



On board the Hamilton Regs. Table Bay. So. Africa.
 22/9 Mo. 1840. This day I parted from my friends in
 Cape Town; & more particularly from my beloved Compa-
 nion & fellow-labourer in the gospel, J. Backhouse,
 after an intimate association & fellowship with him on
 religious grounds, of more than nine years standing.
 It seemed to myself like separating two branches that had
 both been united at the base, & were centred in the same
 stock & root: for, whatever may have been our differ-
 ences of sentiment, or of disposition, (I with respect to
 the latter, they were diverse,) on religious grounds we
 were ever preserved in unity, & harmony of gospel labour-
 an unspeakable mercy which ought to inspire us with
 devout thankfulness. We were favoured to feel the precious,
 cementing influence of our Heavenly Father's love in a
 very especial manner in the morning at our usual reading
 hour. & in a measure of that unity of spirit ^{which} remains
 to be the bond of peace, could bid one another, Farewell!
 in the Lord, in the assurance that the same gracious
 Power who had first brought us together, by a wonderful
 series of providences, now called us to part for a season
 in the flesh - probably not to meet again until the final
 resurrection of the just. May each be enabled to be faith-
 ful in his day & generation, bringing glory to our God and
 Saviour who has dealt marvellously & mercifully ^{with us} both, &
 has kept us as in the hollow of his hand, through numerous
 dangers, & conflicts, seen & unseen, - that thus each may
 be found in our lot at the end of time, & be prepared to
 meet with joy before the throne of the Lord God & the
 Lamb. & be clothed with the pure spotless raiment of
 righteousness that is prepared for the redeemed of the
 Lord out of every nation, kindred, tongue & people. Amen.
 My dear Companion & a few more friends accom-
 panied me on board the vessel in the afternoon, when we finally
 separated. The vessel was got under weigh shortly after
 but came to anchor again, the same evening, in the Bay.
 The wind being adverse, & night promising to be very dark.
 I have a commodious stern-cabin. The only passenger besides
 myself is J. L. Taighe, a medical officer, proceeding to

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Van Diemen's Land in order to join his regiment, the 51st.
The "Hamilton" Pease is 289 tons register, laden with flour,
wine & dried fruits: Captain Allen, the Commander.

23/9 Mo. 1840. Fourth day. Confined to my Cabin the whole
day being too sick to rise. A fine fair wind carried us well
round the Cape, & gave us a good offing.

24/9 Mo. Fifth day. Still very sick, but got a little on
deck in the afternoon.

25/9 Mo. Sixth day. Somewhat improved in health. Proposed
to the Captain, & the Doctor, reading the Scriptures aloud, after
breakfast, which was acceded to. Commenced this morning
for the first time. Wind beginning to fail with indications
of a change.

26/9 Mo. Seventh day. The wind became adverse, & towards
night increased to a heavy gale from the East, with a little
hold of south. Before midnight nearly every stitch of sail
had to be taken in. I again became exceedingly sick, & to add
to my troubles, was driven from my berth by the wet coming
in over head, & soaking a part of my bedding.

27/9 Mo. First day. Having got scarcely a wink of sleep the
previous night, & being moreover very sick & hoarse, I did not
rise till noon. It proved a stormy, comfortless day, & very
little outwardly to remind me that it was the first of the
week - yet was it not wholly destitute of comfort from the
Lord. The Captain civilly caused one of the main Cabin berths
to be prepared for me, into which I removed my bedding; this
has greatly added to my comfort.

28/9 Mo. Second day. Had some interesting conversation at
the breakfast table, & after reading, with Dr. Faighe & others,
we afforded satisfaction in the review. I trust through
the help of Truth was measurably exalted. - This morning
we were again favoured with a fine fair wind. Made a
commencement with my writing.

29/9 Mo. Wind still favourable. Made further progress in
transcribing several documents into my M.S. book.

30/9 Mo. Completed a copy of the English version of the tract
addressed by J.B. & myself to the Col^l. Inhabit^{ts} of S. Africa,
intended for my friends in England. - Had a very inter-
esting season in the evening with the Captain & Dr. Faighe
in which my mind was much enlarged in exposition of the
doctrines of the Gospel - especially that all important one
of salvation by grace, given through the mediation of a
crucified Redeemer, & the necessity of faith in the same &
obedience thereto. They both assented to the truth - & the
Captain especially shewed a degree of feeling on the subject, as

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well as of a acquaintance with the Scriptures, that was
very gratifying to me to observe. May this little service
for the dear Redeemer be like bread cast on the waters that
shall return after many days. - We continue to make
nice progress in the voyage, running in 39° 30' S. Lat.:

1/10 Mo. This being the usual day for holding our mid-
week meeting, when on shore, I spent some time in secret
retirement before the Lord; although I found the motion
of the ship, & state of my frame in a physical respect,
not favourable to settlement of mind, I was favoured
to experience a little measure of renewed strength - a glimpse
of Heavenly Good (amid much barrenness,) that was comforting.
Day partly occupied in transcribing my journal; & in arran-
ging my accounts: &c.

2/10 Mo. 1840. Sixth day. Completed N^o. 146 sheet of the
journal. Towards evening it blew a heavy gale from the west-
ward.

3/10 Mo. Seventh day. Last night was very stormy; I got
no sleep till daylight. It continues to blow hard from the
southward; the weather being very cold. A considerable part
of the day spent at my desk.

4/10 Mo. The morning proved beautifully fine, though the
wind was adverse, & temperature cold. I felt best satisfied
to propose to the Captain assembling the crew on the quarter-
deck, for the purpose of reading a Chapter in the Bible to
them. To this he cheerfully acquiesced, stating that it was
his intention to keep up the practice himself, as a means
of promoting the welfare of his crew, & the general good order
& discipline of the ship's company. Accordingly they all came
aft, about mid-day, when I read to them the Gospel of Luke's
gospel, & afterwards had an open time in testimony to the suf-
ficiency of the Grace of God, through Christ Jesus, to enable
us to work out our own souls' salvation, although our own
hearts by nature are depraved - yea desperately wicked.
The blessedness of knowing the peace of God to rule in the
heart was largely set forth, & all were invited to come unto
the footstool of Divine mercy, having a lively faith in Christ
as an all-sufficient Saviour, able to deliver to the uttermost
all who come unto God by him; that thus mercy might
be obtained & grace to keep in time of need. - Vocal suppli-
cation was subsequently made, that our sojourn together on
board the same ship might be blessed to us in dividually, in
stimulating one another to greater diligence in the great work
of our souls' salvation. &c. &c. The ship's company were sensible
of the blessing; & though from the materials furnished it was composed

it was not to be expected that the measure of Divine life would rise very high, yet on the whole I had reason to be thankful, & encouraged for the help bestowed on this occasion, wh^{ch} proved suff^{ic} in the needful time.

