

were in the field & young persons whose parents attend [our] church were duly in attendance upon the Sisters of Saint Ann. The arrival of the [two] Miss Penrices happily enabled us to open our Female Institution without delay. This we did today under Mrs. Lowe and the two Miss Penrices. The attendance was twelve. Of these, several had come from the school of the Romist sisters.

CHAPTER [MEETING]

Being Monday we had the usual meeting of Clergy, at which we numbered, including myself, eight. We discussed various matters such as the consecration services & [the] week's proceedings at Saint John's, the formation of a Church Society, the establishment of a church newspaper, etc.

EVENING DEVOTIONAL MEETING

I attended. The subject was the education of the young. Mr. Cridge, Mr. Garrett & I took part. The attendance was very small indeed.

September 4, Tuesday.

A meeting again of Chapter, eight present, various matters settled, Collegiate school prospectus, Church Society, Church Newspaper, etc.

September 5, Wednesday.

A WEDDING

At half past ten I rode out to Hillside to perform the marriage ceremony for a daughter of Mr. Work, a member of the Council, Miss Mary Work to Mr. J.A. Graham. There was a large assemblage. It took place at the house, by the express wish of the family for special reasons, though against my own feelings in some respect. But in these countries while roads are difficult of passage & conveyances are scarce, there must be exceptions made to the rule which would have marriage in the church & sustain the solemn character of the ordinance.

I was not able to stay [for the wedding] breakfast owing to having to start by the *Forward*, H.M. Gunboat at twelve, for Admiral Island [Salt Spring Island] & Nanaimo.

VOYAGE TO ADMIRAL ISLAND AND NANAIMO

Admiral Sir Lambert Baynes very kindly placed the Gunboat, *Forward* at my service. We left the harbour of Victoria about twelve. I found several canoes of Haida Indians about the ship. They wanted protection past

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the Cowichan. We took them in tow. There were four canoes, with about fifteen to nineteen in each, returning to their home for the winter, having been to Victoria to trade.

The day was lovely & the passage up the Haro Strait & through the many islands was most pleasing. At half past six we came to anchor in Ganges Harbour. I immediately went on shore with Mr. Smith, one of the officers and the Rev. Mr. Lowe.

SETTLEMENT GANGES HARBOUR— EVENING SERVICE IN A LOG HUT

It was dusk & soon became dark but I was anxious to visit at once some of the people. We pulled up to the head of the harbour & walked up a winding trail through a deserted Indian village to a log hut. This was the house of Mr. Lenaker [Lineker] the principal settler. We found himself, a most respectable man who had been a merchant, and his wife the daughter of a clergyman, with their children. In the corner was stored away [many] chickens & little pigs, in addition to the younger branch of the family. After a good deal of talk & having fixed for a service to be held the next day, we had prayers. I read a few lines of Matthew 6 & explained & we concluded with the evening hymn. They expressed their thanks & said they certainly never should have expected the Lord Bishop to visit [an] out of the way settlement like that. 'Oh,' I said, 'if the Bishop is spared, you will, I trust, often see him in such places & much delighted am I to come'!

Mr. Lineker lighted us back to our boat & we pulled again through the quiet & placid water in which the phosphoric light was stirred by the oars & by the fish which we could see darting away in all directions beneath the boat.

EVENING PRAYERS IN THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN

Before retiring to our berths we had prayers. I read a portion of Scripture & offered prayers. It is a comfort to be in a vessel so well ordained & with so good a man as Captain Robson.

September 6, Thursday.

MORNING PRAYERS—THE FORWARD

At nine the crew were mustered as usual. I read a portion of Scripture, John 8:31, etc., 'Sons & Slaves' & explained, [and] then prayers. After breakfast we went on shore. Mr. Lineker was waiting. Captain Robson went out with his gun & shot three grouse. Rev. Mr. Lowe & myself went with Mr. Lineker & Mr. Richardson, a coloured person, to visit the different clearings.

GANGES HARBOUR SETTLEMENT

The plots are laid out in oblongs of 200 acres each. In the whole island some 8000 acres are taken up, about half are on this side. Although hardly a year has elapsed, yet much has been cleared. A log barn has been built upon each. Some three or four acres have been brought under cultivation in each lot. Garden produce of all sorts is to be seen. Cabbages, potatoes, beetroot, onions, tomatoes, peas, cucumbers, watermelons, carrots, etc., & wheat & oats, [also] pigs, poultry & calves.

