " at **Dobu**. She is a good linguist and evidently clever in her work of nursing - so will be an undoubted aquisition to our staff.

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- Aug 26 (cont) Mr and Mrs. Andrews were here at **Dobu** - Mrs A ill. Mr A got ready to come with me.  
Was glad to know that the Chairman had baptized quite a number lately.
- Aug 27 Left **Dobu** early and reached anchorage **Kiriwina** late in afternoon.
- Aug 28 I went ashore in dingy but Bulitara and his people were sullen and surly in their reception.  
They said the steamer was a ' man of war ' and they would not come off to take timber ashore. Some one had told them that if Taparoro came they would have no working days at all - but every day would be Sabbath. Got some stuff ashore with boats and by help of a few traders and their cutters.
- Aug 29 I went ashore and stayed all day to receive stuff at station. Mr Andrews went to beach at **Kokodewa** to receive stuff from steamer there. I slept under some boards at night.
- Aug 30 More stuff by traders - Nicholas Minister very kind in his help. A raft went to pieces today at **Kokodewa** and Mr A.'s portmanteau with plans etc. of house was lost. I went down to **Kokodewa** in afternoon and as Mr A. had bad fever he went on board and I slept on shore. Had little to eat all day.
- Aug 31st. Sallie agreed to come ashore with me though she had been told by all that it would be better to go back to **Dobu**. They gave us three cheers as we rowed away from the steamer.  
By evening we had walls and roof of iron house up and slept in it at night. As soon as steamer had gone the natives came in droves to work.  
  
Two starts during night. One from men coming late from **Kokodewa** with timber. Another from natives in village shrieking and yelling to the devils - *bogau* - to go away - the chiefs wife was sick. Without ends to house - it was not conducive to sleep. But with a whisper that God was nearer than the natives Sallie and I went to sleep.
- Sep 1 Finished house today. Timber coming all day from **Kokodewa** and on into the night.  
Gave Bulitara and Tokolasai a pig each today. Our family of goats and fowls is large enough.
- Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> Early in morning some men came with timber from **Kokodewa** - They thought service time was Sabbath. Took their names and will pay tomorrow.
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- Sep 2 (cont) There was a great market this morning between country people with yams and canoes with fish. Great row in bartering.
- Sep 2 (cont) Had good services today – about 300 in morning and 4 or 500 in afternoon. It seems as if I shall have to hold separate services in the various (?) villages. At first services the natives were rowdy and somewhat disorderly but good tempered and responsive. Of course there

were talking and laughter during prayer and the occasional grunts in chorus at the close. On the whole the day very encouraging.

- Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> Billy goat died last night. Sorting out stores during the day. Enamakala came and brought present of food. He was pleased and excited with the pig and laughed aloud when I showed him his photo. In the evening Buliwayo came and brought food and took away his pig.
- Sep 4<sup>th</sup> Finished stores and got stove fixed up. All timber from **Kokodewa** except 15 planks. First case of ulcer – man came of his own accord and brought as large yam and asked me to doctor him.
- Sep 5<sup>th</sup> Fowls house and house for teachers fixed up. Four of Enamakala's wives came to see the Marama today. Finished getting timber from **Kokodewa** today. I told Daiboya and Daiewa that I could no longer give them 5 sticks per day.
- Sep 6<sup>th</sup> Went with lamp to take Bulitara's wife medicine. Daiboya with two spears specially made for *bogau* – evil spirits.

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- Sep 14<sup>th</sup> Arranging cases again today. Getting out medicines and other things. Sallie and I went to visit mourners in village today. I promised *Kwinilani* to people to fetch cocoa-nuts from distant island and they promised to fetch my piles.
- Sep 15<sup>th</sup> Ioape went away with *Kwinilani* and crew of natives. Not home in evening.
- Sep 16<sup>th</sup> Iope came home near daylight – had some difficulty with crew – they wanted to sleep in distant village and one oar broken. I shall not lend it again. Had very good services today – I am getting enough words to make myself understood now. We made first hymn in **Kiriwina** dialect today ( I have a father in a promised land) and (Let us go to the home of Jesus). We had the young people singing at the house in the afternoon and they started well. Bulitara's head shaved and small house built over grave. A fancy cap made for him – studded with shells and beads.

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- Sep 17<sup>th</sup> Captain Olliver came in this afternoon and brought my bell and letters from **Dobu**. Got 6 piles cut today. These men make a great fuss about a bit
- Sep 17 (cont) of work and do their best to get large pay – that is unreasonably large. We bought a nice pearl this morning – afterwards Lui came up and it came out that he had offered a price for the same pearl – I told him that we were not intending to compete with him but only....

.....to work and stick with it. By evening Iope and they had brought five good piles and we then cut up the big tree and got 11 more – a good days work. There are now 24 piles on hand. In afternoon Lui left for **Samarai** and I sent notes to Dr Brown. Sallie sent to Mrs Williams – Mill – Mrs Strachan and mother. In afternoon Sallie complained of being unwell. Enamakala and his wives came today – he begged a few things and they brought yams and wanted big prices

- Sep 21<sup>st</sup> Iope went with a few men and brought back 11 more piles making 35.
- Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> Gor a new fowl house made- and also put oranges in garden.
- Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> Had two services in each village here and one at **Gumilababa** making 5 in all. Had first services under big tree today. In morning about 80 – very many were at work at fish and in the gardens. Same in far village. In evening had about 200 here and 300 in far village. At **Gumilababa** 300. Services here still very rowdy. A man asked me – Why did I not get my binoculars and find the evil spirits at night and then they would spear them. At the other service a man said – Why did (I) not bring some tobacco and then when service was we could have a smoke – then taparoro would be grand.  
Glad to have bed-steads and crockery. (having Ma'a and his wife to stay for a time)
- Sep 27<sup>th</sup> *Dove* anchored early in afternoon – Iope went off to her. Mr. Andrews remaining in **Dobu** because of his wife's illness. Captain Dixon reported *Dove* had been on a reef at **Dumdum** but natives had pushed her off again. *Dove* anchored long way off – expensive unloading her.
- Sep 28<sup>th</sup> Iope fetched another load – but wet and squally so he did not return.

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- Sep 29<sup>th</sup> Two loads from *Dove*. Captain ashore modst of day. Gave him load of yams.
- Sep 30<sup>th</sup> Had good services today – people much quieter – but in one service here Daiboya played with smoking and then cleared out from the service. Congregations :-

**Mloisaida( Molosaida?)** – morning 160 Evening 220

**Kawataria** - " 250 " 330

**Gumilababa** afternoon 240 – Iope and Ma'a.

The morning congs. represent those who were not breaking Sabbath.

- Oct 1<sup>st</sup> *Dove* left – taking Iope – Chairman had ordered him home because of temptations from the native women. Iope has been exceedingly serviceable and we are very sorry to lose him. I sent letters to :-  
Methodist and Spectator – Father and Mother – Sim – Edith and Mary – and Percy – Sarah and Bliss – Lily with photos (of Sallie) to Sarah and

Lily and one of Eddie to Sarah. Letters by Sallie to Edith and Mary,  
George – Perce – Ed.

- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Marama had her first sewing class for girls 18 present. Great fuss because she made them wash their hands first – bodies looked as if they needed it too – they were quiet and made a good start.
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Marama sick in afternoon and went to bed. Lui came in from **Dobu**.
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Finished getting piles – about 55 altogether – and some trees near to fall back on. I gave the chief a tomahawk – and one son a pipe – another a belt and other a mirror. I then took Bulitara and told him I was going to put my house on the good site from which the survey (?) pigs had been stolen. He expressed his willingness and so no doubt it will be alright. Sally better but still in bed.
- Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Got place made for whaleboat and in evening hauled it up. Plenty of sores to treat most days. Sally better through day but not well in evening. Bearing of natives decidedly better – come regularly about the place and are quieter and kinder in every way.
- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Sallie still unwell but a little better. Good services today except **Mloisaida** in evening – these men were very rowdy. Bulitara at morning service and all behaved well. Attendance :-  
Morning – **Mloisaida** 200 **Kawataria** 400 (bushmen 100)  
Afternoon " 200 **Kawataria** 300. **Gumilababa** 200.  
Ma'a went to **Gumilababa**.
- 1894**
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> As Sallie was much worse yesterday last night I decided to send Ma'a in the whaleboat to **Dobu** and ask Chairman to send the nurse by the "*Ellen Gowan*". I sent details of sickness to nurse. Some hesitation first about crew but on promising good pay they soon provided. Ma'a and crew left at 7 a.m. Sallie has been much better today.
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Ma'a and crew back this morning – could not get in direction of **Dobu** – no ballast in boat and bad wind. Sallie still bad.
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Sallie had good night's sleep last night. This evening haemorrhage stopped.
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Rained heavily until afternoon. I sent Ma'a to hold services in villages – men would not attend. Sallie had good nights sleep sleep again. In afternoon some discharge.
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> No discharge all night and this morning until 10 30. I sent letters to Chairman and nurse (telling about Sallie and asking for nurse to come in *Ellen Gowan*) by Captain Olliver of *Nikumara*.
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> no more haemorrhage and today Sallie was able to sit up in chair for a short time.

