calm in which sorrow is prevalent; not without the mingling of some blessed hope respecting the great affairs of the soul; & also about my present undertaking; & that in due season, the Lord will condescend to make use of me, even in America, to preach the glad & glorious tidings of salvation through Jesus Christ. In the mean time, when faith & patience are tried, may I be wholly resigned to the sovereign will of a gracious God! We are becalmed this morning, after having made pretty good progress during the night. The vessel topes; & many are such – so that it seems doubtful whether any way will open for our sitting down together. My soul waits upon only upon God; for my expectation is from Him!

2 o'clock.

We have however been favoured with two comfortable sittings – one with for the 4 friends E K, myself, C. S. & J. Scholl – which was very reposing, & another with the Cabin passengers & the Captain to whom I read the 3d of John. I have been constantly reminded to day of dear William Forster's remarkable testimony delivered at St Helen's – respecting the removal of the ark from the temple of Dagon to Bethshemesh. It was placed on a new cart & drawn by two milch kine, whose young ones were shut up at home. They went straight forward to Bethshemesh, turning neither to the right hand nor to the left, lowing as they went. This lady leaving after the young ones does indeed represent in a lively manner what I have felt this ~~afternoon~~ day towards my beloved children; but may I be favoured to pursue, like the kine, the straight forward course, turning neither to the right hand nor to the left – trusting in the Lord!

Night.

A meeting on the deck this afternoon with the steerage passengers & sailors. They were very attentive – & some considerable solemnity was felt. I have hoped through some uncomfortable feelings ~~this afternoon~~, from notwithstanding to be strong & lively in faith & be "afraid of nothing"; & am somewhat oppressed with headache – but our voyage seems on the whole to be going on favourably. O the weakness of my faith! May the Lord condescend to increase & strengthen it!