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April 23rd

Oh what a long lonely day this has been. Lewis has gone, and I am so lonely, but not so lonely as he must be far out at sea. So I think of him and his lonely situation by heart some breathing. Oh how I wish I were with him. Truly, gladly would I leave all the household and dangers could I only be with him. But all I can do is to pray that God will bless my wish upon him. O Heavenly Father keep him safe preserve him and return him in due time to his loved and loving ones. Charlie has tried hard to comfort me today, he has come to my room every few minutes and begged me not to cry for he would be my good little boy all the time papa was gone. I have kept my room all day. This got so out until dinner time when came immediately back to my room. But as the twilight shadows fell I could stay alone no longer it seemed to me as if I was in a great agony and I went out and sat down on the veranda with Mrs Herbert and Miss Parrell. They all seem very kind, and try to do all they can to cheer and comfort me.

Thurs 24th

Another lonely day has passed away. Oh what would I not give to be with my dear loved husband or it would be a great comfort to know how and when he was. We here had a windy day tonight it is raining, and the wind is whistling fearfully. It is a heavy sound at any time but doubly so tonight when I think of my dear one so far from me and exposed to the dangers of the deep. May God bless and keep him safe. Mrs Herbert and Miss Parrell have been out for a sail with some of the Madagas passengers then dined on board the steamer. Now they are gone to the theatre to see the London. Capt Hazen told me at dinner time that the fish Peru, Owen, was reported at Kilo, with 116 sperm whale blubber from home. Another demon was here tonight. I went out to look for Charlie

he came to me and spoke very pleasantly inquiring of my husband and said they would come round occasionally and take me to ride. I have made me a valise and I have put in a suit of clothes for Charlie

Thurs 25th

This morn Mrs Herbert came to my room and invited me to go down to her room with her. I accepted the invitation. This afternoon I spent in my room sewing on Charlie's clothes. Capt Hazen called tonight and invited me to go to a concert at the First St Church. I declined the invitation with thanks. Mr Clark the purser of the Madagas, also invited me to go with him, and Mrs Herbert, Miss Parrell, and Mrs McDonald, but I did not accept. It is a rainy evening, and I am so lonely. Oh if Lewis were only with me how happy I would be. I wrote to Aunt Sarah and will now try to write to Pamela.

Friday 26th

You had a very unpleasant day. I have been sewing on Charlie's suit. Have finished the jacket, commenced the pants. A vessel from San Francisco arrived this morn bringing a small mail but I haven't yet letters or papers. This afternoon went down street got Lewis's photos & sat for the morn he went away they are very good. Charlie and I are both almost sick with worry. He is now asleep and I would like to be.

Sat 27th

Have had quite a pleasant cool day. This morn wrote to Charlie's clothes. This afternoon went with Mr and Mrs Herbert Mrs Parrell and others for a drive through the fish market. Charlie was very hoarse tonight but I am better than he was last night. My cold remains about the same.

Sun 28th

The steamer from Kilo arrived this morn. I caught some of Eastrop's at that place. Capt Owen of the fish Peru came down in the steamer. His ship will be cleared tomorrow or next day. Capt Hazen and Owen called to see me this afternoon. Capt Owen spent a talk about work for me. I shall send by him, this morn went to the Bethel Church. Darned preached from 1st Thimoth 4th & 5th this