

This diary is another small format diary of about 120x72 mm. It has the usual pocket in the front, but there was nothing in it as I received it.

The diary is different to the earlier diaries which are basically a narration of the events of William's life as it was being lived, or the last diary which has a large amount of coded data concerning his health which we are not able to decipher.

It is very similar to the previous diary which is a mixture of values of animals at sales, the grocery lists he took to probably Wodonga or Bethanga to buy groceries, and matters relating to the church at Bethanga, of which he was a trustee. There were bitter arguments with Rev McDougall, which are hard to sort out. The only thing that comes out clearly is that the hierarchy of the Methodist Church supported a minister against a layman.

Most obvious symbols used by William Mitchell
in his diaries.

| that or who

\ were

\ when

/ the or who

Ɔ came or come

— place or way

— where

— road

/ end or cattle

@ horse

3 or c collection

Ɔ selection

Ɔ paddock

o children

✓ creek

(o) there

William does not always use current spelling or punctuation routines. In some places I have made comments as hyperlinks and these are outlined in a green. If you click on them you will jump to the appropriate note from which you can return to the point of origin when so desired.

W Mitchell

cream of tarter,
northey thursday
butter

eraser 6^d
table cloth 15/
tinned wire 1/
wood cutter
boot tacks
do preservers 1/6
vatches 2/6 1/
rubber washer for machine 4^d
needels 1/6
specticales
saw handle 1/6

ragstone 6^d
comb 2/
selectors hand book 1/
Table cloth 15/

elastic band
bread case

Fred to fetch
the old rasor

lamp glass
flour $1/1 \frac{1}{2}$ yd morone
ribbon 2 in

brick oven

3 ft 4½ in long

2 9 wide 15 in

from mouth

2 - 7 wide at mouth

wall 14 inches thick

in front

front width outside

5 ft 3 in, (3 rules)

outside measure

5 ft 3 in long

5 ft 1½in wide

size sevens

exercise,

tea, twine

spot took spotted
bull 10 March
rose white bull
before we went to
Hillsboro see cheque
book may

starch, 7 ft board
@ M^c Geoch /2 starch 8/6
2 matches 1/
M^c Leans 6 bolts 3/
Harvey grapes 1/ peaches 6^d

boots, bolt,
eggs, candels
age anual, tea,
salt, 2 sorts
basin, suit handle,
garlic, peper,
pick handle

100 coors salt
50 fine salt
6 candels
basin suit handle 2/6
Keen peper 6^d
pick handle

1 yd skirting
spirits of salts
shirt canvas
brick, burner,
cash, candel mould

Audited on the 22nd December
1884 showing receipts up to
date to be £157-7-7 and
expenditure 146-12-5 showing
balance to credit of the trust
£10-14-10

Charles Sanders

Charles Baker auditors

what reward
does Job say the
wicked shall
receive.

what will
make a nation great

mixed spice in
packets
tar

Brads
recpts

1 by G	£7 0 0
6 Colson	10 17 6
1	9 0 0
1	8 7 6
1 cow	
	7 17 6
5 ????	11 15 0
1 stag	18 18 6
5 ????	12 0 0
4 ????	
Fred	10 7 6
2	9 15 0

another list of stock prices.

Notice the name Goldsworthy.

stilhards 350	30/
coal tar drum	6/
4 0 0 tap	4 11 6
pack shot 3½	32
John Frame	
	4 2 6

brick 4 ft 2	15/-
chaff cutter	
horse works	
bar iron	
chains	

caustic soda	
locks 2 @ 13/3/6	
boards	
spouting	

bits 3/8	3 @ 1/6	
files 1/4 doz	2/9	9 ^d
washing machines		
glue pots	2/6	
wash stand set	12/6	
looking glass		
potash		
kerosine	22/	
come & brush		
rule steel	1/	
1 buggy whip	12/	

Johns Vyce 10 lbs	15/
35 yds pypes 1/2 in	
14 ft pieces	

3 Collosians 3

£14

16 heavier

22:10 & 12

17/ work box 14/6

5/8 chain 5 tone 2 cwt

1 m bidcock

for hose

3 lbs 5 oz

4 pr T hinges

1 pr snips paint, pils,

amonia, tacks

hessian 29 yds

Sat K sheep

Ian Teril

wednesday in qr Paul
killed

21 May 1885

exchanged 2 cows
with Mitchell

who killed Jesus
say loved
much
Luke V 20

When shall a
person accostmed
to do evil,
do good,

Jer. 18 24

Joel 111.3

8 length pipe

8 bar iron

1 bag shoes

1 Drum Tar,

4 cwt 2 qrs @ 62/6

14 - 0

i Viyce @ 78/ 1 - 0

Smiths vyce 15

113 ft calvanised tube

at 2^d 18 - 8

breast plate, oranges,
the fortune teller,
American leather.
Lefson, key
envelopes 7x 4½
candels

spot	6
sowey	3 - 5 - 0
hobby roan c	6 - 5 - 0
3 heifers	4 - 17 - 6

wilson is not known, but
Pooley and Bohun are old Bethanga
names.

