

too much excited, and her health injured, and
sent word that I would delay my visit till tomorrow.
This day twelve years back Mary and I landed in
St. Australia. <sup>23rd was her birthday, the birth of her son and the
day of my second arrival in the colony of St. Australia.</sup>
This plan has proved a quiet resting place to me,
and this morning I am thankful to say that I have
witnessed a renewal of my health, for which I desire
to be thankful, and I sat down to breakfast for the
first time since I left Melbourne, with an appetite.
My pains are not quite cleared off, but I think
they will now speedily depart altogether.

The great Master has been very good to me, and permitted
me to lay on my oars - but this morning, very soon after
awaking, the path shone clear before me; viz - to pro-
~~ceed to the remarkable~~ quickly as I will can, and
then work back just as our dear Lord may please to
direct me. As yet I have not opened my mind to any one
but intend to speak to F. Mackie there on, to see by what
means, and route, I can proceed. I think I told thee that
Joseph Bell & the Holdsworths left horses of theirs at a
place called "Riverston" near Kapenda, and that I have
permission to take one of the horses for use - if I require
one. It was kind of them to make the offer.

Two young men, sons of John Wrighton were residing at
Echuca, and a young friend named Alalidon from Inver
they seem nice young men; particularly the latter.
I think that they are making collections of Natural history.

The latter young man talked of coming to Gasmania in
about a month. He has been painfully used here by the
Police. He and his companions were shooting at Waterloo
on the Murray, when he was arrested on suspicion of having
issued a valueless cheque, and defrauded some of the
inhabitants. (none) ^{at a Township 76 or more miles away,} thereby. He was taken before a
Magistrate, who however expressed his credence, to help
him. - Word was however telegraphed to the place and to
Adelaide, but great delay occurred, and the replies were
perhaps deemed not satisfactory. However - such seems
to have been his resemblance to the delinquent, that he
was arrested a second time (but by another Constable) and
taken to Adelaide in hard cuffs - where he was of course
discharged. The indignity was great, and the infringement
of liberty unjustifiable. However - he seems to possess
real greatness of mind, and is disposed to forgive those
who have so cruelly treated him.

I have been thinking over my exercises in Melbourne.
On the marriage day - I found it laid upon me to stand
up with the words - "Let us go up to Bethel and burn
the Ewerant, and put away all the strange Gods from
among you" - It seemed to me to be rather a strange
widdying sermon, but my duty was obedience - not
to question. In the course of my remarks - I had to
refer to strange Gods getting among the household of
such a man as Jacob, and if among his, might they
not get among ours &c. &c. It was a close testimony -

but such will apply to all the Lord, in his great mercy,
laid upon me. I think that I now see that the things
Gods. as the Pianos, the Dresses, and the Addresses &c.
The Lord hath tenderly visited them all, and would
deliver them from all their bondage, if they would only
surrender to him, and he would clothe them in the beautiful
garment of his own righteousness, and cause them to
shine therein before men; yes, and he would increase
the respect in which they are held, with their eyes only
single to him. How thankful I am that the Lord enabled
me to deal faithfully with all, and the longer I staid
among them, the more the love of friends seemed to increase
towards me, so that I had to rejoice, and do rejoice.
And now that the Lord has been pleased to lift the cloud
and show me some of the work he is about to employ
me on, my desire is to do it in faith and simplicity, that
the excellency of the power may be his alone. Forth is God
over all - blessed forever. He only knows how long I
shall be employed here, - but the time will come, I trust,
when I ~~shall~~ ^{shall} be again united to them, and my dear
ones - The remembrance of parting is still precious to
me, I see thy affectionate, though sorrowing, looks, as thou
stood at the back window, and I feel the affection of
the dear children, who I believe in parting with me,
gave me up heartily to the Lord's service - may the
Lord bless them and thee - it seems already something
like participating in the "hard sea-ford" - so graciously
promised to those who leave children and lovers for the
Lord's sake, and the promotion of his glorious cause.