

*This is the text
of a diary kept by
William Mitchell
between
10 April 1887 and 15 Sept 1887
It covers a part of his trip north from
Bethanga in search of
a suitable property to purchase.*

Inside the outer cover is small pocket in which there were several enclosures.

One of them is very much out of step with the dates, being a letter written to his wife in 1889 when he was sick with diabetes which killed him that year.

That letter is reproduced on the next pages.

Bethanga

24 Jan 1889

Dear Wife

There being no letter
from you, last night
I infer you are staying
to enjoy yourself instead
of hurrying home when
there is no need for it,
your first letter was at the
station when I left mine,
M^{rs} Northy baked us a big
batch of bread and on monday
Mary & I washed all the
clothes & got done in good
time, one of Watts shirts
was mighty blue when

it come out of the boiler
I guess it is well died, with a good
staying color, Mary keeps the boys
well under the verandah & store
room, I dont know of Ernest
pulling a flower since you have
been away & Watt says he's
the best boy he has seen, he never
cries, so you may guess he
is pleased or he would let me
know it, the flowers on
the pansies are the best that
I've seen for a long time
Watt is quite satisfied
with his fare it is exactly
what he likes, when you
spoke abt roughing it he

thought he
was to be fed on bread & salt junk, so your idea
of roughing it & his differ It rains a wee today
& I'm going to town if I do. I'm sort of feeling i'd
like to see you again but we dont kill a pig every
day & while you are away you had better enjoy
yourself at your leisure, you will be prisoner enough
when you come back, we are all well
from your affectionate husband

W Mitchell

I am very well myself. the same medicine came again
but I think it stronger, I expected a change at
any rate I've been able to ride better with this
fisc than I have for months before, Northy took
the boar to his place,

[These are the parts in the pocket.

What follow is now the body of the diary.]

10 April 1879 Guyra ⁴

I had a look at a horse Armstrong wanted £5 for, he was a strong made horse, good teeth, poor, & ten years old, worth the money, but I did not buy him. I went down the creek, oposite side from the tent, over the boys' selection. there was pepermint timber on a good deal of it, saw some pepermint trees grubbed & the pepermint land looked as good or better, than the gum on the other selection, had a look through the selection he sold to Oliver there was a good many gum bushes growing there that I think would be easily killed, the grass was considerably improved were the timber was rung, I saw a lot of cows with calves in the paddock, they are in better condition than Armstrongs cattle & their condition was only good enough for milkers, I saw severil bullocks only one was fat the rest were too poor for being on good land, I had another look at the cocks foot and rye grass that Armstrongs

horses are on it don't look good enough
for laid down pasture after dinner Brad
& I went to the Mother of ducks lagoon, the best
of the grass seems to be about the reserve, the
lagoon looks a mile & a half long & $\frac{3}{4}$ of a
mile wide, the water is shallow at the side & there
is a strip of it that looks fit for a boat
if it is deep enough, the centre has a lot of green
stuff growing about 18in above the water, I saw
2 native companions, 2 black swans, one white bird
with a bag under his bill, some water hens,
some divers, & I spose some ducks, we went to
the surveyors camp had a chat with the cook; he said
they used to get sheep at the station they were about
40 lb & nearly all bones, He thinks the beef he gets here
better than the beef in the flat country, he says it has
a better flavour & it is fat & lean together,
on the flat country, it's 2 oily, we saw were the railway
is surveyed as we went back, there were big marks
in the trees painted red & three pegs together

painted red also. I finished writing the letter to Father in the evening that I commenced on the 3rd at Stonehenge, had a little drizzly rain in the morning, the rest of the day was dry, but cloudy.

11th Armstrong came down in the morning & told us he had let 7 miles of fencing & to tell Doust he won't sell the place @ any price, we started for Obern I posted Fathers letter at Guyra & we got stores there. M^{rs} Mills (as I spose she is) told us that Armstrong has had notice to keep his cattle off the reserve & that there was selection & pre-leases there before he took his & that he got no pre lease hardly others are taking it from him. Armstrong told us he has 7 miles of a run, enough for twice as much cattle as he got, Guyra has station, store, post office, & hotel all in ones house's. coming down over the hill a mile on I went into the paddock to see some cattle but couldn't get near them. I saw a lot of cattle at the creek at the foot of the hill, that was in good condition, I think a good deal better

than Armstrongs, the land also looks a great deal better, it has far less timber, a plenty of clover, & good black soil flats without timber, Armstrong told me the best of the land is where the timber is, were there is no timber will get no wheat, he told me of someone (naming him) that took a selection a mile up from were we were, I saw the stubble that a good crop of oats has come off on the flat, and potatoes looking well evidently in new ground, I pulled away the earth & saw plenty of spuds under some stalks, we went up the creek over a mile & there is good flat on the side we went up but not wide enough & the back ground is too rough to make a good selection. I like the look of the land better than I do Armstrongs & also the cattle, afterwards we went to the right to see a flat I thought I see as we was coming on Tuesday but there was no flat there, we saw a little lagoon as we were walking back to the road, camped for dinner were we saw the

short horned cattle on tuesday, went to have a look at the land while the billy was boiling it is evidently very good & very stony, & plenty of swamps through it, turned to the right after we passed stoney creek, got some quartz stones & took them with us, got to a big flat a mile & a quarter below Falconer Hotel there was plenty of cattle on it in good condition, it would make a grand selection, went to the hotel to enquire the road, & got a tin of sardines for 1/6 come down crossed the creek with our pants of went up the side of the hill & camped.

12th Started at 8.15 - about a mile and a half E.S.E. from there is a sound plain that looks well & evidently there is a creek running down from it, about N.E. we passed the top of it, & went down the plain in front of Bald Blair station. it was very good looking land, most of it a dark chocolate soil, a lot of

clover on it & a lot of cattle I was not near enough to see the condition of many of them, what I saw looked in fair condition, we passed an old cultivation paddock the grass looked much finer were it had been ploughed, evidently much improved. the most of the grass on the plain is kangaroo, the plain & ridge without timber is about a mile wide, & the timbered land looks nice and open I think most of it pepermint timber, we went down the plain 3 or 4 miles, & saw severil little places fenced in 2 pannels square I saw like 3 young poplar trees in one, I should take them to be dummy improvements to block selection. it looks a grand place to select, but it is exceedingly cold in winter & cattle fall away very fast & it is too wet for sheep, we saw a lagoon on the plain, & counted 13 black swans on it, saw 2 of them fly they had white wings, we saw a lot of ducks on the lagoon that flew a long time before we got to them evidently the Mother of ducks has sent all the ducklings there at 10.10

we left the plain & saw a surveyors peg & trenches. N. & S. & to point 60 near E.S.E. & N.N.W. a little S, there was other similar pegs & a tree marked !^!, after going over some good forest land, the country got worse & rougher & we met a boy with a flock of sheep, they had very little wool on them, some appeared to be in good condition, & some was lame. I asked the boy if they had foot rot? he said they had. I asked him the way to Obern diggings & he said he didnt know. he did not know the name of the run he was on, he said his brother might know, but we did not see him. the sheep were station sheep belonging to
a bit further on, we went down a hill to a creek we went to the right to find someone to inquire, saw some old sheep-yards only, we came back to the creek which we thought was Obern Creek & camped for dinner, there had been a big flood & we found some black tin on some gravel that has evidently been washed there. there was little or no black jack in it we washed some in the panikins & brought

it with us. after dinner I took off my pants & crossed the creek. it was half way up my thigh & the absence of caloric was distinctly palpable. Brad having a little cold on him rode across, after we crossed the creek we got into box timber & white sandy soil, we went up a black gully, passed the head of it crossed another road the land so far not up to much, we saw a lot of dead trees in front of us & thought we were coming to some place, but was disappointed the trees had all died a natural death & the road went passed, we went on till we thought we had gone far enough & felt satisfied we were going wrong, & having a place to camp & being near time, we camped, a man rode up I asked him were we were to, he said we were on the road to Abafoil, It was Abafoil Creek we crossed, there has not been any working on it, we had come the long way around we ought to have gone down the first plain we passed, & not

come to Bald Blair at all, we are 15 miles from Falconer and 10 miles from Obern diggings, we have come further today than would have taken us to the diggings if we had went right, he directed us to the diggings, the timber died a natural death were we camped, the grass is short & a good floor of it & a lot of cattle, horses & kangaroos feed on it, would do for a selection 3rd class the horse went back rather fast so we tied him up at night weather fine.

13. Sunday. camped all day, in the morning made a big fire & in the afternoon baked 2 dampers & had a spell writing verses, had a fine day, in the evening Brad said when is Good Friday? we both thought it was last Friday & this is Easter Sunday, We had sardines & damper for dinner, & Sunday in the bush is like no Sunday at all!

14th. Started down Johns Creek, that is the creek we were camped

on at 7.40. our directions were to go a mile & a half or 2 miles down to a cross road & take the left hand road & cross the creek & the road would take us to a selection 5 miles on & the selector would direct us to the diggings 5 miles further, we went over 2 miles down, crossed the creek by an old paddock the road went to the slip-rails, we went up the creek to see if we had missed the road, found another track that went to the slip-rails, we then got a track at the back of the paddock & followed it, it took us nearer back to where we started from than the other tracks, we then followed the creek down sometimes we had a track & sometimes none, the land on the opposite side of the creek had mostly trees that had died a natural death, there was swarms of cattle on it & short grass the grass looks much finer where the trees are dead & the roots much closer together. the cattle there on the whole rather poor, we come to a road 4 or 5 miles down, went on it a little way & then followed the creek down till 11 o'clock. we then marked

2 trees. A FOOL'S errand (14/4/79) & returned to the crossroad by 11.45 & camped for dinner, I prospected & got very little tin in John's Creek & Brad got doo. in a branch creek before dinner. I also went across John's Creek & followed the road back there was a large mob of cattle there. I fancy some of the big bullocks in it was good beef & there was a calf that could not run away with the rest it looked sick there had been an old stock-yard there, the soil was rather white & gritty, the grass short & a good floor of it, we talked of following the road Brad thought it was the right one & also of going back to Bald Blair to inquire the road if we went back we thought we could make Abafoil to camp. Brad tossed up a stone to see which way we should go & it came down wet side up to follow the road, we agreed to follow 2 hours to see if we got any were, we crossed a little black flat a mile up & then went over a ridge with stringy bark on it.

on the other side the country was flatter. it has a billybong appearance, the grass mostly kangaroo looked rather red & there was not much stock to be seen, the soil rather white & gritty, crossed a swamp or two, I think the country would do for sheep as long as they are kept out of the swamps & one shepherd could mind 2000 of them, the land don't seem to grow as much grass as the red land about Glen Innes & the land is not good enough to select without a grass right, Johns Creek is better than it after an hour & a quarter we come to the selection a young man there directed us to Obern. we went down the creek & saw a man sluicing by himself he had ground 4 or 6 feet deep, very little or no gravel on an uneven, soft-looking granite bottom, the man then directed us afresh & we went about a mile & a half & camped saw a mob of cattle on the way that looked poor an abundance

of grass, saw a few big bullocks near the place we camped that looked like beef, had a fine day. we had it cold last night & this morning its getting rather cold for travelling we crossed 2 creeks this side of where the man was digging.

