no use, with the wind blowing a gale. Have had no one looking out at the mast-heads for a week. Saw a ship bound in the same direction with ourselves.

25. We are now in fine weather, considerably warmer than it has been, in a few days shall be in warm weather again. We shall probably cruise now around some of the Islands near the line, hoping we may see sperm whales. For the last week I have been confined to my bed, with my face. it did not get better as I expected, and I could get no rest either day or night. Night before last Samuel opened the gathering which relieved me very much. I am now nearly well again.

26th Raised a ship a long way ahead. We gain upon her considerably, perhaps we may be up with her tomorrow morning. We are enjoying delightful weather now which we fully appreciate, after the Southern gales and storms we have experienced.

27th. Just after breakfast we spoke the ship that we saw yesterday. She proved to be the James Mary of New Bed. Capt. Eury came on board and passed the day with us, wind was nearly calm. He boarded at Mr Butler's with me, at Honolulu, so that he seemed like an old acquaintance. He has taken one whale this season: has experienced very rough weather like ourselves. There were other boats lost I conclude besides ours as he had seen the wrecks of two, and had heard of another. Capt Eury sent me when he returned to his ship. "The History of Pitcairn Island", some yams, and some dried bananas. Just up at Rarotonga I gave him several books.

28th. We have not beat the ship much today, as they are mending the Main-Sail. She is in sight a short distance from us. Capt Eury tells us of the still further rise of whalebone, which is a matter of rejoicing to us. An unheard of sound, in the annals of history, for whalebone to be $4.50 cts per pound. The Ladies are to be thanked for that, and I presume all interested in right whaling are truly thankful for their skirt movement. May the fashion long continue. One month

today since Antone was swallowed up in the relentless waters.—

30th. It has been a dead calm for two days. Consequently the ship moves on very lazily. Saw something that looked like land today, probably it was "Michell's group of Islands", as we supposed ourselves to be in their vicinity. The weather is getting to be uncomfortably warm. Still we shall have it very much warmer than it is now.

31st. We are favored to day with a nice little breeze, supposed to be the "trade winds". have put up the studding-sails this morning and we are now making on very finely to Pitcairn Island — where we hope to get a sperm whale —.

Feb. 1st. A strong breeze today, which wafts us along right merrily. The James Mary still in sight every day for a short time and then disappears. We do not beat her, as we did the first time we saw her.

2d. Pitcairn Island in sight. We sailed around the Island and very near it so that we had a full view. It is famous as being the home of the mutineers of the Ship Bounty — and it seems almost incredible that so small an island could have been the scene of such awful tragedies as have there been enacted. Old John Adams, the last survivor of the mutineers, had two dreams, which caused him to repent of his sins, and turn from his evil ways — since that time their descendants have been brought up in a simple Christian-like manner — and have won the respect of all who have visited them. As the Island was too small for their subsistence with their increasing population, Norfolk Island was presented them by the English Government, and to that place they have since removed. Consequently Pitcairn is now deserted. We could see their houses and their little church with holes all around it, resembling the port-holes of a ship instead of windows. It is a very pleasant fresh looking Isle, rising abruptly from the sea, well stocked with trees of various kinds. The highest point rises 1000 feet above the level of the sea. It is interesting to us, especially as being the birth-place of our little niece Mary Stuart and it reminds us of how much we want to see her. The James Mary was around the Island also and in the afternoon we set a signal for him to come on board which he did. I wanted some of the fruit that we suppose