The latter part of the day became very stormy, & proved the prelude to a very awful & tempestuous night.

5/10 Mo. 1840. Second day. As the night advanced the wind increased, so that by midnight it blew a tremendous gale from the N.E. wh^{ch} continued, growing worse & worse till daylight. At this period the tempest was truly terrific, the wind roaring as it blew through the shrouds & rigging, with a violence approaching to that of a hurricane.

In the mean time the sea had got up to a fearful height, & wet everything on board that was exposed to its spray. One ill-timed sea found entrance at the door of the Companion as it was momentarily opened, & pouring down into the Stateroom, completely drenched the floor of it & each of our sleeping berths - several getting their bed places saturated with salt water. From the latter unpleasant dilemma

I this time was favoured to escape; but neither myself nor I suppose any one else on board could get a wink of sleep the whole night; the successive watches of men, as they went below, being again called up to reef top sails, or in other ways to contend with the continually increasing storm.

When it had reached its height, the vessel made a lurch to lee ward, & shipped so large a quantity of water that the long boat wh^{ch} was suspended outside, above the level of the deck, by means of iron uprights, on the starboard side, dipped into the sea & filled, & by its augmented specific gravity, tore away the rail, & was very nearly lost altogether, but was

at last with considerable difficulty secured on deck. The poor men would have a miserable night, from the Captain himself to the lowest in rank, the rain descending in torrents & completing the drenching of every thing on deck that the sea-water had partially spared.

We spent a very comfortable day outwardly, the floor of the cabin, & in short every thing below as well as upon deck being wet or damp, so that it was impracticable to sit & work, or to keep warm. The weather moderated, as the morning advanced, though rain continued to fall during the day. I employed my time in reading; but we all suffered much from the cold.

6/10 Mo. Third day. The previous night was a great improvement on the preceding one, & we were favoured to get some refreshing sleep. All seemed cheered & invigorated on the return of a fine day. It is still however very cold; the wind having considerable hold of South. Made a little progress in writing.

7/10 Mo. 1840. Fourth day. Weather moderate, but very cold. Hail fell occasionally both yesterday & during the night. Employed in transcribing the journal.

8/10 Mo. Fifth day. Occupied as yesterday. Devoted a portion of the forenoon to silent waiting before the Lord in my own cabin. Since coming on board I have been favoured with many sweet seasons of peace, & on the whole have reason to thank God, & take courage.

9/10 Mo. Sixth day. The weather continues moderate, & is much warmer than it was; with light winds from the westward. Day devoted principally to writing.

10/10 Mo. Seventh day. The wind towards evening increased to a gale. Closely occupied at my desk.

11/10 Mo. First day. Last night was very boisterous & stormy, blowing a gale of wind. Motion of the vessel such as to preclude sleep. To day it was wet, a thick mingling rain falling during the greater part of the day. The state of the weather did not admit of the people being assembled on the quarter-deck.

Reading & meditation formed the chief employments of the day, during which want of sleep was much felt in its effects on the frame.

12/10 Mo. Second day. A disturbed, wakeful night. Closely occupied during the day at my desk.

13/10 Mo. Third day. Last night was a turbulent & stormy one: the motion of the vessel such as to banish sleep from my eyelids until broad daylight. These sleepless nights unfit me for the occupations of the day, & are exercising to patience. Was nevertheless able to prosecute my writing.

14/10 Mo. Again passed a nearly sleepless night. The wind remains fair but is so strong, & right aft, that the motion of the ship is very considerable. We were within two good days run of St. Pauls today at 3 o'clock. This island is reckoned half way to V. D. Land.

15/10 Mo. Still making good way on our voyage. Rough weather; a heavy sea, & the wind squally, from the N.W.

16/10 Mo. This morning we were abreast of St. Pauls, wh^{ch} laid about two degrees east, we being in Lat. 40. 23' S. Making progress in my writing.

17/10 Mo. Seventh day. A heavy gale from the S.W. wh^{ch} continued all day. A tremendous sea got up, wh^{ch} happily for us was behind us, & did us no injury, as the ship scudded before it under close reef^d top sails. Towards sunset the wind began to moderate.

18/10 Mo. First day. The weather being moderate I had anticipated meeting the ship's Company on the quarter-deck, but they did not incline to assemble. The day previous having been a very stormy one, & their regular rest having been broken in upon, might partly be the occasion of this reluctance, in addition to the too prevalent indifference to their religious interests that characterizes this class of men; but I could

not help thinking the way in which the message was communicated from the Captain might have something to do with their refusal. - The latter read the Lessons of the day from the Prayer Book, with some of the prayers, & subsequently proposed my reading a Chap. in the Test. w^{ch} I did, but felt no liberty to make any comment.

19/10 Mo. Second day. Weather still moderate.

20/10 Mo. Third day. A fine breeze from the W. making rapid progress. Made also considerable advance in transcribing my journal, 6 sheets of which I have completed since coming on board, besides a seventh containing the English version of our address to the Col. Inhabits of So Africa.

21/10 Mo. Fourth day. Wind continues favourable: pursued my writing, though from the rolling of the ship it is not easy to perform the mechanical part. - The hurtful practice of dealing out grog, twice or oftener if the weather be unfavourable, during the day, is one that obtrains on board the vessel. I pity the poor men who are thus injured, though to them it is very congenial, as far as their own inclination is concerned: but this only makes the thing more replete with evil. When will the day come that this delusory practice will be done away, so hurtful to body & soul.

22 & 23/10 Mo. Nothing particularly worthy of notice to record. We continue to make rapid advance on our way; & I am also making good progress in transcribing.

24/10 Mo. Seventh day. Employed as yesterday.

25/10 Mo. Eighth day. The Captain read the Lessons of the day in the Cabin, the Doctor, two mates & myself being present. I had to bear a testimony towards the conclusion to the efficacy & value of the gift of Divine Grace offered unto all mankind through the Lord Jesus Christ, in paraphrasing upon the words of the Apostle Paul: "I thank my God for the Grace that is given unto you through the Lord Jesus Christ."

