

without a single word from one of his many relatives and friends to greet him it is the sudden appearance of a letter full and overflowing with love and good wishes from the dear the kind the true for no better proof than this can ever reach him that he is "still remembered"

Feeling but a momentary dread as my eyes glance hastily and eagerly over each line of the delicious contents obstacles vanish all things else are forgotten while I live over for a short time many pleasant days long since passed untill I can almost see the happy faces of those who participated in my joys and sorrows. But alas reality comes unbidden and places a barrier between us only to be dissolved by an unknown length of time. Then the question arises which cannot be answered who and how many among those who live in our memory will yet live to meet us with kindly loving hearts and ever welcome hands. It will not be strange nor improbable that some if not many of them will then be numbered with those who sleep beneath the sod. Perhaps it is strange

that I should indulge in reverie of such a nature when the receipt of letters bespeaks to the contrary filled with good news but they were quick thoughts and not allowed to tarry at the risk of destroying the happiness which hearing from home has created. The boat went in

just after dinner taking the steward and his things. Came off at sunset bringing a small supply of vegetables and another man in

addition to the five who came off in the first boat. We then stood away N. under all sail

May 19.

Nearly calm. Island bearing W. S. W. about 25 miles. Saw 2 sails. Shall doubtless cruise a while around this group of islands. To night set boats crew watches as usual.

May 20 Sunday.

Commencing with light breezes from N. E. Course E. S. E., latter Course S. E. by E. At noon Fayal bearing S. W. with Pico St George and Graciosa in sight. Saw several sails in and about the islands. Caught a porpoise and struck 3 more but lost them. Took in sail at sunset leaving double reefed to the sails for top mast stay sail and shencers. Delighted in reading my letters over

May 21.

Very fair. Run between Graciosa and Terceira the latter at 6 P. M. bearing S. S. W. 15 miles. A heavy shower passed over at noon giving us a good sprinkling. Took in sail as usual at night breezes light

May 22.

Had a fine day with the exception of a light shower. Employed in mending the sails. Saw a large steamer this afternoon steering towards Fayal. The nearest island Terceira bears at night about W. 30 miles.