15th after we got over the hill we did not find the swamp as per directions, but found a track going the direction the digger pointed & followed it, sometimes we had it good & sometimes no track at all, at last the track went the wrong way & we left it & went through the bush & got on a good road that took us to Obern Station 5 miles from the diggings the same distance as the selection where we got directions yesterday I only went to a creek Brad crossed & went to the station on our way to the diggings I took of my pants to cross the creek Brad rode across behind the pack; we went down $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile below the store & camped after one o'clock, I saw some cattle before

starting in fair condition, there was plenty of grass but it looked sour, most of the soil to day is granity looking grit, saw a few more cattle, a lot of the country looks rough or coarse, with a few stringy barks, but mostly honeysuckle, oaks, & other rubishy looking stuff, saw no good land to day a man showed us about 2 ½ dwts of gold he got this week foficking & showed us where he got it in old ground, he washed it in a dish, the creek is worked for gold there is a little tin in it but not worth saving we got some where someone has been panning off.

16th about three miles down the creek saw a few cattle rather poor, there was a large & very good yard there & a house & a woman that probably was not reared out of the world like she is now from her manner of speaking, some good

looking children, a buggy etc, probably it was a stock mans place evidently there are diggers the other side of the creek, about 5 miles further down saw a few cattle in good condition & severil, too far away to see what they were crossed a creek with dirty water & a mile& half further on came to the Mitchell River there was some rung timber there & a good many cattle rather poor, all the land we passed was gritty, plenty of grass & very little to eat it. I rode across the river, went to the house to enquire & drove the horse back Brad put the swag on him & drove him across again & I then sent him back again for Brad had dinner on the bank of the creek, the land about the station was light & sandy but more like soil up at the back; I was told it was 12 miles to Oakwood Station, & 6 or 7 from there to the gulf. it is 10 miles from clerks store, Obern Nth. Mount Mitchell, & 30 from either to

Glen Innes I was told to follow the road at the back of the station & it would take me to the next station we saw a lot of cattle 2 or 3 miles after we left the station they were rather poor, crossed a creek that someone has worked, & saw a house in a garden that looked like a chinaman's residence, the ridge was hollow-backed, there was a swamp above the gunya, a bit further on the track went into a paddock with a new post & rail fence, we went through the paddock but could not get out & had to come back again & go round the lower side of it there has been a good crop of oats in the paddock on a flat this year there was a lot of cows & calves in the paddock with a bull all dark red but one calf I took them to be a stud herd of devons, there was a lot of scrub or saplings in the paddock on the ridge & a very thick coat of grasses as well, the soil I took to be sandy, the paddock 60 or 80 acres of an improvement block to spoil a selection; I judge it to be, about a mile & a half farther on the tracks seem all to run out, we had a good spell hunting

about to see which was the right one & they all appeared to be wrong, there has been drays along here years ago we come up over a good black flat the ridges are scrubby but have a lot of grass & sandy, I think we are 6 miles from the station & fussy all to tell which way to go, probably can take a good selection & a grass right that can keep. have had a cloudy day & night is fine, baked a damper, there is severil red cattle outside as well as in the paddock; saw other cattle above the paddock, we could buy no butter at the station, but the M^{rs}. gave me 1/2 a pound, we had hot salmon for supper, the cattle looked just good stores.

17th Got a track just above the tent in the morning & followed it up, there was dray tracks on it & we followed the wheel tracks regardless of any beaten road, we went over a very low gap & went down over nearly flat forest land, sandy with plenty of grass & bushes on it, 2 or 3 miles on

crossed a plain & come to the henry river.
saw a lot of good store cattle & some
old frames of houses & a tree marked 42 _ 43.
there has been an old diggings there, crossed the river
and got on to a distinct track, the country got
rather rough, oak & honeysuckle trees
plenty of grass, saw a few cattle there it was
open in fine condition, about 12 o'clock
we got to yarrow creek station 15 miles
from mount Mitchell, & 12 miles from
oak wood station, as far off as when we left
mt mitchell, we saw a prime fat hereford
heifer & a hereford bull that are evidently
for the Glen Innes Show from what 2
men say that are camped with us, the land has
been all gritty, got directions to Glen Innes
15 miles, from a young chap there, he said
they take all the cattle down the country to fatten
they get no fat cattle on either yarrow creek
or mt. mitchell stations, crossed yarrow
creek by the station, when we got on top
of the ridge the land changed into good

red firm land, the grass looked better saw
some cattle 2 big bullocks in them looked
good beef, went through a fence 3
miles on, the land was well grassed, some
times red & sometimes sandy, & some swamps
we camped 10 miles from Glenn Innes
by the man river, after dark 2 men
rode up that are working at the gulf there is no one
working the reefs they are the only two working there
& they come to Glen Innes for their stores.
I think there is fatter cattle here than on the
sandy land where we have been. the men say
there is no road to the gulf from oakwood & a
stranger could hardly find it, & they could
not direct any one so that they could
find it we might have done the best thing
not to try it.

18th crossed the man river as soon as we started
the country got drier & was stocked with
sheep. there was a fence after crossing the river.

a mile or 2 on there was some flats & selection saw some cattle there looking well many of them as good as beef generally is, some times the ridges was sandy, at other times red but the grass was much the same & good, got to the beardy it wasnot so good before we come to the racecourse as it was across the creek. had dinner at M^cAlpines & went to Glen Innes & camped, got no letters.

19th went to the land office the clerk showed me a tracing of the county of gough superior to the one in general use, washed our clothes, bought this book etc & in the evening copy the first part of it from the record I had on writing paper.

20th Sunday went to the church of England in the morning, & to the church of England sunday school in the after

noon. it was rather a dry kind of school, I sat at the back & looked on wasnot asked to go into the bible class or anything else. the little ones was taught their prayers & Katechism, only 3 classes read that I could see, the children were remarkably good behaved some of the little ones 14 or 15 in a class, I estimate the School at over an 100 children, the teachers mostly young wimen. there again at the evening service. I fancy it was one of the men that serve in Munro's Store that conducted the service & superintended the School,

21st went to the land-office & made a small tracing of Deepwater of the tracing the clerk showed me before. I also had a look at some sheets that recorded the purchases in furagobad Deep water etc. a man came out of Martin's office & told me about Deepwater, said he was the Government

surveyor he had just been & recommended some reserves, the country was stoney there, the station had applied for the reserves but they wont get them they will be given to the publick, he thinks there will be tin mining there, he said the tracing & sheets were his & took them with him, he was very obliging in giving information etc, he said there were improvement blocks taken there by Kedell the squater, & that Christy the surveyor, is the man to get information from about that place, & Ronalds for Grahams Valey he said the old maps were all the maps Martin

I sent Father a cheque in Brad's letter to be deposited had, we couldn't find the horse all day.

22nd Brad hunted all the morning & couldnot find the horse, I hunted a little in vain, wrote a letter to mother & sent her 5 sheets full most of it was last weeks diary. posted it with 4d. worth of stamps & it was nearly 6d. postage, I got the horse in about 10 minutes walk after dinner, I got some leather

rivets, buckles etc to take up to Alf's tomorrow. I forgot last night I put a new seat in my pants that I got in Melbourne.

23rd. sent a letter I wrote last night to John Simpson Jnr House Stanley with a cheque for £1-10 thirty shillings to be paid into the tent to my account, sent on the leather rivets, chains buckles etc, by Syah Tailor on his bullock wagon. I had a walk out the road with Tailor he told me about his looking for land, how he went to Martin, the land agent, and he (Martin) told him it was all purchased land up Graham's Valey, he then went to a surveyor who was surveying the railway, he told him it wasnot his

business, but showed him a map
& when Tailor pointed out the
land he wanted, he told him
there was no purchased land
there, he went to Martin again.
Martin told him he would be
a friend to him & told him to go
to Shanon Vale there was good land
there, Tailor told him the land
he wanted was at Grahams Valey
and not shanonvale, and he would wait
for his money till govermint sent
it back to him, he took Tailors
application, & then Tom Tailors application
& Hinesons & said nothing about it.
Marin charged Tailor 2/6d there was
only martin in the office at the time with
them I went as far as M^{rs}
M^cAlpine's had supper there
& came back to the tent after.

24th. had a look for the horse in the morning to go to Glenalgin & couldnot find him, in the afternoon I went to look for a reef & found none, but I found the horse, had a little rain.

25th. I went down below the town & had a look at some dairy cattle in fair condition, I saw some good prairie grass & clover in a paddock, went over the ridges at the back to the Grafton Road to find a reef & found none, it come to rain & I come home & wrote a letter to Malcom M^cPherson at Dandenong.

26th posted M^cPhersons letter, washed my clothes, found the horse, but couldnot find any quartz,

27th. Sunday.

went to the presbyterian church in the morning, heard a good discourse on I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me, the minister pointed out a Greek idiom on the word all in this place meaning many, the singing was good, the service had more spirit & less form in it than the church of England. In the afternoon I went to the sunday school, it was conducted by a young man who evidently felt himself unequal to his task but willing to do all he could for the cause of God, there was 20 or 30 children taught the Scriptures, I think the young man's heart is in his work, & if I was going to stay about here I would like to assist him, there was a young woman

if not two, & a big boy also
teaching, I like it better than the other
sunday school although it is not near
so large nor near the stock of teacher,
it is more homely, has less form,
& I heard more about Jesus, in the
evening went there to church. the congregation
was very small not near as large as it was in
the morning, Text We must all appear before the judgment
seat of Christ. the all in this place had a different
meaning the preacher preached Christ faithfully.
he was a good speaker, in the morning there was
a lot come in buggies & on horseback
that evidently stayed away in the evening, when
I came out of church, it was just like
coming out of Yack church, but I hadn't
Tom to take me to Hillsborough. I rather missed
him.

28th went out and saw the horse, I also saw several sheep coming to the show they were from Waterloo merinos & long wools saw one of the men from the gulf getting wood to burn bricks where I found the horse he promised to lend me a dish to wash prospects in, the other come & had a chat with us by the fire in the evening.