The disinclination of the thoughtless crew to attend those seasons of religious edification has shut them out from the instruction that might otherwise be afforded, which makes my heart sad. No way however has opened for labour with them, since the opportunity of w^{ch} I was enabled to avail myself three weeks ago. I have distributed tracts very generally among the sailors. - We were in Long. 103° W. today drawing to near the parallel of the coast of N. Holland.

I devoted a portion of the day to religious retirement. In the evening was comforted in reading the journal of our dear friend D. Wheeler, to whom my spirit felt nearly united in the love of the Gospel. - Rich^d. Allen (the Captain) seems much interested in reading his journal.

26/10 Mo. 1840. Second day. Wind from the N.E. very hazy & wet weather. Prosecuted my writing with diligence.

27/10 Mo. Third day. An opportunity occurred after reading the Scriptures of elucidating through holy help, some important Doctrines of the Gospel to the Doctor & Captain, in whose minds I trust there is an increasing disposition to receive them. - Closely occupied at my desk.

28/10 Mo. We had a few hours of adverse wind; but it veered round towards evening, & soon became fair, the ship again scudding before the breeze. It is 5 weeks to day since we left Table Bay during w^{ch} interval we have had but two days duration of contrary winds, & have experienced nearly one continued series of gales, some of which have been very heavy. Glad not the ship been a very sluggish sailer, we should have by this time completed the passage. Sat up till near 11 P.M. to complete No 154 sheet of the journal; though in a general way I have devoted the evening to reading. I have ^{been} greatly interested in John Williams' account of the Missions in the So Seas. My heart has been made glad at the prospect that has dawned upon those fair islands, so long immersed in superstition, idolatry, & vice.

29/10 Mo. Fifth day. Heavy squalls during the day. The wind fair. Making rapid advance in our right course.

30/10 Mo. Sixth day. Breeze continues steady from the W. with very little variation. By Lunar Observation in 122° W. Still occupied in transcribing.

31/10 Mo. Seventh day. My mind was much enlarged after reading this morning, while explaining the doctrine of salvation by Grace through faith, the gift & purchase of a glorified yet crucified Saviour. Surely the openness with which I am led to treat of this & other Scriptural doctrines, through in a sort of familiar & conversational way, with the Captain & Doctor, & the degree of interest manifested by those both in these subjects, warrant the hope that it will not be altogether in vain, or for nought. The Captain has read a great deal in the Scriptures, & though his ideas seem to have been but crude, & superficial on the subject of religion, there is an openness to conviction, as well as a degree of apparent concern for the welfare of his immortal soul that is hopeful. His remarks on a variety of subjects bespeak him a man of more reflection than the bulk of his class.

1/11 Mo. First day. A day to be remembered. Twice I retired to my Cabin, & was favoured to feel the refreshing influences of the Day-spring from on high. The Captain read the lessons &c. of the day in the Cabin; after w^{ch}, a little matter having been managed while gathering on my mind, I was strengthened to cast off my

burden; & again, after a short interval of silence, to supplicate the Divine mercy. This little offering of the Lord's own preparing was followed by a sweet feeling of heavenly peace, in wh^{ch} my spirit was led to rejoice in the God of my salvation. To day I finished the reading of dear D. Wheeler's journal, a lively record of the mercies of Israel's God to one of his dedicated servants - at once deeply instructive & encouraging.

2/11 Mo. Our fair wind continues to waft us onwards; we are fast approaching the desired goal - yet great is the uncertainty of the sea; we may yet have many tedious days to contend with. Hitherto the Lord has been gracious to us, & has given us a prosperous voyage. Last night my soul was sorely buffeted by Satan. Lord, do thou, for Jesus' sake undertake for me, for my spiritual foes are both lively & strong, & Thine alone art stronger than they. But with thy help I shall prevail.

3/11 Mo. This day. A day rendered memorable to me, to the latest hour of my existence: on which the friend of my heart, the desire of my eyes, was taken from me. But the Lord has been gracious to me; has raised me up another, even an earthly friend & companion, one of a thousand; whom I hope if it be His will soon to rejoin, our union to terminate no more, unless for a transient season in discharge of the Divine will. Moreover the God of my life has been himself my Almighty Friend, Counsellor & Guide. What shall I render unto him for all his benefits? - The wind has been scant today - yet we are gaining a little ground. Song: 136. 10 at 10 o'clock P. M. by Lunar Observation.

5/11 Mo. At 3 P. M. by observation of sun, Lat. 13. 39" S. Long 141. 58" - South Cape, V. D. L. distant about 190 miles, to S. W. Cape, bearing E.

6/11 Mo. At 10 o'clock P. M. The high land on the Western Coast of V. D. L. was distinctly visible from the deck. By 8 we were abreast of the New Stone. At 11 P. M. the Light House was abeam, showing a beautifully clear & revolving light, every few seconds. It is situated on Bruni's Id^l: at the entrance to D'Entrecasteaux Channel. At this hour it blew nearly a gale from the Westward, in which direction the heavens were dark & lowering, & the appearance of the weather altogether stormy & threatening; while on the island itself east of the central chain of mountains the moon shone brightly, the different Head Lands were visible, & the night had every indication of being calm & serene. This a perfect illustration of the difference between the Eastern & Western portions of Tasmania; the one being for the major portion of the year being little else than continued sun-burn, whilst storms & humidity as constantly prevail on the other.

7/11 Mo. 1840. Seventh day. At one A. M. The Hamilton Reef

rounded Tasman's Head, when almost instantaneously we got into light winds, & fine weather. At 8, the pilot came on board - the wind for some time baffling made little advance up Storm Bay. - After reading this morning I was engaged in vocal supplication that whether prosperity or adversity awaited us, the fear of the Lord might prevail in our hearts, so that neither the fear of man nor his smiles might induce us to turn aside from the path of obedience, but that we might above all things be concerned to know our calling & election to be made sure. I never rest satisfied without the abiding evidence of the Spirit of God bearing witness with our spirits that we are his. The tribute of thanksgiving was offered for the continued mercies of God - & for the prospect of speedy arrival at our desired haven. - I do trust there is a good work progressing in the mind of our Captain. He yesterday remarked to me, that he more than ever saw that the great concern of man - the business of his life should be to prepare for another, & a never ending existence. Lately he has been a constant attender of reading, & has been forward in promoting it. He has also shown much more self-command in dealing with the crew - some of whom have been very trying to patience. I have really admired his forbearance. Last evening he made the resolution of abstaining from Ardent Spirits - declaring in presence of the Doctor & both Mates, in answer to my recommendation to give it up - that from that time he would never drink any more, unless from necessity as a medicine. May his goodness not be as the morning cloud & the early dew - but may the Lord strengthen him with might in the inner man, enabling him to fulfil all His righteous will, is the prayer of my soul.

