

Bark Cape Horn Pigeon. at anchor.

Saturday December 16th 1854.

Pleasant weather another lot of Staccoberries sent us, Mr Richardson (of the firm of Atje & Co. Valparaiso) came on board. William went on shore with him, in the afternoon they both came off having concluded to go to Valparaiso, not being able to obtain the necessary supplies in this place; at 4 P.M. took anchor got under weigh and went to sea, Mr W. leaving us and returning on shore.

Sunday Dec 17th 1854.

Light winds and pleasant weather. Lat 34 31' Long 72 47'

Monday Dec 18th 1854

Light winds and pleasant weather. Lat 33 18' Long 72 10'

Tuesday Dec 19th 1854.

Light winds and fine weather. Land in sight; we passed around the point and at 10 past 9 it came to anchor in the harbour of Valparaiso, in 23 fathoms of water.

After being visited by the authorities, the Captain went on shore to start to the business of repairing the ship &c. As we were just out of rugged weather, and the vessel was being still, I remained on board until Sunday and improved the time in fitting up, and putting things to rights in the meantime, We passed the days on shore and coming off at night, we had no chance to be lonely for there was plenty to be heard and seen. I went up one morning and counted 70 vessels lying at anchor, among them several vessels of war, two or three Chilean's and the American Frigate St Lawrence, Comd. Delano, also the English ship Rattle Snake, which had been on an expedition in the Arctic, in search of Sir John Franklin

in the harbour of Valparaiso.

Sunday 24th attended church in company with Mrs Richardson, and passed the remainder of the day at her house (Mr Richardson being in Salustianus) dined at 3 o'clock, in the evening went on board.

Tuesday 26th I was seated on deck and saw a boat coming towards our ship, in which was a female, and a child. I soon found I was going to have company; it proved to be from the St Bernard of Boston and left Capt Mays, wife and child to pass the afternoon with us. She had been with her husband 12 years.

Thursday 28th We visited the St Lawrence, were very politely received by the Officer of the deck, went below to the next deck, were received by the 1st Lieutenant and invited into the Commodore's & Capt Mays' sitting room. It was as clean and nice as any house, with its carpet, sofas, comfortable, and wrought iron window curtains, while there we were joined by Midshipman Ramsey, who had previously been on board of our ship; we then went below to another deck into the Wardroom, and partook of refreshments. While there Capt Mays & wife joined us, we stopped a short time and heard the band, then took leave, and returned to our ship which appeared very small in comparison.

Friday 29th After noon returned Mrs Mays's visit, and met with Capt Wm Sifford. Sunday 31st being my Birthday, I passed on board, so ends 1854.

January 1855 New Years Day. We visited the New Gardens, which reminded me very much of Independence at home, the place was decorated with a great number of flags, two bands of music, ^{in attendance} when we entered the English, supposing us to be Americans, the band commenced playing Hail Columbia which the proprietor informed us was out of compliment. At 10 o'clock went on board. Tuesday 2nd went on shore in company with Capt Sifford, Capt Mays & wife to Mr Jones an American who had married a Chilean, had a family of 5 pretty children, of course I could not converse at all with his wife, he had to be interpreter, at 10 went to the pier, and came on board.