Nov 1st. This afternoon, in company with Capt Spencer Mr Chestnut Samuel, Mrs Butler, Mrs Scovill Mrs Stranburg and Mrs Palmer visited the American Sloop of War, St Mary's. It was my first visit on board a man of war and I was attended with some curiosity. The Officers were very gentlemanly and polite ~~and~~ in showing us round. After a very pleasant visit they took us on shore in their boat.

4th. The remainder of the time was spent very pleasantly in visiting and receiving visits, with a call every day from Grey until the afternoon of this day when we left our good friends. I become so attached to those I am with on shore, that it seems like breaking away again from near and dear friends to leave them. Mr & Mrs Butler were very kind to us while we were with them. Yesterday Capt. & Mrs Phillips with three children arrived in the Queen Queen and have taken up their residence here. They have a pair of twin daughters, nine years of age. Poor girls — felt very sorry to leave them so soon. As soon as we left Capt. & Mrs Homer of the Merchant Ship Messenger-Bird, came to occupy our room with two children one little boy 4 years of age who swears equal to any man that I ever heard in my life. He made nothing of repeating an oath to his Mother, How she could bear it I cannot tell, but it made the tears start to my eyes. George brought us out to the Ship in his boat which was lying off and on. We were late and the ship had given us up for that night, so kept off. Consequently we had to go about six miles in the boat, when it was almost dark and very rough. I will say that I was very thankful to slip my foot once more on the deck of the old Addison. George and his crew stopped all night with us, and early in the morning we were forced to bid him good-bye. Probably we shall not meet again during the voyage.

5th. Just after the Harvest boat left us, it was discovered that there were two men on board who had secreted themselves, as we had lost five by desertion, we had no desire to keep the deserters of other ships, one belonged to the Harvest, and the other to the Janet, as the Ship Black Eagle was just going in, we sent them by her to their respective owners, and we then made sail for the New Zealand cruising ground.

13th. It being raining and rough had no look out at the mast head. Soon after breakfast we were startled by the cry, "A school of Sperm whales close to the ship!" They got the boats down immediately but it was so rough, that they soon lost sight of them.

15th. Saw Fanning's Island, went quite near it. It appeared to be very low land covered with cocoa nut trees. It is said to be inhabited. This is the first low land we have seen on the voyage, all other islands have been very mountainous.

18th. We are having very warm weather, but as there is quite a breeze we manage to keep comfortable, while we were in port, my bedroom was enlarged, and now I do not think there is a lady on this cruising ground, who has a larger and better ~~room~~ room than I have. Crossed the line to day for the third time in my voyage.

21st. Samuel sat up most of the night last night, to look out for a small island called Bennetts Island that was in our immediate vicinity. Passed to the Westward of it, however, and did not see it.

22nd. Last night there were several islands on each side of us, and Samuel seemed inclined to be up again a part of the night. These islands are very low sand islands and they can be seen but a short distance in the daytime. Probably we passed directly between them as he hoped. But it will not answer to place too much confidence on observations, as an error of the chronometer, or a false position on the chart might prove very disastrous —.