29th went and got Dicks dish of his wife (I suppose) Brad crushed the quartz we brought from Falconer & washed them there was no gold in it, I tried some other stuff there was no gold in it. I went to the town got a letter from Father & some stores. I went up as far as the showgrounds & saw men fixing the booth etc, & very little else. after dinner we both went up to the showground all that was done was arranging exhibits.

30th wrote a letter to M^{rs} Lobban.
went to the Show but was not allowed
in, went to the Post Office & got an
order for 10/- for W^m Richards, Melbourne
got some beef & come home to dinner
after dinner we went to the show
there was several draught entries there &
mares which I consider very good,
some pens of fat cows that was not
very fat, several Devon & Hereford
bulls, etc, several Durham cows etc
there was some very large sheep long
wooled, the Merinos looked perfect
scrubbers against them, saw Alf &
his wife, & her mother & Maggie, we
promised to come up & help him
take in his crop, after tea finished
the above letter, we went over to
the town I posted it, saw 3 fellows

with tables & a ball each which I called pool it was catch penny gambling, there was a man with a rifle 4 shots for a 1/, there was a nigger play in the music hall & a man that was drunk wanted to go in, & very near got put in the lock up, the business places were closed.

1st May. Alf come down in the morning, I rode his horse to look for ours but did not find him, we went to the show after dinner there was more people there than yesterday, several of the entries were not there, saw the young woman showing of their horses inside the ring, also the men, their horses action, there was several very small ponies shown a very small girl rode one of them, the rest were rode by boys, single & double buggies there shown of etc, there was very large cabbage, pumpkins, mellons, turnips, vegetable marrow, spuds, mangolds, etc, etc, lots of samples

tin, a little copper ore, some saddles.
I think not much of got prizes,
the ornamental draught harness got
first prize, & the harness that was
better for a man that wants to use it
highly commended as well as I can remember
there was some good pictures, a large oil
painting of Munro, the store-keeper
got the prize, there was a lot of wool work,
etc, etc, leather, tanned skins of different
native animals with the hair on, wheelwright
timber, etc, poultry, & dogs, a brass band
playing, auctioneers selling bullock
teams, horses, spring carts, etc, one
auctioneer was taking more time than
was allotted to him & evidently did not
care for that he kept going, another got
got up near him & commenced to
sell a spring cart & there was some

confusion, a drunk man bought a springcart for £26 after wards he asked who bought it, & when he was told he had, he said you can keep it. I am going to clear out and off he went but not far. he was soon in sight again, there was severil samples of butter, a cheese. I thought the bacon that got the prize coarse for nice eating bacon, I rode one of the ponies that got first prize in a buggy down to the town he is a nice little thing, had a look at a horse a man wanted £6..10..0 for he is like darkie but much stouter & he bucked a little, 5 years old about the cheapest we have met with didnot buy.

2nd. I got the horse without trouble, Brad got stores etc while I packed up. we went out to M^cAlpines with M^cAlpine

who overtook us just after we started
had dinner @ M^cAlpines, Old Hutcheson
& Christena drove up in a wagonette
he came in but she wouldnot hadnot
much of a look at her, she looked
old enough for 26 instead of 21 on her
nose scold, activity, & combativeness,
shown, come up the road to Alfs against dark.

3rd we helped to fix the kitchen & make
pigsty. I took the dray up to
Alfs selection for some bark, had
snow on the way the breast of my
shirt had enough on it
to make a snowball. its
getting like old England.
the weather is cold, yesterday
we had frost, today
snow, but I don't feel
the cold as much as in

Hillsborough.

4th. Sunday.

5th took a horse down to M^cAlpines to bring the dray & M^{rs} M^cAlpine up, went to town & got papers & a Bible, afterwards helped Dave drive the cattle up to the selection, helped to stack some tree tops in the morning first thing.

6th got 3 long poles for Alf to fix a fly over place he was fixing to thrash on, took the dray loaded up to the old man's and went

carting in corn. husked some in the evening.

7th husking corn in the morning,
& pulling corn in the afternoon &
husked some to finish.

8th Too wet to bring in
corn started husking what
is in Alf went to town &
got back long after dark.
I lent him £25 to get a spring
cart from Sydney, we finished
all the maize.

9th Too wet to pull corn. I
started to make back bands,
circingle hobbles etc, but there
being no hammer I had to nock
off, all 4 of us went up
to the old man's & started to cut

a trench, for a pig proof yard, but there being too much rain, we nocked off before we finished, the grass is getting brown or red & looks not half as good as it did before we left last time. Its evident there is enough stock here for the winter.

10th very little rain. we pulled corn in the morning & a little after dinner, & husking from then till dark.

11 Sunday Davie and Nelly came up by dinnertime & her two brothers stayed this side of corbets one of their horses was boged, four of us went down

& pulled the horse out, we had
a very wet afternoon &
they did not go home.

12 brought in some corn
& husked it, it being damp.
Brad & I pulled it & Alf
carted it, husking after tea.

13 pulling corn till near
3 o'clock, I then went down
to town, got no letters, posted
one to William Gorrill
that I wrote 2 or 3 days before
got some physic for the youngster,
flannel for Alf etc. & socks
for self, come back to Davies
couldnot get in, & come
up to alfs' by 11.40.

14 pulling corn all day except the time of short shower in the middle of the afternoon, husking corn after supper.

15 pulling & husking corn.

16 doo

17 doo. John Davis left Alf's to day he wants to get to a hotter place on account of being consumptive.

18 Sunday went to Glen Innes with Alf. we went to the Presbyterian church in time to hear the sermon Mr Innis the minister preached. I had dinner at Hodgkiss's Hotel. Alf had dinner at the mill were

Emily lives & had cream & I
had none, he went home & I
went to the presbyterian church &
the Wesleyan minister preached
at 3 o'clock, had tea at Dousts
& went to church in the masonic
Hall in the evening the Wesleyan
minister preached, he is a pretty
good preacher, I slept at Dousts
and had breakfast the next day it
is a first class place to stay.

19th got a letter from father
& wrote a letter, & posted it
to him, the clerk at the court told me
the gold was got at Kingsgate,
no claims or lease had been
registered or applied for,
Cotton told me that he heard

Lary Cunningham say when he (Cunningham) was drunk that he showed Ronolds the reefs that they are 2 ½ or 3 miles from Kingsgate home stead, cotton thought that Lary being drunk his word was worth taking notice of. I bought a long handled shovel got the horse @ Sylicks's & come up to Alf's. got promissory note of his. I commenced to read the Bible through Gen. III.

20th I washed my clothes in the morning, there was a strip of leather missing that I cut to make a circingle, I then helped to top up the brush fence, after dinner I went over past Smith's hut, the land is too hilly & stoney for a selection.

the cattle were poorer than ought to be,
the grass looks sour & getting brown
the place looks worse a great
deal, after I came back
I made some hobbles &
back bands. Gen. VI.

21st we left Alfs the weather
cloudy & a little drisly rain
from Stonehenge to the man
river will do for sheep, & might
find good selection, we crossed the river
dry saw a lot of cattle that were in good
condition, good floor of grass
looking brown, the soil a good deal of
it sandy, called at Blair Hill
Station, saw a lot of cattle in the yard,
camped 2 miles down the river, we
are going to Kingsgate to find
a ton of gold if we can, we

got 2 big loaves & a good cake the
Mrs give us enough to last all the week
& part of next, Gen.IX.

22nd we had an early start.
come to a selection a mile down that we passed on the 17th April
just before we camped, got the road there &
went towards Yarow creek, we
went a mile on the wrong road once &
came back again, the creek was only knee
deep but very cold, & not near as
much water as wen we crossed it before,
we eat a bit of cake after crosing
the creek but did not unpack the horse, we went
down the creek & through a paddock &
come back again for fresh directions
it took us near an hour, we went down
again in the paddock crossed the creek went
through a fence $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile up from the
creek got a road & went on about 2 mile

& camped, from the fence the country is rough or coarse, white & gritty or sandy, a lot of oak trees, some big mesmates & stringy bark, we saw a team of bullocks at the station some of them was fat enough for anything showing good flanks & cod, the grass on the sandy soil looks better than it is on the red & black land at Alfs, a lot of the grass we see to day is brown, a rum colour for wet weather, weather cloudy & little rain. Gen. X. travel 16 miles today. Amen!

23rd we went back the road a mile to a creek, went down it to see for M^cAlpine's old workings & found none, come back, washed prospect of fine dirt at the brick reef agin the tent, had dinner

crushed the stones we burnt last
night washed them & got
nothing went along the road to were it
goes down the range, went down a
steep gully to the right saw were
some one has been fosicking, the creek then
went down over rocks & we come back
up another branch of the creek found
were someone has been working, we
got a little tin or something else
in 2 or 3 stones, one place there was
some fine & we put it in the old
frying pan & brought it with
us & washed it, we brought
near all the tin we could find,
we could not find a pound altogether.
the workings was close the brick reef we
tried in the morning there was a tree
there marked '↑' went down the creek
below the tent & washed some

prospects of the bottom about 2ft 6in deep got some tin some one has worked there long ago, the tin was very little but coarse enough, we saw cattle severil places to day some of them are fat, there is plenty of grass such as it is here, some swampy places in the creek etc, country all rough, some mesmate trees like Hillsborough we had a very wet night last night , carried our coats all day to day evening fine. Gen XIV

24th Alf 25 years to day, we came down over the range to Kingsgate station, the country similar to the Victoria bush, grass green, apple trees the same sort as at home, we saw 2 men at the station, one gave us 8 or 9 lbs. beef. they told us were

to find a reef, they said they didnot know where Ronalds got his gold, they gave us a specimen of galena or tin we hardly know which to call it, we crossed the creek below the station, went down 4 miles found the reef & camped, I see severil rock wallabys on the way down the country rough but not sour. its quite different from where we started from this morning the creek has a lot of falls over rocks, we saw severil surveyors marks & pegs painted white as we came down the creek. Gen. XIX.

25th Sunday.

there was a little rain during the night although it is fine to day, had boiled beef & bread for dinner & the remains of the cake to finish off with, put the rest of the beef on to

boil & made a small damper
after dinner. Gen. XLV

26th Brad crushed a lot of stones
from the reef below the tent & got
no gold, the reef is 4 or 5 ft. thick, stands
up like a wall about 12 ft above
the surface, it is very granity, I
went after the horse & then we went
through the ranges prospecting,
we saw some oak trees with
long drooping twigs like
willows, some rock wallabys
& big rocks but no sign of
a reef some proper mesmate
trees etc. after dinner Brad
went up the creek prospecting & I
stayed home & made 3 loaves
& baked them in an old frying

pan I baked the first yesterday
that way & it keeps the bottom
clean & answers well, I also mended
my pants. Exodus II.

