she gave me a cordiac invitation to pass the day with her, stating she wished very much to come on board but had not been well. We returned to the ship about 5 P.M. Dr Cutting came with us he appears to be a very pleasant man and a man of talents, I was sorry to learn his history. It seems that he has not much independence of character and has been led away by wild companions, on coming out to New Zealand in a fit of intoxication he married one of the steerage passengers on board the ship, a servant girl without education or refinement when he came to himself he was utterly overwhelmed, and ever since until within a month or two has sought to drown his sorrows in the intoxicating bowl. Recently Capt Greaves has taken him in hand, and he has promised to reform. Oh! when I heard his history I was so thankful that he had not been tempted on board the Addison. He favored us with music for most of the evening, and after he had left Samuel informed me that our Melodeon was sold and he was to take it on shore tomorrow, it cost 70$ and he has sold it for 125$ a very good bargain. It seems like parting with an old friend, and I can hardly have the heart to tell Minnie she has taken so much comfort with it. I gave the Dr some little curiosities which pleased him very much.

March 1st This morning we sent a boat off for the White as he was coming to look at the stops, when the boat returned Minnie was delighted to find that he had brought Millie with him, she brought Minnie a basket of peaches and apples, he got a lunch about 10 A.M. for them as they do not breakfast until that time, the two girls having a tea party by themselves in the stateroom. I fear they all like our "Yankee cooking", but they cannot understand how we can breakfast so early in the morning. He then sent a boat on shore for Capt Greaves and family who were coming to pass the day with us.

They came in the return boat and brought a Miss Blackby with them also their servant girl. They appeared to enjoy their visit very much, and I think hard to make it agreeable to them. Our folks have been fishing the day before, so we had a fish chowder for the first course which was a new dish entirely to them all. I had to give them full instruction in the art of making chowders. "the nicest way that they ever ate fish before" said they all. Then we had stewed pigeons with dumplings, gravy &c another Yankee affair, then a bread plum pudding. When "we are among Romans we must do as the Romans do." So I did not have any tea made until we had got through dinner, then had it carried on deck and sipped it at our leisure. Capt. G. brought a book "Judah's Lion" to Minnie Miss Greaves brought one entitled "The Book and its Story" to me. I sold several articles to her that I could spare and gave her some little things which could not be obtained here. In the afternoon Samuel and Capt Greaves went on shore with the Melodeon. Minnie felt badly but she had children on board to take up her mind, her Papa told her that he would take it ashore and if they did not want it, he would bring it back again. When he returned and told her they wanted it the tears started but he told her we would soon be home, and then he would buy her a new one, which soon pacified her. They were very much pleased with the instrument in the church. it is a far better sounding instrument than they have had in Akaroa ever before.

2nd. Samuel went ashore early in the morning to see if it was a good wind to go to sea. it requires a very good wind to go out. Some said they would not venture but Capt. Graves said it was a good time and as he is considered a very good pilot he volunteered his services to go outside the Heads with us which Samuel very gladly accepted. They came on board about 9 A.M. the anchor was already up and we soon started off leaving the Marengo alone. our crew gave three cheers as we left