we shall see him. She returned again to our Ocean Home where we shall probably remain for months to come. The Missionary Packet "Morning Star" was in port it pleased Minnie very much to see her, as she owns stock in her. She was purchased wholly by children. She is designed for carrying supplies to the missions. She is now bound to the Marquesas Islands from thence back to the Sandwich Island and then to Micronesia. I would like to have gone on board with Minnie very much, but had not the time. The Tybee of Stonington ~~Capt~~ Capt. Freeman was laying off and on. He took his wife out with him, she was very seasick all the time and her sea sickness brought on other complaints so that he was obliged to send her home from Valparaiso. He says it seems very lonely on board now, more so than if he had not attempted to take her. I am sorry for him. We deposited six single letters and four double ones in the office today. May they speedily wing their way to their destination, bearing the tidings of health and prosperity.

29th We are now making our way toward Rodriack where I hope we may be successful in obtaining that for which we shall diligently seek. We have everything nice to eat, sweet & Irish potatoes, cabbages, onions, cucumbers, string beans, bananas, cocoanuts, melons, pumpkins, preserved meats, vegetables, oysters and lobster, sausage meat & butter and soda crackers, tamarinds, preserves, arrow root, pigs, turkeys, ducks and chickens, a goat and ~~kind~~ kid, for a pet, also a terrapin and a little dog named Pincher, a very pretty dog notwithstanding his name. Mr Dickerson received one letter from his wife, the only one received on board while we were at Sahawira. I sent to see what the news was, for I thought if any thing had occurred to any of our family she would be likely to mention it tonight he read me the sad tidings of the death of little Grace Walter, brother Charles' little child. I did not think she could live long when we left her, still it made me feel very sad to hear it. I sympathize deeply with the bereaved parents. May they remember that they now have a treasure

in Heaven; that they have added one Star to the Savior's diadem. Minnie says "Don't feel sad Mamma, for little Grace has gone to live with Jesus and if we are good perhaps we shall go and see her some time."

1st May comes in with sad recollections of the past, the commencement of our Father's final sickness and of Brother Augustus' death.

2nd The men are all free again sorry for what they have done, and glad enough to perform their usual duties once more. I hope it may be a warning to the rest. I cannot think the same ones will get caught so again.

3d. The Sabbath is to be spent at home again. A sail in sight, supposed to be a whaler, as we are steadily gaining upon her, we may find out who she is before night.

4th After tea last night we spoke the ship which proved to be the Julian, Capt. Cleveland. She came on board for a short time, but as it was rough and blowing a strong breeze, did not like to stop.

5th We have had quite rough weather since leaving the Islands, cloudy, damp and cold. Shall be obliged to put up the stove in the cabin, in the course of a day or two. Opened a slop cask today — and quite a brisk trade was carried on for a little while.

6th Think we have a cook worth having now, after taking up with all sorts. He is quite an old man, fat, and black as ebony. He made me some very nice starch the other day, the first good that I have had yet. I cannot go to the galley. He said he knew how to make starch and I found that he did. Minnie was playing "tea party" yesterday with her dishes, she wondered how the little girls at home would like to play tea party with orange, bananas, and cocoanut for the treat.

7th Saw a couple of Sulphur-Bottoms, two boats sent in pursuit of them but without success. Had our stove put up yesterday in the cabin, it is quite sunny today for a number of days back ~~have~~ had much fog.