but I imagine they had a little of the steward's assistance. the boats chased a whale out of the lagoon today without getting fast.

7th. Samuel went fishing today, but had fisherman's luck. got no fish, the tides are low now, but little water in the lagoons where they want to fish. Mr Parker brought down the largest turtle that I ever saw, took several men to lift it.

8th. Samuel Minnie and myself went on board the Scotland today. Samuel and Capt Hicks went fishing, got a very few fish and a few birds. Capt Hicks told us that we must talk fast though the day for he intended to move down stream the next day. I felt very bad to hear it, for we have taken much comfort together, but I suppose we shall all move very soon as there are no whales taken now.

9th. Capt Sherman of the Cynthia sent down for more goods today. he wants but one whale to fill his casks which will make him a thousand barrels. the Oahu has taken 16 whales and the Antilla six. It seems too bad that there should be so many whales thirty miles up the lagoon where a ship cannot go, and so few down here, but the ships all draw too much water to cross the "Divides". so the small craft has that whaling ground to themselves.

10th. The Scotland did not get under weigh yesterday as she intended to, we were all calculating to go down to "Man of War" Bay today on a pleasure excursion, it was a strong breeze but as we were afraid it would be our last chance we decided to improve. We went on board the Scotland and went down in her seven or eight miles, then went ashore the girls wanted to go in a boat by themselves so I went with Capt & Mrs Hicks and Mary went with Minnie and Samuel. as the Scotland had no boats off the officers and most of the crew were ashore with us. we had a nice quahog chowder, bar coffee three kinds of cake white bread cheese figs and oranges for the treat the stewards made chowder three times in the course of the day. when the time came for going home, as there was a strong breeze with the wind and tide both ahead, Samuel decided to pass the night on

board the Scotland which plan the ladies and children readily fell in with, we arrived safely on board about 5 P.M. had supper, had quite a nice sing in the course of the evening. played back-gammon &c. when it came bed time Minnie went to bed with Mary in her cot which was hung in the after-cabin, Mrs Hicks Julia and myself took her bed in her bed-room Capt Hicks had a bed on the floor in the after-cabin and Samuel took the Sofa.

11th. This morning a ship went ashore on the flats in attempting to get across from the "heads". she was supposed to be the Euphrates Capt Heath. The Rambler's boats and the Scotland's went to her assistance. About 9 A.M. we started for our Addison home reaching it about 1 P.M. we had a head wind and head tide so did not make very rapid progress. found all well on board. the boats were all on board as there was such a strong breeze in the morning it was of no use to set off.

12th. Samuel went fishing this morning found that he could not get in the lagoons, so went to another place and filled his boat with oysters. he got a large kind called rock-oysters and had I been on shore in a starving condition I should never have thought of their being any eatable in such unsightly looking rocks. one oyster nearly fills a saucer, we had them fried in batter for supper. but they were rather too sweet for me though they were nice. I like the tree oysters much better than those however. in the afternoon Samuel and Capt May went seining. stayed until about 9 P.M. had a large fire on the beach thinking it would attract the fish, but the water in the lagoons was too low. the ship that was ashore yesterday is off again, but we have not heard whether she received any damage.

13th. Capt May came on board to dine with us today. it seems so lonesome not to see the Scotland. (she has gone down in the passage now) we miss them very much. P.M. went ashore and walked around, found quite a quantity of shells, some quite pretty but nothing very choice. the boats had the good fortune to capture a whale today which was taken to the Downs.

14th. A Spanish boat came down today, brought figs and cheese, but no beef. we bought four sacks of figs. some of which were very nice.