- Oct 20 Sallie walked to the door today.
- Oct 21 Had good service at home in the morning – Bulitara’s presence did good. He was away in the evening and order was bad. Heavy rain prevented from going to Kawataria till afternoon – order there was very good. Sallie still improving – walked to the garden today.
- Oct 22 I sent Ma’a in whaleboat with a crew of 7 to **Dobu** to stop the nurse coming. They pulled in direction of **Sineketa**. Sent a younger crew than before because Ma’a has not gripped these people and they won’t obey him.
- Oct 28 determined to have one united service for **Kawataria** and got Bulitara to use his influence to secure this. Had over 200 in the morning – girls had pinafores on for first time – a great fuss over it, but it will give distinctiveness and prestige to the service.
- Bulitara took a great interest in it. Over 600 at afternoon service. Services today show a distinct advance over all previous.
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- Oct 31 Ma’a and crew came home all safe. Great excitement at the landing. Daiewa gave the report of **Dobu** and Tapororo which made a great impression. No news of Andrews yet.
- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Lui came in afternoon and said he was going to **Samarai** in two hours, so I wrote to Waterhouse with orders. Sallie wrote to Sim and Eddie, and a short note to nurse. I wrote asking Chairman to send slates, pencils, pictures etc.
- Nov 4 Had two splendid services today. 600 at morning and 450 at afternoon service. Order was good. In morning Daiewa gave **Dobu** report. He sat down to speak and was very nervous. In afternoon I spoke on creation of man and had most attentive hearing. With care and constant watching I can keep them in order though they form a large crowd. Sallie spoke to girls and women this morning and I interpreted. The girls have been about the home during the week and won’t leave us. It was too hot in afternoon for S. School. Today starts a new period in the Sabbath services I think. We thank god and take courage.
- Nov 10 Whitten came in *Ellen Gowan* and we got two loads of timber ashore by evening.
- Nov 11 Grand congregation in morning – over 600 and a good service – I went to **Gumilababa** and had 250. While service was going on – I saw men entering village carrying spears and shields – blackened and decorated – I told them the result of fighting. There have been two murders inland and a lot of fighting. The weather became stormy in afternoon and evening and spoilt afternoon service. In the evening Kennedy came ashore from the *Peuleule*.

- Nov 12 Very stormy so could only get one load of timber ashore. Great trouble in **Kawataria** because Kennedy made Bulitara's brother fast over some stealing from Howarth.
- Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Judge Winter with Moreton, Kennedy and a visitor Raefell from Orange, came here this morning. Winter was very friendly and asked my advice about punished (?) the fighting tribes inland. He offered to give them a chance if I would go and explain. I promised and then we went to see Bulitara and Winter told him that I had pleaded for the fighting natives and he would give them a chance. I gathered the people together and took the chance of giving them an address. When I had done Kennedy said to me – You have very soon learned their language. We went round the villages – Winter and I side by side. I have no doubt the whole business will greatly increase my prestige and power over the people. We finished unloading
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- Nov 16 (cont) Whitten today. Ma'a and boys broke pintle of my rudder today I sent it to *Merrie England*. It has been exceedingly rough weather all week and I have been full of work in arranging timber on platform. All Andrews shift I had to rearrange. I am very tired.
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Got two chickens yesterday. The black goat died during week. This makes 2 nannies 1 billy and one kid that have died here. A policeman died on *Merrie England* last night and body was brought here by Moreton and Kennedy. They came to me and I went to the chief to sell a piece of land for cemetery. A great crowd assisted at the funeral. I conducted the funeral and made the people keep quiet and all sit down while I explained our custom. I then read Psalm 90 and prayed. In the afternoon I arranged for the purchase of land for a teacher's home near **Kawataria** and Kennedy is to buy on Monday. The weather broke Friday and it has been fine. We are sending mails away by steamer – I wrote to Corbett, Waterhouse – Edith – letters from sallie to Mrs Duncan – Aubrey – Sim – Jos. Lawley – Mary – Durham – Mrs John Price – Nellie Bond.
- Nov 18 Had two good services here and one at **Gumilababa**. Morning - over 500 Evening 600 **Gumilababa** 200. Mr Kennedy Mr Howarth and Mr campbell attended evening and two latter the morning service – we sang an English hymn at each service. I gave the Governor's message.
- Nov 25 Last Monday I began to build another temporary house because the white ants were under the cases in the other house in myriads. On Wednesday we moved in and found great comfort in the wind and ventilation and light, and both spent the rest of the week in making the place comfortable – Got my boat shed fixed also. On Tuesday last I paid through Mr Kennedy Moiodibu for the land between Burns Philps store and **Kawataria** – pay – 2 knives 1lb tobacco and 2 yds calico. At this mornings service 420 – good order – short because of threatening rain.
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Captain Hamilton of *Jessie Riley* came in yesterday or Friday and brought some things from Chairman with a mail. He came to church today and helped us by refusing to buy pearls. Very good service today. Captain

Hamilton expressed himself as greatly surprised at the evident change and the manifest influence I exercise over the natives. I have been working all last week at getting up a pantry and store and getting rid of the white ants from our cases in the big house. Just saved the furniture - the ants had started on it - wretched work - have had to open and repack every one of Andrew's cases as well as many of our own - the ants were in most of his. Made the hymn *Labuma* - to 'There is a better world' tune yesterday.

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- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> About 500 at each service today 200 at **Gumilababa** - influenza epidemic very bad. Two men died last week at **Kawataria** and kept some away. Captain Hamilton present at both services. George and Norman both trading. Just a few 2 or 3 went fishing in the morning and then a big crowd in the afternoon. Last Tuesday pulled the large house down and found the ants at work under all the floor - they would have very soon spoiled the whole lot of timbers. Last night a dead tree blew down in a terrific squall and fell across Ma'a's house and just missed Ma'a's head.
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Started day school morning and afternoon today 69 boys 36 girls. They are catching up the *Labuma* hymn. Yesterday Captain Hamilton brought George Parascos to see me. George said he had been buying pearls the day before but did not start until he saw Norman trading. He was willing to stop but wished to put £20 down against the same sum from Mr Howarth and the first caught trading to forfeit the money. He got two enormous pearls and many of the best sort - it was very tempting.
- Dec 12 Marama had 31 girls of **Mloisaida** at her evening class today.
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> The whole platform Andrews built for timber fell over from end to end during last night - every post that he put in went down and the whole timber at mercy of white ants.
- Dec 23 Last Monday and Tuesday I had stiff dose of influenza. On Tuesday afternoon we planted the rest of the oranges and melons in the final place. On Wednesday I began to fix up the platform for timber and hope to finish tomorrow. Here and ther ants had entered timber in myriads - trying work. Sent Ma'a to **Gumilababa** - only children present.
- Dec 30 Finished stacking timber last Monday. Howarth came in Tuesday afternoon - reported *Dove* on the way. Yesterday *Dove* anchored and with Sallie went in **Kwinilani** and brought back Fletcher. He came to arrange about confinement arrangements. Spent a good day today - 500 here this morning - 250 at **Teiavi** 1500 at **Oivaiova** and after lunch we went to **Gumilababa** and had 200 there. About 400 in afternoon here.
- Dec 31<sup>st</sup> *Dove* left today - Fletcher's visit has done us good. We sent letters to Waterhouse and Callaghan. Sallie sent to Mrs Spence, Ma Reid, Edith, Sim, Strachan.

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- Jan 7<sup>th</sup> This afternoon after **Kawataria** girls had been at sewing class – a great fight with stones erupted between them and the **Mloisaida** girls in the shallow water on the beach. I went down to the beach and called out from the beach but they took no notice so I dashed into the water and they at once ran away. Am afraid it will check school work for a time.
- Jan 11<sup>th</sup> A woman committed suicide today – in jealousy – she was very angry – then went out and ascended a high tree near the village unobserved and when her legs were tied together she called out goodbye to her brother and threw herself down. I went and finding her still living came back and got silk and needles etc – cleared house out and gave small dose of brandy but she could not swallow it so I saw it was no use trying further. The husband has given a lot of presents to her relations.
- Jan 13 Congregations small today on account of woman who committed suicide and also because of fighting with girls. I went to **Gumilababa**. Influenza still hanging about head.
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Captain Olliver sent word that he is going to **Samarai** so I made up mail – My letters – Oldham – Sarah. Lily – Jim – G. Swindell - editor Alfredton I. – Joe Walker – Father Ennui – Sim – George – Mrs Strachan – Watson – Ma Reid – Gibson Greybourn (?) – Isitt – Cole Dunedin (?) – Tilly S.A. - Gilling Onchunya (?) – Wilton Morton – Bartram Semaphore – Snell Quenell (?). Grammars to Isitt - Bull – Morley – Joe Walker – Sarah – W. Pegge – Jim – Alfredton (?) Journal Editor. – Lily. Gospels to :- G. Swindell – Kiddings Sunday School -. Photos to Jim. Sallie wrote :- J. Paul \_ Mrs Gray – George and Mary – Mary and Ed – Belle – Auntie Sarah – S. E. Lees – Mrs Laws – H. Laury – Hetherington
- Jan 21<sup>st</sup> *Dove* came in today and brought Andrews and Alesana with wife and child.
- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Andrews came ashore and began at his house. Yesterday and today my ears bad - pain quite distracting.
- Jan 24<sup>th</sup> *Dove* left with mail which Olliver had not taken. Started at mission house today – laid out frame and got one pile in.
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Got piles (15) under 3 sides of framework.
- Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Raining all day without intermission so had no service with the natives. English service in the evening at which 3 traders joined us. I preached from Parable of two sons. Sallie played.

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- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Finished piles and plates of interior of the house today. Had the usual trouble to get natives to carry the piles. By liberal pay and plenty of food

have managed it. Andrews is working splendidly. Daiboya was forcibly prevented from suicide yesterday – rowing with his father.

- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Raining all this morning and so had very few out in afternoon. Got floor framework and floor bearers finished and part of framework of body of the building reared up and top plates on with ceiling joists.
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Sent Alesana with boat to **Dobu** today to fetch bundle of sheets for roof channels which have not been sent on.
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Fair service this morning 330 but they were feasting in both villages and so could not get them together in evening. Got studs finished and some cross braces done. [deleted is – (which took 3 or 4 days) and part of the roof] Weather unsettled with rain almost every day since we started the house.
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Boat returned with sheets and mail. Judge Winter was at **Dobu** in quest of some shipwrecked people from German New Guinea. A man and woman were brought here by Parascos and are living with Alesana. The man went with Alesana and was questioned by Judge Winter who wrote me about the matter. The woman tells me they came from the districts inflicted with smallpox. The man and woman are both in good health.
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Good service this morning – over 400 present but they are rowdy after missing so many services. Sallie sick and unable to be present. Cross braces finished and part of roof.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> First four days last week – raining most of each day – Finished roof of house on Monday. Since then till yesterday working at framework and roof of kitchen and back room in which there was a lot of cutting and fitting. Up to noon yesterday got all done except three pieces which have to be found. There is now left the putting in of bottom stops for windows and then we can start verandah posts and roof.  
Last Monday Burns Philp and Co's "*Mizpah*" came in and brought a small box for us containing 6 bots. of fruit only. Mr Meek - a naturalist also came and spent a night with us.  
Tuesday morning Norman left to take Meek to Kasibola and on Thursday called in here again on his way to **Samarai**. Letters from Sallie to Mrs Strachan, Edith and Mary and Will (?).  
Yesterday Lui and German Harry left for **Samarai** – the latter anchored outside passage till this morning. By him I wrote to Mr Bromilow telling him about Bulitara and about Ma'a's pearl selling. I also wrote to Judge

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- March 3 (cont) Winter and Moreton about New Ireland people. I also returned in mail bag to Mr Bromilow the Govt. papers about smallpox.
- Yesterday afternoon Andrews went to village and noticed one of our houseboards in the canoe just finished he came and told me. I went down with him and saw it – then I went up to Bulitara and he began to jabber away at a great rate – professing to be going to get the men who had taken

my house timber. I said a few words to him and said they were to take the board off again. Then I left him and Mr Andrews knocked off the board which was nailed. There was a great crowd around and tremendous excitement. We brought the board away without hindrance. Soon after Daiboya came and demanded some tobacco as satisfaction for breaking the canoe which I refused. I sent for Bulitara in the evening and had a long talk in which I told him the consequences of his conduct. He went away promising to come to church and to tell the people to do so. This morning he was not at service – he was *mosila* because of the canoe breaking - they said. Only a few men were there – all the rest were working at their canoes getting ready for the great trip to Goodenough. There were 150 females and 68 males present – but we had a good service.

March 6<sup>th</sup> In evening just before sunset we saw the smoke of a steamer outside passage. Just after sunset at – we had very bad earthquake – ground rocked violently – the big trees swayed about for about a minute and during the evening 4 more followed and one at 3a.m. – thus making six distinct shocks – a large hole formed near the village with the ground sinking. Soon after first shock we heard the roar of the earthquake wave but it did not ....

#### MISSING PAGES TO MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>

.....Butterworth and also of Governor and Officers and Sallie and myself. They had tea with us then left – much present giving at the beach. I sent mails – Sallie wrote –

March 14<sup>th</sup> Canoes left for Goodenough after a big speech by Bulitara. Quite a number of small canoes went as far as passage.

March 17<sup>th</sup> Plenty of women 260 but few men 80 at service this morning. Heavier rain at noon. It has rained everyday during past week. Just a few more floor joists to fix and the walls to put up and then roof on. I have been planing and painting wall boards. Raining until late in the afternoon so no service.

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March 24<sup>th</sup> A good week's work at the house – got the outside walls up and yesterday the first lot of sheets fastened on.  
On Friday night a large snake killed the big red rooster – I went out and found him then Marama holding light I shot him.  
On Saturday morning German Harry left for **Dobu** and perhaps **Samarai** and took letters to **Dobu** – Sallie to – Mrs Bromilow – Tinney – Mother – I wrote Mr Bromilow about location of Lay Missionary. I also sent Meek's letters away.  
Last night a snake or something bit at the small rooster and knocked him down – we found him and then killed him.  
Very good service this morning 256 women 120 men (376).

MISSING ? MARCH 25<sup>th</sup> - APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>

April 14<sup>th</sup> Very good service this morning – best since Govt. were here – over 400 present and excellent attention. More attentive than ever before.  
Last Tuesday Norman's boat left for **Samarai** and took letters to Chairman – Waterhouse (3 cases kerosene) and mother, from me – and from Sallie to –(?)  
The roof of the house completed last Tuesday and since then we have put in part of partitions and floor. Very different working in shelter from rain and sun.  
Alesana's foot very bad during last week – Marama has attended to it and it is now improving. In a conversation with Norman he complained of Mr Andrtews trading – I told Mr Andrews and he went to Norman and Norman 'caved in' all round.  
Bulitara has not been near the house for over a week but he professes to be very friendly. He was not at church last Sunday and they had a feast that day. Attendance at service the last two Sundays has been very poor. All the men were sick from the drunkenness of betel nut chewing.  
Traders have been working against us in every possible way.  
Too tired with the hard work to go to **Gumilababa** just now.

April 21 Services very good – morning 430. Afternoon 230. Finished partitions and put in the floor of house. Alesana's foot still improving.  
On Tuesday last 16<sup>th</sup> April a boy came to tell me that a native had assaulted Sulu wife of Alesana. I went down to see and found that a native named Giewala of **Wosaisu** had taken taken some yams for sale and when Sulu put them outside the man struck at her with his tomahawk. The people around pointed out a sapling into which the blow had been driven. Norman Campbell corroborated and when he went to see what was the matter the man threw a stone at him. Daiboya came to tell us that the man was in the village at Werona's house and as soon as he Daiboya saw us

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April 21 (cont) going that way he ran on first and warned the man so we did not see him.  
**GIEWALA of WOSAISUIA.**

April 29 Raining all day – had short service at noon but had to run for shelter. Got the ceilings of house all finished yesterday, ready for starting painting tomorrow.  
Ate the last fowl today. Has been raining with terribly rough squalls all week. Nicholas Minister says worst weather he has known 15 years.

**MISSING? TO MAY 13<sup>th</sup>**

May 14<sup>th</sup> Came into new house today to live. Still the front verandah – tanks etc to finish.

June 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton came last night – slept here and left again today – promising to be back in 3 weeks.  
Mr Meek came last Wednesday afternoon and stayed until Friday morning – very week and low.

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Services about as usual today – small attendance – all promised to come on Saturday. Marama and I went to **Gumilababa** – to resume services – first since started working at mission house – Alesana went to **Oivaiovi** and **Teiavi**. I have been fully occupied since we came into the house in getting furniture fixed – place made comfortable. Glad of prospect of getting more about among people and working on language. Weather is very now with strong S.E. wind. Large house's comfort very welcome after roughing in temporary houses.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> Improvement in services today 300 in morning 200 evening. Last Thursday Norman brought in *Mizpah* with outward mail. I wrote to Dr Brown – Review – Spectator – Advocate – Watson and Watkin Melbourne – Sarah – Lily and Sim.  
Started day school again today – **Mloisaida** 24 present.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> Very good service this morning – 420 present – but only 180 in evening. Excellent attention. Work going on as usual; during day. Had about 200 at **Gumilababa**. Alesana sick and unable to go to **Teiavi**. Mr Meek came overland on Friday and left again Saturday morning.
- June 17<sup>th</sup> Captain Olliver came today and asked for key of Burns Philp store. According to Norman's words I gave it to him and told him he must take responsibility for safety of building.
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- June 19<sup>th</sup> Had service at house here with 150 bush natives – very rowdy and lively, but willing to hear.
- June 20 Made mail up for Christensen – I wrote to – Father – George – Sim – Edith – Mary (Ed).
- June 23 Bulitara did the *megavi* on the yam houses today. Tied a piece of native twine on the piles of every yam house in the village – to secure a good harvest.  
  
Rather smart shock of earthquake last night (2 a.m. this morning). Very good services today.
- June 25 Dancing began in the village (**Mloisaida**) tonight.
- June 30 Good service this morning – one of the best yet. I tried to explain that their dancing and our Taparoro were not the same kind of custom. A man committed suicide at **Gumilababa** today because he was mad at his wife smoking some tobacco.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Mr Morton came here today.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Morton and Dr Loria fixed their camp at the store today. Had a long walk around the village with him.

- July 3<sup>rd</sup> A man used bad language to Sulu, so Morton gathered the chiefs together, and gave them orders through me to have it stopped.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> *Dove* came in this morning – I went off and brought Mr and Mrs Bromilow ashore, with two Fijian teachers for this station.
- July 5<sup>th</sup> Chairman and I accompanied Morton to **Tukuauka** (Tokwauku?) **Oivaiovi** and **Teiavi** today. We found the true chiefs at **Tukuauka** and so decided to place the teachers there.
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Chairman, Andrews and I accompanied Morton to **Sinaketa** today. Got Promise from Moirdudu to sell us a site for mission house. We were all disappointed at the small size (comparitively) of **Sinaketa**.
- July 7<sup>th</sup> Had 650 in congregation this morning – very good order. Chairman addressed in English and I interpreted. At once started with the ladies in whaleboat and had a splendid service in **Tukuauka**, another in **Teiavi** – and then Chairman and I went to **Gumilababa** – short service and back home. Chairman thought **Gumilababa** a good centre for a teacher. About
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- July 7 (cont) 500 in evening here. Mrs Bromilow gave an address to the women which I interpreted and then I made an appeal at the close. In the evening service in mission house Mr and Mrs Bromilow conducted and both gave addresses. (there were 300 at **Tukuauka** – 220 at **Teiavi** and 200 at **Gumilababa**).
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Went round **Kawataria** with Chairman in the afternoon. Last Friday Sallie and Mrs Bromilow went through the villages here and had a grand reception – scores of women giving them presents of food. Toikomaiofu broke through fence this morning so I took him to Morton who put the handcuffs on him for a little while, and then ordered him to mend the fence, which he promised to do. A police boy watched him till it was done and then he ran away.
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Chairman and his wife left this morning after expressing the great pleasure in progress made. Mr Andrews went with them and took a crew with Alesana in whaleboat, to go and see **Vakuta** with the idea of arranging for Lay Miss. Station at **Vakuta**. Mr Morton and Dr Loria left for **Kaibola** about noon. This afternoon Gioala came in from **Wosaisuia** and brought an atonement for his attack on Sulu. Toikomaiofu also brought one.
- July 12 Mr Andrews returned and reported that Chairman and he had decided on **Vakuta** as Lay Mission station.
- July 13 I went to **Gumilababa** to choose site for teacher's station. Owners unwilling to sell owing to influence of one man named Modaimali. Came away to the beach where the chief Bisibasi was staying in a temporary village the other owners were willing and eager to sell the land.
- July 14 Service at **Oiabia** this morning – over 300. Sallie and I went to **Tukuauku** and **Teiavi** – held services there. Moiodudu was willing to

sell land at **Tukuauku**. Heavy rain and squalls - so no service in afternoon.