27th Brad crushed the stones he got
yesterday & got no gold, I went
after the horse & brought back some
quartz & crushed them & got
nothing, we had dinner & started,
we saw some quartz & Brad washed
a prospect & got nothing as we were
coming up the creek, Brad rode across
the creek behind the pack, I took off my
pants & crossed it was very cold but
not as deep as last week, we saw
Larry cutting corn stalks in the paddock
we went in & had a chat with
him, he says he dont know where
Ronalds got his gold, & if the stuff

he gave us is any good he will show us where the lode is. we followed the creek up (sheep-station creek) & got into a steep rocky scrubby sideling we came out of it & got the track to Glen Innes & came on till we crossed the creek, we met Jim Larkins there, we came up the side of the hill, went back again near the creek & camped. the land this side of Kingsgate is rough & gritty the grass mostly red or brown, we had a few drops of rain to damp the bushes just before camp time, Exod. III.

28th after breakfast we went down the creek the other side, the hills are very stoney etc, we saw some quartz on the way down, we crossed the creek went along the hill down in sight of the station, went around to the top of the range near the end of it, could see down

Yarrow Creek, we turned & came back higher up, brought 2 stones home to crush, the hill got into rocky precipices & a little scrubby, it got too bad to travel & we crossed the creek & came up the other side, we saw a nice catarack in a gulf the fall about 40 ft. deep. there was 30 ft. of a clear fall & high precipices all round the pool, came farther up, I got some stones, crossed the creek and crushed them, there was nothing in them, got back about 3 o'clock. after dinner I put bushes around the tent. Exod. VIII 1/2

29th we went down the creek, sunk an hole on the other side but didnot bottom it, we washed some very poor prospects out of it, Brad then went to the creek to get some tin where we washed the

prospects on the 23rd inst, & I went along
the range this side of the creek prospecting, Brad
brought back some tin with him,
I saw some hard quartz stones, we have
not found a speck of gold yet,
I made a damper in the afternoon, we
had little sprinkles of rain while
I was out prospecting, & a shower
after I come back. Exod. XI.

30th drisly rain & cold wind all
day, I started to go to the surveyors
old camp prospecting but
soon turned back, we were in the tent
near all day, baked in the afternoon.
Exod. XIV.

31st we got up early to go up to
Alf's, we came on the Glen Innes Road to the

Henery River we passed some good land which from the number of houses on it, I think is selection, we passed a good lagoon etc on the way, we took the pack of the horse & I rode him in the river, it being deep the horse turned & came out again, I took of my watch and went in again, the water was up to the saddle flaps before I got far in, so I came out, the currant was strong & probably it was swim able so we decided to come up to the Yarow Creek road we were told in the morning it was 3 miles up, it took us 3 hours to come up. we had to follow a fence a long way, probably it was a selection & grass right fenced, I think it near 9 miles from one crossing place to the other, we came up & crossed the creek below Blair Hill. Brad rode across first & sent the horse back for the swag & then for me.

the water was up to the saddle flaps &
the poor old horse was shivering when I
got across we come on the side of the hill &
camped it was rather late camping.
Brad went up to the station & had
10 or 12 lbs. of beef & a mugful of sugar
given to him, I think the station people
very hospitable, the weather cloudy &
dry near all day the sun shone a little in
the morning, my head feels a little wrong this
afternoon as if I am booked for a
bad cold, I saw a tree marked ^/100
& a surveyors trenches on the other side of
the creek very good land in the direction of the
trenches, saw some cattle good condition
to day, only read part of a chapter.

1st June Sunday.
camped, weather fine.

fried steak 3 times to day
made jony cakes for breakfast,
after dinner made a damper
& burnt it a lot, comfortable
in the bush, but would be happier
in the house of God. Exod. XXIX .

2nd fine weather but cloudy I came with
Brad across to Stonehenge. I came to Glen
Innes & he went up to Alf's with
the horse, we saw some cattle good condition
there was a good floor of grass on
sandy land about Blair Hill &
a bit this side, & some good
loamy land as we got near to the
main road, no letters. I got an
old crucible at the blacksmiths
& tried to melt the stuff we
got off Garry & got nothing
that I could see stayed at Dousts.

3rd after I done my shopping,
etc, posted a letter I partly
rote last night, to Father,
I come up to Alfs, I got
a shower at Sturgasses, had
fine weather the rest of the day, raining
in the evening, got one of Alf's photos.
got 2 letters from Lewis
that M^{rs}. McAlpine brought up to Alf's.
Exod. XXX

4th we packed the horse to
started for Armadale,
but it being a wet &
cold day, & Alf &
M^cAlpine speking high
of Queensland, & it being
only the same distance to the rail
way from Glen Innes etc we
unpacked the horse again & went
to work, Brad gathered

cornstalks in rows, & I
helped saw down some trees etc,
Alf wrote a letter Thos. White
at Gympie to find out where M^{rs}
Whiterbyrn is etc, & give it to
me to post.

5th we left Alf's at 8.45 for
Armada. I would have went to Queensland
but Brad wouldnot, Alf was much
affected @ us leaving & going home it
was like leaving home to him
evidently, we had fine wether to start
but got a little rain after we passed
Ben Loran Hotel. the road was rather
muddy, we went 5 miles on the road & camped
were Davis had the sheep, the night is fine,
the moon rose just after the sun went down,
there is 3 or 4 men camped close by us, one
that looks intelligent came over to the fire after

tea and talked like a fool, according to his account he has la-de-dahs his money & is near hard up, little rain in the night.
Exod. XXXI.

6th made an early start, the grass does not look as dry on Ben Loman as some other places the cattle looking fair, had dinner a mile before we came to Guyra. after we passed Guyra we passed some farms the road was very wet, & soft some places, it looks good soil but bare, forest land, there is severil men working on the road making a new piece, we came down over a long hill that looked in some places much like the saw mill hill at Hillsboro. when we got to the bottom the country got

much the same as it is about Billy
Betties paddock, camped about a mile &
half from the bottom of the hill, poor
grass from the camp back a long way,
made a damper & wrote a letter
to Lewis came 20 mls. or near it. Exod. XXXII.

7th Brad missed the horse & had about
5 miles walk in the morning, I heard
the bell while lying down & got
the horse against Brad got back, it
delayed us about 2 hours. started
at 10 o'clock, flat land similar appearance
to spring creek Bethanga, light sandy
soil, it improved after we got a mile
or 2 on the road there was good maize on the
black soil on the creek flats, a lot of big
saplings on to days travelling of
gum, stringy bark etc, we saw some
gravil semented together in hard stone

used as road metal, I brought a bit of it with me, dinner at a creek 4 or 5 mls. from Armadale I brought some stones from there, got red land toward town, camped before we come in town among the bushes, after pitching the tent I went to town for stores & posted Lewis's letter, after tea we both had a stroll through the town, there was a plenty of darkness to be seen, some good stores etc. frost last night, & very cold now.

8th Sunday.

At the Church of England in the morning. the sermon was about faith and the Athenition creed etc. hot salmon for dinner, stroll with Brad around town in the afternoon, @ the Wesleyan Church in the evening, the text let all the people say Amen, the Wesleyan Church is built of brick, plastered inside, wood ceiling

has 3 rows of seats all facing the same way, lighted with 14 lamps & 2 candles, about 30 x 40 ft looks neat & comfortable inside & out, has nothing odd in its appearance, the Church of England Cathedral is built of dark brown brick, the inside is not plastered, it has 3 rows of seats facing one way, & seats in the sides in the crossing facing the other way, has pulpit one side brass reading desk in the middle, & desk to say prayers etc on the other side, has an arch about 40 ft. from the end not used in the service save when the minister walked across for the plates etc or a man went over it with a pole & a cross on it, has some stained faces on the windows, three doors two entrances in the side & one in the end not opened on Sunday that I see. the Church is about 30 x 120 without the crossing has a fine organ. on the outside the church has

a lot of fancy brickwork. at a distance looks right enough for a gail, near it looks rather gaudy. the dark walls inside I think has a dull effect in the day whatever it has in the night, I guess the Wesleyan church would cost near £1000 and the English £3,000. the Catholic Church was very large, has an ordinary appearance outside built of brick, & I think a great deal better shape than the English Church. Exod. XXXV.

9th w ent to town for stores etc after breakfast, it has some good buildings police, & land offices, court-house & town clock all together, some good banks & a pokey one,

the town well laid out, streets rather narrow, a cheaper place than Glen Innes where butter is 2/- per lb that is sold here at 1/3 per lb went back to the camp & we started about ten o'clock, came through the town it has far better buildings than Inverell & is perhaps as large, we had dinner about 5 miles out the road by a creek, we came along the road with a man with 2 horses I got bread at Uralla. it has a good street & houses. the land we passed was mostly loamy, with stones, & nice ridges, saw several farms etc came 2 1/2 miles out from town & camped by the Uralla race course which has a big lagoon in the middle of it, sandy soil, the other man camped with us,

10th 2 or 3 miles after we started we came to good land fenced both sides of the road & stocked with sheep & a few cattle. the soil looked loomey. were the trees were rung there was a good mat of grass rather yellow, we soon got into inferior land, with stringy bark timber, it is rather flat & little ridges, would carry sheep well but not many, had dinner where there was grass for the horses. there looked like some fair land at Carlyles' gully & a station up the creek a mile from the road, we came 6 or 7 miles past that & camped just pass an Hotel, after dark a chap come to the camp that left Armadale the same time we did he was hard up, like most are he

camped above the tent, the man who camped with us last night went ahead this morning.

we passed to day the publick house that Thunderbolt was drinking in, the road sergant Walker chased him over, & the place he shot him below Kentucky station but didnt know it until the next day, Exod. XXXV1.

11th the man that left us yesterday morning came to the tent before we were up one of his horses had gone which he soon got back the way, he was camped near a mile ahead of us.

we got bread @ a Chinaman's store @ Bendimore 4d. per loaf and a pound of butter 2 ozs short

weight at store for
1/9 there was an expensive bridge over
McDonalds River @ the town
with 3 arched sides 30 or 40 yds.
long from one pier to the other, made
of planks about 3 x 15 in. the arches
about 2 ft deep. came down over the
big & little Moonbi there is a lot
of road cutting on the ranges the road rather
mucky; the gradient even, passed
the Moonbi Township at the foot
of the hill, there was murder grass
there plentiful as soon as we passed
the town, but we soon got where it was
eaten down bare both sides of the road.
we went up the bush 1/2 a mile
& camped where there was plenty grass.
the man, James Murray over took us at Bendimore
& came with us. we camped all together. saw
some darling pea @ the camp.