I left V. D. L. & took leave of my beloved S. on the anniversary of that memorable day on which my beloved M. B. was translated to a blissful immortality. I now again the coincidence is striking - this is the anniversary of the day on which her mortal remains were consigned to the tomb, & I seem likely, if it be the will of my gracious Lord, to once more clasp my dear S. in my arms. The times & the seasons are in thy hands, my Lord, & my God!

13/11 Mo. 1840. Sixth day. In accordance with the anticipation above recorded, I was favoured to land on the shores of Tasmania, on the afternoon of the 6th when I had

the felicity of once more embracing my dearest friend. The interval of three years during which we have been parted, & the many causes of solicitude, & of exertion, beyond what her physical strength is equal to, that have devolved upon this dear object of my hopes, have made her look care-worn & increasingly aged. Yet the mind & immortal part is the same, & affection - tender & constant affection undiminished. I feel it an unspeakable mercy thus to be restored to my friends - whom I have found generally well, & disposed to welcome my return. The weather has been so stormy that it was not till the 11th inst. I could get my things on shore. I sleep at S. J. G's but spend most of my time at R. Mathers. - No letters have arrived for me from England. I have no other alternative than to be still, & wait the Divine Will concerning me, which I trust will in condescending goodness be made plain in due time, & which the expected reply to my communications will measurably unfold. - J. P. is still in Sydney though expected home shortly. From my papers being on board I have been able to do nothing in the way of writing - save that I addressed a few lines to Ann Mathers, Sydney - to inform my friends there of my arrival. Dear Ann's letters are written in a very pleasing frame - indicative of increasing thoughtfulness & stability - those to my S. B. M. are full of affection, & exhibit the writer in a very amiable light. She promises to be a comfort to us. The circumstances attendant on the family in Liverpool &c. also furnish cause for heartfelt gratitude. R. M. now attends Wednesday Meeting, regularly. Samuel is much grown - not only in stature, but I do trust his mind is bending the right way - & I have some precious internal evidence that he is under the Omnipotent & Forming Hand, & will be a source of rejoicing to his sister & myself. Greatly has my heart been attracted towards this dear youth, & my soul drawn out on his behalf. His affection towards us is very grateful to our feelings.

23/11 Mo. Jos. B. Mattha returned home on the 20th by the Australasian Packet; he is much reduced in person & looks very ill, & is in a very critical state of health.

His account of A. Davy is agreeable, Jane Davy, his wife, has embraced Friends' views, & appears as a Friend. It seems likely will be a decided help to her husband. She assists him in his business, & is doing well. On the 21st I rec^d. a letter from my dear friend R. Priestman, (containing the affecting particulars of her precious parent's decease) which I have long anxiously looked for. The dispensation is blended with mercy - on the dear departed's account how grateful ought we to be - having the sweet assurance that her immortal spirit is redeemed, & now participates in that blessed inheritance which is prepared for the saints in light. It appears that my letters despatched in Lt. Mo. from Tullagh, to Africa, have been rec^d.; & that Col. Brazy has undertaken kindly to fulfil my commissions, tho' declining to participate in the risk. For a few days past my health has been a source of trial to me. Some of my old & painful symptoms - particularly the irregular action of the heart, have returned & have led to close searchings of conscience, & fresh application to the blood of Jesus. I have had to wade through deep waters - but my faith has not been let go, & blessed be God, though brought low, He has helped me; & a little increased earnestness in the great work of preparation for a never ending state which must soon arrive, has been the result of the Lord's fatherly chastisements; which I regard as an answer to my prayers, that by any means I might be made what he would have me to be. Seven times in a day will I praise thee, O Lord, because of thy righteous judgments. There is nothing, I know, I dread more than being left to myself. Be pleased, O most adorable Redeemer, to undertake for me! for unless thou helpest, vain are my own efforts, & equally vain is every other creature's help. - I feel better to day for the first time since my indisposition which has been coming on for a week, but was at its crisis apparently yesterday & the preceding day. For many nights I have had but little sleep.

Forwarded by Mail for England per Mariann as follows

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Do R. Priestman, A.C. dated 20	

* This beloved friend breathed her last in the presence of her 4 children & 6 grand children, on the 2/6 Mo. 1840. a little after nine, A.M.

28/11 Mo. 1840. I have had a return of my distressing symptoms, under aggravated circumstances. Yesterday, after a night of suffering, consulted Dr. Leacock, who has confirmed my own apprehensions by the expression of his decided judgment in regard to the nature of my complaint ^{is} he pronounces to be, enlargement of the heart. I have had 24 leeches applied externally to the chest, in order to produce counter-irritation, ^{is} it is to be still further promoted by the application of tartar emetic ointment ^{is} I have begun to use to day. Thus the holy Hand is laid upon me in Fatherly Chastisement, yet blessed be the Rock of my Salvation, mercy is blended with judgment. I have been kept in a resigned & peaceful state of mind since being apprised of the serious truth, I do believe that it will be over-ruled for good to my never dying soul. I have not for a long period, been more divested of ^{painful} anxiety or solicitude in regard to either temporal or spiritual concerns. An ability is given to resign myself into the hands of my blessed Redeemer, whose love is conspicuously manifested to my soul under this humbling dispensation. My dearest S. B. M. is also mercifully borne up, & though she feels the trial, yet she sweetly bows under the stroke. Blessed be the Lord, who is our Refuge & Deliverer, a very present help in time of trouble! - Forwarded by Mail of Emu, for England - on the 28th.