- July 15 Moreton came with land applications and left at once. Sent by him the books Chairman forgot and also Chairman's mail brought by Whitten last Friday.
- July 26 '*Merrie England*' came in this afternoon. Morton, Jones and Butterworth came ashore. Morton wanted Andrews to go to **Vakuta** and buy land on Sunday, but he rightly refused.
- July 27 Morton came and we went to **Gumilababa** to buy the site for the teacher's station. The owners expressed great satisfaction at the payment. We got
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- July 27 (cont) back here about noon and after dinner the Govt. party left in the launch to visit **Oburaka** on the way to **Vakuta**. I gave trade to Morton to pay for land at **Vakuta**. He took a mail for us. I wrote a P.C. to Small and Co. for 1/2 doz packets of P.O.P. paper and a bottle of sulphocyanide of ammonium. I also sent a bundle of Miss. Reviews to Sallie - Lily - J. Walker and Greasley.
- July 28 Poor service this morning - wind strong so had service back of house. I went to **Gumilababa Wosaisuia** - Alesana started for **Tukuauku** but boat swamped. In evening Sallie went round village and we had a good congregation and a good service.
- July 31 Got first stud for new church on ground today.
- Aug 5 Went to **Wabutuma** (Oabatuma?) **Gumilababa** and **Wosaisuia** today.
- Aug 11 Poor service in morning because of funeral feast for a big man who died in **Mloisaida**. Temporary sickness made me unfit to go to **Tukuauku** and Alesana was too unwell to go inland. I went through the villages here in afternoon and we had a good crowd in the evening and a very good service.
- Aug 12 Sent away letters by Parascos. I wrote to Waterhouse and sent order to him and Drug Co - and Lasseters. I also sent a note to Lasseters. George is to leave early in the morning. I wrote a letter at the dictation of Peter Minister and for him to Thompson carpenter **Samarai**.
- Aug 14 Mr Andrews left for **Vakuta** today, with a boat load in the **Kwinilani**. No one in the village seemed to take any interest in his going.
- Aug 18 Fairly good service in mornning here - very poor in evening. Bulitara seems absolutely indifferent and so the people are much the same. I went to **Wabutuma** and **Gumilababa** but bulk of people were in the gardens.
- Aug 19 Alesana arrived today from **Vakuta** in *Kwinilani*.
- Aug 20 Aleseana and Samuela went with a load of stuff for **Vakuta**.

- Aug 22 *Kwinilani* returned from **Vakuta**. Mr Andrews reports most hearty welcome and has plenty of help in building.
- Aug 25 Poor service in morning – good in afternoon – congs. not large. Heavy squall of rain until noon stopped afternoon in country.
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- Aug 26 Got whaleboat away – Setareki and 5 boys – rough wind they had to beat hard.
- Aug 29 Setareki returned home with a hole through boat which Mr Andrews had patched – Setareki went to buy some cooking pots and dropped the anchor before sails were down.
- Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Last night Sallie And I were walking on front verandah after tea and hearing the sheets moved – at the timber stacks – we looked and saw a native walking towards the iron house. I called out to him to know what he was doing and he went down towards the village. In a few seconds a stone struck the verandah just above our heads with great force. Had it fallen a little lower it must have struck one of us. I fancy the man was angry because he was stopped stealing timber.
- Sep 1<sup>st</sup> Good service this morning – most orderly and attentive – but only one **Kawataria** man was present – the whole village have gone out pearl fishing because Lui is here with new trade. Very heavy rain spoiled afternoon service.
- Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> I was called to see a **Kawataria** man today about 1a.m. – who had been shot by Lui the trader. The ball had evidently entered just below the sternum and had passed out the first and second or second and third lower ribs on the left side at the back – having gone clean through the body. The man was still breathing but unconcious and the extremities were cold – pulse too faint to be felt. The natives around explained that the man had taken off a small pearl and Lui had refused to buy – then the man said – give nme a bit of tobacco then! And then Lui turned around and picked up his pistol and shot him. I addressed the crowd and asked them to let the vengeance rest until the Government came. They said they would. A deputation then came to me saying that it was native custom here that when anyone was killed, the person doing the deed gave a *kulutulai* – appeasing gift – to the friends of the dead man. And would I go and tell Lui that they wanted a lot of tomahawks, knives, tobacco and other stores. Captain Olliver who was present promised to take the message to Lui. Captain Olliver told me that Lui had been ashore this morning and had shown him some very fine pearls which he had bought yesterday. I pointed out to the people that they would not listen to my advice – they would go to work for the traders on Sunday – had they rested yesterday this would not have happened – (for they have not been out today). The name of the man who was shot is KABANENA.

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- Sep 15 Had a very good service this morning – attention splendid – (no **Kawataria** people present). But as soon as service was over nearly every man (including Bulitara's son) cleared out in the canoes fishing for pearls. Some of them came to evening service and of course denoied having gone fishing.
- Sep 18 This morning Moikisi and Tolubwam cut down a tree on Mission ground for canoes. When I spoke they acknowledged having done wrong and afterwards brought a present of yams. Daiboia cut one down – I called to him but he neither spoke nor took any notice and at last dropped the tree across the sheets on the timber but broke nothing.  
During the Day the teachers, Alesana, Setareki and Samuela were here and a crowd **Mloisaida** men were clearing the ground for the church. In the afternoon Alesana paid the workmen and it seems one man had done just a little and wanted a smoke – Samuela , I (sitting on verandah) noticed him jump up and speak in an angry tone. Then the native got up and speaking angrily went towards the village – half way there he stopped and evidently challenged Samuels. I heard Alesana say 10 and the teachers cleared off to the village. I followed and just as I arrived on the scene a stone crashed into the house of the native – he was in the doorway poising his spear and holding his shield – Samuela stood with a stone poised and his eyes glaring. I went up to the native and told him to put his spear away, which he at once did. Then I told Samuyela to go away home – but he would not move until I had spoken half-a-dozen times and then Alesana drew him away. I then explained to the people that Samuela had forgotten his *Taparoro* for the time. It was a pitiable thing for me as a Christian missionary.
- Sep 21 Had Quarterly meeting today. Chief business was the fighting of the teachers. Samuela is to go to **Vakuta** for a time and if he behaves well he can stay in **Kiriwina** – if not he is to go back to **Dobu**.
- Sep 22 Had pretty good services today though no **Kawataria** – just after the sun set there was a great row in the village and the boys said there was fighting. I went down and find there was tremendous excitement – every man with his spears and shield. Lofiasi ( whose brother, Iona was speared) ordered me out of the way – there was to be great fighting – he was in a great passion – I came back, got some liniment and then returned and dressed four of them – one with a nasty cut over the eye. One man in **Kawataria** was badly speared. It appears the trouble arose over some **Mloisaida** young men lying with **Kawataria** girls after going away from Church. The attack was certainly made from **Kawataria**. There was fighting last week too at **Tukuauku** – the natives went to **Teiavi** and made

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- Sep 22 (cont) a row about the **Teiavi** chief bringing a present of fish to Bulitara. Bulitara interposed and the matter dropped.

- Sep 27 Last trip with house materials to Mr Andrews **Vakuta** – Samuela and crew from **Vakuta** went with it – *Kwinilani* to stay in **Vakuta** until *Dove* comes.
- Sep 29 Good morning service – poor in afternoon – no **Kawataria** men present. All working in gardens or pearling. Started last Tuesday to erect pillars of church and finished them on Friday last.
- Oct 1 Enamakala came and said he had tried to make peace with the inland tribes who were fighting over the sticks put in for yams to run up – but they refused to listen to him.
- Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> Report that 9 men speared last night in the fighting inland.
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Finished putting wall plates on church pillars today.
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Levelling ground of church floor – I put all the sparse timber away in the house – Alesana preparing small house for himself to live in while we are away at **Dobu**.
- Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Gt interest in services today - congs small – no **Kawataria** people present – all in their gardens or pearling.
- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Whaleboat arrived from Mr Andrews bringing Samuela and his wife who had given birth last Thursday.
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Setareki went with boat to **Vakuta** to take **Vakuta** crew back.

#### MISSING PAGES ???

Wrote to Dr Brown from **Dobu** – Oct 21<sup>st</sup> and enclosed copy of Alesana's letter.

- Nov 6 Returned from District Synod last evening. Had a very good meeting and the whole trip has been stimulating and helpful. Found the “*Siai*” Govt. schooner here; and this morning got mails by her and afterwards Mr Morton came up. Lent him *KWINILANI* to fetch Louis Voaden in from *SIAI* but wind was so strong that the boat was left round other side of island and policemen walked overland. In the afternoon Mr Morton and I measured off the land at back of the mission house and I paid Bulitara for it.

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- Nov 7 In morning went down to store and was asked to interpret in preliminary trial of Louis. One witness was examined but he would not tell anything. The other witnesses could not be found. Ubaian was charged by C. Olliver with stealing and threatening and he was sitting by the store waiting and by some means he managed to get clear away.
- Nov 8 Early this morning Bulitara came to see me in great trouble – the Govt. had made Ubaian fast and he Bulitara wanted to clear out. He wanted to

bring me a pig and take Morton one – I forbid this and he promised me to stay. During the morning the Governor arrived – went from store with me to see Teacher's baby. He was very cordial in his greeting to me and spoke kindly to the teachers. Came on to the house and had a cup of tea – taking Sallie by surprise. Very very friendly. We went down to store. I went away to fetch Bulitara. They said he was at **Wabutuma** and I went on but at **Wabutuma** they knew nothing of him. So I had my walk and barked my heels for nothing. Sir William came to tea and spent evening – very pleasant. Paid Sallie a compliment on the perfectly cooked chicken. The police boys went today to fetch my boat from **Lobua** where it had been left on account of strong wind ( I lent it to Morton to fetch Louis from *Siai*) The **Mboitalu** men had come down to break up the boat but did not when they learned it was mine. They came down today and raised their spears to the police who fired a shot over their heads and then they laid down their spears.