12th we came past good land on Cock
burn Creek on our left side & poor
on the right about 12 miles from
Tamworth & doo most all the way
down to the town which is on the
Peal river, Tamworth is a large
town with a lot of brick
buildings, & good streets, built
on both sides of the river, the
railway station being built
on the oposite side to the original town
would naturally cause town
there also. we crossed the river went down the flat &
camped we put 2 tents on one *f*tring.
I went to the telegraph office
& telegraphed to Glen Innes there was
no letters there for me. we had a stroll
in the town again in the evening, before
we got to Tamworth we

saw men working on the railway
it takes a lot of time to turn &
tip those clumsy dobbins, there being
so much shifting, the horse in front & behind.

13th I went over to the town & up to
the railway station before dinner
but didnot get a buyer for
the horse, after dinner Murray took
him over to the town to sell him
on commission but got no
buyer. I wrote a letter to
Father.

14th I was over to the town in the
morning & heard of a horse
sale in the afternoon, after dinner
we took the horse over & sold
him in the sale yard by
auction, he brought twelve

shillings, the auctioneer charged
2/ for selling him & gave me 10/
It was only £3 less than I
give for him, I wrote a
little more to Father and
posted the letter to him.

15th I went to the Presbyterian
church in the morning, it is a
small brick church the walls
are white inside but
not plastered. there is severil cracks
in the wall, the congregation was
very small, with evidently, some
well formed heads, the text was
I am not come to destroy the law
& the prophets, but to fullfill.
the preacher evidently well formed & ballanced
temperaments, 55 years & gray.

he read most of his sermon,
it seemed very dry & feelingless.
I stayed at the tent the rest of the
day & evening. Exod. XXXVII.
I went to bed & Brad didn't.
he intended to stay up till it
was time to get ready to start.
about 10 o'clock there was heavy
rain & wind, I was afraid it
would blow the tent down the tent
not being well put up, it
blew the sides of the tent down
on me Brad then come to
bed thinking we would not
start next day, Murray's
tent blew off him it
not being well fastened
down, but the ridge line
held it alright.

16th up just after one the sky
clear and stary, wether very
cold, had a drink of tea
& rolled up & got to the station
3 minutes before the train started
the morning frosty, started 3.10 a.m
passed good land after day
light went through a long
tunnell bricked an oval
shape & come over some grand
looking land before we came to
Musselbrook which is a
real good town acording to
appearance, got tea & spunge
cakes there for 9d. We passed good
land afterwards with a deal of
murder grass in many places
some of it real grand, saw
what is called the largest house
out of Sydney, there was 500

men 2 years building it & it is not finished yet, got to Newcastle after, 5 o'clock p.m. its a fine place, & we have passed some good towns on the way down today, we came 182 miles we stayed at a darkeys that night which is an accomodation house full of sailors, $\frac{1}{2}$ of them black, we were seven of us in one room, which was by no means tasty!

17th we went towards the smelting works & got as far as we could go & had to come back again, we enquired when we came back for a good accomodation house we got directed to a private place but couldnot get in on account of the husband being

very sick; got told of another
place where it is 6d. per meal, we
went there for dinner I got pie
unsalted there was one woman there
& 2 or 3 dirty children got up from
dinner hungry. we went up to
the back of the town on the Reserve,
had a look at the breaker. it
was grand, the sea was calm
but wen the swell came near land
it made a lot of foam &
came in in long rows. we took
the boat at 3 o'clock & came to
Raimond Terrace up the river.
we passed some plains on the
sides but most of the
land was scruby & swampy
from apperance, we had a
(I suppose) Mifs Windyer
who got out halfway & walked

as if she was somebody in her own estimation, she was a very good form, rather good looking, fine quality, looked like one that would dance & make a good barmaid, & a good one to spoon fellows but not first class, double chined, secretiveness 5½ full eye and a good profile as far as can see with a hat on, there was a man with one harm @ the wharf were she got out. we booked for Copeland as soon as we got to the hotel where we stoped the night evidently it was a plan of the man to extort in getting us to book in a hurry. he charged us 35/ instead of 25/ Stayed at M^cPherson's Cosmopolitan Hotel. the bar is in a small place by

the side of the house so that it is
like a private residence,
we slept in the dining room
Brad on sofa, & I on the
table, I had a good bed,
first class meals, & a place
very homely to stay.

18th we started about 9 o'clock.
the town is a good one for
N S W rather scattered &
flat but ridgy at the back.
as soon as we left the country
got rather thickly timbered
well grassed with couch
grass, the timber stringey
bark, iron bark, spotted &
other sorts of gum, mesmate,
etc, oak etc, there was a lot
of paper trees & all the trees

all seemed to grow long
& a lot of them thin, the country
got poor after we were perhaps 20
miles, & a lot of rubbishy stuff
growing & very little grass,
there was earth etc, I saw 2 trees
in the corner of a selection about 2 ½ ft.
through with papery bark, there,
was a mahogany where we changed
horses the first time & I think it is
plentiful, in big trees, the country
all day as far as we could see
till dark grew a lot of
big poles of various sorts
some places it was cleared
& there was a lot of couch grass
there the grass is mostly one sort,
I hear it is sour don't
fatten well, we passed several
towns & got to Gloucester

about 10 o'clock p.m. had a little rain on the way, crossed a river or 2 and some creeks with Gippsland appearance both for water and scrub, had 6 sets of horses of 4 each on the road had good accommodation at the Hotel the coach stops at we had a big soft bed between us, we had good accommodation although I hear there is loose females there.

19 we started at 8.40 come through some flats a little way evidently good land Crossed 2 rivers & the Barrington we come over a lot of ridges with box timber fairly grassed. the Barrington came to the

diggins is scrub country
a lot of it, we stayed at
Kelly's Hotel met a Bethanga
man there and George Anderson.
he says he had a row with
Geo. Armstrong, we walked
the last mile & the swags were brought
on in a spring-cart & we
narrowly escaped having
to pay for their freight
or likely so. after dinner
we went up the creek, had a look
at the 10 head battery it is
evidently well put together.
there is one plate and 2 sets of
blanket tables, the stone
is all weighed at the battery.
the charge £1 per ton crushing.
we went up to the Mountain

Maid, the stone is hard & has
some dark patches in it
I think a lot of what
might be taken for
mundick is slate. it is
slate country, the surface
similar to the lightening,
we down to another claim
& came back. slept in the dining
room good bed, after I turned in,
Geo Anderson and 3 others came in and
played cards.

20th after breakfast I cut up a
pig & then we went with George
& another up the creek I went down
the star of the south claim (No.1)
the shaft is about 60 ft deep there is
a reef a foot big & a foot
high in one end, a little in the

bottom & none the other end,
about 20 ft. up there is a drive
in about 40 ft. there is some reef
in the end it is small & most
places, there is none, the country slate,
rather stif and sparey ground
to work or shoote in a small
drive like the men were working
in, we passed the prospecting claim
next I saw a big speck of gold
but did not go down there was
about 6 ton of stone up,
we then went up to the top
machine (Burleys).
there is ten head working & a
shaft & stand for 5 more
it is like Sabelburg's batery
at Bethanga. the tabels are
short & evidently good enough.

there is a stationary engine
about 12 horse power, the water
for the battery is pumped, &
the tailings a little coarse but
nothing to speak of we then
went up to the Lady Bellmore
claim, & went in a tunnel
about 100 ft there was 2 men
working there, they say the reef is 1½
(I heard on the 23rd it is 3 inches
big). ft big, there were sinking a shaft
near the end & the reef dipped
downwards in the hill, I
saw the reef from the top of the
shaft it looks as if the
reef has been pretty regular
in the tunnel. we all came home
to dinner. After dinner
Brad and I went to duffer
creek we passed several claims as
we went, one with a flag

marked ROB.ROY. there was on one working there, & I dont think there is anything there to work for, we saw another claim with a large heap of quartz it is suspended for 3 months. we saw other places were someone has worked & evidently got nothing, we was at the Great Britton there was 2 men there & a shaft down about 60 ft. they had about a wheelbarrow full of quartz saved they have been throughing it away, we then went to the right, passed a little hazel scrub which is all the hazel we have seen, crossed duffer creek & came to the northern claim there was a reef 15 in

big just opened, & close by there,
were shafts sunk I estimate
at 40 or 50 ft, & only abt 4 tons of
quartz there, up the hill they had
another shaft 40 or 50 ft, &
another 4 tons of stone the last
6 or 7 feet they have, had to shoot
& the reef is more defined the man told
me, adjoining that claim is the Just
In Time claim, they have 2
shafts down abt 60 ft each
& hauled through abt 15 or 20
ft. I wasnot down but the man
told us the reef is from 4 to 12
in big and all through the shafts
& drive there is about 12 tons of stone
to grass, he showed us a good
of gold in it, I think
from the amount of ground
worked & the heap of stone the

reef won't average more than
4 in. big, when I came back I
telegraphed to Glen Innes
to see if there is any letters. the northern
& just in time reefs one goes N&S the other E&W

21st. we went up to the Boman
Township there is a big road very steep near
all the way, along the top of the range the Barrington
river runs through the town, in
Longwethers lease there is a tunnel
drove abt 60 ft, towards the reef
which dips the other way, the tunnel
was very tight a sort of sold
slate well worth £3 per foot
to drive, the men have very wisely
stoped driving, at the shaft above
the tunnel there was about 4 ton of
quartz & 80 ton of mullock.

there was a place joining it that is held under miners rights taken last week there was more reef there I think, we then went to the golden spur reef, it was 10 in. big & defined near the surface it underlayed half or more, there was a truck on 2 saplings in the shaft 6 or 8 ft. deep & a windlass being rigged to pull the truck up with to the turntable, there was 2 or 3 other shafts beside with large heaps of quartz, there was a good deal of mundick in the stone & evidently from the stone, the reef is about 10 in big in the bottom, we then came past another claim on the top of the spur where the track goes by on the way home, there was another claim by the track with a cradle & a lot of quartz & on the

other side of the range we came to a claim with abt 2 feet of reef on the surface, & a shaft sunk below it & a paddock of quartz by it, there was also plenty of quartz in the surface, we then came to the Gemanía claim, there was abt 20 or 30 ton of stone at grass by one shaft & I dont know how much more stone they can get, we came along by the camp of a lot of men, then to the surveyors camp, & then to the Queen of Beauty claim, we saw a few tons of stone on some bark & I saw some galerys down the shafts which lookes like as if they have been stoping out, there was another shaft

sunk & abt ½ a wheelbarrow
full of quartz that look
as if it come from below
the working ground, the reef is 3
or 4 in, in some holes down
towards the creek & I think it is
biger in the shafts, we then came
home, there was no letters for
me the telegram was there from
Glen Innes, I went to get a
trousers & vest, but couldnot
get suited, I bought a hat
after tea.