No. 148 Journal. J. B. York
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5/12 Mo. 1840. Since penning the above I have passed thro' as sore a season of conflict as I perhaps ever in my life experienced. For two days & nights in addition to the most distressing bodily affection, the consequence of disease, I was left to endure the feeling of my own wretchedness & need, with scarcely a ray of light or of hope to cheer the impenetrable gloom. Yet through all I was not permitted to let go altogether my hold on the hope in the mercy of God in Christ Jesus. The heavens however were as brass & the earth as iron: until the Lord was pleased to say it is enough, I caught the light of his glorious countenance once more to shine upon my afflicted soul.

The Sun of righteousness arise as with healing on his wings, & not only soul but body participated in the Sanative virtue of his genial rays. Praise be the excellent name of my God, whose loving kindness are unfailing - & who has proved himself a Refuge in the hour of trial & conflict. His mercies are indeed ancient & new. The Yearly Meeting has commenced & I am well enough to attend its sittings. The Doctor has somewhat altered his opinion respecting my complaint: having now doubts as to the existence of any organic disease in the heart. The symptoms are very greatly alleviated, indeed nearly removed. Forwarded today by mail of Emu, copy of our address to the Col. People of Africa, with a few lines appended to my friend J. Priestman.

Letter containing as above to
J. N. Castle - per Emu.

11/11 Mo. Yesterday notice was given at the conclusion of the morning Meeting for worship of my intended marriage with S. B. M. which had been previously laid before the Monthly Meeting on the 3^d inst. Several strangers were present at Meeting yesterday, both in the morning & afternoon. A. C. Flower & J. Cotton & myself were all engaged in testifying on the forenoon & A. C. F. & myself in the afternoon. I am so much improved in my health that I can now rise as steep hill without difficulty.

On the 15th inst. our marriage was solemnized in Friends Meeting House, Murray St. The place was just full, many of the respectable inhabts being present. & signing their names to the Marriage Certificate, at the same time shaking hands with us in token of their friendly feeling towards us both. It was a solemn & favoured Meeting, in which the presence of Him who condescended to attend the Marriage at Canaan in Galilee, was sensibly felt, controuling the thoughts, & fixing the mind on heavenly things & under the vivifying & transforming influence of which living testimonies were borne

to the efficacy of Divine Grace - that grace wd come by Jesus Christ - God's unspeakable Gift - to direct not only in things spiritual, but also in the important concerns of life, that often having an intimate relation to our eternal interests. All were invited to come unto this in themselves - that so their faith might not stand in the wisdom of man but in the power of God. Some in the gathering, & of the higher class among men, bore witness to the reaching power of Truth, under w^{ch} their hearts were touched, & they were broken even to tears. A. B. Flower, F. Cotton & myself all had service in testimony to satisfaction. I was myself more than usually drawn out, & our labours were in perfect harmony, one confirming & establishing the truths declared by the other. - We dined with a very few friends at my Father in Law's - where we had a solemn religious assembly. The same evening, wd was again eminently owned by gracious Lord to the tendering of many hearts - J. M. F. Cotton, & I being successively engaged vocally - in testimony, or in supplication.

On the 17th, a consp^o by E. Dixon & my brothers Joseph & Samuel, (the latter riding my saddle horse) my dear Wife & myself left town stopping the first night at Wazdad, & the second at Oakland. On the day following we reached Captⁿ Dixon's residence on the Isis. Jos. & Saml. returning from Oakland with the two gigs wd we had engaged. Captⁿ D. having caused a chaise to be forwarded in time to convey his sister & my Wife to Skelton Castle, while I rode by their side on horse back. Here we spent ten days of quiet seclusion, except that we visited the Gatenbys, & the family of Jas. Mackersy. & saw a few other neighbours. On the 20th & 27th I had some religious service with the family & servants of Captⁿ D. as well as on some other occasions at family reading. My dear S. also had a few words to express at the last assembly of the men - much to my comfort, & the opening of my way to further expression in supplication. This spirit^{lly} was more satisfactory than the former - the men evincing considerable indifference & hardness on the first occasion, but some

of them being broken down on this. - On the 30th took leave of my beloved wife, & Captⁿ Dixon's family & proceeded to meet my bro^r Jos. B. Mather at Geo. Dixon's on the Lower Clyde, according to previous arrangement entered into by letters, wd passed between us during my short sojourn at Skelton Castle. - Rob^t Dixon, a cousin of Esther D. is laid up at her brother's of a sore knee. He has been confined to his bed for nearly a year & half, & during that interval of affliction his mind has undergone a most happy change. From a thoughtless, money-making man of the world (what would be termed a prudent, saving man,) he has become a humble, submissive follower of the Lord Jesus. The reading of Friends Books appears to have been a chief instrument in the Divine Hand in opening his eyes to the Truth, & he has acted in numerous respects faithfully on his convictions in regard to those peculiar testimonies wd Friends are called upon to bear before the world. He is a striking instance of the power of Divine Grace in transforming the mind, & moulding the refractory & unregenerate will, to the high & holy purposes for effecting wd the dispensation of affliction is unquestionably in mercy sent. R. Dixon is one who can say in truth - It is good for me that I have been afflicted. It is a comfort to sit by him; the sweet, peaceful covering that attends the mind at seasons while in his company, affording evidence that he is under the gracious notice of the Shepherd of Israel.

After leaving Captⁿ Dixon's I dined at Baptist Dixon's, & proceeded through Oakland to Anstey Boston where I was hospitably entertained for the night. Mary Anstey, her eldest dau^r. Julia, & several of her children (sons) have become Roman Catholics! Tho^o Anstey himself does not profess with them, but alludes to the system of Catholicism with apparent complacency. On the 31st I rode to Bothwell where I dined at Geo. Nichols (who is now married to J. Espies dau^r.) I saw Hendrick Nichols from Jericho. (Called on Philip & Sophia Peisell, & on Geo. & Sarah Bell, & then went forward to the Lower Clyde, reaching G. Dixon's the same evening, where I found my brother

