

April 1854 } 30. London. Was glad to find Mr. Nicholson smiling greatly
that 5/15. } and. He had passed 6-8 hours barefooted on the reef & in
the sea in search of sea turtles, some about catching a snake
which he maintains was 10-12 long & arms' thick. but after all he
came home empty & with painful excoriated legs, which truly
frightened me, as elephantiasis is here endemic. I was obliged to
request Mr. Handell not to send or allow the men to go on similar
expeditions. Dined from "now we see through a glass, darkly" but
neither could the hope of seeing "then face to face" brighten my broken
& darkened spirit. After supper the cook gave us some turtle-
soup, the first we had tasted since here, although little abundant.
The sailors buy it on the markets losing down the money for it. They
unanimously maintain the Woodroffians are glad to take them various
articles in abundance of the spirit:

Went on our round. Had an excellent preaching to five of
the famous club, four of them liberally inquiring, the arguments being
reversible to the following class: 1, neither does the god we pray to ~~grant~~
any more than the wood ~~grant~~ they pray to. (answer: our god has
spoken, historically proved) 2, why I could not raise the dead if ~~god~~
indeed had? (answer: suppose I tell you, there is a powerful queen
in England, would it be disproved by your asking me: If so, why
are you not King?) 3, their religion was old, their country well
governed, they feel no need of any change. (answer: their naked
bodies were sorer than their clothes, why put them on? Caves & dens
were older than houses, why build any dwelling? an old piece of
dry is grown out & brown away. Society must grow as well as
individual man. - their country is not well governed, the greater num-
ber of its inhabitants being used as cattle. - the absence of a desire
for change, they dwell with the beast & the dead. - 4, we saw we had
~~not~~ no success here of years, I should give it up. (answer: they
knew Confucianism was ^{struggling} nearly 200 years before acknowledged by gov.
as long as gov. opposed us we cannot wonder of much: we
might take it into consideration after a few years in case the Man-
darins published: Free toleration for themselves likes to embrace and

religion. - There were a few poor people who believed. - There is all general opposi-
tion to the foreigners' trade as much to his religion. - If we should only
sit at home, not go to teach into houses, & if our religion was good
they would learn by example. (Answer: If you came not to us, not we
to you, what could you see of us? In addition we are commanded by Jesus
to go to all nations & teach them.) all things went on most friendly.
This meeting took a strong hour. - Had an unwilling hearing of
a man this day. They heard the whole gospel, though amid occasional
excuses. Alas! I overruled, & the hearing & reading went on again.
Had an excellent hearing & reading of a father & his 3 boys. &
concluded with prayer. - In the evening - we had gone home
through rain & mud - when it became somewhat clearer, Mr.
Merritt told me he had been out for about an hour with his
book, & found business in five houses. This is cheering news indeed.

May 1st. Took eye-water & blistering ointment, to a youth whom
we met yesterday with a bad inflammation ^{in the eyes}, & a year's standing.

When returned home Ichisawidhi came. He manifestly wanted
some information as to the Russians, their strength, the possibility of
their aiding Japan against the Americans, on all which I said
what I thought proper. I also requested him to try to get us
some Chinese books, if not for book reading - at any rate
for keeping up exercise in speaking. He promised to try.
He also gave me ~~some information~~ repeatedly
to understand that Dr. Williams, the Commodore's inter-
preter, often say about, with his few Chinese talkers, to get
them to say something against us. But they never did,
except their repeated assurances - as expressed often in
disputables, that they did not want here any Jesus reli-
gion, & that during eight years we could do here no-
thing. I thought it now the best opportunity to ask,
whether they had had Dr. W. or any of the Americans
or Russians, as our Committee made my brother in law

believe, that they had given me money to induce me to leave this. He was quite shocked at the thought. Now, never, said he, had they ^{had} any such thought, & much less had they said any such thing to any. Sincerely prompted me to offer a return of all presents of kind if they returned mine. He was quite indignant, saying I should not think of thus offending them. What ever the mandarins presented me was from good feeling, they standing in no need of money, whereas, they knew, to me & my children it will always be of use. It is thus clear beyond a scruple that a Jesuit in China, ~~as~~ or perhaps in England, collecting from ^{my} journal that the Lord Down Mandarin had made ^{me} a present, ~~was~~ ^{at} wanting to know more about it, forged a lie & commissioned my brother in law to write me "a Rumour" which has not the slightest foundation. The Lord help me against such malignant foes, as I must ever think it beneath my standing in the Lord, to use providence even against wicked insinulators. Also from my own word & writings, though strictly private, ^{an eager to} find occasion against me. May their end be like that those Pharisees who sought to catch something out of Jesus' mouth that they might accuse him.

This is just the 8th anniversary of your landing here. I am thankful to God to find my head at peace with the Lookhoons. May the Lord in his mercy bless them with the Gospel, & may they be kept from the wickedness of professing Christians.

