

Lying off and on again at Mani

307th day

Sunday October 16th 1853.

A beautiful day At 9 A.M. Went ashore for the Capt. but he was not ready so he told me that I could step ashore and attend church this pleased me though I had my ship clothes on but the Capt. offered to lend me a suit but I concluded to go as I stood but did not take the chief seat in the Synagogue. The rest of the boat's crew went on board of the Ship Lysida. Well there was but about 50 hearers or a small number considering that there is 30 ships in port. We had a good sermon from the 13 chapter of St Luke 7, 8, and 9, & verses and sang my favourite hymn *Welcome delightful Morn* a very appropriate hymn and wound up with another that was all music I do not know its name.

After meeting I walked up to the Native Church which is large and convenient built of stone and plastered inside and out with a pretty steeple and a bell. The interior is much better than the Bethel it has good seats with backs and a good pulpit and large galleries and a pretty clock to admonish the preacher when to begin and when to stop. Many natives had gathered of both sexes with babies of all sizes and ages, some in the Church and some on the grass the shady side of the building. I noticed 2 babies that could not have been more than a week old but they were hearty and well that is if I could judge anything from the temporary supplies of nutrition it frequently drew from their young and promising mothers. As the bell rung they began to flock in from all directions carrying their little ones pigback as we used to call it. I stopped and heard them being accompanied by the Seraphim and it was a real treat. I found an old acquaintance seated on the grass with the natives. Royal Lehae had some had a good time with him; heard of his father's death. He had just received letters from home written in August.

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Monday October 17th.

At 8th the boat went ashore for the Capt. One shop engaged in this miserable cause lying off and on but I think we shall get out of it soon. I went ashore to get some choice pieces of iron for scrimshawing purposes.

Bound on a sperm whale cruise

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Tuesday October 18th 1853.

At 3 P.M. the Capt. and new Mate Mr. Marble came on board and we left the Sandwich Islands for 5 months at least. After making about here 1, 3 days At 5 P.M. the Capt. called all hands aft and gave us an introduction to Mr. Marble and what we have seen of him we like very much. We have not yet heard him swear something that will go a great ways towards a recommendation with me for we hear nothing but profanity and the lowest talk that ever disgraced a human being in constant use with our great men. The Capt. sick this morning. The 2nd Mate also. Good bye Lahaes we hope to see you again.

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Wednesday October 19th

Strong W. S. breeze steering by the wind to the S. The weather being setting up and fitting rigging. Repaired the fly jib. Everything goes smooth and still. The Capt. better though not on deck yet.

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Thursday October 20th

Wind hauled S. and increased to a gale. Steering W. S. The Capt. & Mr. Marble reaped the topsails. Shipped a heavy sea over the bow which interfered with the cook's domestic arrangements and drowned one chicken. No hard or profane words from our Mate yet.

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Friday October 21st

The day terminated pleasantly. Steering W. S. with all sail set. Brought the main Spencer. The watch busy at small jobs. The Carpenter making a frame for a leather. A mormonite flying fish came on board tonight. Length 19 in 21 in between.

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Saturday October 22nd

Had good weather by daylight but in the night rather squally reaped several times. The Capt. does not appear to gain very fast. He probably breaks nature's law when in port and now must suffer the penalty. Our new Mate gets along first rate yet. I expect the old man will not like him because he does not disgrace himself to swear at the men and call them everything wicked and hateful he can think of. I hope he will not be learned to use such language.