22nd. Sunday

I saw Paul Thomas to
day before dinner & had a
chat with him, after
dinner I went to the sunday
school, it is held in a

surveyors house which is
a large slab & bark room
unlined etc, there was plenty of
teachers & I approve of the maner
of teaching there was 20
children present, I went up
there again at 6.30 p.m. to
church a surveyor read prayers
& a sermon, and we sang sankeys
hymns, there was a abt 20 present,
I felt blessed & was very
pleased to see in such a place
that there was some gathered together.
to worship God, after the
service we sung till we were
horse, when I came back I went
into the post office to see a
letter that has been lying tthere
a month for W^m Mitchell

I am satisfied it is not mine,
when I came in Brad told me
of young Joseph (a boy) being
drunk & arguing a hurricane
about a brush being an article
of domestic use etc & abt him
being a gentleman, I wrote
part of a letter to Father
to day. George Anderson
has been drunk this last 2
nights & making a noise,
nuicence etc, & will have to
leave if he dont alter so the
boss of the house says.

23rd we went up the right
hand branch, the Bengall
Tiger claim is crushing the stone
is white with red earth with it.

we went into the next claim adjoining, the man that stayed with me at Gearings in the Murray was there, the reef is flat from 4 in to 2 ft big, they had a drive from the surface & cross drives & blocking done inside, the ground was timbered close it is easy ground to work but bad standing ground, the Bengal Tiger reef was under foot going down right. they had crushed 14 dwts per ton from the flat reef, we then went to the machine it is a good & new 10 head battery like Sabelbergs the boxes were on a flat log, there was only 5 head working & I hear the engine won't drive the ten.

they cant keep steam up,
I like the tables very well,
the machinery all looked
new. it was a stationary
engine, she had to pump
the water over again, we went
to the old Rose & Thistle claim
where they crushed 7 oz. out of a
bucket full of stone & only
got about 2 ½ oz. per ton at the
mill, the stone yielded all in
all abt 6 oz. per ton, ¾ of a
mile past that I went under
ground & had a look at a
so called 20 in, reef which
wont average more than 10 in,
we went on to the Garaboldi
reef, there was a foot or 2 of reef
in severil holes on the surface &
there was about 2 ½ tons of stone at

each of 2 shafts that they were sinking, the reef has a lot of underlay & I think it very small like the rest when it gets a little way down, we came down the hill to a suspended claim were there has been a lot of gold got on the surface which looks well fossicked, there is a tunnel drove about 180 ft. in under it & a shaft sunk from the surface to the tunnel abt 40 ft deep all for nothing, in search of a reef we went into the tunnel it was good driving ground, we came down to the creek there is a claim there with 5 or 6 reefs in it on the line of the rose & thistle that has crushed well, we then went up the creek to some more claims & came home.

it came to rain when we were at Gara boldi & we had drisly weather & rain from that out, I finished Fathers letter in the morning & posted it George told me I should have my head in a sling if I said anything abt him while I was riting!

24th we stayed home all day. it was very much rain, I had a long chat with an elderly Roman catholic on religion, he seems a devout & sincere man, & argues rashionaly and cooly he also searched my bible for his proofs.

25 I bought a pants & vest
before breakfast @ 30/ &
cut the bottoms of etc before
dinner there was a lot of rain,
after dinner we went up to the
Queen Elizabeth, Prince
Charley, homewardbound &
the Mechanics claims, the Queen
Elizabeth had
a large heap of stone to grass
the stone is hard & with considerable
mundick, some stones looked
big enough for 2 men to lift,
and evidently there is a big reef in the shaft
the Prince Charley is idle there
was a lot of water running
in the shaft at just above water
level, in the Homewardbound,
or near its boundary 2 men
were sinking a hard downright

shaft to cut the lead, there was then
several places between there
& another place on the same
line that have been worked.
we then came to the Homewardbound
(same line) there has been dirt crushed
from there, yield about 1 oz. per ton, they
were also sinking a downright
shaft to cut the lead, & a very
tight shaft it is, we then
went to the Mechanics claim
they were pulling water more
than 120 ft with a windlas
there has been a lot of work
done there, Some of the quartz was
in bags, the country is hard
according to the mullock piles,
I was not down any claim
but was told abt the same
tale all round abt the size of

the reefs, 2 ft and lefs. the claims are close timbered a long way down from the surface as a rool some places there has been stoping done, & it looks bad to see so many places that are left.

26 we left back creek & crossed to Cobarg, Brad was in a crowd & I overtook him at the Centennial claim after passing Armstrongs claim or line, we got on to the main road to the Bowan. just before we crossed to the Great Britton we then went along to the top of the range. Brad, Gwin, Conoly, I & one of the men that work at the Cobark, kept together.

Tailer went ahead with another man, we went down over a very steep & high range & crossed into where timber is rung there is a great coat of grass there, we had some bread and butter at a creek, I carried the tent etc & some eatables - Brad carried my blankets etc. when we came to Cobarg station, Gwin & I went to the station & got 20 lb of flour & 12 lb. of beef which we had to carry 3 or 4 mile up to the camp the rest all going ahead I & Gwin crossed the Cobarg creek on a tree that was blown down & got to the camp at dark after tea after tea we pitched the tent

on a sideling & 4 of us slept in it, Gwin and Tailor being the other 2 they had no blankets & ruffed it on a sheet of bark.

27 we went across the creek & up the range to the Golden Eagle claim, there is a tunnel abt 40 ft. in, & an average reef of 16 or 18 inches big, good ground to work but the reef uneven, we then came down to the hut where the men live that work there we then came up the creek past where we were camped & went up the hill to the Bonanza claim there was from a 1 ½ to 3 ft reef in a hole & a bit of a drive. ordinary looking stuff. we then went up further to the Capitalist reef there was

a man & he said by the looks of them working there, they had a shaft over 40 ft. deep, abt 30 ton of quartz on grass. they say the reef is 9 ft big on top 4 ft were she makes underlay, pinching in the bottom I think the stone on top dont agree with the account of the reef, I saw drills & a hand hammer on the brace, we then came down to the Golden Wall reef (I was shown a cedar tree on the way) there was an open face, one end a reef 4 ft big the other end of the flat there was a drive started with perhaps 6 ft of reef altogether It looks like a lot of surface blows & although the reefs are sort of defined yet it is not down in tight ground.

the deepest place is probably only 20 ft. deep there is 8 or 10 ft. of quartz in all. we then came a bit farther & saw an old man fosicking on a bit of reef, & then came home.

28 We went up to the Lord Loftis claim belonging to the chaps we are camped with. we went down a shaft abt 25 ft. the reef in the bottom is 18 in well defined between the walls but there was a lot of mullock in the reef there is severil places above & below that the reef is open Brad got a little 5 dwt. prospect from the heap & we took some stuff from the head of the claim & got nothing.

We went prospecting along the ridge & got nothing any good came back to the camp.

29th Sunday.

Tailor and Gwin started for Back Creek in the morning, Brad went up to the Goldenr Eagle, the other 2 men went up the creek. I stayed at the camp & made a damper. all hands at home in the evening. little rain.

30 We started for Back Creek at 8.40 a.m. we crossed a lot of very good grazing land with rung

timber, couch grass & clover,
well mated, we came up another
spur from what we went down
which proved a great deal
better, it took us 45
minutes to climb the range
& 6 hour & 10 minutes to come
from Cobarg to Back Creek
including stopages which
were very few, we stayed
at Kelly's again. Kelly and
family had been quarelling
in the morning, I heard him
adref's Becky in evening
under the veranda, in a way that
he deserved to be kicked for,
& he would not talk to
a sister of mine that way
twice if I knew it. I

had a stretcher & Brad
had a bed on the table, both
of us were in the kitchen.

1st July.

We went up past
the Mountain Maid to the top
machine & then up the hill
beyond it to a man that
was drawing wood, we stoped
& had a yarn with him,
he said the Mountain maid was
the only claim that has paid
wages (if my memory serves me
right) the machanics
hasnot paid, the last crushing
from the Lady Belmore's
last crushing of 50 tons
that went 3 ozs. per ton took
6 men 5 months to get it.

the hidden Treasure was the best
claim about there, that claim was good,
it being late then we came back
to dinner & found none served
up, M^{rs} Kelly & the three girls
were packing up to leave the M^{rs}
& Becky was in a fuss &
Lisy was in high glee they
left after dinner time, most
of the boarders went to William's
to dinner. Brad went but I
got mine in the kitchen, the dinner
was cooked & the cook had
left, after dinner we
went up to the Town &
Country reef, at No.1.
the other side I had a chat
with a man at a windlass
he thought that 1 per cent of

the reefs here carried gold &
nine out of ten of them
wont pay, there was a little
quartz up, there was a tunnel
in the Town & Country which
is nearly a flat reef 18 in
& l^efs big & went 4 dwts.
pr ton when crushed, we
then came to another claim or part
of the same, there seemed to be a
big reef there but the men
said it wasnot very good, the
next was the Hidden Treasure
it showed about 6 ft. big
on the surface we went a bit
down the hill & in a tunnell
abt 180 ft. there was a 3 ft reef
well defined & strong
in the back abt 60 ft in &
a shaft up through to the

surface, the reef was smaller
in the end perhaps a foot or 18 in.
but it would average 2 ½ ft.
all through the tunnel except
just the mouth of it, I dont
remember seeing any there, there was
a deep underlay shaft
in the tunnell, on the whole, it
is a good looking claim
so far as I see, what was
crushed from there went 3 ozs.
per ton, (in the claim mentioned
before this the crushing went
nearly 2 ½ ozs. per ton).
coming back we passed severil
pokey places. one place was
an incline reef with a truck
road in it & some gosen reef
about 6 in, more & less, there

was no one working there. came home. after tea, as well as before breakfast I had a chat with Peater Finney who has just come here & is going to leave tomorrow.