3. Though yesterday evening. While Mr. Merton was conversing with me about the ^{condition} city mission affairs. I had - for the first time within the last months - an hour of mental repose from torment, & for which I thanked Mr. M., yet my nights rest was as poor as ever. I am now nothing but leaving this & rejoicing my dear wife can help me. - went this morning to my experiments, & a woman in the adjoining house, already seven months ill, but as I had no medicine with me for her. I promised to bring her some next time. The woman is young & married but childless, & both herself & mother gave me spontaneously all information required, so as not to show ^{that} ~~any~~ particular signs which the mandrins would make us believe this females observe towards foreigners.

Mr. Randell was here this evening, stating a man of deers had been delayed two days at Reef island. where he found the inhabitants, only 18 in number, all females. They all ran off at his sight, & left him in the possession of the island, a spot perhaps $\frac{1}{3}$ of a mile in length & width. It stands connected with another islet by an isthmus which is under water ^{when} at low tide, & over this they effected their escape, up to the neck submerged. ~~The~~ The sailor had pulled trilled quite alone taking his blanket as sail with him, the wind being quite favorable, but against him when meditating his return. Last night he arrived all safe, his companions having been let into the mystery providing to its enactment. Mr. R. had already arranged for native aid to row out to the island, half between this & the Rivinnes. He also heard the islet was a penal settlement for bad women, who have been to catch large oysters & pickle them. I did not hear whether or not they cultivate some ground. Trees are seen on the island.

4. made up a good stock of pills for the woman I had been called to see yesterday, & took them to her.

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But what was my surprise to find the woman & her mother removed & quite another party nestled in the hold when she had lain in misery for seven months. And so too was the youth whose eyes had been nearly blinded, his mother, to my comfort, telling me with evident deepfulness, he felt greatly improved, & had just gone out for a walk. afraid as the poor wretches were even of accusing their tyrants, who compel them to forge the most absurd excuses, they still stand anxious to be relieved by begging I should let them have what I had brought for them. And thus I left the medicine & directions for the woman, & a parcel of tea for each of the patients.

Mr. Rowley will make us believe he had heard from some who had it from the Japanese junk, & mark, he reported shed tears while announcing the news, that the Commodore had made a treaty at Jedo. Ichisarichi, recently here, on the contrary told us, the English men, who come here, are at such a distance, to the S.W. of Jedo that they know & hear nothing of what is going on there, sending thither a ship only once in three months. We for our part doubt by what the report may prove true. The driving out of my patients does certainly not show any great efficacy of treaty stipulations.

~~6~~ ~~6~~ ~~6~~. In addition to my sore grief, having had ^{to-day} an exercise at packing boxes & venations looking about for things to be joined. & the night was of course corresponding to the pain. It is a fact that neither bodily fatigue is able to counterbalance the excitement of a suffering broken heart, mine bleed even while perspiration pours forth all over my body from fatigue, & the night ensuing is as sleepless as ever notwithstanding the body is exhausted.

7. Sunday. Now very poorly indeed, my head swimming from nervous exhaustion. But, thanks to God, I had a blessed day, being partly, I believe, to the life of Oberlin, & Steinhilfs pastor, which refreshed me this morning. Preached at Tamori from: "Behold a greater than Jonah is here", and felt greatly edified especially while pointing out the differences between X and Jonah. My sailors looked up when with tears in the eyes I exclaimed: "But Oh! Jonah preached only one sermon, & the Ninevites repented; Christ preached

speaking as man never yet spoke. his apostles preached with holyunction,
we preach others preach with deep concern & pure affection for souls,
but, alas! how few are they who repent & how many they who go on
in their hardness of heart & rebellion to God. Unto such I would say
hear the words of your Saviour: the men of Nineveh shall rise in
judgment with this generation & condemn it, for they repented at the
preaching of Jonah, and, behold, a greater than Jonah is here." I
concluded the service with the Hymn: then through the storm sail the
wild, tempest is streaming." I am thankful to God for his service.
It has greatly refreshed my poor tempest tossed, frail head.

Mr. Plauder told me of a scuffle taking place yesterday
between Mr. Biedbender accompanied by one of his men, & twenty
natives who threw big stones at them, & gave me a letter of his
to the Mayor, with the request to translate it to - My, which I pro-
mised. - Mrs. Morison having remained at home, ^{fearing} the sun
might injure her, we made our home way very rapidly, & went out
again on our missionary round. I had a pretty good talk with
two youths in a very poor house, talking them of God, the Saviour
& the Holy Spirit, endeavoring by the history of the fall to explain
to them their own heart, & from the history of the gospel to show
them its remedy. - Had an excellent hearing & reading first
of a whole crowd in a hut erected for the workmen near a
grove just in process of building. Four hearers remained &
constituted one of the best audiences I ever had in Liverpool.
I gave them a full hour, & am sure they were as happy as
I was. Their faces beamed. One among them, I hope to God, has
taken in the gospel for life & eternity. Mr. Morison edified
me greatly by his feeling "Amen" on the concluding prayer, which
I opened up with strong crying & tears unto him who is able to
seal his truth on souls whom he so graciously permitted dis-
ciple to hear the gospel of his Son. The men themselves also said
"Amen", with which our God himself says "Amen" to his own glory &
the redemption of all flesh that one Liverpool hearer face beamed with
gospel emotions?

