

down to meet me. They gave me a
real than meeting & one dear brother
invited me to his house to stay, but
I had to decline this for business reasons
- a brother called W. J. G. H. S. P. M. Weymouth
was also with them, who had heard of me
through Mrs Wilkins & Miss Kiddle, he
seems a very choice brother & of an
Excellent spirit - I got to the morning
meeting & took the gospel in the evening
- had a good day & dear Parley came
to my hotel with me afterward said
good bye: To night D. S. I gave an
address at the room - they seem to
have a great readiness to hear a little
simple truth - am hoping to get
my work done here so as to leave again
on Wednesday or Thursday for Christchurch
- the following week Dunedin & Hobart
& the following Melbourne where I hope
to get good tidings from home once more.
- I trust the Lord graciously preserves & com-
forts you all, for which I pray unceasingly
- in His mercy He keeps me in good health

Wellington, New Zealand, Feb 21/07 (47)
My Beloved Angel,
I wrote you last from Auckland also
to Arnold Harry & hope the letters have ar-
rived safely - shall be very glad to hear
from you all again in about 2 or 3 weeks
by which time I expect to reach Melbourne
D. S. My visit to Auckland was a very
happy one in every way through the tender
mercy & goodness of our gracious God -
the saints were very hearty & kind & were
refreshed in their spirits - it would have
taken 2 or 3 months to have visited them
all after the Colonial fashion - dear
Mr Jull drove me out to his farm & I spent
the night with them & was made very
comfortable - their love abounded in deed
- dear Mrs Jull & the children were all
so kind & they appear to like their new
life amid the bush - the dear lads work
away felling the trees & splitting up the
wood to make fences & other necessary
things - they have a capital idea of it
too - Mr J. invited in some of my neigh-
bouring farmers (Xians) to tea & afterward
we had a nice reading - it would have
amused you to see them leaving afterwards

in their carts to drive away across fields & gutties that would have frightened a person from the old country - we followed a long way with lanterns & you may judge of what sort of a climate it was that I carried a lighted candle a considerable distance & rest with it too. It is a lovely country & climate. - as for my business at Auckland, it eclipsed anything in Canada or America - seven names were given to me as first class reliable people & I did business with all of them - I expect I'd will be rather astonished when they receive the sheet. I left Auckland on Thursday last & dear Mr. Jull this wife & many others in fellowship kindly came down to the ship to see me off. We reached a nice little town called Napier on Saturday morn'g & remained there until the afternoon - I had written to a large firm there sending lists to & advising my proposed call during the steamers stay, so on landing in the launch I took the bus to them

warehouse with my case of samples & booked a splendid berth for which I was indeed very thankful - saw a lot of the maories in the town & also met two young gentlemen from Philadelphia who came across the Pacific with us & are on a two years tour round the world - we arrived here on Sunday morning a little after 9 after a splendid passage from Auckland, keeping near the coast all the way - it is a much bolder coast than ours - such immense ranges of mountains towering one above another - the steamers are superbly fitted up with every conceivable comfort & was very full of passengers going to the different southern towns & also to Hobart & Melbourne - there was a great number of people on the wharf at Wellington on our arrival & the brethren at Auckland had written to say I purposed being with them, so I looked about among the crowd from our lofty upper deck & recognised Mr. Powley & some others with him who had kindly come -

The Captains of the "Alameda" gave me his
 photo that a great wish for mine in
 return one of which is enclosed - I
 wonder if the dear children will know
 who it is - Daisy will see that I am
 continuing on the Ceipung like a fly.

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I doer indeed give me mercies which
 all my praise exceed. - ~~Jan 22/07~~ Feb 22/07
 We had a nice meeting last night & dear
 Mr. Souley sat again with me & have a
 look at my samples which are all
 spread out in a very comfortable little
 room - I should never have believed
 it possible that our biscuits would have
 kept so well - the food I am now
 showing left Lardar after the Railway
 wreck, so that they crossed the Atlantic
 & were knocking about with me in
 America for two months constantly
 exposed - then a voyage through the
 tropics & yet many of them are as
 fresh & crisp to eat as when they left
 the water. My business in New
 Zealand will eclipse anything I did
 in Canada & America - there is a
 very large & first class firm of wholesale
 merchants here who cover the whole of
 New Zealand every month - called as
 then yesterday noon? I was well received

They afterwards came up & spent
about 2 hours looking over my
samples & were much pleased
with them & to my joy have decided
to take them up in real ^{earnest} interest
— they requested me to make out a
list of the kinds & quantities likely
to suit the market which I have
done — making up about a 2 or
3 hundred pound order, should they
confirm this it will be a grand affair
for A. & M. if I do nothing more in
the colonies. This is a beautiful
place such a grand & lovely harbour
— the great steamers can come in at
any time — the hills around are
simply magnificent & the climate
is so bright & refreshing. Purpose
moving on to Christchurch in a day
or two.

Thursday, Feb 24/07
My order is confirmed with very little
alteration & a second one given to
follow a month or two after so as to
arrive here in November. The sails
are all very kind & I am out to tea
every evening somewhere, last night
at a brokers called Pottet recently
from Beckham — the night before at
Mrs Stanley — Mrs Stanley sends her
kind love to Miss Wilkins.

And now I must send my kind
love too & hope it will not be much
longer before I shall be able to express
it face to face — much love to yourself
My dearly beloved wife also dear
Annie Harriett & all the darling
children, dear Harry Emma & their
darling children, & all our dear
friends at Selmacombe & Barnstaple
I believe me to be very affec
tionately