2nd George Anderson offered me 50/ for my saddle & I wouldnot take it, Brad paid £1 to send the swag & saddle to Raymond Terrace, we started 5 of us from Kellys & 3 others, Finney was one of them, we got dinner at Gloucester, I fell in with a man called Kent from Hill End, he said that Dick Harvey is staying at 7 Elizabeth street, after dinner 7 of us came to Wards River 13 miles

on, 4 of us left a big cousin Jack
& his two sons about 7 miles back the road.
we came 24 miles in $8 \frac{1}{4}$ hrs, the 3
got to the accomodation house 25
minutes after us, they went to
bed early had blisters on the feet
& was sore one of them, there is
11 men left back Creek to day that
I know of, on foot.

3rd left M^r Hazelwoods accomodation
house the old cousin went on in
the coach to the Terrace we came to Stroud
for dinner. we got half cooked
cold rost beef, bread,
pickles, tea & cheese, when
I went to pour out a second
cup of tea, I poured it all
out, I then went out in

the kitchen & got all the hot
water there was in the kettle
which made a cup
each for us, a woman
went to see for some
butter & came back after
we all finished & said
there was no butter in Stroud
it was a very poor dinner
for to get in an hotel
the boss Allcock apologised
for a poor dinner on account
of us being late we left
the two sons of old cousin
6 or 7 miles before we got
to Stroud Their feet was
soor & the young one swore
considerably that he would not
walk like that again.
we saw no more of them.

Tuck & C0/s
 Time table from
 Maitland to Copeland
 & the Manning

	distance mile	fare
West maitland		
Hexham	16	7 ^s 6 ^d
Raymond Terrace	12	5 0
Eight Mile	20	9 0
Limeburners	27	12 6
Booral	37	17 6
Stroud	42	20 0
Lanworthy's	51	24 6
Weatlan's	57	27 6
Avon Creek	65	31 0
Gloucester	72	35 0
Copeland	84	40 0
Easton's	92	45 0
Larry's Flat	102	49 0
Cleaver's	102	49 0

Tincroe	114	55	0
Taree	117	57	6

(we came down the monkey river a long way it
is both sides of Stroud Booral is on the Booral river)

We came to Boorall and stayed
at Isaacs accomodation
house he has one leg only.
its 5 miles from Stroud
& might long ones measured
on horseback I had a
fair bed, 3 others were in one
bed the fare rather rough,
M^cPhersons is the best place
to stay.

4th started abt 7 o'clock.
left the little fellow behind
came 10 miles & got dinner at
Kay's, were the coach stops
for dinner the little fellow

passed while we were at dinner & it
took 11 miles to catch him & when
we did he was nearly done & we
left him a long way behind,
Harry and --- Roberts,
the old cousins sons overtook us abt
5 miles from the Terrace on horseback
they got the horses to bring down
from Stroud we stoped at M^c
Pherson's, we have had rough fare
from the diggings & eat all that
was on the table or near it 3
places.

5 we left the Terrace at 7 a.m.
& came to Newcastle. We then
parted. Brad went to
Sydney, I to the Railway

station to see when the train went to Wallsend finding it did not go till 4 p.m. I went to the buss stand & was 5 minutes late for the buss & had to wait untill 12.15 noon for another buss, had a stroll through the town & then went in the buss to Lampton. had a good dinner at an Hotel & had to wait a long time for another buss, saw a man that stayed at James' when we was there & had a chat with him & helped to put one of his horses in his buss his name is Thomas, came in another buss

to Wallsend, the driver
said a man called Goldsworthy
got broke & left 6 months
ago, I tried to get accommodation
at 3 Hotels & couldnot,
had a stroll to the Wallsend
colliery, saw a lot of coak
furnaces etc after tea had
a stroll about town
& got into a miners
meeting, it was well conducted
& there was some cross talking on
retrenchment before the balance
sheets was read, but they
didnot find anything
to retrench on when the
sheet was read, I have
taken notice & agree
with the Vagabon that
the girls here are good

looking on the whole. I was offered £3 for my saddle, there is a whale lying on the beach abt 6 miles from here & 8 miles from Newcastle. he has been there 4 days & smells, stayed at Loreys Hotel.(Great Northern Edward Lorey

6th Sunday

I went to the free church Sabbath School in the morning there was 32 children, they were rather noisy, & I think well taught, the minister had a class, children one, & 4 others had classes. I stayed to the service at

11 o'clock. the minister is a good speaker & spoke of God punishing nations now for their sins, the impression of him on my mind is that he is a good man, & probably not well paid from what I hear, in the afternoon I went to the Wesleyan sunday School it is in a large freestone church build by the coal company in lieu of one they undermined there was abt 120 to 30 children present & a supply of teachers, the time was occupied by the minister in adressing the children, giving prizes

to the Missionery collectors &
talking about the church
sustentation fund &
giving colecting books,
one of which a M^{rs}
somebody introduced
to me & got half-a-crown
I stayed after school to
the class meeting there was 8 of
us & we had a good meeting,
I was there again in the evening
to church. I think I see
a young woman playing
the harmonium in the Wesleyan
free church in the morning
who was at class in the afternoon,
& met her agin in the evening,
again on the road home from
the free church with another
girl.

7 I went down to the
Wallsend claim in the
morning, asked a man
to go down with me
underground he couldnot
as he had to go to work,
had a look around came back,
sat down with a crowd
across the road from the Hotel till dinner
was ready, after dinner I
went over to the corporative
company & then down to the
Wallsend. had a chat
with a Bro. I. O. G. Y. that
has a wooden leg & was
driving a small engine,
had a look at the big
engines with him etc
he said he would speak
to an acquaintance to

go below with me tomorrow.
wrote & posted a letter
to Father, sent clothes
out to wash in the morning
& had them clean in the
evening.

8th I went down to the Wall
send claim & a young
man that is called to the name
of Jordey went down the
tunnel with me, we
soon got to the coal. it is even
& abt 6 or 8 ft high, it has
2 bands all through it
the bands are layers of stone
abt 1 in thick & generally
they were at distances to
divide the coal in 3 parts
I didnot see anything

that looked as if it had
been sound, the bottom and
top of the seam are abt as
level as the surface, the back
is sandstone & seems to
shell off in great, big flakes
the sides of the drives are straight
up & down & the coal is
solid, some places where the
back has fallen down
it is timbered, in the drives,
the ordinary stile of timbering
in the workings is like putting
in a spreader to keep a
stone in its place, or small
centre props, we went
to the stable that holds 20
or 30 big, heavy horses
the coal there was white washed
& the seam is high enough

in general for the horses to walk, they pull the trucks abt under ground, we went to the furnaces that draws all the air through the workings there was 2 big fire places built in and fires in them & drawing very well, there is brass or what they call brass, in & abt the bands that looks like gold, there was an incline that the trucks are puled up & breaked down the other side by a large engine on the surface, the trucks are brought up in a skipp 2 at once, emptied in kick up above shutes, the cole is sifted over bars as it goes to the trucks which is filled similar to

to what we used to fill the drays
in Bethanga, the men in
the collerys (one excepted) only
work a little over 2 days a
week on the average, I was the only one
that was staying at Lorey's
he is a cornish man, & she is from
devonshire, it as a good place
to stay & I was rather homley
there, I had a big room up stares
to sleep in that had 4 beds in it
& there was a grand parlour there with
the history of England in large
volumes if I liked to read it,
I left in the evening & came to Newcastle
in the train & stoped at the City
Arms Hotel across the street from
the market, kept by Joseph
Walmsley, the place is rather
rough, although the knives

were shining there was dirt
between the prongs of the forks
the cook was a negro & the closet
was an exceedingly dirty
stinking hole, & there was not
a fire in the house that I see
for the two days I stayed there,
I met Lizzy in the evening She did not
intend to go to the Back creek again.
I met Roberts in the street
afterwards he said M^{rs} Kelly
had gone back in the morning.
he was staying at the Galletea
Hotel & had a good place
to stay, & although I had
a good bed I had not a good
place to stay.

9th there being no steamer to Sydney
in the morning, & the whale being

in an inconvenient place to go to see I had a stroll out the breakwater along with the three Roberts's there is free stones 5 or 6 tons weight, there to make it, I got & eat a live limpit, there was a strong cold wind blowing which made the walk uncomfortable. the stones were left to find their own place one side of the breakwater only was built, after dinner I walked out to a smelting works, it was undergoing its periodical repairs the roasting furnaces are similar to Bethanga furnaces, but the fire after it enters the stacks is taken down in a flue to a very large stack which does for 5 or 6 furnaces that are built in a line, there was a row of melting furnaces,

and a refining furnaces in another row, they are charged on top out of a sort of tub or truck, some of the furnaces were getting new backs put in, lined etc, but it looked as if there was only as much taken out as was immediately replaced they were well strapped together, a little different build & I thought a little smaller than the Bethanga furnaces, the copper that was refined was brown, & I asked one of the men what part of the furnaces the iron plates belonged when he told me it was copper, it was easily seen twas copper when scratched with a knife, I came back in the train, passed a cemetery among the houses on the way, after tea, I went to the English church it has an ancient appearance & I felt rather sleepy during sermon although the parson

is a good speaker, text then was
Jesus led up into the wilderness to
be tempted of the devil, the cemetery
is close behind the town, In the room
that I slept, there was a man afflicted
with asmah and bronchitus, or
something else.

10th I left Newcastle in the Kembla
From Newcastle to Wallsend it is
town near all the way, Newcastle
is built on a sideling it has one
long narrow street & a lot of
little ones crossing it. all the accom
odation I received was rather
unwholesome to me.

I come across from Newcastle to Sydney
in about 6 hours, got sick on the
voyage, & after emptying my stomach

when I was sick I brought up
green & bitter mucus like gall,
I was not very bad like another
poor chap that was there. there is
a big sandstone cleft at the
entrance of the Sydney heads
that looks as if it was washed
away both sides making a sharp
projecting point at the entrance.
I met Brad at James's & stayed
there in the evening I went to St. Andrews
church of England it is a grand
and plain looking freestone building
with two rows of plain carved pillars.

11th we went to the library in the morning.
I bought a black cloth for £2/2/6d.
after dinner Brad went to the library
and I had a look at the exhibition building
from outside the gate, & then to the

to the Botanic Gardens & see the animals
it was using to see one monkey
looking for fleas on the other monkey,
I then went to the Museum, went
through it. I see Captin Cooks statue
in the park, I didnot see much to
admire in it unless it is to be
admired for its plainness, I see
Dick Harvey come out of the exhib
ition yard. he didnot know either
Brad or me, we went home with
him & had a chat. there is a lot of them
making the building last a long time,
home to tea, after tea I went to
go to the Assembly but they
were not sitting, I went to
Spencers Poleticnic there was
modle of the zig zag railway working,
models of steamers, & some images
that were opening their mouths & eyes

& moving their hands & heads courting
etc. galvanic battery, weighing &
lifting machines etc. some
congering up stares & 2 duets
sung to close the evening's entertain
ment, it is very good to see once,
Brad went to the theatre to see
Creswick, my watch had
lost an hour & 4 minutes by
the town clock, the watch had
not been altered, I then put
the watch right. after alterirg the watch I
was 6 minutes fast. Brad says I was only
56 minutes slow & probably he is right.