The soil is good generally, a light kind, some very good black loam, a great deal of this latter principally in the valleys. I should say there is no better land in British Columbia that I have seen, nor in Vancouver Island. There is considerable wood to be cleared, but extensive open ground [is] covered with fern. The timber is not heavy or thick. There is good water from wells. Grouse are to be had. Deer in abundance & good. Fish plentiful. Miss Lineker today was at the water's edge raking in smelts. We had some for dinner & capital they were. In winter wild fowl are abundant. Mr. Lineker told me he could come down & shoot as many as he wanted whenever he liked. The settlers complain of the hawks, the chicken hawks who pounce upon the chickens at the very door of the house.

CANADIAN SETTLER

I visited Mr. Booth's farm. He was busy clearing. I asked how he liked the place, he said very well, it was much better than Canada, from the winter being so mild.

YOUNG MEN FROM ENGLAND

Two fine young fellows from the old country, Despard & Andrews, have a farm. They have just finished their log hut. They came late. They have been unfortunate. A cow got into their potatoes & destroyed all the first fruits of their labours. A sow had a litter but all the little pigs were killed. They were not in good heart, I endeavoured to cheer them up.

COLOURED PEOPLE

I visited the farm of Mr. Richardson, a coloured person. He has shown great diligence & is successfully overcoming the land. Several acres showed abundant crops. I visited Mr. Moore, a coloured preacher, he too has a farm. There are a good many coloured people. Their clearings bear comparison with those of others.

THE LAKE

There is a beautiful lake about three miles from the landing place. Fish & wild fowl abound in it.

DIVINE SERVICE

At three thirty the people gathered at Mr. Lineker's. We had the litany & hymns. I preached from Second Corinthians 4:10-31 [?] & showed the motives, guide, power & fruit of a Christian life. After service, Mr. Lineker expressed the thanks of the settlers for my visit, hoped I should come again & trusted that I [should] be able to send them a clergyman. I replied I was glad to be amongst them & would do all I can.

They came down with me in a body to the boat. We shook hands & parted.

THE SETTLER'S WIFE—AN INDIAN FIGHT

Mrs. Lineker is the daughter of a clergyman in Australia, Sydney, the Rev. Mr. Vincent. Her father was one of the first clergy out there. She knew intimately the well known Samuel Marsden who had often driven her, when a child, in his gig. She used to stay for weeks at his house.

Sometimes the life [here] is one of fear to her. She dreads the Indians. Six weeks ago there was a fight of Indians in the harbour close to their dwelling. A canoe of Haida Indians came in. The Cowichans owed them a grudge for some injury done years ago. Some fifty Cowichan set upon their canoe. They fired at them from behind trees. First, one Haida fell & then another. At length most were killed & one woman taken prisoner. Some escaped a little way but were intercepted & shot down. Ten were thus killed. Mrs. Lineker was much alarmed. She ran with her child to the woods.

A RESCUE

Shortly after, the *Satellite* came into the harbour & succeeded in rescuing the [Indian] woman. She was brought to Victoria. When they arrived one Haida had reached [Victoria] also, the only survivor of the massacre. It turned out he was husband to the woman who was rescued. Their joy may be conceived, each supposing the other murdered.

EVENING SERVICE ON BOARD THE FORWARD

This evening at seven we had evening service. Mr. Lowe read prayers. I read lessons & preached upon the 'Lord's Prayer.' We had a hearty service & plenty of singing. The men seemed to enjoy the service & were very attentive. I trust a blessing was left upon some.

September 7, Friday.

This morning about six we moved round to the settlement on the northeast side of Admiral Island. This we had approached yesterday at

the lake. We were two hours steaming round. At nine I read prayers & spoke a few words to the men from the 139th Psalm.

At half past ten went on shore.

NORTHEAST SETTLEMENT ON ADMIRAL ISLAND

Mr. Lowe accompanied me on shore. Several settlers met us. I visited most of the log houses which are built on each lot. The land is much more open than on the other side which we visited yesterday. It is quite park like & the soil is sometimes rich black loam, at other times a marly & not rich kind. There is plenty of fine grass. There are sixteen settlers, mostly young men. Nearly all are living with Indian women.

I visited, amongst others, the farm of Elliot. He was blacksmith at Nanaimo for some years. He has a good log house. He had built extensive accommodation for fattening pigs. He was roofing a cattle house. Several acres were sown with potatoes, etc.

Another farm was that of Mills. He has fenced twenty five acres & plowed them. About three acres were growing potatoes. He has fifty pigs, two cows, & two oxen, [...] calves & poultry. He comes from Ethan in Kent.

Another farm was that of Mr. Beggs who understands nursery grounds. He has about four acres under cultivation. He has planted an orchard. His vegetables are excellent. The soil is a rich black loam. He says it is all he could wish. He proposes laying out his ground as a nursery & I doubt not will find a market in the growing requirements of the colonies.