hugh banks
6 murray pine
??? herrings
candels
lamp glasses 3 in
brest plate
Lewis, bullets,
poison wheat
oranges, buns
collar 1 2 6
ames
handle 2 6

[This page is inverted in the diary]

27 May	1885
1 doz oranges	1 - 0
breakfast	1 - 0
horse feed	1 - 0
fortune telling book	1 - 6
envelopes 1 pkt	1 - 0
key	6
solder	6

con 3 ft
bars 2 ft 8 in screwed 8 in
whitelead, eddy
print
table

Luke VII 47
What must we do
if we want
to follow Jesus
IX.23

Jeremiah XIII 23
What does Jeremiah
say is the most
deceitful thing
XVII.9

AMos VIII 5&6

11.12

Mention a prophecy
which was not
fulfilled & why
did it not come to pass

bolts 6 & 7in
corks, timbers,
tom shovel, camphor
candels,

53 post on pre ???
60 rails & 3 wires
7 , 6 wires
465.8 wires

Luke IX 23
who did the lawyer
say was neighbour
to him who fell among
theives Luke X.37,
Jer XVII 9

What does Jeremiah
say of the person
who builds his
house without
paying for it

Jer XXII 13

Jonah III 4 & 10
give a verse from
Micah describing
a land utterly

destitute of holiness Micah
VII. 4

Luke XII 47

who shall be
beaten with many
stripes

Jer XXVII.17

what prophet
died for predicting
falcely

Give a prediction
of Zechariah
having its
fulfilment in
Christ & one of his
disciples
Zach XI.12.13

ham, dishes, bags,
Irons, books,
amonmia directions,

matches, mazina, arroroot
groats, currants,

sago, Cream of Tarter
raisons,

who does Christ
say shall be
exalted Luke XIV.11

what King burnt
a prophecy of
Jeremiah, & give
the verse recording
the burning
Jer. XXXVI.23

Where in Malachi
is the “communion of
saints” mentioned
as practised in olden
times Malachi III.16

hops, salad oil,
arrowroot, soda, blue,
linen buttons
cream tarter

what happened to
Lazarus when he
died

Luke XVI.22

What was done to
Zedekiah before he
was taken to
Babilon
Jer.LII.11

Give a verse from
Mathew in which
jesus teaches that
men live after
this life.
Mathew XXII.32

what was the
prayer of the
publicane

To whom is the lord
good

What is said in
mark to be better
than sacrifices

2 July 1 sheep

cream of Tarter,
coffee, bread,

price to 10
av 9 — 13
e 7 good price

ross Non
parell

6 days clearing & tussicking
2 days tussicking
chinese pinks, caps,
calico
1½ plouging ½ with 4

blackening & drills
bread, crochet cotton
powder, file,
brick irons, corks,
oil, maul handles

monday 2 day fixing
too 1½ fencing, ½ clearing ½ ploughing
wed. 1 harrowing 1 fencing
thurs 1 harrowing 1½ fencing
1 harrowing 1½ roling ½ fencing,
1 ploughing & harrowing,
1½ clearing,
M^c Nicol in 8 lbs 2 - 0
Tirill in 2 b 5½

broom, pan

egg beater

24 Aug Billborough

17 doz eggs @ 10^d 14 - 2

received 1 broom at 2 - 6

& cash 1 - 6

2 yds white

wading

pink print

2 draining

1

1

katikisms

catalogues, library
cards,

pins, 4 yds ribbon,
vinegar, flanel,
kandls, sholes,

Candles 1/
vinegar 9, pin 3^d
shole 11/

singers needels ?? 3

lambourn

tacks, canvas.

gause 4ft 3 by 3ft

brick, tracing.

John Fagan

tea, canvas, post
master, tin plates,
baking dishes 6

Kellet & Morton
W^m St.