- Nov 9 Governor and party went to **Mboitalu** to fight – found the village empty but caught four men. They returned to camp.
- Nov 10 Squally morning – I went through village and found a number of about who promised to come to service. Called to see the Governor who chatted pleasantly about his trip to England and the degrees conferred upon him. We came to service but before I could preach a heavy squall dispersed us and the fairly large cong. Governor came and had a cup of tea – in afternoon a good number gathered and after I had preached the Governor gave an address which I interpreted. He charged them to give up working on the Sunday – and come and build the church – to discourage polygamy – to cease carrying spears, and on his return he would see how they had behaved. The service is bound to do good. The Governor came up to tea and was exceedingly friendly. He and Sallie tossed a shilling to see who should take the larger egg of the two. After a pleasant evening and some favourite hymns of Governors he went to camp.
- Nov 11 Governor and party went inland today – Morton to **Emarakana** and Governor to steamer.

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- Nov 13 Sallie left at 6.30 a.m. We were towed by steam launch and in Govt. boat Morton had three witnesses for Louis who were handcuffed. Morton's preliminary trial was held at which I interpreted. Louis was committed without bail. Supreme court postponed because Louis wanted other witnesses. Governor charged me to give nothing to Bulitara and same to Morton and if Bulitara did not behave himself Morton to look out another chief. Sallie seemed to be among many friends on the steamer and was brave at our parting. When we came ashore the **Kawataria** people gave me credit for bringing witnesses back.
- Nov 14 Went to **Kukuaku** with Morton and bought land for teacher's house. In afternoon marked out the cemetery. In afternoon Bulitara came in – very humble and very sheepish – with a lot of lies for excuses.

- Nov 15 Got path for natives fetching water made – outside boundary of block and the cemetery was cleared.
- Nov 16 Mr Morton left in Nicholas' cutter to go to Siai.
- Nov 17 Good services **Oialua** today. About 550 in morning 300 evng. I went to **Gumilababa** – **Wabutuma** and **Wasaisuia** – over 400 about 430 in all three congs. Attention and order very good – a direct result ov visit of Govt.  
In evening Kennedy came in – having travelled round Murua. He stayed for the night.  
A **Gumilababa** boy followed me home today and wished to stay.
- Nov 18 Kennedy left this morning and later on I saw the three boats – Morton's – Nicholas' Kennedy's – going into **Sinaketa**.  
Put up study shelves today.  
In afternoon George Parascos was coming coming ashore in dingey and some boys throwing stones at fruit sent some near him. He came to Samuela and asked who threw stones – remarking that he would report to Govt. Samuela said something about George having women on his boat – this made George very angry. When I went down, he was shaking with rage. I told Samuela not to get into a temper too easily and mot speak to whitemen about their misdoings but to tell me if he had any grievanve. All was settled satisfactorily.
- Nov 22 Field arrived this afternoon.
- Nov 23 Went with Field to **Gumilababa**.
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- Nov 24 Good morning service – 450 present. Field gave address. Two canoes went out pearling after – evening 280. Went to **Tukwauku** – very lively service – 220 present. Enamakala's brother Taula sat on a verandah and watched everything with intense and amused interest. Came into **Teiavi** – 200 cong. At **Oivaiova** 170 –making 1120 for the day. Alesana went to **Gumilababa**.
- Nov 25 Field make a principle for church roof. Captain Hamilton arrived in afternoon.
- Nov 26 Field left about 3 p.m. taking a young rooster and a sitting of eggs. I have enjoyed his visit immensely and it has done me a lot of good.
- Nov 29 Captain Hamilton left this afternoon.
- Nov 30 Finished store building yesterday – put ventilators in pantry and spare rooms.
- Dec 1 Heavy rain this morning spoiled the service though we tried twice. I went to **Wabutuma** – raining most of the way and all the time there. Came on

to **Gumilababa** 250 present and had a good service. Sent Setareki to **Wosaisuia** because I was wet through and cold. In evening here over 400 present – one of the best services we have had yet. Afterwards Bulitara came up and in conversation gave names of the places Enamakala got his wives – 5 of them have committed suicide after adultery. He told me of a mythical person who comes from Fergusson and who though he may do as harm we do not touch because he is an ancestor – during the day he is a snake - at night a man.

- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Put shelves in store and lock on door. Work a burden.
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Since Monday I have been sick with heavy cold in all my joints and gathering in both ears – not able to work and eat much or rest.
- Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Spent all morning getting boat properly cleaned – she was in a mess. Afternoon visiting. The last three days Alesana has been levelling and fencing in the back of the yard – making a great improvement.
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Good service in morning 500 present – 220 in evening just after very heavy downpour of rain. Went to **Gumilababa** – over 200 and good service – about 60 or 70 – at **Wosaisuia** – raining all the time.
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Painted *Kwinilani* except copper paint.
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- Dec 10 Morning writing letters – afternoon – put copper paint on whaleboat and launched her.
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Got Alesana away in whaleboat today – taking mails.
- Dec 12 Bulitara left for **Ursi**.
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> *Dove* arrived today and Alesana with it.
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Splendid service this morning and also good in afternoon. I took a rest in afternoon and did some writing.
- Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Good services today. I went to **Gumilababa** and had large crowd. Very very tired today and rest is welcome. Monday I was writing on **Dobu** progress. Tuesday I put in ventilators in Breakfast room and kitchen – Wednesday – *Dove* left with mail going by way of **Vakuta** with 80 lbs of tobacco for Andrews. On Wednesday and Thursday I fixed the verandah roofing over the exposed wall of the spare bed room, and put in the boards – walling up the end of the verandah near spare room. Thursday, Friday and Saturday – low days – spent in building store and putting up shelves for the teacher's and station stores at the other end of verandah. A store will be necessary when the stock of station goods comes in a few months.
- Dec 29 Most attentive congregation today – and large. In the afternoon heavy rain so no service. Last Monday I fixed doorframes and made and hung door of storeroom. Tuesday – all day making and putting up brackets for

French doors and windows. Wednesday – Xmas day – cleaned house out in morning and rested. Thursday – put up platform under house for timber and cases and also fixed wire-netting in front of piles under verandah. Friday made and hung gate to *meku* (?) posts in the garden – severe toothache made me rest. Saturday took stock of station stores and made up Teacher's books. In afternoon visiting.

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- Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Greast attention in morning service and good crowd. Did not go out because of bad leg. Last Monday Tuesday and Wednesday had to rest my leg – keeping it horizontal because of a big boil – leg greatly inflamed. Thursday mixed some paint – made door for recess holding tobacco and fixed it – made pegs for hanging hammock and put new rope and peg for bath in bathroom. Friday I made a principal for church roof. Samesagua painting.. Saturday cleaned and washed house and mixed lot of paint – rested in afternoon. Leg improving but needs great care and attention. Alesana still working at the fence. Bulitara and his canoe returned on Thursday. On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Samuela went to live at **Tukuauku** and on Thursday delay – owing to fever – Setareki went to **Gumilababa**.
- Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Got the 5 principals for church roof finished this week. On Tuesday evening some **Vakuta** boys brought the mail from Mr Andrews who had received it from Charlie Lobb. Greatly delighted to learn that Sallie was home safe and well. Wednesday it rained all day and most of Thursday. Services not as well attended today. My leg has broken out in a lot of boils. Alesana went to **Gumilababa**. George leaves for **Samarai** in the morning and takes my mails.
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Got the five principals of church roof up today with the help of Nicholas and Norman who brought blocks and tackle and their boys – a good days work – but they were up by 11a.m. A good crowd of men came but some were afraid of being killed. I told Nicholas and Norman that it was the best days work they'd ever done in New Guinea.
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Small cong. Today – many **Kawataria** men were fishing.
- Jan 21 Framework of church roof finished today. In afternoon Alesana started to **Vakuta** taking Sulu and children for a change. Duan is very thin and weak and low. Alesana goes to **Dobu** for roofing stuff.
- Jan 22 In afternoon mail came in – Domingo brought it to **Sinaketa** and sent it on with boys. Greatly delighted to get mail – as pleasant as unexpected. Sallie well and doing well.
- Jan 26 Small congs. Today. First harvest of yams at **Kawataria** and the rain drove us in both services. German Harry anchored today and came ashore to service.
- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Poor attendances today – big feast in **Kawataria**. I have not been able to do any work because of big boils on my left leg – shin bone. I've just

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- Feb 2 (cont) potted about – getting the spare room painted and finished and looking after boys clearing ground on station.

- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Reading mails – Sallie is to come back by *John Williams* leaving Sydney 28<sup>th</sup> March. Seems almost too good to be true.
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Made up mails for Nicholas to take to **Sinaketa** to be forwarded to **Dobu**. Very heavy rain the last 3 days.
- Feb 22 Nicholas, George, Peter and Norman – traders – came up this afternoon – wanted me to copy out and sign as witness an agreement they had made to be partners in pearl trade. I did so.
- Feb 23 Poor services today – about 100 in morning and under that in afternoon – Pearl fishing and women dancing were the reasons. In evening I went to **Kawataria** to see the chiefs but could not so left a message for them to visit me. Very much cast down this evening. Had good service at **Gumilababa** in the afternoon.
- March 1 Had a hard week at the front garden – nearly finished. Burns Philp and Co's boat came in on Wednesday night. On Thursday night the traders had a big drinking bout at the store – the laughing stock of the natives. Had a very good service this morning and afterwards got the **Kawataria** chiefs on the front verandah and asked them to use their influence in favour of attendance at church. Very heavy rain all afternoon.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Only poor congs. Today – all out pearling – even Bulitara's crowd went out after morning service.  
My leg bad again today so stayed at home. Got the bed-room and dining-room painted this week – no wind and the paint made me very sick with head-ache. The teacher and boys finished front orangery last week.  
Nicholas came in on Friday night from **Dobu** with some books from the Chairman and a lot of sago roofing. Mr Alvaraz: B.P. and Co's agent is to leave in the morning and take my mail.
- March 17 Got the house walls and verandah painted last week – took me all week. Teachers and boys got all the sago on church roof – nearly a half of it. Only a few of **Kawataria** at service today.
- March 22 Painted study and breakfast room this week – took Friday to arrange furniture in rooms. Yesterday was working levelling the drying ground and part of the garden – dead tired. Teachers and Boys cleared the other orangery and drying ground.
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- March 22 (cont) Good services today – not many of **Kawataria** – many out pearling. Had a good service at **Gumilababa**.
- April 6<sup>th</sup> Mr Andrews with his wife came here last Friday afternoon – ill with fever. I nursed them and this morning he returned home. This morning Mr Andrews wrote out his resignation – on account of his wife's health – I think it is on his own account.