Mills had an ox house, a store barn, in which hay & pea [...] were stored & [he] had just completed seven excellent log pens for pigs. All animals at this time live & thrive upon what can be obtained in the bush. Pigs root up 'pig-nuts' & the [...]. In the winter stock will be fed upon hay, peas & potatoes. Fish are plentiful. Deer in abundance. You can get a deer weighing eighty pounds for one dollar. A fine buck of 120 pounds for one and a half dollars.

SERVICE AT NORTHEAST SETTLEMENT

At one o'clock I held service, about nine were present. I read litany. We had three hymns. The singing was excellent. The cards which have ten hymns answer well. These I distribute beforehand & gather them in afterwards.

Our service was in the log house of Geary, whose substitute Landers [Lauten] was present & very glad to have the service. I observed several joined as though the words were familiar. I preached from the 'Prodigal Son.' They were attentive. I instanced cases I knew of, in the misery of

young men who go to the mines & spend all in riotous living. Some had been to the mines. One told Captain Franklin afterwards, 'Sir, I know many cases exactly as that gentleman described.' I exhorted them to reflect upon their lives. [I] spoke of home & the heavenly home, invited them to the loving & merciful Saviour & trust the word spoken, though feebly, will not be without fruit.

The settlers expressed their desire for a clergyman. I hope we may be able to help them & yet I hardly know how. They accompanied me down to the boat.

GROUSE AT ADMIRAL ISLAND

Captain Robson yesterday shot three [and] today he has bagged a brace of grouse. They are called partridges, but are of the grouse kind, though somewhat larger. They are excellent eating.

INDIANS AT ADMIRAL ISLAND

An old chief came on board this morning. He brought berries & wanted powder which the Captain kindly gave him. He had a chain round his neck to which was appended a crucifix. He had a roll of paper which he prized, amongst which were some scripture cards. We trust somehow they may be [. . .] to the influences of R[omanist] priests. He attended our service on shore & it was interesting to hear him join in the singing. He had been at our prayers on board ship in the morning. I asked if he knew what it meant. He said he did & that God had taught him to be good. He told me that their head chief was anxious to see me. I wish I had something to give these poor creatures which would be prized instead of Romist toys, and yet how much better to give them the 'treasure which rust & moth do not corrupt,' but they are like children & Rome deals with them as such.

September 8, Saturday.

NANAIMO

We reached Nanaimo last evening, at half past seven. The passage was beautiful, a fine day & lovely scenery. By the route we came, Nanaimo is about fifty miles from Victoria, the outside route is seventy-two [miles].

This morning at ten I went ashore. The *Otter* was at the wharf with Mr. Dallas, Mr. Fraser & Mr. McTavish. I walked about with Mr. Franklin [Franklyn] & Mr. Nichol. Inspected the Methodist meeting house nearly finished. It is to cost 950 dollars. Went into a coal pit. Dined with Mr. Nichols [Nichol], met Dr. Benson, Captain Franklin & Captain Robson, besides Mr. Lowe.

from there being no [Anglican] church they have hitherto attended the Methodists. One man called Dick Richardson, once a bad character, now reformed, a Methodist, said he understood we were going to build a church. He wished to subscribe ten dollars. He told me of an apparition he had seen of his father.

There were some nice children.

Captain Robson yesterday caught about a dozen trout in the Millstone River. Today he went out & shot three brace of grouse. Mr. Nichol told me deer are plentiful. The other day, near where we rode, he started three.

September 11, Tuesday.

We left Nanaimo at half past four. The Captain received on board a dissenting minister & his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Robson. The latter being ill & wishing a passage to Victoria. We also had a daughter of Captain Franklyn.

FULFORD HARBOUR SETTLEMENT

At eleven we reached Fulford Harbour. Captain & myself went on shore. A neat cut road led up to the dwelling of four Germans. These industrious men are occupied in cutting shingles for roofing & staves for salmon casks from the cedar. They are friends who came out from Germany together, who lived at the mines in California together & who have come here & intend to remain. They are Roman Catholics, one [is] a Protestant. They appear quiet & respectable. I spoke of the obligations of religion. They said, when a man had opportunity, it was a disgrace not to go to church. The chief speaker was a fine young man who unhappily, several times, took the name of God in vain.

They have no land yet under cultivation. They take their work to Victoria & bring back food. They clear three and a half dollars on the 1000 shingles. They have a constant supply of venison. A deer just killed was hanging up. Abundance of deer skins showed how good their supply was. They have also grouse.

The spot is pleasant. Some Englishmen lived a short distance off but have left for a while. I should think good land might be found in the west side of the harbour. A small stream runs into the sea, which flows from a lake three miles up.

We reached Victoria at half past six. I found my American guests had arrived. The Reverend Mr. Kendig & wife from the Fort Steelacom, & the Reverend Mr. Willis, from Olympia. Bishop Scott was prevented from coming.