2 January 1883
Rev J C Macdougall

churn, tongs, washer,
smoothing iron,
boots, files, butchers ????
square, blasks,
rods, borax, sausage filler,
babys binder, lock,
cocoa, tea, sugar,
current, raisons,
orange & Sitron,
matches, ½ lb sago
½ lb tapioca, ground rice,
4 bot essence lemon,
/ gall jug for yeast, vinegar,
chest of drawers, jnives & forks
kerosine, lamp glasses,
powder & shot

soda cream of tarter & Tartaric
acid, Christian Choir,
scrubing brush, small
paint brush, inges &
lock for dairy door,
1 doz fine white calico,
card irish trimming 1½ in
teeth, doo, doz paty tin
6 tin plates, 4 cake tins
canvas, hai clothes brush

boots
Lily no 8 copertoos, elastic,
Flos 7 do
Adelaide 4 do light,
Nº 3 for Sunday
foot preservers.

magic plaster, churn,
washing machine,
smoothing iron, files,
butchers knife, square,
blocks, rods $1\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{5}{8}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$,
sausage filler, 2 door key,
hinges. borax, kerosine,
lamp glasses, 3 in $\frac{1}{8}$,
powder & shot, knife & forks,
scrubbing brush, small
paint brush, axe handle,
magnifying glass,
clothes brush, swivels,
tested chain, ear mark,
bolt end, bugey lamps
tea pot, solder

bacing dishes paty pains

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5 in bolt,
watch,
needels,

unbleach sheeting 1 doz 1
fine white calico 1 doz 1
6 yds imitation maltese
lace 2 in 1/1, collars, tie,
binder. canvas,

bottom of little
collins St, in Spencer St

L Kellet & C^o,
W^m St.

frying pan

jug 4 - 6

3 - 7 - 3

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 - 6 \\ \hline 3 - 2 - 9 \end{array}$$

marked

2 1

and mark from
drill hole the
other way

jug, panicans,
bolts, ground ginger,
pins, pencil,
bath buck,
nails parcil

lot of grocerys at
right side 15/
left 18/
gun 2650/

brands 3/
bords 16/
chaff cutter 10/
3 bags potatoes 12/
30 gullocks @ 4 - 7 - 0

table & contents 18/
basket & hay 3/6

12 yds everlasting trimming
2 yds flannel,
treacle, turpentine,
salid oil, Armstrong.

6 torches with
oil fittings,
3 yds linnen,
2 do print,
3 lbs castor Sugar,
Sytron & orange,
2 lbs Almonds,
boots wide 5
4 lbs loaf sugar

orange peel

1 bot ess sinymon

broom soda

blue pins

needels, 2 dishes

card of buttons

rasor

1885

Blossom serv ed by
Wait-a-wEE, 27 Nov

leather 6 in bolts &
nails, screws & washers

Elsbury Terrace
No 2 pearmont St
Pearmont

red bullocktop of ear, T K rump
T K on thigh

answer my letter
you should not
object to tell the
truth, Blam

like a good fellow
reply to the letter I
sent Mac -----
to forward to the
pres of the con[ference]
the con should
acknowledge the
equitable rights
of others
pres

what must those
do who wish to
follow jesus

what is the fulfilling
of the law

find 2 men who
saught to lay
hands on the King
for which they wer
hanged on a tree

4 April 84

1 does Confrence consider dishonesty
no fault in a Wes Min.

2 does con consid a min
has an unlimited right
to tell lies abt & abuse
a member of the church

[this is upside down relative pages before and after]

checking
cotton jumpe
muslin print
tin washing
soda urea

219.242-249

rivets & washers,
inoculating needel
lamp glass wick

17 May 1886

Sally took the bull

Twine belows

things elastics 4
8 & 7

leather handle
hairpins

219 8

242

249 46 8

 10 10

710 35 10

11-5

4 = bed plate

4....8 178 lbs

[This page 66 and the next page 67 are upside down relative to adjacent pages of the diary, but are shown in the order they occur, but rotated to be readable]

elastic 6

potatoes, maise,

pine & hardwood

swingle tee & break stick

ladder, stammps, marbles

brads letter,

Lamp glass

linseed nails

J Mc

Sent M^c Dougall letter

2nd January 1883

Blamires one dated

4 April 1884

Butchers one dated

18 Feb 1884

W Mitchells

bullocks

[and a list of brands & positions on
animals]

blue stone
envelopes
throw curry at dans
head, broom
3 white
1 red in a twil white
1 roan
1 spoad
2 roan 2
1 red white ??? & feet
??? captain

alum, biscuits
carraway seeds

[This is the last page starting from the front of the diary. It is followed by 4 blank pages, which then abut onto the collection of letters which start from the back of the diary and work back to these blank pages. The following pages start from the end of the diary.]

Melbourne

Wesley Church

January 29th 1884

M^r W Mitchell

Dear Sir

with reference to
your charges against
the Rev J C Macdougall
when in charge of the
Albury Circuit, I
am directed to forward
to you the finding of
the committie which the
conference endorsed
the finding was as follows
1) That as M^r Mitchell's

charges against the
Rev J C Macdougall
have been already
dealt with by the
Ovens & murray district
Meeting, this committie
recomends the conference
to decline to reopen the
case.