waiting my arrival. Here we remained till the 2^d
of 1st Mo. 1841. expecting the arrival of G. Dixon who
had gone to town, & was to have returned the same evening
on wh^{ch} I reached his dwelling, his son Rob^t having
gone to meet him with horses, but as they did not
return as was anticipated we proceeded on the 7th
10 day morning to John Sherwin's farm (Sherwood) now
occupied by his son George who rents it of his father,
John S. Jun^r. also being united with him: We had
some service here the same evening, & staid the fol-
lowing day to dinner, holding a Meeting during the
course of the forenoon with the family & estate
amounting to about a score of persons. In the
8 afternoon proceeded to Bothwell, where we staid
over the following day, lodging at the Inn, & taking
a part of our meals with G. S. Bell. Had sever-
al religious interviews with these individuals,
wh^{ch} were to satisfaction: they appear to be zealously
concerned to walk according to the Truth. G. Bell
occupies the station of Gov^r Schoolmaster, assisted
also by his wife in the instruction of the girls, besides
wh^{ch} he holds the apt. of Post Master. On the 11th
inst. we proceeded on our journey - intending to make
Anstey Barton, but missed the road, & got to Jericho
where we called at W^m Pikes, & met with a
clergyman named _____ of Oatlands.
to this individual & several others I have given
copies of our address to the Missionaries of Africa,
besides putting many other tracts calculated
for general perusal into circulation. We arrived
45 at Basset Dixons in the evening, where we passed
the night, & had some religious service. On the
14 following day rejoined the family at Skelton Castle,
where I had the comfort of finding my dear Wife
in usual health. On the 9th accomp^d by my
dear S. & bro^r. in law J. B. M. we left our kind
32 friend Esther Dixon, & proceeded to Paterson's Plains
near Launceston, Captⁿ Dixon kindly lending us his

gig for the accomplishment of the journey. We met with
a very kind reception from our dear relatives Geo.
& Mary Robson, with whom & their family we staid
till the 11th inst. In the mean time J. B. Mather
30 myself visited John Lawson & Tho^s Willington
at their own houses, sitting meeting with their
families in succession on First day, & returning to
7 my Cousins the same evening. The early part of the
day being very wet presented my dear wife accom-
panying us. On Third day the 16th I took her
7 into Launceston, to visit my old & valued friend
J. H. Sherwin, with whom we spent the greater
portion of the day. Nath^l & Ann Turner spent the
evening with us at J. Sherwin's. J. Sherwin, as
well as my relatives entertain the idea that I should
7 certainly ensure success in business were I to com-
mence in Launceston, & strongly urge me to do so.
The evening before leaving my Cousins, J. B. M. &
myself had some service in testifying in the family.
My relatives shew'd us much kindness during our
stay; & my Cousin Mary & my Wife soon became
very intimate & confidential friends. On the 18th
we all three proceeded to the Locked-Hat Hill
where we sat meeting with J. Lawson's family;
& afterw^d had select religious interviews with
him & Tho^s Watts, a young man in his service,
both of them having applied to be received into
membership. From thence we went to Tho^s Willing-
ton's where we had another meeting with him &
his wife to satisfaction. After tea we journeyed
22 forward to Jos. Bonneys, where we had called
to lunch on our way to Launceston, & now spent
the night. Here we had service, wh^{ch} devolved
upon myself. My dear S. & her brother took
part in the labours of the previous day. John
Lawson & J. Willington appear to be honest
persons, convinced of our principles, & having some
real feeling of the matter, & bearing a good cha-
racter among their neighbours. Tho^s Watts does not
seem to have attained to much depth, but is an

orderly, moral young man, who seems to have some
desire to become more acquainted with the Truth,
though having much yet to learn. - We called on
Theodore Bartley's family: he speaks well of J. Lawson
who is his neighbour. David Hayes, the potter, with
whom J. Backhouse & myself became acquainted
some years ago, attended the meetings we had at
J. Lawson's, & though very self-opinionated, & econ-
trary, as well as in some respects ignorant, has
nevertheless some love, I believe, to the principles
of Truth, & makes profession thereof. - We arrived
18 at Skelton Castle on the 15th inst. Whilst here on
the former occasion the news of the affecting & very
sudden removal of Mary Reeves, leaving a husband
& three young childr. (one at the breast) reached us,
I thought it my duty to write to the bereaved husb.
(See Letter Book.) I have also written to my dear
friend James Backhouse (first date 29th of 12 Mo. 40)

J. Backhouse York
(letter by Headlan's post)
from Skelton Castle.

Whilst at Skelton Castle I wrote likewise twice to
my father-in-law. On First day the 17th we had a
meeting in the evening with Capt. Dixon's esq. &
the family & most of the men being present, with
whom we had satisfactory labour. My dear wife
had again to take part in the vocal labour.

On the 18th my dear wife & self proceeded in
Capt. D's gig to Avoca, where we passed the night at
32 Major Grey's. J. B. M. continued to accompany us as
heretofore. On the 19th went forward to Capt. Hep-
burn's: his family entertained us hospitably - himself
12 being from home. We made Edwin Boltbee's in
the evening - to whom with the family we paid a
short, but pleasant visit - starting early the follow-
ing morning for Kelvedon. Crossed the St. Paul's Fier
& reached John Amos's about one P.M. In the
evening we again remounted our horses, the gig having
been sent back by Capt. D's man from Capt. Hep-
burn's, where we were joined by our valued friend

Dr. Storey, who bro't a horse from Kelvedon with
him for the accommodⁿ of my wife. Unhappily
it proved not to be a very safe footed one. & when
we were within a short distance of Swansea
(Watston Point) the animal fell, & my dear J.
was thrown to the ground & her face sustained some
cuts & bruises, though through Providential mercy
not severely injured - or permanently ~~hurt~~ ^{lamed} -
enough however to excite very painful apprehensions
at the time, especially on beholding the blood stream
from her dear face, the nose being considerably bruised
as well as ^{left} cheek, & upper & under lip cut. It was of
the Lord's mercy she was not killed, for she fell
with her head foremost on the ground - all happily
was rather sandy & free from stones - otherwise the
consequences might have been much more serious.
The kind attentions of our dear friends at Kelvedon
- whom we had the pleasure of finding all as well,
36 as in common, soon restored my beloved J. to her
usual health & spirits, w^{ch} for a day or two were
a little impaired by this serious accident.