12 I stayed at
home in the morning. after dinner we
went to see DickHarvey. he was at
work so we didn't see him, Brad
went to the library & I had a look through

Pitt Street & the market, the buildings look far better in my eyes than they did on my first visit. some of the ware houses are grand buildings, oranges were sold for 4 per dozen in the market & I got 4 for a penny in the street, I eat one & threw 3 away I think they had been soaked in water by the inside of the skin. after tea we went to Dicks he was out we met him in the street had a chat with him, Brad went to the Theatre & I had a stroll through the Market & bought a pineapple it was soft ripe & very luscious.

13 I had a look round St Andrews Cathedral which is a grand building outside close to the town Hall I went to York Street Wesleyan church. Prayers were read similar

to the Church of England, dry old
tack for a methodist church,
after dinner Brad & I went to the
old Exhibition buildings near the railway
station to an orange demonstration,
we met old cousin Roberts and his son Joe
on the road there was 5 or 6 ministers adressed
the meeting including pastor Chinigy,
& Dr Kylonack the Wesleyan orator,
there was severil thousands present & the
walking abt up stairs made so much noise
that couldnot distinguish what
anyone said for half a minute at
any one time during the service, I saw Mifs
Finch there, we went to the Victorian
theater in the evening to hear the Rev
John Alex Dowi preach on the
dangers to be feared from the catholic
church, he showed the diffrent things
said by the Popes jesuites etc

claiming for the pope to have supreme power over mens consciences, minds, etc. & over nations as well, & were the Pope has declared different laws enacted in different nations null & void, because they gave every man liberty of conscience etc, there were hundreds there to hear him. more I think than he would have had had he been in a church.

14th I went with Brad in the morning along George St to buy a pistol but couldnot get one to suit, had a look at some breech loading guns etc. in the afternoon, I went to the Bank and got the cash that I gave a cheque for on saturday, after tea, I went with Brad to the railway station he

went to Wagga, & I went to the Orange demonstration & concert, there was several speakers there viz. M^r Chairman, Sutherland, Kelynock, Barnes, Lane & Chiniquy, according to advertisements. but I guess one of them was absent that's marked. there was 2 young women, grand singers viz. Florence Neville, & E A Lambert, the first is the sweetest & of a slender, although stout enough form rather long prominent features. Mental Temperament forehead only high enough. large eyes and sharp quick expression, a nice girl. bless her,

the second had the strongest voice, Vital Temperament a beautiful full & prominent chest which she took good care to show with her low-necked dress, & muscular but not coarse

arms, she is a fine bouncing betty,
she was encored, & was able to give
expression in her songs, both
had big, but fine sweet looking
mouths, & ought to be good
hands at fascinating, the second especially
I was pretty near the stage but could
hear very little, there was so many
fond of hearing themselves talk
about me, while the speaking
& singing was going on it was
annoying, it seems a farce to see
so many thousands in a building
that can hear nothing of what
is said although it was the
best of speakers that was adressing
them, there was a grand processine
around the building in the inside
headed by the brass band &
some men carrying swords

they had several different regalia's that look very nice, & the speakers were dead nuts on popery, the meeting ended abt 11 o'clock, I posted letters to the Postmasters at Glen Innes, & Copeland North, requesting to have my letters sent to Hill end in C/o Bob. I got my boots soled in the morning.

15th I went over by the Museum & had a look at Captain Cooks statue, it is a most ridiculous looking affair when viewed from the higher side of the Museum. it looks as though he had a private member as large as a large horses in his hand it makes all hands laugh that looks at it or it might do for there is

a good deal to make one
laugh in spite of them, it looks
as if the designer of the statue
had a comical cast of mind
& placed the roll of parchmint
in his hand so as to look
something else side on at a
distance, after dinner I bought
a map of NSW for 5/ & a
book on ventriloquism for a 1/
at Coles the corner of George &
King streets I rather think I
was had, I was showed
the Library of Mesmerism at 27/6d.
there, the next day a man at George
Robinsons thought the price of
it was abt 16/6 he knew the book
but had none in stock. I
went to the legislative Assembly
in the afternoon & heard O'Connell

rub up the trustees of the exhibition
for their proposed different charges,
and M^cHolone had a go in abt
the Manager (or Inspector) of the meat
slaughtered @ glebe island
not being fit for his place
by allowing beef to be brought
into Sydney for human consumption
that was condemned by his
inferior officers etc, the council
chamber is similar to Melbourne,
but I think will not accommodate
so many members, & not so well
done up, Sir Harry Parks was
quite grey near all of his head is in
front of his ears he has a
lot of mind & probably very
little concience, self-esteem and
approbativeness, & a mean
nose, I came home to tea @ six o'clock.

after tea, I went to the protestant Hall to hear the Rev Martin (the man I heard on Sunday morning) lecture on Oliver Cromwell, I thought it rather one-sided as he didnot speak about him being dishonorable in his actions in Ireland but I am not competent to judge, after wards I went to see the electric light at the exhibition building but there was no electric light there.

P.S. This completes the diary dated 10th April, 1879 to 15th July 1879. Along with the attached record of expenditure.

the Record of expenditure started from the other end of the diary and finished at the bottom of this page (it is upside down when looking at the text here).

the next page will start with this record from the other end of the diary.

24 April 1879 Glen Innes

Total cost since I left home on 13th January

	to present date	£	s	d
24 th		30	0	11 ¹ / ₂
25	beef 5 lbs		1	3
26	beef 6 ^d whistle 6 ^d salmon 1/ stamps 1/ bread 1/8 butter 1/9		2	0
27	^c 2/		4	5
29	Knife 1/6, butter 1/9, bread 1/- beef 9 ^d		2	0
30	Post Office Order 11/-, sugar 1/6, beef 1/- Show 1/-, also 1 st May. Show 1/-		13	6
5May	Bible 3/6, Papers 1/6		2	0
15 th	papers 1/ stamps 6 ^d socks 1/6		5	0
18	^c 3/ dinner 1/6		3	0
19	Accomodation at Dousts 4/ stamps 2/ paper 6 ^d Shave 8/ apples 1/		4	6
2 nd June	crucible 1/ papers 1/		6	0
3 rd	tweed 1/6 clothes line 9 ^d Accomodation @ Dousts 4/ soda 3 ^d butter 4/ sugar 1/		11	6

	Armadale			
7 th	candles 1/ salmon 1/		2	0
	butter 1/6 beef 1/6 oranges 1/		4	0
	bread 1/ treacle 1/3		2	3
8	^c 2/		2	0
9 th	bread 6 ^d butter 2/6 paper 6 ^d salt 2 ^d		3	8
	nuts 6 ^d lollies 2 ^d sugar 11 ^d beef 2/		3	7
	Uralla bread 6 ^d			6
		4	9	8
	Lefs	1	6	0
		3	3	8
		30	0	11½
		33	4	7½
24	April 18 Cash in hand	£7	19	3
3 rd	June cashed cheques	20	0	0
14 th	June sale of horse		10	0
15 th	July cashed cheques	12	0	0
	stamps sold			6
		40	9	9

M^{rs} Freer Bording house the husband works shoemaking near the end of the a company bridge

	brought forward	33	4	7½
11 th	June Bendymore bread 1/4		1	4
	butter 1/9		1	9
12 th	Tamworth bread 7 ^d sardines 1/2		1	9
	pears 1/ Ger sausage 1/		2	0
	telegrams 2/1		2	1
14 th	bread 1/2 butter 1/10		3	0
15	^c		1	0
16	train 28/	1	8	0
	refreshments 9 ^d & 1/6		2	3
17	accomodation 3/ oranges 6 ^d		3	6
	dinner 6 ^d steamer 1/6 shirts 8/6		10	6
	coach 35/	1	15	0
18	accomodation 3/ tea 1/ dinner 1/		5	0
19	accomodation 2/		2	0
20	telegram 1/		1	0
21	telegram 1/ hat 7/6		8	6
25	pants & vest 30/	1	10	0
25	tea sugar & bread		2	1
	butter 1/9 beef & flour 3/		4	9

	bord	1	5	0
30	washing 1/		1	0
2 nd	July accomodation		7	0
		42	3	1½
3 rd	sending swag by road		10	0
	accomodation 3/ dinner 1/		4	0
	oranges 1/6		1	6
4	accomodation 3/ dinner 1/		4	0
		43	2	7½
	lefs		7	10
		42	14	9½
	paid Brad to square up		14	6
	& ten pounds was borrowed	10	0	0
		53	9	3½
	carried forward	43	9	3½

[Wm. Mitchell was very interested in the science of Phrenology and his daughter Adelaide had his textbook. This is a very poorly preserved page of this diary which does not fit logically in this place but that is where it is.

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Banaza Bananza

Man at the shaft Capitst

Big place ??? wall

man fossicking a perseverance

??? Ironbark, Thompson

stiff upper lip, mouth corners long

and down, full protruding jaw lip

with the vice expression prominent.

chin jaw bones low and heavy.

nose wing wide and a long wrinkle

???? the features prominent and

uneven, massive forehead

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Greg (Joseph) J Walmsley

City Arms

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5 th	July accomodation		3	0
	steamer 1/6 oranges 9 ^d		2	3
	buss 1/ do 9 ^d dinner 1/		2	9
	collars 9 ^d			9
6	^C subscription to sustenation		3	6
7	oranges 6 ^d barber 6 ^d		1	0
8	washing 1/ accomodation 12/		13	0
	train		1	0
9	oranges 6 ^d train 5 ^d			11
10	oranges 6 ^d accomodation 7/		7	6
	steamer 4/		4	0
11	coat 42/6 oranges 3 ^d blindman 1/ Pol-e-tec-nic 1/		44	9
12	oranges 1 ^d pineapple 1/ neck tie 1/		2	1
13	^C 3/		3	1
14	exchange on cheqe etc		2	0
	lent Brad		20	0
	repairing boots 3/6		3	6
	entertainment 1/6		1	6
15	map 5/ oranges 3 ^d ventilo- quism 1/		6	3
		6	2	10
		43	9	3½
		49	12	1½