(2) That M^r Mitchells'
further complaint against
the Revf J C Macdougall's
letter of Dec 12th
discloses no new
matter requiring
investigation.

I am

My Dear Sir

Yours Faithfully

B Butchers

Conf- letter writer.

Beechworth Nov 28

1882

Dear M^r Mitchell

I decline to proceed
with the case any
farther. I brought it
before the District Meeting
which assembled in
Beechworth a few days
ago and later read
your letter at length
in which you stated
very fully your
complaints & charges,
I did this that the fullest
justice might be done

& also for my own
satisfaction judging
from your own letter
the District Meeting
unanimously Coincided
with my decision given
to you at Albury &
approved of it.

I am yours very truly
James de L Robin

Mr W Mitchell
Bethanga.

Golden Sq.

Sandhurst

12/3/84

D^r Sir

I have considered the
matter and for the reasons
given in my former letter
as well as for others
can give no further reply

Yours

W.H. Blamires

Beechworth Nov 2. 1882

Dear Sir

Yours of Oct 26th

Came to hand yesterday.

I shall be in Albury all day on

Tuesday week, Nov 7th. M^r

Macdougall has expressed

his willingness to discuss

Matters in my presence and

will have returned before

then from supplying for

me at Beechworth,

I think Tuesday morning

would be the best time

for an interview and

I will arrange to meet you

then and will ask M^r

Macdougall to be present
also

Yours Truly
James De L Robin

Mr W Mitchell
Bethanga

Beechworth Oct 18. 1882

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 11 inst was duly received. Its contents were of a very serious character and I can well understand you felt the task of writing it as you say, 'very unpleasant'.

In considering the charges you bring against the Rev J C Macdougall it seems to me that they are somewhat vague and general. I think I ought to have more information before I should be warranted in taking any steps and that you should be more explicit. For instance, in regard to the

charge of untruthfulness

I think you should mention some instances that you can prove. and also, in regard to acting in defiance of Wesleyan Methodist Law in the case of the Bethanga Trust you should mention in what respects. I think it would be very difficult for you to prove habitual untruthfulness on the part of any man. you might perhaps prove some instances however in what respect has your minister contraduced the law in the case of your Trust property ? If you will tell

me what you complain of I may be able to quote the law on the subject and thus save both you and Mr Mc Dougall and unpleasant investigation.

I shall be in Melbourne all next week but have promised to preach Anniversary sermons as Albury on Sunday Nov 5 and attend tea meeting on the Tuesday following. Allow me to suggest that a quiet friendly conversation with your minister might remove some misunderstanding on both sides. If however

this is not possible perhaps
you & your friends might
meet me when in Albury
on Monday Nov 6 & 7

I am Dear Sir

Yours very truly
James de L Robin
Chairman of District

Mr W^m Mitchell
Bethanga

Queenscliff

March 3^d 1884

M^r Mitchell

Bethanga

D^r Sir

Your letter of the
18th Feb has been sent on
to me by the Rev B Butcher
because he is secretary of the
conference I am supposed
to deal with it

I should like to
have replied at once to it, but
it is written in such a style
that seems to me abusive against
a brother minister that I must

take time to consider whether I
can give any & what reply,
Had it been a private letter
to me in such a tone I could
have taken no notice of it.

We expect a much different
and more respectful Style of
address from members of our
Church as I suppose you are one
even though they may be
smarting under an alleged
grievance were you to see
your way to withdraw that
letter and ask the questions in
another tone, then it would give me pleasure
to answer any relevant questions
that you might write to me.

I am d^r Sir yours truly WL Blamires

sec of Confer

my normal address is Sandhurst

25 June 1886

Spectater

our evangelist

To the editor of the
spectator & Methodit
Chronicle

Sir

In your last issue
M^r Macdougall
writing from Hamilton
on the above subject
says; This Circuit
has so often requested
the services of an
evangelist in vain
that the idea of getting
help is abandoned
almost, Brother

Frederick, now stationed
at Haywood, was
one of the evangelist
last year. He spent
three weeks in the
Hamilton Circuit.

All the other
statements made by
Mr Macdougall
in his letter are of
a similar character
to the one quoted above
they could be answered
in a similar way —
yours etc

Edmund D Bickford
general secretary of Home
Missions Hamilton

This is an unusual place to have a church trust auditing statement (in a private diary), but presume that William Mitchell was treasurer at this date.

Because this is the first recognisable date (even though it is probably post-dated) this will be used as the starting date for this diary.