On Seventh day (the 23rd) I accomp^d Dr. Storey
along with J. B. Mather, to Edw. W. Benj. Borthons
who now occupy the farm of J. Radcliffe, including
the Salt Works & from thence crossed the Little
Swant at River to the residence of Munday -
(where we saw Major Lord, whose daus. is married
to the former, ~~but~~ he was from home but we saw his
wife. The Doctor was sent for to one of the children
12 who was sick. - J. B. M. & self had service in
testimony at the usual meeting on First day Morn-
at Kelvedon - also in the evening with the assem-
bly & assigned servants. We were present on
Fifth day when J. B. M. had something to communi-
cate in testimony. On Second day, the 25th I rode
with Dr. S. & J. Hobbs - returning again the same
28 evening. Fifth day, the 28th was the Monthly Meetg.
w^{ch} we attended to satisfaction: we remained with
our friends at Kelvedon until the 29th Mo: on w^{ch} day
we commenced our journey to Hobart Town - J. B. M.

myself & wife, being on horseback. Called at J. Buxton's
& at J. Hobbes. at wh^{ch} latter place we dined. Stopt
the night at Marten's Inn, Spring Bay. The following
night at J. Cruttenden, Rogers Plains. & the success^{ful}
one at J. Smith's, calling at C. O. Parsons by the way.

On the 12th we dined at J. W. Parramores on the road
to town, where we were assured to arrive safely on the evening
of the same day: & I trust were thankful for the mercies
that have followed us during this excursion, & for the
improvement in health of the whole party.

Forwarded the following Journals - viz:

N^o 150 } J. Backhouse - per
151 } do
152 } J. B. York 14/1 Mo. per
153 }
154 } J. B. York on the 3rd of 2 Mo. }
155 } per Mary Anne }

On the 7/1 Mo. I wrote to my friend C. Bragg, advising
of having drawn upon him in favour of R. D. Dixon
for the sum of (£50) fifty pounds, R. D. giving me
a cheque for that amount on the Commercial
Bank of N. D. L. Letter forwarded by Post (Head Lane)
from Skelton Castle - 9 postage being paid with the
same.

C. Bragg. N. C.
advising of draft £50.

17/2 Mo. 1841. Forwarded by Post for England

N^o 156. Journal J. B. York - per
Janet Willis - sailed 27/2/41 }
N^o 157. Journal D^o de Calcutta }
sailed 24/2/41 }

10/3 Mo. 1841 - Forwarded per Wave.

N^o 158 Journal J. B. York } per Wave.
159 " " " }

2/4 Mo. per Arab, via Launceston

N^o 160 - Journal J. B. York
161 " " "

13/4 Mo. N^o 162 per Fortitude from Hobart Town

J. Backhouse, York.

20/4 Mo. Forwarded per Hindoo!

N^o 163 concluding shut work on envelope
of my Journal - to J. Backhouse.

The same day the Affiance arrived in the Desert,
but got distressed during the night off Browns River,
she ~~was~~ had on board 13 cases & bales for me containing
Linen Drapery Goods - having rec^d. previous advice
from J. Bragg & J. Cotton of such goods being about
to be shipped on my acc^t.

15/5 Mo. 1841. This day the last case was landed from
the Affiance, & on the same date I obtained a lease
of the premises in Liverpool St. formerly occupied by
R. C. Leburn, for the annual rent of £125, with an
understanding between me & my Landlord, that I shall
cause the Shop front to be brought out in a line with the
street. I also concluded ^{an agreement} today with J. Roberts, who has
contracted to make the proposed alterations, not including
fixtures, for £247.0.0. In these important preliminary
steps towards commencing in business, I have had much reason
to mark the overruling & leading Hand of Divine Providence,
as well as in regard to some financial arrangements, in
wh^{ch} kind friends have been raised up for me, from a
quarter unlooked for, but who will be greatly helpful
by their aid in facilitating my movements, & relieving
me from undesirable care in regard to the needed capital,
consequent on the proposed outlay &c.

2/5 Mo. Forwarded by the Mail of the Hindoo letters
as follows:

R. Priestman, N. C.
C. Bragg - N. C.
J. Cotton, London -

Forwarded by the May Flower in 10th - Mo. 1841
Letter to J. Backhouse.

D^o to C. Bragg containing Promissory Notes
to J. Procter & E. Richardson for 1000^l.

4/11 Mo. 1841 Forwarded by Joanna for
London Letter to

C. Bragg enclosing first bill of Exchange for £80. 0. 0. } to be paid to G. Benington
G. Benington contains Prom. Note } each to Procter
for £200 - & memo. of goods } & Richardson

to be selected, if needful.

Ordered thro' Seal - quantity of Spring Goods.

28/12 Mo. 1841 Forwarded by
for London Letter to

J. Backhouse, York, & to

C. Bragg enclosing 2nd Bill of Exchange
for £80. 0. 0

In J. B.'s letter notice respecting J. Wilson's dilapidated
condition, & proposal to J. B. to correspond with
his (J. B.'s) friends to induce them to make him
some regular allow^{ce} -

A dividend that Geo. Bell's money has been
paid to him also - Error of 2 pounds in pay^t
& meet) for Sufferings.

Wrote to J. Backhouse somewhere about 2nd Mo.

Wrote to R. Priestman somewhere about the
end of 3rd Mo.

Duffey - a relation of St. Bailey
formerly at Richmond & D.
be still living in York.

Wrote G. Benington in 6th Mo. giving particulars
respecting my business - finances &c. - detailing the
description of goods that would be safe to send out -
how those sent last year went off &c. &c.
also wrote to J. B. in 6th Mo. something as
to G. Benington.

South African Quadrupeds.

- 25 Lion - *Felis leo*. Gregarious.
- 26 Leopard - *Felis leopardus*, solitary, monogami.
inhabiting thick coverts.
- 27 Cheta? *Felis jubata* - Leopard of the
Dutch Colonists - Nquane of the
Bichuanas -
- 28 Hyena *crocuta*, Spotted Hyena, or Wolf
of the Colony 'Impceese' of the
Matabili. Common.
- 29 Hyena *fuscica* - or Strand Wolf - less common.
- 30 Do *venatica* - Wilde-hond, or wild-
dog - hunts in packs.

Order - Pachydormata.

- 31 Elephas Africanus } Elephant - of Dutch
Elephant. } Maclouw of Matabili
- 32 Sea Cow - Hippopotamus, or Zee-kooi of
the Dutch. }
Imfooboo of Kaffers & Matabili.
- 33 Wild Hog - Sus. Bosch vark of the Dutch. }
inhabits plains & forests.
- 34 African Boar. Phascochorus. Vlakte-vark }
of the Colonists. }
Ingooloo of Matabili.
- 35 Rhinoceros - Rhinoceros Africanus.
Rhinoster of the Dutch.
Chuckaroo of the Matabili.
- 36 White Rhinoceros - Rhinoceros Sinusus.
Witte Rhinoster Dutch.
Chickoree of Matabili & Bichuanas.
The largest 6 ft. Sin. high at the
shoulders.