Left on April 6<sup>th</sup> for **Dobu** in the *Kwinilani* to *Dove* and Sallie. – in the evening. Had unpleasant trip – nasty squalls – one of them (the heaviest I have ever known) just as we were nearing **Dobu** on the Friday evening. On Sunday afternoon (Ap. 12<sup>th</sup>) *Dove* came in sight and I met Sallie in Dawson's Straits. Eddie was shy but in good spirits. We left **Dobu** on Friday morning and had unpleasant trip home – reached **Vakuta** on Monday night. Saw Mr Andrews on Tuesday morning – then came on and got home Tuesday afternoon – Sallie having been just three weeks coming from Sydney.

- May 5<sup>th</sup> Having got stores and goods unpacked and the house in order – started school for boys this afternoon. Bulitara came up with a present last week but he is just the same – indifferent and greedy.
- May 21<sup>st</sup> *Dove* came with Sister Emily.
- May 24 Mr Morton came in today. His boat was seen on Friday morning and that day Bulitara cleared out. On seeing two boats leave **Sinaketa** yesterday morning all **Kavataria** cleared out. In the morning large numbers came to me with presents of yams asking me to protect them because the Govt were locking up at **Sinaketa**. Went down to the village but could not stop the people – almost every person cleared out. During the day several deputations came from various inland villages bringing presents and asking me to defend them. Even this morning a large party came for this purpose. At morning service about 20 men came. Afterwards Mr Morton landed and we went to **Gumilababa** where we got 250 to service.
- May 25 Today we went to **Tukuauku**, **Teiavi** and **Ovaiovi** I interpreted at trial of Nicholas charged with rape. He was discharged and Domingo according to the evidence had bought the witnesses to witness falsely. In each village I had a warm reception – places orderly and quiet.
- May 27 I went with Mr Morton to see Enamakala. In all villages we passed through I got a splendid reception – in most villages I gave an address.
- May 28 Mr Morton went overland to join *Siai* at **Kaibola**.
- 1896**
- May 29 Mr Morton left today and took mail.
- May 31 After morning service went to **Tukuauku** and I held the three services – Sallie and Eddie warmly received everywhere – services enthusiastic and largely attended.
- June 7 Services spoiled here by harvesting operations. Alesana took Setareki's work. All last week I have been laid up with boils under my knee so could not get away from home today.  
*Dove* came in last night with roofing shift and brought news that Mr and Mrs Andrews were to leave next month for the colonies.
- June 10 Leaving today in the *Dove* for **Vakuta**.

- June 11 Reached **Vakuta** – found Mr Andrews prostrate with fever but his packing was done.
- June 12 Mr Andrews left in the *Dove* for **Dobu**. I got home in the afternoon. Left Setareki in charge of the place.
- June 21 Went **Moboitalu** for service (first time). **Wabutuma** and **Gumilababa**.
- June 28 Opened the new church today. Over 400 present in the morning and a good service. I spoke about the church being God's house and of his abiding presence. Bulitara was present and behaved very well. In the afternoon we had Sunday School for the first time. Then a good service in the afternoon another good service addressed by Alesana, Samuela and myself. The **Kawataria** people did not come in any numbers but we had a good day and the services were more orderly than before. God was certainly with us. In the evening we had a sacrament service in which the teachers joined. It is a day to thank God for.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> The *Siai* came in this evening.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> I went this morning and secured one of the witnesses in the murder trial (Louis') – Kept him in the house until Judge Winter and Mr Morton came. After lunch went down to the store to interpret in Louis' trial. Judge Winter came to tea and stayed evening – made himself very agreeable.
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Finished Louis' trial today. He got off light with a 12 months sentence. Judge Winter and Mr Morton came up to tea and stayed the evening.
- 1896**
- July 4<sup>th</sup> I interpreted today in trial of Domingo for forcing a young girl. Trial finished very late. 9.30p.m.
- July 5<sup>th</sup> Government party left this morning. We had a very good morning service.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> After a good service this morning a party arrived from the '*Olive Branch*' – Revs. Hunter and Schlenker. Hunter undertook to help us with the Sulu.
- Went to **Gumilababa** and Hunter and Schlenker said the service was very interesting. Had a fairly good crowd in the afternoon and Hunter gave a long address which I interpreted. After tea we went to Sulu and about 7 o'clock the child was born -- everything went off all right.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> We all went off to see the *Olive Branch* this morning and found her built and fitted up magnificently. She went round the island – they have come here for yams.
- July 16 Mr Schlenker came in this evening and decided to stay all night.

- July 17 'Olive Branch' left taking mails and towing my whaleboat to **Vakuta**.
- July 21 Returned from **Vakuta** at 3 a.m. today. Left at 3 p.m. yesterday – light wind. The *Olive Branch* filled right up with yams – we had a good service at **Vakuta** on the Sunday – one at **Wokinai**. I got the mission house cleaned out.
- July 25 Very good morning service and fair attendance in the afternoon – Dancing parties from **Kawataria** and **Lalaka** were performing in the middle of the day in **Mloisaida**. Alesana took **Takuauku** work.
- July 27 The spirits driven back to **Tuma** tonight.
- Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Have been in bed all week with boils on my legs - got out today.
- Aug 6 Alesana left in the *Kwinilani* for **Vakuta** and **Dobu**.
- Aug 23 Alesana got home during last night – was unable to get through the Sanaroa passage and had to send overland across Fergusson to **Dobu** for mails.
- Sep 6 Best congregations today we have had for a long time here – about 350 in morning and 300 in afternoon.  
Traders have kept away and now the people have no tobacco. They are pestering us to buy yams. I have the yam house full now so have to refuse.
- 1896**
- Sep 6 (cont) Very high winds prevailed all last month and made havoc with the orange and lemon trees. About 180 at **Gumilababa** today.
- 13 Sep About 300, if not over at **Gumilababa** today. A fight took place last week between **G** and **Mboitalu** when four men were speared. I gave the respective chiefs a good talking to and the result at **Gumilababa** was seen today. I preached on the Crucifixion and the people appeared deeply impressed.
- Sep 15 Sent away Alesana to **Dobu** today to learn about the Chairman's arrangements for Dist. Synod.
- Sep 26 Alesana returned today and brought a large mail. Yesterday morning Sep 25 Mr Christenson – German Harry – came ashore to see me to report the death of one of his crew, a Queensland native named Pida. I went off to the '*Jessie Riley*' and saw the body of the dead man. Christenson could not give the cause of death – he said the man's mouth and throat had been stinking badly – he had given him hot tea with a little pain-killer in it as medicine – the man had not been able to eat anything for a long time and had got very thin. I asked him why he did not fetch me to see him before he died, but he shuffled about and said he did not think he would die. But this did not agree with the reports of the **Kawataria** people who have been telling me for days that the man was dying. I thought they were exaggerating as usual, but it seems that they were right this time. I am not in the position to judge the cause of death but am of the opinion that the

poor man did not get the attention and help he ought to have had. I directed the natives where to dig the grave and conducted a service at the burial. It seems a sad business.

- Sep 27 Had fever this moprning so Alesana gave the address to a fair congregation. He went inland. We had a good service in the afternoon. Very few **Kawataria** people present.
- Oct 18 Had largest cong. This morning that has gathered in the new church – 500. (In aftn. 250). At morning service I baptized Alesana's baby (Aniti Loma). Cong. Much impressed and German Harry ( a trader) in tears. Last Wednesday the '*Olive Branch*' anchored –came for yams -. Went on Thursday to **Kaibola**.
- Oct 19 '*Olive Branch*' people – Mr and Mrs Abel and girls came ashore today.
- Oct 22 Mr and Mrs Abel left this morning – we have very much enjoyed their company. Sister Emily went with them on the way to **Dobu**. *Olive Branch* had about 20 tons of yams.
- 1896**
- Oct 22 (cont) This afternoon Alesana came to say that Aniti was our child and Sallie was to keep him as hers always. In the evening Sallie fetched Aniti home Tulafona wanted to get him, but he was given to Sallie at his birth.
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Mr Morton came in had been towed by steamer coming to take Ivanhoeaway – he left in afternoon to take **Iwa** men home.
- Nov 9<sup>th</sup> sent Alesana to **Dobu** in *Kwinilani*. Very good services yesterday.
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Mr Morton came in this morning – walked from **Emarakana** with Enamakala. Went to village and made Togiassi village constable – gave him clothes and tobacco and his instructions.
- Nov 11 Mr Morton went with German Harry to **Oburuka** to see Allerton about charge of neglecting to save the boy that was lost from tumor.
- Nov 12 spent some of this morning at the store – talking with Nicholas etc. Afterwards Mr Morton left and took our mails. During his stay Babaidon the woman of Nicholas ran away with Tokomaioгу. Mr Morton ordered Nicholas not to molest her and asked me to marry them (Tok. And Babaidon) if they wished. He ordered Nicholas to take away the store and told him that I had said I had no objection to him running a store. He had suspected me.
- Nov 13 Had a long talk with Nicholas - he understands my position.
- Nov 14 Nicholas sent for me – he was sick. Indigestion from fever. He asked me to speak to Babaidon and accused Ioua of threatening her with **Samarai**. I went to Babaidon and she said distinctly that a *samata gomanum* – I rest from white man. I told Nicholas and he said he would give her up. Ioua denied threatening and went to Nicholas and denied it. Nicholas had

threatened to thrash Ioua. Andrews came in in the afternoon – he is still able to buy yams.

