Cronell, and the Louisa Capt. Hathaway all bound home. The Captains all dined at the missionaries, he carried a few things ashore for them, and received several presents some pieces of tapa, matting, a fan, some pin and some straw ~~mo~~ braid for a bonnet for Minnie and myself. He returned on board about 8 P.M. after having had a delightful visit, it is a beautiful island, a perfect garden as regards vegetation pine apples grow in great abundance and in great perfection. oranges limes, bananas, plantains, bread fruit, yams custard-apples &c. all of which we procured a quantity. I had written a letter which I wished to send home by some ship. bound direct, as Capt Cronell was going directly home, he kindly came on board to get it. hope both he and it may arrive in due time.

2d. We have been busily engaged in putting up pine apples in jars to take home providing they will keep. Not a ship in sight today. The all left Aitutaki last night. I think Mr Rogers family must feel rather lonely today. they appear to enjoy society very much and no wonder for there is only a few weeks in the year that they have the pleasure of beholding a white face, out of their own family - they all look forward to the shipping season with great anticipations. I never had the pleasure of eating as much pine apple as I wished before. Oh how luscious they are. it would be a mackery to put sugar upon them to eat as we do at home - I am very fond of all the tropical fruits.

7th. We have been pursuing the even tenor of our way for several days. have been engaged in washing ironing and putting up pine apples, besides my regular routine of work. We have been saving our white sugar nearly all the voyage.

for this occasion, and have put up a "famous lot" in jars, bottles &c. have had a hard rain-storm today almost without intermission. A ship in sight which we signalized this forenoon and found to be the Rambler - if it was good weather probably we should have a gam.

6th The rain still continues. the Rambler in sight. Luxuriated today in roast chickens for the cabin and a pork "sea pie" for the forecastle. With occasional lunches of pine apple, bananas and cocoanuts. It cleared up a little in the afternoon and the Rambler ran down to speak us, but just as we were within hailing distance the rain came down in torrents. Capt Willis wished Sammel to take Minnie and myself and come on board, he said, he had but one he could take her in a monkey jacket." but Sammel thought it was too rainy. We had the pleasure of looking at Mrs Willis and the children and possibly we may have a gam yet, as we are bound in the same direction. I should like much to have a visit from them -

9th Found the Rambler in sight this morning about 9 A.M. Capt Willis set his signal and soon after Sammel Minnie and myself went on board and passed the day very pleasantly. This meeting with families at sea is very pleasant for all concerned particularly so for the children.

14th We have had almost a dead calm ever since the 9th have gone but a few hundred miles today we have a little breeze the weather has been very warm and uncomfortable. In the afternoon the Rambler ran down to us, and Capt and Mrs Willis Henry P. Jennie and Jennie came on board and stopped until 9 P.M.