South African Quadrupeds.

- 1 Zebra. *Equus zebra*. Wilde paard, Dutch.
Inhabits the Mountains.
- 2 Quagga - Boti Quagga. }
Equus Burchellii }
Peechey of Matabili & Bichuanas
Inhabits plains beyond the
Gariep in large herds.
- 3 Quagga *Equus Quagga*. Open plains
- 4 Caméléopard. *Caméléopardis Gyrassa*.
Nameel of the Dutch.
Intoda of the Matabili -
Plains of interior in small troops.
- 5 Cape Buffalo. *Bubulus Caffer*. Buffel, Dutch
Neaat of Matabili
Bokolo kolo of Bichuanas
Plains & forests.

Antelope.

- 6 Gnoo *Catoblepas gnoo* - Wilde Beest -
Impatoomoo of Matabili - Gnoo of
Hottentots. South of Vaal River
- 7 Brindled } *Catoblepas gorgon* - Wilde beest
Gnoo } Kokoon - Bich. & Matabili
Plains South of Vaal River.
- 8 Eland - *Boselaphas orcas* - Improoffo of
Matabili & Bichuanas - plains.
- 9 Koodoo *Stepisiceros Koodoo* - Eechlongole
of Matabili - Thickets & wooded hills.
- 10 Hartbeest - *Aceronotus Caama* - Caama of
the Bichuanas.

South African Quadrupeds.

Antelope contin?

- 11 Bastard } *Aceronotus Lunata* - Saksabe
Hartbeest } of the Matabili
- 12 Sable Antelope *Aigocerus Harrisii*; unknown
to Matabili; very rare - inhabits
Matabili country.
- 13 Bastard } *Aigocerus Equina* - Etak of the }
Gemsbok } (or Roan antelope) Matabili: }
- 14 Water-Buck - *Aigocerus Equina* - Roan
- Whitomok of Matabili
Rivers, Limpopo & Mariqua.
- 15 Gemsbok. *Oryx Capensis*, or S. African Oryx
Kookam of Matabili -
Karoo Namaqualand.
- 16 Spring-bok - *Gazella Euchore* - Tsepe of
Matabili & Bichuanas.
- 17 Blesbok or } *Gazella Albifrons*. Nenni of
White faced } Bichuanas - herds S. of Vaal River.
Antelope }
- 18 Pied Antelope } *Gazella pygarga*
or Bontebok }
- 19 Pallah, or Rooi-bok - Antelope Melampus.
- 20 Bushbuck - *Tragelaphus sylvatica* -
Boschbok of Dutch.
- 21 Reed-Buck - *Redunca Eleotragus* - or
Rietbok of the Dutch
Inghall of Matabili
- 22 Magor - *Redunca Lelandii* - Rooi Reebook
- 23 Reebook *Redunca Capreolus* - Peeli of the }
Matabili: }
- 24 Oribi - *Redunca Scoparia* - of Harris
Antelope pygmaea, Lichtenstein
Antelope Vapestri (Pringle)
Lubokoo of Matabili - resembles
the Steerbok.

South African Quadrupeds contin^d.

Antelope contin^d.

- 37 Klipspringer. *Oriotragus Saltatrix*.
Inhabits Rocks & precipices.
- 38 Steenbok - *Fragulus Rupestrus*,
Coolah of Matabili.
- 39 Grysbeck - *Fragulus Melanotis* -
Grysbok of Dutch.
- 40 Duiker. *Cephalopus Mergens*.
Duiker-bok of the Dutch.
Impoon of the Matabili.
- 41 Slate col^d } *Cephalopus Corula*, Blaauw-
Antelope } -bok, or Klein bok of the Dutch.
Forests on the Seacoast.

Moselekatsi, or Umsiligas - Chief of the }
Amazooloo }

Course, as per Log of the Ship Hamilton Ross, from
Table Bay to the Derwent. V. D. Land.

Date	Latitude	Longitude	Distance in miles
July 23	33° 41' 30"		
24	35 57	19° 59' 6"	170 miles
25			}
26	38 30	21 10	
27	39 23	21 0	64
28	39 50	22 38	80
29	39 3	26 24	192
30	39 14	29 21	140
10 Mo. 1	39 44	32 25	150
2	40 1	35 5	128
3	39 21	38 53	188
4	39 9	40 46	95
5	39 40	43 57	157
6	39 30	47 11	160
7	38 58	49 51	130
8	39 27	52 8	112
9	39 13	54 23 1/2	112
10	39 21	57 12	135
11	39 30	60 28	170
12	40 15	63 35	170
13	40 28	67 38	170
14	40 9	71 10 1/2	175
15	40 16	75 9	175 miles
16	40 23	79 0	190
17	40 32	82 11	175
18	40 3	85 18	155
19	39 22	86 52 1/2	83
20	39 16	89 54	148
21	39 18	93 33	174
22	39 25	97 15	180
23	39 45	100 47 1/2	160
24	40 25	104 5	165
25	41 11	107 13	160

4611 carried over

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Date	Latitude S.	Longitude E.	Distance 4611 miles between
10 Mo. 26	41.41"	109.46"	124 miles
27	42.9	113.292	170 "
28	41.57	116.02	114 "
29	42.6	119.3	(Lunar 118.48) 135 miles.
30	42.29	122.19	165
31	43.6	126.11	180
11 - 1	43.18	130.4	180
2	43.33	133.9	147 miles
3	43.30	136.40	138
4	43.30	138.8	96 -
5	43.39	141.58	170
6	43.59	145.182	150
1/2 past 3 P.M	When we were 32 miles from S.W. Cape of V.D. Land		bore NE. by N.
7	Say 140

Distance by course between } = 6520 miles.
the Cape & V.D. Land }

During this voyage the wind was fair 43 days out of the 45 it occupied; & on both of these most adverse days we made Southing (which had to be made) on one of them upwards of 3 degrees. That seldom has a more favourable passage been made as regards fair winds. The weather was however generally cold, & wet or drizzling; & generally blowing almost a gale; several times we had heavy gales, yet sustained no injury beyond the breaking of studding-sails-booms, & was thro' bad steering.