- Nov 21 Married IOUA to INAVAU today – first marriage in Trobriands.
- Nov 22 Gave an address on Sodom and G. this morning and alluded to the conduct – TOKOMAIGU – male, BABAIDOU – female – and TOBIGAGA male and BOIGALA or WILAKASAI, female – who went into the church a few nights ago for the purpose of *KAILASI*. The people were ashamed and indignant and one man said to me – Get your gun and shoot them - then this will stop.

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- Nov 23 Today I married Mr A.S(or G). Patterson trader to Bwaimiami native girl of **Kaduaga**. Alesana returned from **Dobu** – brought news of Ineda's arrival.
- Nov 28 Got my mail ready and sent it off last night in the whaleboat to Mr Patterson who had started earlier to get out of passage – but he is stuck aground. Yesterday I loaded him with Sister Emily's cases – 20 cases, 3 tin trunks – 2 baskets and one paper parcel to take to **Dobu**. Boy died in **Mlosaida** yesterday – IOUA came to me and I told him to tell the people Mr Morton would take up the body when he came and put it in the cemetery. He went to tell them and they wriggled out by taking the body to **TEIAVI**.
- Nov 29 Very Good services today – splendid attention. Bulitara is altering very much – very encouraging to see it. Last Monday or Tuesday – two big girls from **Kawataria** – ILIBONOMA and ILIBAUOLA came of their own accord and asked Sallie to take them – they make 13 girls.
- Nov 30 Alesana went in the *Itili* (?) to buy yams.
- Dec 6 Not many at services today – a man died on Friday in **Kuabu** and they are making a funeral feast. Nicholas with Allerton attended service in church for first time today.
- Dec 13 Small congs. Again today – the whole village preparing for the big feast. Nicholas who has been very friendly – sending us fish etc. left last week for **Samarai**. Setareki reported on Saturday that one of his pigs was stolen. One in **Mloisaida** was eaten by some of the men – said to be Malua and party. Last night a quantity of yams was stolen from our yam house.
- Dec 25 Had sports for the natives today – large numbers present and much interest and enjoyment.

## 1897.

- Jan 8 *Dove* came in today bringing the Chairman and his wife and 20 of their children.
- Jan 10 Had a good day today – church well filled on both occasions. Mr Bromilow put his children through their flag songs which greatly interested the people. I interpreted the addresses of Mr Bromilow in morning and Mrs B. in afternoon. There were about 300 at **Gumilababa** service.
- Jan 13 *Dove* left this morning with Chairman and family. Their visit has done us all great good.
- Jan 24 Congregation today and last Sunday very small – **Kawataria** out fishing both days. Yesterday and today Sallie had a bad time in bed with faniting(?) and rheum. Pains. Alesana reported that he had seen TOWATAKIM beating his daughter BOSIMOLA to make her marry KIBUA.
- Jan 25 Alesana left in *Kwinilani* to **Dobu** for mails. Samuela and Asinate returned with him to **Vakuta** – they came last Wednesday. Sallie up and better today. Heavy rain all last week – every day - so no school.
- Feb 19 Setareki having been to **Vakuta** in returning he picked up Okadoisa and Karisa from the P.C.E. and landed them here today.
- Feb 20 Sent *Kwinilani* and got stores from P.C.E – Lassetters order. Iagalili's wife was driven from **KAIPAP** and she went to **IALAKA** and they too said 'if you cry here your spear is in the house.' So she cleared to **BUDUAILAKA**.  
Today four men of **Kaipap** caught a man of their village as he was getting over the garden stile and pinning his hands behind struck him on the chest – right side – left side – and back of the neck – so he died. They went to the village and ate his pigs. All because he was a *bogau* – murdered man's name TAGALILI.  
Murderers GIOGAGA - KWAIED – ASIAUDAGINA – DEBELE

### MISSING PAGES?????

- April 30 Gave a big feast to **Kawataria** people – including 8 pigs – in honour of baby Ruth. Bulitara came in to see her and called her by the name of his village MLOSAIDA – Saying it was a chief's place.

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- May 9 After service today Bultara came in and held Ruth in his arms – with a pleased and happy look on his face. It was a sight to be remembered to see such a baby in the arms of such a savage and a sorcerer.
- May 22 Mr Kennedy slept in Govt. store last night with Boiogola.
- May 23 Sallie and Ruth went up to church this afternoon. First time Sallie has been away from the house since dear Ruth was born.
- May 7(?) Late tonight Budiala got his voice back while singing hymn – *Ku Winisau*. He has been in the village for some months owing to bad conduct and only came back on Sunday. I went out to see why the boys were making such a noise and found out the reason. We had a prayer meeting to thank God.
- June 14 *Dove* came in today to take me to **Dobu** to special meeting of Synod.
- June 16 Started for **Dobu** today – Sallie, Ed and Ruth with the children – Sister Jeannie and her two girls. Bad weather – had to turn back to **Laobua**.
- June 18 Caught *Dove* at **Mua** in the night and we started this morning. Only reached **Vakuta** – horrible weather, wind south. Went ashore for the night.
- June 19 Started again and reached big mountain by evening.
- June 20 After going all night, reached **IAIA** about sunrise. Met *Siai* coming out – Mr Morton reported wreck of *Meda* so instead of going into anchorage we kept on, supposing the *Dove* would be needed to work at the wreck. Got to **Dobu** in the evening. Found Mr Bromilow and Dr Brown were away at the *Meda*.
- June 23 Dr B. and Mr Brom. Returned today and reported having bought *Meda* for £10 the traders refusing to bid against them.
- June 24 Held special meeting of Dist. Synod today.
- June 25 Finished writing up minutes by noon – About 4 o'clock got away in *Lika* (?) with rotten tackle and torn sails. Got to anchor on Fergusson opposite **Sanaroa** after nearly smashing on the stones.
- June 26 Left early had dinner near **Gumasi**, came on and anchored at **Vakuta**, nearly wrecked several times, boys could not pick up the reefs.
- June 27 Got home at 10.30a.m. just as church came out – enthusiastic welcome to us. Found all well at home.
- 1897**
- June 28 They took up 22 dead bodies in **Kawataria** today ( 7 Saturday last in **Mlosaida**)/ but had to make the three under chiefs fast first. I made a speech and had **taparoro**.

- June 29      Went to **Oabweia** and got Tomdebu's (?) consent to sell land for a teacher's station. Called at **Gumilababa** and **Kadukwaikela** and their chiefs promised to give up two men for each village.
- July 1        went to **Leiavi** today – heavy rain – turned back.
- July 2        Makalawa came to me today and wanted to spin his yarn about their fight but had not brought the two men for Mr Morton so I refused to go with him – he went home again..
- July 3        *Merrie England* came in today and anchored at **Laobua**.
- July 4        Governor came ashore with a large force of police about midday. I went down and took Bulitara with me. Governor very cordial and kind in enquiries after Sallie and the baby. Came to service in the afternoon and after service appointed Pulitara Govt. chief. Had tea with us ( and Mr Campbell) and spent the evening. Very kind and very talkative.
- July 5        Governor and Party went to **Oburaka** to punish them for fighting – but could do nothing.
- July 6        Went inland with Governor and party. He charged Kaivangeru and Makalawa to keep the peace and Makalawa to build a church. At **Oabweria** we paid for the site of Teacher's Station. At **Obuada** they got out their spears but I called out to them and they put them away though some ran away with their spears in their hands. The Governor was very angry and I believe but for my presence he would have taught them a lesson in fighting. Went to **Emarakana** and Tagilai came spitting about the Governor. I stopped him.. The Governor charged Enamakala and Pulitara I interpreting. Enamakala shuffled when Governor asked him to have a missionary. At least he consented to sell land and take a teacher. The Governor gave him a tomahawk and Taulu one and 1lb of tobacco each. I told him I would send his weekly tobacco. We left for **Kaibola** and from there in steam launch to *Merrie England* at **Laobua**. Had dinner (tea) with Governor and then left in launch getting home about midnight. During the day Mr Moreton had gone to **Kapapu** to arrest murderers and had fired on them because they threw spears.
- 1897**
- July 7        More police came today with Captain Curtis, Mr Campbell and Mr Thomas (Purser), but they did nothing. Captain and others had afternoon tea with me.
- July 8        *Merrie England* anchored opposite **Sinaketa** until afternoon then went on to **Muwo**. They took with them two **Kadukwaikela** men given up for the fighting, and one **Gumilababa** man. Two men were taken from **Kapkap**.
- July 20      Dr Brown arrived in the *Dove*.

- July 21 Dr Brown and I went to **Maboitaulu** taking photos. Very wet all day.
- July 22 Stayed at home – raining.
- July 23 Went to **Emarakana** – taking photos again. Day very hot and in evening Dr B had to be carried from **Kadukwaikela**. Had service in **Emarakana**.
- July 24 Went to **Tukuauku** and opened church. Dr Brown took photo (??) specially good of natives carrying Sallie ashore. Church was full. Opetaiia's child was baptized.
- July 25 Only ordinary congs. This morning – Dr Brown gave address. **Gumilababa** church nicely filled. Went round **Kawataria**. In evening church was full. I preached on Law Britain Mission. Dr Brown baptized Ruth.
- July 26 Spent evening fixing Dr B's curios etc. In the afternoon more photos. In evening until midnight developing.
- July 27 Went round to **Matanaimi** and there Dr B. started for New Britain with a good fair breeze. His visit has done us good all round. We shall pray for him.
- Aug 7 Dillon brought our mails.
- Aug 10 Iotama and family came in Domingo's boat.
- Aug 13 Domingo's boys ran his boat aground in finding the passage – last night I sent out Teachers and crew and they got her off. Domingo arrived after and paid the men. He came up today and thanked me – and signed the labour sheets sent me by Mr Bromilow..
- 1897**
- Aug 14 Alesana came in in *Kwinilani* and brought Iosua and family from **Dobu** – and a 'Meda' sail.
- Aug 16 Had a Teacher's Meeting and appointed Samuela here in Alesana's place (who is going home) and Opetaiia to **Emarakana**. By lot we chose Iotama for **Tukuauku** and Iosua for **Vakuta**.  
The *Olive Branch* arrived today buying yams.
- Aug 20 Capt. And Mrs Godet came ashore Mrs G to stay the night.
- Aug 23 *Olive Branch* left and took away mails.
- Aug 28 Went to **Emarakana** to instal Opetaiia as their teacher. Sallie and baby carried on couch – Eddie in box – on the men's shoulders. Started at 6 a.m. and got home in evening 5.30. Ruth caused great excitement and interest everywhere. Enamakala gracious but begging as usual.

