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Sunday 29th This morn Capt had to go ashore on business and took Mr Gibson in the boat to look out for the men, but one escaped, Thos E Brown. Mr Holmes and several men have been ashore looking for him but did not succeed. Mr Holmes and the Mate of the Grace, are going ashore this eve to try again. We hope to get out to sea tomorrow. I shall be glad to go, for there is so much care and confusion, and men running away at the time and we can get some to replace them. I gave Capt Brady two letters to mail for us when he goes to St Catharines again, one for Susan, Lydia Ann, and Gordon Allen & Len. It is now quite a hard storm, but the wind is fair and if our bills are all settled and men on board we should go very fast. I shall try very hard to shut early in the morn. I hope we may be more successful. Then we were the last cruise. Capt Brady has gone to St Catharines, expects to come back tonight but I should think it too rough.

Lat 30th

This morn at 1/2 past 5, commenced getting under way. With a fair wind and tide, we were soon out of sight of land. Have had considerable wind and a heavy swell since coming out. This afternoon a large steamer passed quite near us, steering N. E. We are steering S. E. Freddie was a little sea sick, but after vomiting once, went to sleep and when he woke his sickness had passed away. I have been sick with Dizziness all last night and today.

After 1st
Sunday,

We have a pleasant day, but there is a very heavy swell so the ship rolls badly. I feel some better today. George has a bad cold. Anton Sylvia is also sick with a cold. This morn the men caught a large shark and after killing it threw it overboard again. There is no sail in sight and a great many birds all around the ship. Today is our monthly communion at home. I would love to meet

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with my dear brother and sister and unite my heart and voice with theirs. But many long months must pass ere I again meet with them if I ever do. God alone knows whether that will be or not, but should we meet not on Earth, hope we may all be numbered with the Church triumphant in Heaven. There has been a Brig in sight nearly all day. We are steering S. S. E.

Monday 2nd

Lat 27.40
Lon 46.42
Have had another pleasant day with quite a strong breeze. We have gone 190 miles since yesterday. This afternoon Mr Hayler, saw a Fairbank from the West head. I have commenced another basket of fish. With weather I purchased at St Catharines could not wash today on account of my washboard being nearly filled with onions. We are now steering S. S. E. Mr Holmes has hurt his hand and taken a little cold in it. Mr Gibson has a slight attack of fever and dysentery. Sylvia is still sick with cold.

Tue 3rd

Lat 30.00
Lon 40.13
Have had a pleasant day with a strong breeze from N. E. a Brigantine in sight going the same way we are. We are gaining on her rapidly. I have washed a part of my clothes. I had no washing done ashore, therefore have so many soiled clothes. I could not wash all in one day. Mr Holmes' hand remains about the same as Sylvia. Mr Gibson is better.

Wed 4th

Lat 31.08
Lon 37.14
Have had a very rough day. This morn we were in a rough sea. I have been washing on my tid. It is fine as rough. I could not wash. On the morning S. E.

Thurs 5th

Lat 31.08
Lon 37.14
Had a very rough night. I slept but little. The ship rolled so badly, it is still blowing quite hard and is very rough. I have not been on deck and it is almost impossible to write. The wind is not fair. Would like to go E. but cannot last better than S. E. by S.