

June 1870

May 21<sup>st</sup> Today is the last of Spring, and is also by Brother Sams twenty fifth birthday. I have written a short letter and enclosed a book meant to send him in the box that I have sealed to send home the first opportunity. It contains something every member of Sams family, except Amos, for I wish I could send him some thing also, but should not know where to send it. It also has something for Pamela, Susan & Annie, there are many others I would like to number with a little gift but cannot. This time we have had a pleasant day with little wind we are tonight eighty five miles from land.

June 1<sup>st</sup> Have had another beautiful day, but very calm, scarcely a breath of wind and a heavy smell. This afternoon saw a Sulfur bottom and several Hinbacks. Last evening there was two schools of Blackfish around the ship but we have seen none today. I hope we may not only see but get a whale of some kind tomorrow our course is N. 87. E. but there is scarcely time enough for storage now.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Have had a very rough day, the wind has blown quite hard and there is a very heavy mist tonight it is foggy. There was a very large school of Blackfish around the ship this morn. they kept along with the ship several hours, but it was so rough, could not have 11 boats.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> The fog and rough weather still continues. This afternoon saw a great number of Right Whale girls, but no whales, we are quite near the land if the Chronometer are right but the land is very low, and the weather is so foggy we cannot see it. The sun remains about the same. he has on very few clouds. I think he is in full health.

Lat 16. 26<sup>s</sup>  
Long 11. 31<sup>e</sup>

June 17<sup>th</sup>

Lat 4<sup>th</sup> This afternoon the Larboard and Main boats have been down and tried to get some fish, but were not successful, they went near on. go to the land to see the breakers, but it was so foggy they did not stop to go nearer as it was blowing towards night, and it would be dark before they could get back, I hope there may be some up soon. I have finished my diary today.

June 4<sup>th</sup> The weather still remains very foggy, about noon the Larboard and Main boats were lowered and started for the shore, to try to catch fish, returned about five o'clock with a very few. Today is our anniversary Sabbath at home I would have to gather with my dear Mother and Sister, around the table of the Lord, but many months must pass before I again have that privilege, but I trust though I absent we are not forgotten and our Heavenly Father is just as near as here, as he is on the land, if we only strive to do his will. My Gods blessing rest on the dear ones at home, and also upon me. May he keep us all in peace and safety and permit us to meet again on Earth. We can see the land, and find our Chon to be just right.

June 5<sup>th</sup> Have had a pleasant day, it was foggy this morn but soon cleared away. About three o'clock raised a heavy fog, the first one we have seen since we arrived on the coast. Lowered the Larboard and Main Boats and went after him but he was gone, almost like lightning to windward. Do they could not get near him. He was faster than it is possible for a boat to go. I hope soon some one board again. I have commenced a pair of Lamp Mats to make the day I must do it well, we are now steering on the wind, heading N. E.

Lat 16. 30<sup>s</sup>  
Long 11. 36<sup>e</sup>