- Sep 5 Anniversary of our first Sabbath in **Kiriwina**. Dark day because people making their gardens – few at church.
- Bulitara had broken his word and had taken two more wives – he too went to work after morning service. At **Gumilababa** only a few at service. Most disheartening day – (Oliver trading all day long too). In evening at our prayers we invited to stand up those whom had decided to give themselves to Christ and obey Him. After a struggles Budiala got on to his feet and when I asked him he said he wished to follow Jesus. Then Modiara (?), then Toromua, then Kadumua, then Eddie, then Iluiaiaaga (?), then Bogolanguta, then Voiagopla (?), then Mulidoga, then Bosimuba, then Vigemua. The Lord was very near to us and our hearts were melted with gratitude. Words cannot express our gratitude to God. In the evening afterwards the children went to their houses and sang and prayed – all quietly until they slept Not unto us O Lord but unto Thy name give glory – for Thy mercy and Thy truth's sake.
- Sep 10 Went to **Kaduaga** to fetch Patterson's wife who had run away from his boat. I married them last November. He and two traders had tried their best with their revolvers to help them but they failed. I found on enquiry in the village that it was a case of homesickness. She came of her own accord and her mother came with her. We got home about midnight.
- Sep 11 Sent off early a canoe for Patterson at **Sinaketa** and he came round in the evening. He took his wife away much pleased and excited.
- 1897**
- Sep 12 Went to **Vilalima** and **Okupukopu** today for first time. Taking **Tukuauka, Teiava** and **Oivaiovi** – got home 6.30 p.m.
- Sep 17 Alesana starts with a load of yams for **Dobu** today. – says he wishes to go by way of **WAKOIA** – Goodenough Island.

**Dobu** Synod Trip

**MISSING PAGES ???**

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- Jan 14 Bulitara awoke during last ..(night?)..with a pain in his side (back), asked his children to blow up the fire as to examine if he had a boil coming – they decided it was a swelling caused by a *bogau*. Bulitara at once fled thinking his bed had been *bogaued* while he was away on a trip to **Kailemua** (?) ( this was first night of his return). He went away to **Okodewa** – down the bay and ordered mats etc. to be brought. His whole family followed. One man his successor Togiassi went because he would be suspected if he stayed here in the village. I think the trouble was a little pleurisy. He was soon well and only yesterday -Jan 21 a big feast of thanks for evil averted *KAMTULAI* several pigs – having been fixed up – he returned today to the village. Supposed to have all power of life and death and yet living himself in constant fear. Today a woman was buried in the village **Kuabu** – part of **Kawataria**. A Teacher stayed all day waiting to see if they would exhume and place the body in a grave dug by the policeman in the cemetery – he waited till late then I sent for him. This custom will die hard.
- Jan 23 Have had severe fever since Friday – went to service this morning but did not preach – fever easy again.
- Feb 11 Sallie - with Eddie – Ruth – 5 girls and 1 boy left for **Dobu** today in *Dove* – to be with Mrs Fletcher in her coming confinement.
- Feb 12 I put in tap and erected tanks for Sisters today.
- Feb 22 Last week I painted the dining room and vestibule with Setareki helping me with the ceilings.  
Last Sunday night Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Samuela came home from preaching with nasty cuts on his hand and shoulder. He said the **Wabutuma** people had done it because he told a man in the garden to get away to the village as it was Sabbath. Last night I went down to Bulitara and see Daiboia about bringing his crowds of canoes home from fishing at **Sinaketa** on Sunday. I was then told that Samuela had struck a **Oabutuma** man last Sunday and news had just come that the man was dead. I felt very bad all the evening. This morning I had bad fever but in the afternoon with Setareki, Opetaiia and Logiasi and our boys I went to **Oabutuma**. Torovandoga the Chief told me that Samuela had pulled the old man to go to church and he fell down – then he used bad language to Samuela and Sam. beat him. Then the men met Samuela and struck him. I then went to see the man who was lying down and showing a big boil on his ribs as the place where he was struck. I went back to the platform in village and spoke about Samuela and his conduct. Food was presented some tobacco given in return and

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- Feb 22 (cont) then we came home. The man was evidently shamming but Sam. was in the wrong for pulling and striking.

This evening in the Teacher's Meeting Sam. Was suspended from preaching for a time. He was very penitent and I believe he will now learn the lesson I have tried to teach him – to be gentle with the natives. Iotama also came in for a warning for being so ready with his fist to his wife and the natives.

**The next section seems to be a rerun of earlier entries. (KA)**

- Feb 10 Sallie started today for **Dobu** to be with Mrs Fletcher during her confinement.
- Feb 11 I put in taps of Sisters tanks.
- Feb 19 Got dining room and vestibule painted this week and bathroom ceiled and painted
- Feb26 Got kitchen and verandah painted etc. etc.
- Mar 5 Got verandah to kitchen built and painted.
- Mar 16 Finished W.C. today – *Dove* arrived.
- Passing through **Kawataria** village today – came across a knot of men – After urging one another one told me there was a snake in the yam house and asked me to kill it. I did so. They were afraid thinking it was one of their ancestors and the killing would bring them disaster. They had placed a lot of native wealth underneath it as an appeasing gift and were pleading with it to leave them and go away. In passing they bent as before a chief and accosting it asked permission – just as if passing a chief. It is the same with lizards which visit their houses they give them food and plead with them to preserve them from harm. Some people today were terribly afraid because I had killed the snake. *Besa Sinau ku Sisu Walakaiwa. Thus they accost them – Or – Kuisu Sinau Baka Laosi.*
- March 18 Started for **Dobu** to bring Sallie.
- March 20 Reached **Dobu** in dingey – *Dove* at Samaria.
- Ap 2 Reached home – having left **Dobu** on Mar 31. Found all well.
- April 3 Sallie taken with severe internal pains in the night.  
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- April 7 Sallie better after a bad bout – the pains not quite finished. Either inflammation or spasms. *Dove* left again for **Dobu**.
- April 25 Dr Vaughan came – very glad to see him. Sallie ill with fever and Ruth being weaned.
- May 3 Dr Vaughan left – his visit has been very pleasant.

- May 30 Sallie, Ruth and I have all had fever all this month. Sallie violent vomiting and bad delirium. Today we are much better and free from fever.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> Sister Emily left today in the *Dove* on furlough. Sister Julia, who came in *Dove* last week (May 22<sup>nd</sup>) for her holiday also returned to **Dobu** today. Sister Emily took a small parcel of pearlshells for Dr Brown and a parcel of paintings for him.
- June 12 *Merrie England* anchored at Taobua today.
- June 13 Governor came ashore this morning – took observations – examined school – then I had lunch with him. In afternoon he examined girl’s sewing and took a sample with him. Expressed himself as delighted with the bearing and work of the children. He said we have “**tremendous force**” in these boys and girls. He was greatly pleased with the curios I had gathered him. He took tea with us and spent the evening in pleasant chat. He showed much pleasure in a copy of our catechism etc I had written out for him. Also with the photos of **Kiriwina** carving etc I gave him. I also gave him M.S.S. – map of inland villages **Kiriwina** etc.
- June 14 Governor went inland for **Emarakana** and **Kaibola** – I was not able to go because of fever. I walked as far as **Gumilababa**. He expressed great thanks again and again, and at the last Goodbye he said – “I am infinitely obliged to you”.  
Moreton and Butterworth were left here. Latter visited **Kulua**. Mr Moreton came up and wrote out the mandates for a number of boys and girls. Then looked after burial of bodies taken out of the village. Yesterday evening half a dozen **Kawataria** men were made fast for running away and refusing to dig up the dead. I went down and on their giving their word to dig up today they were set free. Nakwaiau was arrested for lifting a spear.
- June 16 Mr Moreton left this morning and took mails also the photo of **Kiriwina** shield and interpretation with a letter to the Governor. I sent Samuela with *Meda* to bring back the Governor’s answer to our District address to him which I presented to him day before yesterday.
- 1898**
- June 30 *Dove* came bringing a letter from Sir William MacGregor in which he says:- “ As for the future – Courage, courage, courage. **Kiriwina** is a success. It will be a great success. Goodbye and many, very many thanks for assistance of all kinds public and private. Sincerely Yours Wm MacGregor.” He also says “ kind regards to Mrs Fellows. Please present to the Forget-me-not baby, in my name the accompanying bottle. I meant to send her one ounce of Mambare gold but I have no weights. It should weigh 4 soverigns if it reaches you all right.” The bottle came all right. Both gift and letter touched Sallie and me very much.
- Aug 9 *Olive Branch* came in this evening.
- Aug 10 Captain Mitchell came from *O.B.* asking for help to get yams.

- 16 *O.B.* left this afternoon and anchored in the the bay for the night. She took about 5 tons from **Kawataria**.
- 19 Mr Moreton left today. He came last Thursday but spent Saturday and Sunday at **Kaduaga** and **Kiriwina**. Came again on Monday. On Tuesday we went to **Teiavi** where Mr M. gave them the law as to burials. Went on to **Tukuauku** and did same – also bought an addition to Mission property on which top build a Sister's house. Mr M. tried to get children to school but failed. He started them on to clean up the village but only a part of it done as he gave Bulitara a lecture and refused tobacco. I interpreted at Mick's trial for forcing a married woman.

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