Had another excellent hearing of a respectable man, would not
down then joining us. He appeared to be a good man & followed me in
the paper. This interesting meeting also took us nearly an hour &
was worth it. A sentence & days concern never flagged, the con-
cluding prayer was hearty with an emotion of tears. - Went
then into a kitchen, here we found the guard asleep.

Here follows Mr. Randal's letter (which I translated to-morrow
evening, when Mr. Beebeow, as expected, came & fetched it).

Tumai May 7th 1854.

Sir
Last evening while Mr. Beebeow & one
man were returning home, just as they were beginning to
cross the flats, they had a shower of stones thrown at them
by about twenty men & boys. We continued to stone
them until they had got across the flats. Fortunately
nobody of them was hit, for if they had been, they would
have been killed, for the stones were large & thrown with much
force. This is not the first time Mr. Beebeow had stones thrown
at him. I shall report this case to the Commodore Perry upon
his arrival here, together with your answer & have no doubt
he will consider it a violation of faith, as Mr. Beebeow
had not molested any one in his work. And in future I
shall let the men take arms with them to defend them-
selves with if they are treated so again. I will write
for your reply.

His Honor

Respectfully

Isaac H. Brandell
U. S. Agent.

10. Last week as well as this, & particularly to-day, had heavy packing up exercise. But it must be done. I now packed with such distressed mind as this time, no so much from the pain of leaving this as from the total ignorance of the move I am embarking in. And yet I am more if God desire me at all to remain a few more years in life I must remove from associations which call up dependency in my mind. If I wonder at anything it is at my not running mad. If that a load of sufferings can man bear & have clear sense enough to feel their weight!

Went out in the evening. Surprised the poor local when I had taken the blind youth under care. To my own & Mr. Morton's surprise when he sat at work with his father, his eyes being quite restored. accustomed as I am to be paid with ingratitude for both kindness & labours. I was greatly surprised to find both the youth & his father to have to tell me nothing beyond the short sentence: "de eyes are better, as you see!" The only excuse I can make for them is that they are commanded to be ungrateful. And if for temporal benefits the Woodman is obliged to distance his benefactor, shall he be allowed, shall he incline to show attachment for spiritual favours?

13. Had a day of spiritual comfort, for which I desire to be grateful to the Father of spirits all the more as I have of late been quite a stranger to heavenly consolations.

14. Today. Proceeded at Funai from Komi: i. Enjoyed the service well. - Prepared a lotion for one of the men, who had yesterday been beaten & stoned at by the natives, as he says, because of his insisting to purchase some meat. His arm is considerably swollen & wounded, his leg likewise shows marks of violent blows. Mr. Randall will send a note to Shuy on the case.

With Mr. Morton went out on our missionary round. Entered a house, & had to wait till a man, two youths & then another man joined us as hearers. Had an excellent hearing. The boys in particular too fond of following me on the pass, their custom being only to run on without understanding what they

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Book 918. } read. I succeeded well in gratifying them. Spent a full hour
with them, certainly one of the most delightful I had in London. One
of them took my tract & hid it in his gown, pocketing it down under the
jingle, as well as he could. I gave him & got a kiss, a very sweet one
indeed, & we left happy & satisfied on either side. Only once there was
some sign of interference from without, which Mr. Morison checked by get-
ting the dangerous side. Which effectually keeps off the spies.

In another house met with a very unpleasant reception from the
master, a somewhat elderly man, breaking out in Chinese to show
off his being one of the travelled ones. He was not wrong in the plea of his
being master of the house, but said I, you are wrong in the way you
make it. Your house stands open to all they just to us return entering
there is nothing better than sitting down & bid all the house assemble round
to hear the word of God, without entering much into theories about nature
& foreigner &c. I had to struggle hard before being able to obtain a
quiet hearing; for even after the party had sat down my old man
was inexhaustible in interruptions - all Chinese - & references to
Confucian lore. But at last I got it all to myself in propor-
tion as light increasingly broke in on the dark mind of the
disputer. She behaved exceedingly kind, & was throughout attentive,
& so was, in a measure, a party of guests rattling round.

In the afternoon Mr. Morison went again out. He is
somewhat bashful to speak to me in my presence, but
I know he is capable of making off in the tract or close as
our First book, & he tells me the matters, when he hearing
is undisturbed, even helps him out, & he heard from his mouth
the name of the Savion before he uttered it. I indeed hope he
shall hear by & by of this one month that my labour & toil here
has not been quite in vain in the East.

Yours is Mr. Sandals' letter

Tunai, May 14th 1854.

Sir

I wrote to the Mayor of Napa a week ago informing
him that Mr. Bielborn and one man had been stoned while re-